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Monthly Survey, Week ended February 19, 1955

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended February 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 6.

(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 7 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, week ended February 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Feb. 19 1955	Jan. 22 1955	Feb. 20 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,451	(2) 10,429	(2) 10,242
Persons not in the labour force	5,060	5,063	4,957
Civilian labour force	5,391	5,366	5,285
Persons at work	4,884	4,868	4,847
35 hours or more	4,485	4,487	4,489
Less than 35 hours	399	381	358
Usually work 35 hours or more	167	161	162
(a) laid off for part of the week	16	10	*
(b) on short time	47	56	57
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	26	21	28
(f) illness	35	30	32
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	30	32	23
Usually work less than 35 hours	232	220	196
Persons with jobs not at work	128	135	123
Usually work 35 hours or more	124	134	118
(a) laid off for full week	23	23	23
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	63	59	58
(d) industrial dispute	*	11	*
(e) vacation	20	18	17
(f) other	11	15	11
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	379	363	315

(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, week ended February 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,451	5,206	5,245
Persons not in the labour force	5,060	1,019	4,041
Civilian labour force	5,391	4,187	1,204
Persons at work	4,884	3,749	1,135
35 hours or more	4,485	3,519	966
Less than 35 hours	399	230	169
Usually work 35 hours or more	167	139	28
(a) laid off for part of the week	16	15	*
(b) on short time	47	36	11
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	26	25	*
(f) illness	35	25	10
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	30	27	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	232	91	141
Persons with jobs not at work	128	101	27
Usually work 35 hours or more	124	99	25
(a) laid off for full week	23	20	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	63	47	16
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	20	15	*
(f) other	11	10	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	379	337	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.

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 February 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	404	375	29
Without jobs	379	357	22
Worked	25	18	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	17	14	*

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4.
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Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended February 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	5,391	485	714	2,527	1,456	209
Males	4,187	283	466	2,028	1,222	188
Females	1,204	202	248	499	234	21
Persons with jobs	5,012	424	648	2,377	1,367	196
Males	3,850	236	409	1,891	1,139	175
Females	1,162	188	239	486	228	21
Persons without jobs and seeking work	379	61	66	150	89	13
Persons not in the labour force	5,060	839	338	1,746	1,191	946
Males	1,019	381	45	71	130	392
Females	4,041	458	293	1,675	1,061	554

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
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Table 5. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended February 19, 1955,
Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,012	3,846	686	270	210
Agricultural	730	80	456	47	147
Nonagricultural	4,282	3,766	230	223	63
Males	3,850	2,786	651	256	157
Agricultural	710	77	452	47	134
Nonagricultural	3,140	2,709	199	209	23
Females	1,162	1,060	35	14	53
Agricultural	20	*	*	*	13
Nonagricultural	1,142	1,057	31	14	40

(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 6. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended
February 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>					349			
Both sexes	5,012	128	101	158	140	2,786	1,145	554
Agricultural	730	11	15	24	22	167	235	256
Nonagricultural	4,282	117	86	134	118	2,619	910	298
Males	3,850	101	52	92	86	2,049	963	507
Agricultural	710	11	11	21	20	162	232	253
Nonagricultural	3,140	90	41	71	66	1,887	731	254
Females	1,162	27	49	66	54	737	182	47
Agricultural	20	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,142	27	45	63	52	732	179	44
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,766	99	67	113	105	2,448	755	179
Males	2,709	74	31	60	58	1,739	596	151
Females	1,057	25	36	53	47	709	159	28

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

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Table 7. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended February 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	128	65	*	21	*	23	12

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

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Table 8. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended February 19, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,162	610	434	118
Agricultural	20	*	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,142	602	424	116

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

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Table 9. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended February 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	379	69	193	77	26	*	*

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

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Table 10. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended February 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	5,060	165	3,476	750	646	23
Males	1,019	107	*	396	500	12
Females	4,041	58	3,472	354	146	11

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Table 11. - Regional distributions, week ended February 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	5,391	91	393	1,559	1,985	927	436
Agricultural	740	*	38	162	222	282	34
Nonagricultural	4,651	89	355	1,397	1,763	645	402
Males	4,187	73	316	1,200	1,499	756	343
Agricultural	720	*	37	158	216	275	32
Nonagricultural	3,467	71	279	1,042	1,283	481	311
Females	1,204	18	77	359	486	171	93
Agricultural	20	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,184	18	76	355	480	164	91
All ages	5,391	91	393	1,559	1,985	927	436
14-19 years	485	11	37	175	159	75	28
20-24 years	714	16	49	235	243	124	47
25-44 years	2,527	42	182	730	929	433	211
45-64 years	1,456	19	107	376	564	259	131
65 years and over	209	*	18	43	90	36	19

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
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(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,012	84	354	1,407	1,886	871	410
Males	3,850	66	281	1,066	1,412	705	320
Females	1,162	18	73	341	474	166	90
Agricultural	730	*	37	161	219	277	34
Nonagricultural	4,282	82	317	1,246	1,667	594	376
14-19 years	424	10	29	149	145	67	24
20-24 years	648	14	40	207	230	113	44
25-44 years	2,377	39	168	668	889	412	201
45-64 years	1,367	19	100	344	536	245	123
65 years and over	196	*	17	39	86	34	18
Paid workers	3,846	71	267	1,102	1,535	528	343
Males	2,786	54	203	793	1,096	380	260
Females	1,060	17	64	309	439	148	83
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	379	*	39	152	99	56	26
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,060	158	467	1,388	1,631	952	464
Males	1,019	56	104	251	290	211	107
Females	4,041	102	363	1,137	1,341	741	357

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