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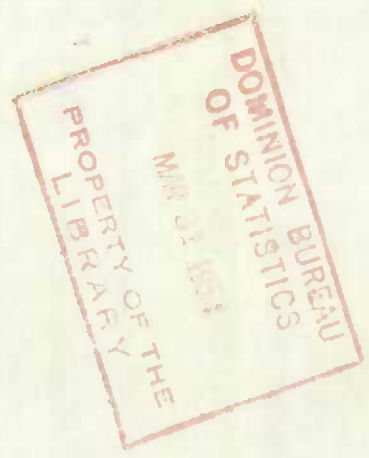


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Monthly Survey, Week Ended February 20, 1954.

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended February 20, 1954. The survey is a continuation of the series begun in November, 1945, and carried out at quarterly intervals until November, 1952, when the first survey on a monthly basis was taken. About 30,000 households chosen by area sampling methods in approximately 110 different areas in Canada are visited each month. The labour force surveys provide estimates of the employment characteristics of the civilian noninstitutional population of working age. Persons are classified according to current activity during the specific weeks covered by the surveys.

Results of previous labour force surveys may be obtained from Reference Paper No. 35, "The Labour Force, November 1945 - March 1952", the regular quarterly reports for the weeks ended May 31, 1952 and August 16, 1952, and the regular monthly reports starting with the week ended November 22, 1952. The figures for 1953 and 1954 are not strictly comparable with those for previous years in the publications referred to, because of revisions based upon new age and sex distributions obtained from the 1951 Census. The figures for earlier years are now being revised and summaries of the revised estimates will appear in Table 1 of this report as they become available.

It has not so far been possible to include in the labour force surveys persons living in certain inaccessible areas and Indians living on reservations, an estimated total of 180,000.

### Definitions and Explanations

(a) Labour force - The civilian labour force is composed of that portion of the civilian noninstitutional population 14 years of age and over that had jobs or that did not have jobs and were seeking work during the survey week.

(b) Persons with jobs - For the purpose of the labour force survey, "persons with jobs" are grouped into two categories:

- (i) Persons at work - those who did any work for pay or profit or who did unpaid work which contributed to the running of a farm or business operated by a relative;
- (ii) Persons with jobs not at work - those who had jobs but did not work because of illness, bad weather, vacation, industrial dispute, or temporary layoff with definite instructions to return to work within 30 days of the time of being laid off. (Persons who had jobs but did not work during the survey week and who also looked for work are included in (c) below, "Persons without jobs and seeking work".)

While variations in the estimates of the total number of persons with jobs provide a valuable indicator of economic conditions, significant changes in the employment pattern may be concealed unless attention is focussed on the extent to which people worked less than full time. Table 2 provides an analysis of the reasons for which persons worked less than 35 hours in the survey week. Estimates of weekly hours of work are contained in Table 7. Persons with jobs who did not work during the survey week are classified in Table 8 by the reasons for their absence from work.

(c) Persons without jobs and seeking work - This category includes those persons who were looking for work in the survey week and who did no work. Persons who were temporarily away from their jobs during the whole of the survey week and were seeking work are considered as without jobs and are included in this category. In addition to those who actively looked for work, this classification includes persons who would have looked for work, except that they were temporarily ill, were on indefinite or prolonged lay-off, or believed that no work was available.

Persons who worked part of the survey week and also looked for work are not included in this classification. However, the number of such persons is shown in Table 4 which presents estimates of all persons looking for work.

(d) Persons not in the labour force - The non-working part of the population 14 years of age and over consists of those who are outside the labour force in the sense that they do not work for pay or profit or as unpaid workers in family enterprises such as farms or businesses and are not looking for work. Persons not in the labour force include, therefore, such groups as those going to school or keeping house, persons who are too old or are permanently unable to work or for some other reason, and persons who are voluntarily idle or retired. Persons, such as housewives, students and others, who worked part-time are classed as persons with jobs, or, if they are looking for work, they are classed as persons without jobs and seeking work.

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates are subject to sampling error. The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the difference between the estimate and the figure which would have been obtained from a complete count is less than that shown below.

<u>Size of estimate</u>	<u>Sampling variability</u>
10,000	4,000
50,000	8,000
100,000	11,000
500,000	25,000
1,000,000	33,000
5,000,000	54,000

The sampling variability associated with estimates of less than 10,000 is proportionately larger.



Table 1. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

		Total	Civilian labour force						Without jobs and seeking work	Not in the labour force
			Total labour force	With jobs						
				Total with jobs	At work (hours)			Not at work (1)		
					35 or more	15-34	1-14			
<u>Both Sexes</u>										
1950	Mar. 4	9,478	4,993	4,690	3,954	469	118	149	303	4,485
(2)	June 3	8,975	4,842	4,706	4,229	309	86	82	136	4,133
	Aug. 19	9,521	5,208	5,108	4,465	290	91	262	100	4,313
	Nov. 4	9,543	5,083	4,970	4,410	371	92	97	113	4,460
1951	Mar. 3	9,574	5,046	4,879	4,146	420	108	205	167	4,528
	June 2	9,592	5,179	5,099	4,566	330	113	90	80	4,413
	Aug. 18	9,636	5,268	5,193	4,515	303	79	296	75	4,368
	Nov. 3	9,686	5,148	5,052	4,404	448	81	119	96	4,538
1952	Mar. 1	9,759	5,114	4,907	4,253	385	93	176	207	4,645
	May 31	9,812	5,276	5,171	4,610	327	106	128	105	4,536
	Aug. 16	9,860	5,375	5,290	4,569	266	76	379	85	4,485
	Nov. 22	9,922	5,262	5,149	4,658	279	86	126	113	4,660
	Dec. 13	9,935	5,250	5,119	4,535	374	84	126	131	4,685
1953	Jan. 24	9,964	5,200	5,013	4,523	249	72	169	187	4,764
	Feb. 21	9,980	5,194	5,015	4,518	258	63	176	179	4,786
	Mar. 21	9,986	5,192	5,020	4,534	255	70	161	172	4,794
	Aug. 18	10,002	5,241	5,076	4,645	232	64	135	165	4,761
	May 16	10,006	5,321	5,207	4,720	311	77	99	114	4,685
	June 20	10,020	5,387	5,297	4,888	220	64	125	90	4,633
	July 18	10,037	5,515	5,425	4,807	212	63	343	90	4,522
	Aug. 22	10,057	5,507	5,415	4,820	216	57	322	92	4,550
	Sept. 19	10,080	5,398	5,314	4,896	221	58	139	84	4,682
	Oct. 24	10,095	5,351	5,240	4,830	223	63	124	111	4,744
	Nov. 21	10,107	5,316	5,165	4,714	247	75	129	151	4,791
	Dec. 12	10,115	5,275	5,085	4,550	353	69	113	190	4,840
1954	Jan. 23	10,129	5,242	4,962	4,465	274	84	139	280	4,887
	Feb. 20	10,139	5,230	4,918	4,442	275	79	122	312	4,909

(1) Includes persons who did not work at their jobs during the survey week and who were not seeking work.

(2) Excluding Manitoba which was not covered due to flood conditions.

Note: The estimates for 1950, 1951 and 1952 are revised. See Paragraph 2, "Introduction".

Table 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Feb. 20 1954	Jan. 23 1954	Feb. 21 1953
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,139	10,129	9,980
Persons not in the labour force	4,909	4,887	4,786
Civilian labour force	5,230	5,242	5,194
Persons at work	4,796	4,823	4,839
35 hours or more	4,442	4,465	4,518
Less than 35 hours	354	358	321
Usually work 35 hours or more	160	172	125
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	11	*
(b) on short time	56	54	33
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	28	42	12
(f) illness	31	28	33
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	23	28	28
Usually work less than 35 hours	194	186	196
Persons with jobs not at work	122	139	176
Usually work 35 hours or more	117	135	171
(a) laid off for full week	23	23	52
(b) bad weather	*	24	*
(c) illness	57	55	69
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	17	14	21
(f) other	11	13	22
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	312	280	179

(1) Included here are only those who did not work during the entire survey week and were looking for work. For all those who sought work during the survey week, see Table 4.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,139	5,047	5,092
Persons not in the labour force	4,909	1,001	3,908
Civilian labour force	5,230	4,046	1,184
Persons at work	4,796	3,665	1,131
35 hours or more	4,442	3,461	981
Less than 35 hours	354	204	150
Usually work 35 hours or more	160	129	31
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	56	45	11
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	28	27	*
(f) illness	31	22	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	23	18	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	194	75	119
Persons with jobs not at work	122	103	19
Usually work 35 hours or more	117	99	18
(a) laid off for full week	23	22	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	57	44	13
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	17	14	*
(f) other	11	10	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	312	278	34

(1) Included here are only those who did not work during the entire survey week and were looking for work. For all those who sought work during the survey week, see Table 4.

\* Less than 10,000.

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Table 4. - Persons looking for work during the week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	325	303	22
Without jobs	312	292	20
Worked	13	11	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	*	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Age distributions, week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
The labour force	5,230	493	698	2,445	1,396	198
Males	4,046	293	447	1,956	1,172	178
Females	1,184	200	251	489	224	20
Persons with jobs	4,913	445	639	2,322	1,323	189
Males	3,768	257	396	1,843	1,103	169
Females	1,150	188	243	479	220	20
Persons without jobs and seeking work	312	48	59	123	73	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,909	780	337	1,706	1,164	922
Males	1,001	344	54	80	137	386
Females	3,908	436	283	1,626	1,027	536

\* Less than 10,000.



Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	4,918	3,746	716	249	207
Agricultural	759	82	472	48	157
Nonagricultural	4,159	3,664	244	201	50
Males	3,768	2,689	678	235	166
Agricultural	740	78	468	47	147
Nonagricultural	3,028	2,611	210	188	19
Females	1,150	1,057	38	14	41
Agricultural	19	*	*	*	10
Nonagricultural	1,131	1,053	34	13	31

(1) Without paid employees.

(2) With own business, profession, or farm.

(3) In a business or on a farm.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 7. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	0 hours	1-14 hours	15-24 hours	25-34 hours	35-44 hours	45-54 hours	55 and over
<u>All Status Groups</u>								
Both sexes	4,918	122	79	144	131	2,728	1,156	558
Agricultural	759	*	12	21	17	135	237	278
Nonagricultural	4,159	113	67	123	114	2,543	919	280
Males	3,768	103	40	82	82	1,986	964	511
Agricultural	740	*	*	18	16	182	233	274
Nonagricultural	3,028	94	32	64	66	1,804	731	237
Females	1,150	19	39	62	49	742	192	47
Agricultural	19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,131	19	35	59	48	739	188	43
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,664	95	53	100	100	2,377	762	177
Males	2,611	77	27	52	57	1,661	593	144
Females	1,053	18	26	48	43	716	169	33

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	122	60	10	18	*	23	11

(1) Includes only those who had definite instructions to return to their jobs within 30 days of date on which layoff began.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,150	636	390	124
Agricultural	19	*	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,131	629	380	122

(1) Includes widowed, divorced, and permanently separated.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Under 1 month	1 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	7-12 months	13-18 months	19 and over
Both sexes	312	71	165	59	13	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended February 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Perman- ently unable or too old to work	Keeping House	Going to school	Retired or voluntar- ily idle	Other
Both sexes	4,909	184	3,394	685	626	20
Males	1,001	124	*	357	505	11
Females	3,908	60	3,390	328	121	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended February 20, 1954.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E. I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<b><u>The Labour Force</u></b>							
Both sexes	5,230	88	387	1,514	1,930	885	426
Agricultural	769	*	42	203	207	300	16
Nonagricultural	4,461	87	345	1,311	1,723	585	410
<b>Males</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>328</b>
Agricultural	750	*	40	201	199	293	16
Nonagricultural	3,296	71	271	960	1,254	428	312
<b>Females</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>98</b>
Agricultural	19	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,165	16	74	351	469	157	98
<b>All ages</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>426</b>
14-19 years	493	11	37	182	160	72	31
20-24 years	698	14	48	231	242	116	47
25-44 years	2,445	42	174	709	895	416	209
45-64 years	1,396	19	107	357	547	244	122
65 years and over	198	*	21	35	86	37	17

\* Less than 10,000.





Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended February 20, 1954 - con.

(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	4,913	83	349	1,400	1,844	852	390
Males	3,768	67	277	1,058	1,379	691	296
Females	1,150	16	72	342	465	161	94
Agricultural	759	*	40	201	204	297	16
Nonagricultural	4,159	82	309	1,199	1,640	555	374
14-19 years	445	10	30	166	145	68	26
20-24 years	639	13	41	210	225	109	41
25-44 years	2,322	40	159	662	860	405	196
45-64 years	1,323	18	100	330	530	234	111
65 years and over	189	*	19	32	84	36	16
Paid workers	3,746	71	262	1,084	1,501	491	337
Males	2,689	56	198	764	1,072	350	249
Females	1,057	15	64	320	429	141	88
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	312	*	38	114	86	33	36
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,909	152	466	1,343	1,553	945	450
Males	1,001	51	106	247	266	220	111
Females	3,908	101	360	1,096	1,287	725	339

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