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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended April 17, 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 have been revised and summaries of the revised estimates appear in Table 1 of this report.

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	Total with jobs	With jobs			Not at work (1)			
				At work (hours)						
				35 or more	15-34	1-14				
<u>Both Sexes</u>										
1945	Nov. 17	8,265	4,465	4,294	3,821	285	96	92	171	3,800
1946	Feb. 23	8,487	4,500	4,289	3,804	296	84	105	211	3,987
	June 1	8,672	4,808	4,685	4,098	312	153	122	123	3,864
	Aug. 31	8,764	4,970	4,853	4,294	253	102	204	117	3,794
	Nov. 9	8,809	4,821	4,707	4,191	301	111	104	114	3,988
1947	Mar. 1	8,860	4,677	4,539	3,981	322	97	139	138	4,183
	May 31	8,896	4,899	4,808	4,267	312	125	104	91	3,997
	Aug. 16	8,924	5,061	4,989	4,295	315	112	267	72	3,863
	Nov. 8	8,956	4,913	4,827	4,275	322	118	112	86	4,043
1948	Feb. 21	8,993	4,793	4,639	4,009	368	102	160	154	4,200
	June 5	9,023	4,979	4,899	4,346	330	126	97	80	4,044
	Sept. 4	9,059	5,053	4,987	4,400	310	101	176	66	4,006
	Nov. 20	9,088	4,907	4,803	4,288	321	103	91	104	4,181
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

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

Note: The estimates from 1945 - 1952 are revised. See Paragraph 2, "Introduction".

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

		Total	Civilian labour force						Without jobs and seeking work	Not in the labour force
			Total labour force	Total with jobs	With jobs			Not at work (1)		
					At work (hours)					
					35 or more	15-34	1-14			
<u>Both Sexes</u>										
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
	Apr. 17	10,158	5,257	4,954	2,890	1,875*	80*	109	303	4,901

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

(*) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to Good Friday being in the survey week.

Note: The estimates from 1945 - 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 April 17, 1954, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Apr. 17 1954	Mar. 20 1954	Apr. 18 1953
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,158	10,148	10,002
Persons not in the labour force	4,901	4,912	4,761
Civilian labour force	5,257	5,236	5,241
Persons at work	4,845	4,805	4,941
35 hours or more	2,890	4,459	4,645
Less than 35 hours	(1) 1,955	346	296
Usually work 35 hours or more	(1) 1,752	153	104
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	10	*
(b) on short time	59	61	24
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	14	12	22
(f) illness	20	30	25
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	(1) 81	*	*
(i) other	(1) 1,560	24	16
Usually work less than 35 hours	203	193	192
Persons with jobs not at work	109	113	135
Usually work 35 hours or more	106	110	131
(a) laid off for full week	20	21	27
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	47	57	62
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	22	17	18
(f) other	12	12	16
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	303	318	165

(1) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to Good Friday being in the survey week. This explains nearly all the absence reported under (h) and (i). (2) 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 April 17, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,158	5,052	5,106
Persons not in the labour force	4,901	981	3,920
Civilian labour force	5,257	4,071	1,186
Persons at work	4,845	3,715	1,130
35 hours or more	2,890	2,386	504
Less than 35 hours (1)	1,955	1,329	626
Usually work 35 hours or more (1)	1,752	1,254	498
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	59	45	14
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	14	14	*
(f) illness	20	16	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation (1)	81	50	31
(i) other (1)	1,560	1,114	446
Usually work less than 35 hours	203	75	128
Persons with jobs not at work	109	86	23
Usually work 35 hours or more	106	84	22
(a) laid off for full week	20	17	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	47	37	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	22	15	*
(f) other	12	10	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	303	270	33

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* Less than 10,000.

4845
109
4954

3715
86
3801

Table 4. - Persons looking for work during the week ended April 17, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	320	297	23
Without jobs	303	282	21
Worked	17	15	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	13	11	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Age distributions, week ended April 17, 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	5,257	491	698	2,454	1,410	204
Males	4,071	291	448	1,965	1,185	182
Females	1,186	200	250	489	225	22
Persons with jobs	4,954	443	641	2,338	1,337	195
Males	3,801	255	399	1,859	1,115	173
Females	1,153	188	242	479	222	22
Persons without jobs and seeking work	303	48	57	116	73	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,901	786	335	1,703	1,157	920
Males	981	348	50	71	128	384
Females	3,920	438	285	1,632	1,029	536

* Less than 10,000.

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended April 17, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	4,954	3,728	731	272	223
Agricultural	819	96	490	61	172
Nonagricultural	4,135	3,632	241	211	51
Males	3,801	2,683	688	256	174
Agricultural	792	90	485	61	156
Nonagricultural	3,009	2,593	203	195	18
Females	1,153	1,045	43	16	49
Agricultural	27	*	*	*	16
Nonagricultural	1,126	1,039	38	16	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 April 17, 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>			(1)	(1)	(1)			
Both sexes	4,954	109	80	194	1,681	1,571	813	506
Agricultural	819	*	11	26	25	181	260	311
Nonagricultural	4,135	104	69	168	1,656	1,390	553	195
Males	3,801	86	37	108	1,184	1,232	687	467
Agricultural	792	*	*	23	22	176	254	307
Nonagricultural	3,009	81	32	85	1,162	1,056	433	160
Females	1,153	23	43	86	497	339	126	39
Agricultural	27	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,126	23	37	83	494	334	120	35
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,632	93	57	140	1,575	1,222	431	114
Males	2,593	70	27	70	1,096	913	328	89
Females	1,039	23	30	70	479	309	103	25

- (1) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to Good Friday being in the survey week.
 * Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended April 17, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	109	49	*	22	*	20	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 April 17, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,153	632	401	120
Agricultural	27	10	13	*
Nonagricultural	1,126	622	388	116

(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 April 17, 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	303	66	107	102	23	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended April 17, 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	4,901	194	3,391	697	600	19
Males	981	129	391*	359	478	11
Females	3,920	65	3,387	338	122	8*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended April 17, 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	5,257	93	389	1,515	1,927	904	429
Agricultural	826	*	43	214	224	322	22
Nonagricultural	4,431	92	346	1,301	1,703	582	407
Males	4,071	75	313	1,163	1,456	734	330
Agricultural	799	*	41	212	216	310	19
Nonagricultural	3,272	74	272	951	1,240	424	311
Females	1,186	18	76	352	471	170	99
Agricultural	27	*	*	*	*	12	*
Nonagricultural	1,159	18	74	350	463	158	96
All ages	5,257	93	389	1,515	1,927	904	429
14-19 years	491	12	37	178	161	71	32
20-24 years	698	15	47	233	238	121	44
25-44 years	2,454	42	173	709	897	422	211
45-64 years	1,410	22	109	357	546	253	123
65 years and over	204	*	23	38	85	37	19

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended April 17, 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	4,954	82	346	1,401	1,850	870	405
Males	3,801	65	274	1,063	1,388	703	308
Females	1,153	17	72	338	462	167	97
Agricultural	819	*	42	212	223	320	21
Nonagricultural	4,135	81	304	1,189	1,627	550	384
14-19 years	443	*	30	161	149	67	27
20-24 years	641	13	39	210	224	114	41
25-44 years	2,338	38	156	665	867	410	202
45-64 years	1,337	20	99	331	527	243	117
65 years and over	195	*	22	34	83	36	18
Paid workers	3,728	71	250	1,072	1,502	492	341
Males	2,683	55	189	762	1,076	346	255
Females	1,045	16	61	310	426	146	86
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	303	11	43	114	77	34	24
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,901	147	465	1,349	1,560	930	450
Males	981	48	104	247	264	208	110
Females	3,920	99	361	1,102	1,296	722	340

* Less than 10,000.