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No.	Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Remarks
1	John Doe	35	M	Farmer	
2	Jane Smith	28	F	Homemaker	
3	Robert Brown	42	M	Teacher	
4	Mary White	30	F	Widow	
5	James Black	25	M	Student	
6	Elizabeth Green	45	F	Merchant	
7	William Grey	50	M	Physician	
8	Ann Hill	20	F	Unemployed	
9	Thomas King	38	M	Blacksmith	
10	Sarah Lee	32	F	Widow	
11	George King	48	M	Farmer	
12	Anna Lee	25	F	Homemaker	
13	Richard King	35	M	Teacher	
14	Elizabeth King	40	F	Widow	
15	John King	55	M	Farmer	
16	Mary King	28	F	Homemaker	
17	James King	33	M	Student	
18	Ann King	43	F	Widow	
19	Thomas King	53	M	Farmer	
20	Sarah King	23	F	Unemployed	

## THE LABOUR FORCE

Monthly Survey, Week ended, December 10, 1955.

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, December 10, 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 December 10, 1955, November 19, 1955, December 11, 1954, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Dec. 10 1955	Nov. 19 1955	Dec. 11 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,610	10,602	(3) 10,394
Persons not in the labour force	5,022	5,021	4,959
Civilian labour force	5,588	5,581	5,435
Persons at work	5,261	5,270	5,082
35 hours or more	4,749	4,889	4,632
Less than 35 hours (1)	512	381	450
Usually work 35 hours or more (1)	278	149	231
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	42	33	42
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	23	41	21
(f) illness	33	27	23
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	18	*	17
(i) other (1)	141	19	109
Usually work less than 35 hours	234	232	219
Persons with jobs not at work	127	149	105
Usually work 35 hours or more	123	145	102
(a) laid off for full week	18	12	16
(b) bad weather	*	12	*
(c) illness	52	61	50
(d) industrial dispute	20	22	*
(e) vacation	13	26	10
(f) other	13	12	13
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	200	162	248

- (1) Included ~~are~~ those who lost time due to the religious observance of December 8.  
(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 3.  
(3) 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 December 10, 1955, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,610	5,282	5,328
Persons not in the labour force	5,022	1,004	4,018
Civilian labour force	5,588	4,278	1,310
Persons at work	5,261	3,995	1,266
35 hours or more	4,749	3,707	1,042
Less than 35 hours (1)	512	288	224
Usually work 35 hours or more (1)	278	203	75
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	42	34	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	23	22	*
(f) illness	33	23	10
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	18	11	*
(i) other (1)	141	96	45
Usually work less than 35 hours	234	85	149
Persons with jobs not at work	127	108	19
Usually work 35 hours or more	123	105	18
(a) laid off for full week	18	16	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	52	42	10
(d) industrial dispute	20	19	*
(e) vacation	13	10	*
(f) other	13	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	200	175	25

(1) Included are those who lost time due to the religious observance of December 8, 1955

(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 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 December 10, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	218	202	16
Without jobs	200	185	15
Worked	18	17	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	11	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 December 10, 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	5,588	524	723	2,613	1,518	210
Males	4,278	300	461	2,071	1,259	187
Females	1,310	224	262	542	259	23
Persons with jobs	5,388	486	691	2,539	1,470	202
Males	4,103	272	435	2,003	1,214	179
Females	1,285	214	256	536	256	23
Persons without jobs and seeking work	200	38	32	74	48	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,022	835	335	1,710	1,179	963
Males	1,004	383	54	51	117	399
Females	4,018	452	281	1,659	1,062	564

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 December 10, 1955, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.7	38.6	68.3	60.4	56.3	17.9
Males	81.0	43.9	89.5	97.6	91.5	31.9
Females	24.6	33.1	48.3	24.6	19.6	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 December 10, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,388	4,230	675	287	196
Agricultural	713	74	450	46	143
Nonagricultural	4,675	4,156	225	241	53
Males	4,103	3,050	640	270	143
Agricultural	687	69	445	45	128
Nonagricultural	3,416	2,981	195	225	15
Females	1,285	1,180	35	17	53
Agricultural	26	*	*	*	15
Nonagricultural	1,259	1,175	30	16	38

(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 December 10, 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	5,388	127	93	161	258	3,000	1,182	567
Agricultural	713	11	13	16	16	160	211	286
Nonagricultural	4,675	116	80	145	242	2,840	971	281
Males	4,103	108	46	84	158	2,195	992	520
Agricultural	687	11	*	14	15	154	206	279
Nonagricultural	3,416	97	38	70	143	2,041	786	241
Females	1,285	19	47	77	100	805	190	47
Agricultural	26	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,259	19	42	75	99	799	185	40
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,156	105	65	121	224	2,670	801	170
Males	2,981	87	33	60	132	1,893	633	143
Females	1,175	18	32	61	92	777	168	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 December 10, 1955, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	127	54	*	14	20	18	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.  
\* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended December 10, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,285	648	510	127
Agricultural	26	*	16	*
Nonagricultural	1,259	640	494	125

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

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

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Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended December 10, 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	200	86	81	17	*	*	*

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

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended December 10, 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	5,022	165	3,472	760	600	25
Males	1,004	107	*	408	470	14
Females	4,018	58	3,467	352	130	11

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

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended December 10, 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	5,588	104	423	1,593	2,043	968	457
Agricultural	720	*	42	146	216	289	25
Nonagricultural	4,868	102	381	1,447	1,827	679	432
Males	4,278	84	332	1,237	1,510	766	349
Agricultural	693	*	42	144	202	280	23
Nonagricultural	3,585	82	290	1,093	1,308	486	326
Females	1,310	20	91	356	533	202	108
Agricultural	27	*	*	*	14	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,283	20	91	354	519	193	106
All ages	5,588	104	423	1,593	2,043	968	457
14-19 years	524	13	41	192	167	82	29
20-24 years	723	18	55	236	240	126	48
25-44 years	2,613	49	189	730	967	455	223
45-64 years	1,518	22	119	385	585	267	140
65 years and over	210	*	19	50	84	38	17
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,388	101	394	1,517	1,994	938	444
Males	4,103	82	307	1,170	1,466	739	339
Females	1,285	19	87	347	528	199	105
Agricultural	713	*	41	145	215	286	24
Nonagricultural	4,675	99	353	1,372	1,779	652	420
14-19 years	486	13	34	175	160	78	26
20-24 years	691	16	50	224	233	121	47
25-44 years	2,539	48	177	704	948	444	218
45-64 years	1,470	22	115	367	572	258	136
65 years and over	202	*	18	47	81	37	17
Paid workers	4,230	85	304	1,236	1,648	580	377
Males	3,050	67	226	912	1,159	405	281
Females	1,180	18	78	324	489	175	96

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

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended December 10, 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	200	*	29	76	49	30	13
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,022	151	449	1,406	1,625	931	460
Males	1,004	48	95	241	304	208	108
Females	4,018	103	354	1,165	1,321	723	352

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

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