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Monthly Survey, Week ended, October 22, 1955

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, October 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 some 115 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. 58, "The Labour Force, November, 1945 -- January, 1955". The estimates which appeared in Reference Paper No. 35 and subsequent bulletins have been revised to cover the entire ten provinces of Canada including the remote and more inaccessible areas (See section on Coverage, page 4).

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 who, during the survey week: did some work; had jobs but did no work; or did not have jobs and were seeking work.

(b) Persons with jobs and at work - This category includes those who during the survey week did any work for pay or profit or who did unpaid work which contributed to the running of a farm or a business operated by a related member of the household.

While variations in the estimates of the total number of persons at work 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 I 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.

(c) Persons with jobs but not at work - This category includes those who had jobs but did not work during the survey week because of vacation, illness, bad weather, industrial dispute, or temporary layoff. Persons who had jobs but did not work during the survey week and who also looked for work are included in "Persons without jobs and seeking work".

Persons on temporary layoff are those who were laid off from their job with definite instructions to return to work within 30 days of the date of layoff. Persons with jobs but not at work are classified in Table 8 by the reasons for their absence from work.

(d) 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 but are shown as with a job and at work.

(e) 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 are not working for pay or profit or as unpaid workers in family enterprises such as farms or businesses nor are looking for work. This category includes those: going to school; keeping house; too old or otherwise unable to work; and voluntarily idle or retired. Housewives, students and others, who worked part-time are classified as "persons with jobs". If they are looking for work, they are classified 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

The sample used in the surveys of the labour force has been designed to include all persons 14 years of age and over who reside in Canada with certain specific exceptions. No estimates are made for: residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories; members of the armed services; Indians on reservations; and inmates of institutions. The totals of persons 14 years of age and over shown for these categories in the 1951 Census were 17,000, 71,000, 62,000 and 117,000 respectively. In surveys preceding February, 1955, certain remote and relatively inaccessible areas were not included in the estimates. The sample design was altered so that totals would include estimates for these areas in Ontario, from May, 1954, and for the remaining areas in Quebec, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia from February, 1955. The adjustments for Canada as a whole amounts to about 1.0% from November, 1945, to April, 1954, and to about 0.4% from May, 1954, to January, 1955. Revised estimates are contained in Reference Paper No. 58.

Table 1. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, weeks ended October 22, 1955, September 17, 1955, October 23, 1954, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Oct. 22 1955	Sept. 17 1955	Oct. 23 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,590	10,574	(2) 10,351
Persons not in the labour force	4,971	4,941	4,869
Civilian labour force	5,619	5,633	5,482
Persons at work	5,346	5,328	5,173
35 hours or more	5,014	5,009	4,838
Less than 35 hours	332	319	335
Usually work 35 hours or more	114	113	123
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	10	*
(b) on short time	25	23	31
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	28	13	23
(f) illness	24	29	22
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	11	*
(i) other	14	16	27
Usually work less than 35 hours	218	206	212
Persons with jobs not at work	131	167	129
Usually work 35 hours or more	127	163	125
(a) laid off for full week	*	11	11
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	49	56	47
(d) industrial dispute	21	*	17
(e) vacation	38	81	38
(f) other	*	*	11
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	142	138	180

(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, excluded prior to February, 1955. See section on "Coverage", page 4. * Less than 10,000.

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

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,590	5,273	5,317
Persons not in the labour force	4,971	934	4,037
Civilian labour force	5,619	4,339	1,280
Persons at work	5,346	4,115	1,231
35 hours or more	5,014	3,952	1,062
Less than 35 hours	332	163	169
Usually work 35 hours or more	114	89	25
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	25	17	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	28	27	*
(f) illness	24	17	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	14	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	218	74	144
Persons with jobs not at work	131	107	24
Usually work 35 hours or more	127	105	22
(a) laid off for full week	*	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	49	39	10
(d) industrial dispute	21	20	*
(e) vacation	38	30	*
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	142	117	25

(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.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4. * Less than 10,000.

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

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	154	143	11
Without jobs	142	132	10
Worked	12	11	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	10	*	*

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended October 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	5,619	535	721	2,610	1,535	218
Males	4,339	317	469	2,083	1,275	195
Females	1,280	218	252	527	260	23
Persons with jobs	5,477	501	700	2,559	1,502	212
Males	4,222	295	454	2,039	1,245	189
Females	1,255	209	246	520	257	23
Persons without jobs and seeking work	142	31	21	51	33	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,971	817	335	1,709	1,157	953
Males	934	362	44	39	98	391
Females	4,037	455	291	1,670	1,059	562

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the civilian labour force, by age and sex, week ended October 22, 1955, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.1	39.6	68.3	60.4	57.0	18.6
Males	82.3	46.7	91.4	98.2	92.9	33.3
Females	24.1	32.4	46.4	24.0	19.7	3.9

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended October 22, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,477	4,279	677	314	207
Agricultural	774	95	460	67	152
Nonagricultural	4,703	4,184	217	247	55
Males	4,222	3,136	636	294	156
Agricultural	745	88	454	66	137
Nonagricultural	3,477	3,048	182	228	19
Females	1,255	1,143	41	20	51
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	15
Nonagricultural	1,226	1,136	35	19	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, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 7. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended October 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	5,477	131	76	143	113	2,966	1,257	791
Agricultural	774	*	*	15	*	119	189	428
Nonagricultural	4,703	123	67	128	107	2,847	1,068	363
Males	4,222	107	33	68	62	2,147	1,062	743
Agricultural	745	*	*	10	*	113	183	421
Nonagricultural	3,477	99	28	58	57	2,034	879	322
Females	1,255	24	43	75	51	819	195	48
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,226	24	39	70	50	813	189	41
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,184	114	56	104	93	2,691	896	230
Males	3,048	92	25	47	50	1,906	725	203
Females	1,136	22	31	57	43	785	171	27

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.

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Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended October 22, 1955, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	131	51	*	38	21	*	10

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

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.

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Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended October 22, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,255	643	484	128
Agricultural	29	10	15	*
Nonagricultural	1,226	633	469	124

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

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Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended
October 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	142	61	50	14	10	*	*

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.

See section on "Coverage", page 4.

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Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended
October 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	4,971	164	3,491	733	564	19
Males	934	108	*	388	426	*
Females	4,037	56	3,488	345	138	10

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended October 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>							
Both sexes	5,619	114	425	1,602	2,034	987	457
Agricultural	780	*	51	160	210	329	26
Nonagricultural	4,839	110	374	1,442	1,824	658	431
Males	4,339	95	335	1,242	1,516	800	351
Agricultural	751	*	46	158	200	319	24
Nonagricultural	3,588	91	289	1,084	1,316	481	327
Females	1,280	19	90	360	518	187	106
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	10	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,251	19	85	358	508	177	104
All ages	5,619	114	425	1,602	2,034	987	457
14-19 years	535	15	41	195	168	87	29
20-24 years	721	17	54	237	239	127	47
25-44 years	2,610	53	190	736	956	454	221
45-64 years	1,535	26	118	387	587	276	141
65 years and over	218	*	22	47	84	43	19
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,477	111	408	1,550	1,989	972	447
Males	4,222	92	320	1,199	1,480	788	343
Females	1,255	19	88	351	509	184	104
Agricultural	774	*	50	159	208	328	25
Nonagricultural	4,703	107	358	1,391	1,781	644	422
14-19 years	504	14	37	183	160	83	27
20-24 years	700	16	51	228	234	125	46
25-44 years	2,559	52	184	719	937	449	218
45-64 years	1,502	26	115	375	576	273	137
65 years and over	212	*	21	45	82	42	19
Paid workers	4,279	93	319	1,261	1,641	587	378
Males	3,136	76	242	936	1,170	427	285
Females	1,143	17	77	325	471	160	93

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended October 22, 1955 - con.

(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	142	*	17	52	45	15	10
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,971	141	445	1,391	1,628	909	457
Males	934	37	91	233	295	173	105
Females	4,037	104	354	1,158	1,333	736	352

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.

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