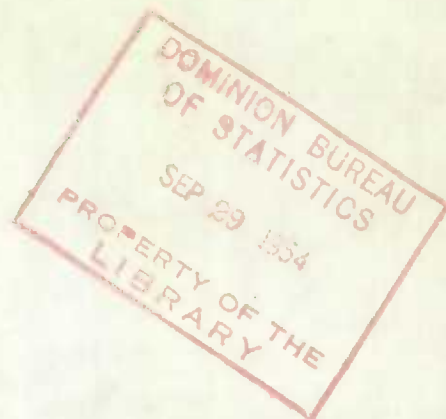


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### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended August 21, 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 the report for April, 1954.

### 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 1 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 6. Persons with jobs who did not work during the survey week are classified in Table 7 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 3 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 relatively larger.

#### Coverage

In the past, certain remote and relatively inaccessible areas of Canada have not been included in the estimates. In May, 1954, the sample design was altered so that totals would include estimates for these areas in Ontario, although, for cost reasons, they are given no chance of selection for enumeration. This resulted in an increase of about 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole and about 1.8 per cent for Ontario. These percentages can be applied to previous figures for purposes of comparability in all characteristics. Still excluded from the estimates of population 14 years of age and over are: Indians on reservations (68,000); inmates of institutions (128,000); and the population in remote areas of Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia (40,000). Also excluded are members of the armed forces and residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.



Table 1. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended August 21, 1954, Canada (estimates in thousands)

|  | August 21<br>1954 | July 24<br>1954 | August 22<br>1953 |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Total civilian noninstitutional population | (2)<br>10,272     | (2)<br>10,254   | 10,057            |
| Persons not in the labour force            | 4,703             | 4,698           | 4,550             |
| Civilian labour force                      | 5,569             | 5,556           | 5,507             |
| Persons at work                            | 5,066             | 4,891           | 5,093             |
| 35 hours or more                           | 4,748             | 4,584           | 4,820             |
| Less than 35 hours                         | 318               | 307             | 273               |
| Usually work 35 hours or more              | 143               | 118             | 105               |
| (a) laid off for part of the week          | *                 | *               | *                 |
| (b) on short time                          | 35                | 34              | 25                |
| (c) lost job during the week               | *                 | *               | *                 |
| (d) found job during the week              | *                 | *               | *                 |
| (e) bad weather                            | 29                | 27              | *                 |
| (f) illness                                | 18                | 15              | 16                |
| (g) industrial dispute                     | *                 | *               | *                 |
| (h) vacation                               | 33                | 17              | 18                |
| (i) other                                  | 14                | 12              | 25                |
| Usually work less than 35 hours            | 175               | 189             | 168               |
| Persons with jobs not at work              | 329               | 493             | 322               |
| Usually work 35 hours or more              | 320               | 476             | 313               |
| (a) laid off for full week                 | 14                | *               | 17                |
| (b) bad weather                            | *                 | *               | *                 |
| (c) illness                                | 42                | 41              | 53                |
| (d) industrial dispute                     | *                 | *               | *                 |
| (e) vacation                               | 250               | 418             | 231               |
| (f) other                                  | *                 | *               | *                 |
| Usually work less than 35 hours            | *                 | 17              | *                 |
| Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)  | 174               | 172             | 92                |

- (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 3.
- (2) Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. \* Less than 10,000.

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Table 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended August 21, 1954, Canada (estimates in thousands)

|  | Total  | Males | Females |
|--|--------|-------|---------|
| Total civilian noninstitutional population | 10,272 | 5,110 | 5,162   |
| Persons not in the labour force            | 4,703  | 771   | 3,932   |
| Civilian labour force                      | 5,569  | 4,339 | 1,230   |
| Persons at work                            | 5,066  | 3,970 | 1,096   |
| 35 hours or more                           | 4,748  | 3,795 | 953     |
| Less than 35 hours                         | 318    | 175   | 143     |
| Usually work 35 hours or more              | 143    | 116   | 27      |
| (a) laid off for part of the week          | *      | *     | *       |
| (b) on short time                          | 35     | 26    | *       |
| (c) lost job during the week               | *      | *     | *       |
| (d) found job during the week              | *      | *     | *       |
| (e) bad weather                            | 29     | 28    | *       |
| (f) illness                                | 18     | 14    | *       |
| (g) industrial dispute                     | *      | *     | *       |
| (h) vacation                               | 33     | 26    | *       |
| (i) other                                  | 14     | 11    | *       |
| Usually work less than 35 hours            | 175    | 59    | 116     |
| Persons with jobs not at work              | 329    | 223   | 106     |
| Usually work 35 hours or more              | 320    | 220   | 100     |
| (a) laid off for full week                 | 14     | 10    | *       |
| (b) bad weather                            | *      | *     | *       |
| (c) illness                                | 42     | 35    | *       |
| (d) industrial dispute                     | *      | *     | *       |
| (e) vacation                               | 250    | 162   | 88      |
| (f) other                                  | *      | *     | *       |
| Usually work less than 35 hours            | *      | *     | *       |
| Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)  | 174    | 146   | 28      |

(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 3. \* Less than 10,000.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

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Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended August 21, 1954, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|                        | Total | Seeking full-time work | Seeking part-time work |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Total looking for work | 191   | 178                    | 13                     |
| Without jobs           | 174   | 163                    | 11                     |
| Worked                 | 17    | 15                     | *                      |
| 1 - 14 hours           | *     | *                      | *                      |
| 15 - 34 hours          | 13    | 11                     | *                      |

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. \* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended August 21, 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                      | 5,569 | 659         | 729         | 2,509       | 1,451       | 221               |
| Males                                 | 4,339 | 410         | 483         | 2,015       | 1,231       | 200               |
| Females                               | 1,230 | 249         | 246         | 494         | 220         | 21                |
| Persons with jobs                     | 5,395 | 618         | 701         | 2,441       | 1,419       | 216               |
| Males                                 | 4,193 | 381         | 460         | 1,956       | 1,201       | 195               |
| Females                               | 1,202 | 237         | 241         | 485         | 218         | 21                |
| Persons without jobs and seeking work | 174   | 41          | 28          | 68          | 32          | *                 |
| Persons not in the labour force       | 4,703 | 637         | 312         | 1,691       | 1,149       | 914               |
| Males                                 | 771   | 239         | 20          | 43          | 98          | 371               |
| Females                               | 3,932 | 398         | 292         | 1,648       | 1,051       | 543               |

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

\* Less than 10,000.



Table 5. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended August 21, 1954, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|                 | Total | Paid workers | Own account workers (1) | Employers (2) | Unpaid family workers (3) |
|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Both sexes      | 5,395 | 4,301        | 739                     | 335           | 290                       |
| Agricultural    | 1,012 | 178          | 498                     | 106           | 230                       |
| Nonagricultural | 4,383 | 3,853        | 241                     | 229           | 60                        |
| Males           | 4,193 | 2,954        | 700                     | 316           | 223                       |
| Agricultural    | 949   | 154          | 492                     | 104           | 199                       |
| Nonagricultural | 3,244 | 2,800        | 208                     | 212           | 24                        |
| Females         | 1,202 | 1,077        | 39                      | 19            | 67                        |
| Agricultural    | 63    | 24           | *                       | *             | 21                        |
| Nonagricultural | 1,139 | 1,053        | 33                      | 17            | 36                        |

(1) Without paid employees.

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

(3) In a business or on a farm.

\* Less than 10,000.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 6. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended August 21, 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                            | 5,395 | 329     | 65         | 134         | 119         | 2,621       | 1,139       | 988         |
| Agricultural                          | 1,012 | *       | 13         | 21          | 17          | 116         | 201         | 636         |
| Nonagricultural                       | 4,383 | 321     | 52         | 113         | 102         | 2,505       | 938         | 352         |
| Males                                 | 4,193 | 223     | 28         | 69          | 78          | 1,925       | 947         | 923         |
| Agricultural                          | 949   | *       | *          | 15          | 14          | 103         | 186         | 618         |
| Nonagricultural                       | 3,244 | 215     | 23         | 54          | 64          | 1,822       | 761         | 305         |
| Females                               | 1,202 | 106     | 37         | 65          | 41          | 696         | 192         | 65          |
| Agricultural                          | 63    | *       | *          | *           | *           | 13          | 15          | 18          |
| Nonagricultural                       | 1,139 | 106     | 29         | 59          | 38          | 683         | 177         | 47          |
| <u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u> |       |         |            |             |             |             |             |             |
| Both sexes                            | 3,853 | 304     | 45         | 89          | 88          | 2,349       | 768         | 210         |
| Males                                 | 2,800 | 200     | 20         | 43          | 56          | 1,690       | 612         | 179         |
| Females                               | 1,053 | 104     | 25         | 46          | 32          | 659         | 156         | 31          |

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section "Coverage", page 4. \* Less than 10,000.



Table 7. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended August 21, 1954, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|            | Total | Illness | Bad weather | Vacation | Industrial dispute | Temporary layoff (1) | Other |
|------------|-------|---------|-------------|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Both sexes | 329   | 43      | *           | 258      | *                  | 14                   | *     |

(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.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage" page 4.

Table 8. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended August 21, 1954, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|                 | Total | Single | Married | Other (1) |
|-----------------|-------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Total           | 1,202 | 672    | 419     | 111       |
| Agricultural    | 63    | 24     | 33      | *         |
| Nonagricultural | 1,139 | 648    | 386     | 105       |

(1) Includes widowed, divorced, and permanently separated. \* Less than 10,000.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 9. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended August 21, 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 | 174   | 60            | 61           | 26           | 21          | *            | *           |

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended August 21, 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 | 4,703 | 167                                   | 3,505         | *               | 977                         | 49    |
| Males      | 771   | 110                                   | *             | *               | 633                         | 24    |
| Females    | 3,932 | 57                                    | 3,503         | *               | 344                         | 25    |

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. \* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Regional distributions, week ended August 21, 1954

(estimates in thousands)

|                         | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I.<br>N.S.<br>N.B. | Que.  | Ont.  | Man.<br>Sask.<br>Alta. | B.C. |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|------|
| <u>The Labour Force</u> | (1)    |       |                        |       | (1)   |                        |      |
| Both sexes              | 5,569  | 103   | 418                    | 1,583 | 2,036 | 979                    | 450  |
| Agricultural            | 1,014  | *     | 59                     | 239   | 314   | 370                    | 31   |
| Nonagricultural         | 4,555  | 102   | 359                    | 1,344 | 1,722 | 609                    | 419  |
| Males                   | 4,339  | 88    | 332                    | 1,234 | 1,540 | 799                    | 346  |
| Agricultural            | 951    | *     | 54                     | 229   | 285   | 356                    | 26   |
| Nonagricultural         | 3,388  | 87    | 278                    | 1,005 | 1,255 | 443                    | 320  |
| Females                 | 1,230  | 15    | 86                     | 349   | 496   | 180                    | 104  |
| Agricultural            | 63     | *     | *                      | 10    | 29    | 14                     | *    |
| Nonagricultural         | 1,167  | 15    | 81                     | 339   | 467   | 166                    | 99   |
| All ages                | 5,569  | 103   | 418                    | 1,583 | 2,036 | 979                    | 450  |
| 14-19 years             | 659    | 12    | 54                     | 223   | 215   | 114                    | 41   |
| 20-24 years             | 729    | 17    | 53                     | 237   | 248   | 126                    | 48   |
| 25-44 years             | 2,509  | 48    | 181                    | 712   | 920   | 440                    | 208  |
| 45-64 years             | 1,451  | 23    | 111                    | 365   | 561   | 257                    | 134  |
| 65 years and over       | 221    | *     | 19                     | 46    | 92    | 42                     | 19   |

(1) Includes estimates for certain remote areas in Ontario, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole and 1.8 per cent for Ontario in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. \* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Regional distributions, week ended August 21, 1954 - con.

(estimates in thousands)

|  | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I.<br>N.S.<br>N.B. | Que.  | Ont.  | Man.<br>Sask.<br>Alta. | B.C. |
|--|--------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|------|
| <u>Persons with Jobs</u>                         | (1)    |       |                        |       | (1)   |                        |      |
| All status groups                                | 5,395  | 101   | 402                    | 1,510 | 1,978 | 968                    | 436  |
| Males  | 4,193  | 86    | 318                    | 1,174 | 1,490 | 791                    | 334  |
| Females  | 1,202  | 15    | 84                     | 336   | 488   | 177                    | 102  |
| Agricultural                                     | 1,012  | *     | 59                     | 239   | 313   | 369                    | 31   |
| Nonagricultural                                  | 4,383  | 100   | 343                    | 1,271 | 1,665 | 599                    | 405  |
| 14-19 years                                      | 618    | 11    | 49                     | 204   | 203   | 112                    | 39   |
| 20-24 years                                      | 701    | 17    | 50                     | 225   | 239   | 124                    | 46   |
| 25-44 years                                      | 2,441  | 47    | 176                    | 685   | 895   | 436                    | 202  |
| 45-64 years                                      | 1,419  | 23    | 108                    | 352   | 551   | 254                    | 131  |
| 65 years and over                                | 216    | *     | 19                     | 44    | 90    | 42                     | 18   |
| Paid workers                                     | 4,031  | 85    | 304                    | 1,146 | 1,580 | 555                    | 361  |
| Males  | 2,954  | 71    | 232                    | 841   | 1,138 | 400                    | 272  |
| Females  | 1,077  | 14    | 72                     | 305   | 442   | 155                    | 89   |
| <u>Persons without Jobs<br/>and Seeking Work</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| Both sexes                                       | 174    | *     | 16                     | 73    | 58    | 11                     | 14   |
| <u>Persons not in the<br/>Labour Force</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| Both sexes                                       | 4,703  | 139   | 438                    | 1,297 | 1,532 | 864                    | 433  |
| Males  | 771    | 36    | 86                     | 182   | 225   | 147                    | 95   |
| Females  | 3,932  | 103   | 352                    | 1,115 | 1,307 | 717                    | 338  |

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