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### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended March 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			
<b>Both Sexes</b>										
1949	Mar. 5	9,126	4,816	4,621	4,028	381	90	122	195	4,310
	June 4	9,154	5,036	4,936	4,409	332	106	89	100	4,118
	Aug. 20	9,181	5,156	5,060	4,437	306	91	226	96	4,025
(2)	Oct. 29	9,434	5,101	4,957	4,402	361	98	96	144	4,333
1950	Mar. 4	9,478	4,993	4,690	3,954	469	118	149	303	4,485
(3)	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
	Apr. 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
	Mar. 20	10,148	5,236	4,918	4,459	269	77	113	318	4,912

(1) Includes persons who did not work at their jobs during the survey week and who were not seeking work. (2) Newfoundland included in the estimates only from October, 1949. (3) Excludes Manitoba which was not covered due to flood conditions.

Note: The estimates for 1949, 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 March 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Mar. 20 1954	Feb. 20 1954	Mar. 21 1953
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,148	10,139	9,986
Persons not in the labour force	4,912	4,909	4,794
Civilian labour force	5,236	5,230	5,192
Persons at work	4,805	4,796	4,859
35 hours or more	4,459	4,442	4,534
Less than 35 hours	346	354	325
Usually work 35 hours or more	153	160	130
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	10
(b) on short time	61	56	31
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	12	28	17
(f) illness	30	31	40
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	24	23	23
Usually work less than 35 hours	193	194	195
Persons with jobs not at work	113	122	161
Usually work 35 hours or more	110	117	157
(a) laid off for full week	21	23	39
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	57	57	82
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	17	17	15
(f) other	12	11	16
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	318	312	172

(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 March 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,148	5,049	5,099
Persons not in the labour force	4,912	1,005	3,907
Civilian labour force	5,236	4,044	1,192
Persons at work	4,805	3,671	1,134
35 hours or more	4,459	3,476	983
Less than 35 hours	346	195	151
Usually work 35 hours or more	153	123	30
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	61	50	11
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	12	12	*
(f) illness	30	21	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	24	21	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	193	72	121
Persons with jobs not at work	113	89	24
Usually work 35 hours or more	110	88	22
(a) laid off for full week	21	19	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	57	43	14
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	17	13	*
(f) other	12	10	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	318	284	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 March 20, 1954, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	332	310	22
Without jobs	318	296	22
Worked	14	14	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	*	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Age distributions, week ended March 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	5,236	492	697	2,449	1,404	194
Males	4,044	292	446	1,957	1,176	173
Females	1,192	200	251	492	228	21
Persons with jobs	4,918	439	636	2,325	1,334	184
Males	3,760	252	392	1,843	1,110	163
Females	1,158	187	244	482	224	21
Persons without jobs and seeking work	318	53	61	124	70	10
Persons not in the labour force	4,912	783	337	1,703	1,160	929
Males	1,005	346	54	77	135	393
Females	3,907	437	283	1,626	1,025	536

\* Less than 10,000.



Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended March 20, 1954,  
Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	4,918	3,712	723	265	218
Agricultural	784	86	474	58	166
Nonagricultural	4,134	3,626	249	207	52
Males	3,760	2,658	681	250	171
Agricultural	761	82	470	57	152
Nonagricultural	2,999	2,576	211	193	19
Females	1,158	1,054	42	15	47
Agricultural	23	*	*	*	14
Nonagricultural	1,135	1,050	38	14	33

(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  
March 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	113	77	142	127	2,720	1,186	553
Agricultural	784	*	12	19	21	174	257	292
Nonagricultural	4,134	104	65	123	106	2,546	929	261
Males	3,760	89	37	80	78	1,974	994	508
Agricultural	761	*	*	15	19	171	253	288
Nonagricultural	2,999	81	30	65	59	1,803	741	220
Females	1,158	24	40	62	49	746	192	45
Agricultural	23	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,135	23	35	58	47	743	188	41
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,626	90	48	101	88	2,387	753	159
Males	2,576	68	23	54	48	1,668	587	128
Females	1,050	22	25	47	40	719	166	31

\* Less than 10,000.

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

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	113	58	*	18	*	21	13

(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 March 20, 1954, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,158	635	397	126
Agricultural	23	*	12	*
Nonagricultural	1,135	627	385	123

(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 March 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	318	71	134	91	17	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

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

	Total	Permanently unable or too old to work	Keeping House	Going to school	Retired or voluntarily idle	Other
Both sexes	4,912	186	3,399	682	626	19
Males	1,005	123	*	357	510	12
Females	3,907	63	3,396	325	116	*

\* Less than 10,000.

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

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>The Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,236	86	386	1,512	1,927	899	426
Agricultural	791	*	42	212	206	314	16
Nonagricultural	4,445	85	344	1,300	1,721	585	410
Males	4,044	68	307	1,160	1,451	730	328
Agricultural	768	*	40	209	199	304	15
Nonagricultural	3,276	67	267	951	1,252	426	313
Females	1,192	18	79	352	476	169	98
Agricultural	23	*	*	*	*	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,169	18	77	349	469	159	97
All ages	5,236	86	386	1,512	1,927	899	426
14-19 years	492	11	36	179	158	76	32
20-24 years	697	15	49	232	238	117	46
25-44 years	2,449	40	174	705	897	425	208
45-64 years	1,404	18	107	360	549	247	123
65 years and over	194	*	20	36	85	34	17

\* Less than 10,000.





Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended March 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	4,918	80	342	1,390	1,838	868	400
Males	3,760	63	267	1,050	1,373	702	305
Females	1,158	17	75	340	465	166	95
Agricultural	784	*	41	210	203	313	16
Nonagricultural	4,134	79	301	1,180	1,635	555	384
14-19 years	439	10	28	160	142	72	27
20-24 years	636	13	40	209	221	111	42
25-44 years	2,325	38	158	655	862	413	199
45-64 years	1,334	17	98	334	530	239	116
65 years and over	184	*	18	32	83	33	16
Paid workers	3,712	69	257	1,063	1,491	492	340
Males	2,658	53	191	751	1,063	347	253
Females	1,054	16	66	312	428	145	87
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	318	*	44	122	89	31	26
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,912	154	467	1,349	1,558	933	451
Males	1,005	55	110	249	268	212	111
Females	3,907	99	357	1,100	1,290	721	340

\* Less than 10,000.