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Monthly Survey, Week Ended January 22, 1955

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended January 22, 1955. 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 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 January 22, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Jan. 22 1955	Dec. 11 1954	Jan. 23 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	(2) 10,388	(2) 10,353	10,129
Persons not in the labour force	5,043	4,939	4,887
Civilian labour force	5,345	5,414	5,242
Persons at work	4,849	5,062	4,823
35 hours or more	4,470	4,614	4,465
Less than 35 hours	379	448	358
Usually work 35 hours or more	160	230	172
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	11
(b) on short time	55	42	54
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	21	21	42
(f) illness	30	23	28
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	17	*
(i) other	32	(3) 108	28
Usually work less than 35 hours	219	218	186
Persons with jobs not at work	134	105	139
Usually work 35 hours or more	133	102	135
(a) laid off for full week	23	16	23
(b) bad weather	*	*	24
(c) illness	58	50	55
(d) industrial dispute	11	*	*
(e) vacation	18	10	14
(f) other	15	13	13
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	362	247	280

(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.

(3) Included are those who lost time during the week due to the religious observance of December 8, 1954. \* Less than 10,000.

Table 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended January 22, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,388	5,172	5,216
Persons not in the labour force	5,043	1,026	4,017
Civilian labour force	5,345	4,146	1,199
Persons at work	4,849	3,714	1,135
35 hours or more	4,470	3,502	968
Less than 35 hours	379	212	167
Usually work 35 hours or more	160	131	29
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	55	42	13
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	21	21	*
(f) illness	30	22	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	32	28	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	219	81	138
Persons with jobs not at work	134	112	22
Usually work 35 hours or more	133	111	22
(a) laid off for full week	23	20	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	58	46	12
(d) industrial dispute	11	10	*
(e) vacation	18	13	*
(f) other	15	14	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	362	320	42

(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.

Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended January 22, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	381	363	18
Without jobs	362	345	17
Worked	19	18	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	11	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 January 22, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
The Labour Force	5,345	494	703	2,508	1,437	203
Males	4,146	291	459	2,008	1,208	180
Females	1,199	203	244	500	229	23
Persons with jobs	4,983	433	641	2,365	1,354	190
Males	3,826	245	405	1,878	1,130	168
Females	1,157	188	236	487	224	22
Persons without jobs and seeking work	362	61	62	143	83	13
Persons not in the labour force	5,043	820	344	1,739	1,193	947
Males	1,026	367	49	77	136	397
Females	4,017	453	295	1,662	1,057	550

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 January 22, 1955.  
Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	4,983	3,827	672	274	210
Agricultural	752	96	444	59	153
Nonagricultural	4,231	3,731	228	215	57
Males	3,826	2,772	640	259	155
Agricultural	724	90	441	58	135
Nonagricultural	3,102	2,682	199	201	20
Females	1,157	1,055	32	15	55
Agricultural	28	*	*	*	18
Nonagricultural	1,129	1,049	29	14	37

(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 January 22, 1955, 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	4,983	134	86	160	133	2,768	1,135	567
Agricultural	752	11	11	27	21	168	239	275
Nonagricultural	4,231	123	75	133	112	2,600	896	292
Males	3,826	112	44	86	82	2,031	946	525
Agricultural	724	11	*	22	20	161	233	270
Nonagricultural	3,102	101	37	64	62	1,870	713	255
Females	1,157	22	42	74	51	737	189	42
Agricultural	28	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,129	22	38	69	50	730	183	37
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	3,731	107	63	111	98	2,436	735	181
Males	2,682	86	31	52	54	1,732	569	158
Females	1,049	21	32	59	44	704	166	23

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 7. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended January 22, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	134	59	*	18	11	23	15

(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 January 22, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,157	606	431	120
Agricultural	28	12	13	*
Nonagricultural	1,129	594	418	117

(1) Included 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 January 22, 1955, 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	362	100	175	50	23	*	*

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 January 22, 1955, 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	5,043	174	3,464	732	651	22
Males	1,026	115	*	387	507	13
Females	4,017	59	3,460	345	144	*

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 January 22, 1955.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>The Labour Force</u>	(1)				(1)		
Both sexes	5,345	89	392	1,542	1,977	910	435
Agricultural	762	*	45	159	238	237	31
Nonagricultural	4,583	87	347	1,383	1,739	623	404
Males	4,146	69	313	1,192	1,492	744	336
Agricultural	734	*	42	155	226	280	29
Nonagricultural	3,412	67	271	1,037	1,266	464	307
Females	1,199	20	79	350	485	166	99
Agricultural	28	*	*	*	12	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,171	20	76	346	473	159	97
All ages	5,345	89	392	1,542	1,977	910	435
14-19 years	494	12	40	179	159	77	27
20-24 years	703	16	49	231	241	119	47
25-44 years	2,508	40	175	723	930	429	211
45-64 years	1,437	19	109	369	557	250	133
65 years and over	203	*	19	40	90	35	17

(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 January 22, 1955 - 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>	(1)				(1)		
All status groups	4,983	82	359	1,402	1,874	863	403
Males	3,826	62	282	1,069	1,403	702	308
Females	1,157	20	77	333	471	161	95
Agricultural	752	*	45	157	234	284	30
Nonagricultural	4,231	80	314	1,245	1,640	579	373
14-19 years	433	11	33	154	142	70	23
20-24 years	641	15	42	205	226	110	43
25-44 years	2,365	36	163	668	889	411	198
45-64 years	1,354	18	103	339	532	239	123
65 years and over	190	*	18	36	85	33	16
Paid workers	3,827	70	267	1,114	1,526	516	334
Males	2,772	51	200	808	1,092	371	250
Females	1,055	19	67	306	434	145	84
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	362	*	33	140	103	47	32
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,043	159	467	1,375	1,631	952	459
Males	1,026	59	107	244	293	213	110
Females	4,017	100	360	1,131	1,338	739	349

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