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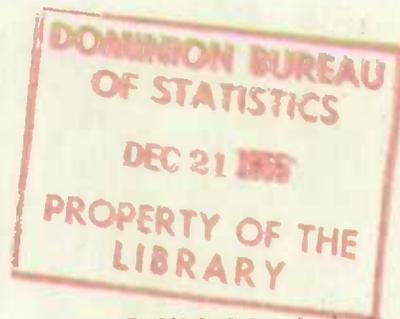
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, November 19, 1955

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, November 19, 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 November 19, 1955, October 22, 1955, November 20, 1954, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Nov. 19 1955	Oct. 22 1955	Nov. 20 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,602	10,590	(2) 10,375
Persons not in the labour force	5,021	4,971	4,937
Civilian labour force	5,581	5,619	5,438
Persons at work	5,270	5,346	5,113
35 hours or more	4,889	5,014	4,765
Less than 35 hours	381	332	348
Usually work 35 hours or more	149	114	140
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	33	25	40
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	41	28	20
(f) illness	27	24	28
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	19	14	25
Usually work less than 35 hours	232	218	208
Persons with jobs not at work	149	131	110
Usually work 35 hours or more	145	127	107
(a) laid off for full week	12	*	11
(b) bad weather	12	*	*
(c) illness	61	49	46
(d) industrial dispute	22	21	13
(e) vacation	26	38	26
(f) other	12	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	162	142	215

(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 November 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,602	5,278	5,324
Persons not in the labour force	5,021	992	4,029
Civilian labour force	5,581	4,286	1,295
Persons at work	5,270	4,021	1,249
35 hours or more	4,889	3,820	1,069
Less than 35 hours	381	201	180
Usually work 35 hours or more	149	123	26
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	33	24	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	41	40	*
(f) illness	27	19	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	19	16	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	232	78	154
Persons with jobs not at work	149	128	21
Usually work 35 hours or more	145	126	19
(a) laid off for full week	12	11	*
(b) bad weather	12	12	*
(c) illness	61	50	11
(d) industrial dispute	22	21	*
(e) vacation	26	21	*
(f) other	12	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	162	137	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 November 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	177	166	11
Without jobs	162	153	*
Worked	15	13	*
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 November 19, 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	5,581	521	717	2,612	1,518	213
Males	4,286	300	462	2,074	1,261	189
Females	1,295	221	255	538	257	24
Persons with jobs	5,419	489	692	2,553	1,478	207
Males	4,149	277	441	2,023	1,225	183
Females	1,270	212	251	530	253	24
Persons without jobs and seeking work	162	32	25	59	40	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,021	836	339	1,710	1,177	959
Males	992	382	53	48	112	397
Females	4,029	454	286	1,662	1,065	562

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
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Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the civilian labour force, by age and sex, week ended November 19, 1955, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.6	38.4	67.9	60.4	56.3	18.2
Males	81.2	44.0	89.7	97.7	91.8	32.3
Females	24.3	32.7	47.1	24.5	19.4	4.1

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 November 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,419	4,251	675	300	193
Agricultural	728	83	449	55	141
Nonagricultural	4,691	4,168	226	245	52
Males	4,149	3,086	639	282	142
Agricultural	699	76	444	54	125
Nonagricultural	3,450	3,010	195	228	17
Females	1,270	1,165	36	18	51
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	16
Nonagricultural	1,241	1,158	31	17	35

(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
November 19, 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	5,419	149	93	158	130	2,980	1,249	660
Agricultural	728	13	11	15	12	145	209	323
Nonagricultural	4,691	136	82	143	118	2,835	1,040	337
Males	4,149	128	42	82	77	2,160	1,054	606
Agricultural	699	13	*	12	11	138	203	316
Nonagricultural	3,450	115	36	70	66	2,022	851	290
Females	1,270	21	51	76	53	820	195	54
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,241	21	46	73	52	813	189	47
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,168	121	68	120	101	2,679	867	212
Males	3,010	102	32	58	56	1,889	696	177
Females	1,158	19	36	62	45	790	171	35

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

See section on "Coverage", page 4.

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Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended
November 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	149	62	12	27	22	12	14

(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.

See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended November 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,270	649	491	130
Agricultural	29	10	15	*
Nonagricultural	1,241	639	476	126

(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
November 19, 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	162	66	65	13	11	*	*

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
November 19, 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	5,021	167	3,481	757	595	21
Males	992	109	*	409	460	10
Females	4,029	58	3,477	348	135	11

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

See section on "Coverage", page 4.

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended November 19, 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	5,581	113	421	1,592	2,036	960	459
Agricultural	735	*	45	150	217	295	26
Nonagricultural	4,846	111	376	1,442	1,819	665	433
Males	4,286	93	328	1,238	1,508	768	351
Agricultural	705	*	43	148	203	285	24
Nonagricultural	3,581	91	285	1,090	1,305	483	327
Females	1,295	20	93	354	528	192	108
Agricultural	30	*	*	*	14	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,265	20	91	352	514	182	106
All ages	5,581	113	421	1,592	2,036	960	459
14-19 years	521	14	41	188	166	83	29
20-24 years	717	19	55	235	239	122	47
25-44 years	2,612	52	190	734	961	450	225
45-64 years	1,518	26	116	385	585	266	140
65 years and over	213	*	19	50	85	39	18
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,419	110	402	1,532	1,993	935	447
Males	4,149	90	311	1,188	1,471	747	342
Females	1,270	20	91	344	522	188	105
Agricultural	728	*	44	149	215	292	26
Nonagricultural	4,691	108	358	1,383	1,778	643	421
14-19 years	489	13	37	176	157	79	27
20-24 years	692	18	52	226	233	117	46
25-44 years	2,553	51	183	713	944	442	220
45-64 years	1,478	26	111	370	576	259	136
65 years and over	207	*	19	47	83	38	18
Paid workers	4,251	86	314	1,257	1,645	571	378
Males	3,086	68	234	933	1,164	405	282
Females	1,165	18	80	324	481	166	96

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended November 19, 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	162	*	19	60	43	25	12
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,021	142	450	1,405	1,629	938	457
Males	992	39	98	239	305	205	106
Females	4,029	103	352	1,166	1,324	733	351

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

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