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Monthly Survey, Week ended June 18, 1955

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended June 18, 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, week ended June 18, 1955, May 21, 1955, June 19, 1954. Canada (estimates in thousands)

	June 18 1955	May 21 1955	June 19 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,522	10,506	(3) 10,280
Persons not in the labour force	4,907	4,969	4,797
Civilian labour force	5,615	5,537	5,483
Persons at work	5,329	5,218	5,191
35 hours or more	4,996	4,763	4,845
Less than 35 hours	333	455	346
Usually work 35 hours or more	101	228(1)	136
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	10
(b) on short time	28	37	44
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	10	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	17
(f) illness	20	18	22
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	30(1)	12
(i) other	18	118(1)	18
Usually work less than 35 hours	232	227	210
Persons with jobs not at work	129	106	106
Usually work 35 hours or more	127	104	103
(a) laid off for full week	*	11	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	48	49	44
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	53	28	41
(f) other	12	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	157	213	186

- (1) Included here are those who lost time during the week due to the religious observance of May 19, 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.
- (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 June 18, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,522	5,241	5,281
Persons not in the labour force	4,907	903	4,004
Civilian labour force	5,615	4,338	1,277
Persons at work	5,329	4,112	1,217
35 hours or more	4,996	3,961	1,035
Less than 35 hours	333	151	182
Usually work 35 hours or more	101	75	26
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	28	20	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	20	14	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	18	14	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	232	76	156
Persons with jobs not at work	129	96	33
Usually work 35 hours or more	127	95	32
(a) laid off for full week	*	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	48	37	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	53	37	16
(f) other	12	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	157	130	27

(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 June 18, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	175	162	13
Without jobs	157	147	10
Worked	18	15	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	12	*	*

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 June 18, 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	5,615	547	741	2,606	1,510	211
Males	4,338	328	489	2,075	1,256	190
Females	1,277	219	252	531	254	21
Persons with jobs	5,458	513	715	2,551	1,473	206
Males	4,208	305	469	2,026	1,223	185
Females	1,250	208	246	525	250	21
Persons without jobs and seeking work	157	34	26	55	37	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,907	789	316	1,693	1,157	952
Males	903	342	25	38	105	393
Females	4,004	447	291	1,655	1,052	559

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 June 18, 1955, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.4	40.9	70.1	60.6	56.6	18.1
Males	82.8	49.0	95.1	98.2	92.3	32.6
Females	24.2	32.9	46.4	24.3	19.4	3.6

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 June 18, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,458	4,192	728	304	234
Agricultural	881	130	497	77	177
Nonagricultural	4,577	4,062	231	227	57
Males	4,208	3,073	685	287	163
Agricultural	832	117	492	76	147
Nonagricultural	3,376	2,956	193	211	16
Females	1,250	1,119	43	17	71
Agricultural	49	13	*	*	30
Nonagricultural	1,201	1,106	38	16	41

(1) Without paid employes.

(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  
June 18, 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	5,458	129	86	140	107	2,892	1,164	940
Agricultural	881	*	16	23	*	89	169	570
Nonagricultural	4,577	123	70	117	99	2,803	995	370
Males	4,208	96	35	64	52	2,096	980	885
Agricultural	832	*	*	13	*	82	160	560
Nonagricultural	3,376	90	29	51	47	2,014	820	325
Females	1,250	33	51	76	55	796	184	55
Agricultural	49	*	10	10	*	*	*	10
Nonagricultural	1,201	33	41	66	52	789	175	45
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,062	114	56	100	85	2,640	835	232
Males	2,956	83	24	45	41	1,880	678	205
Females	1,106	31	32	55	44	760	157	27

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

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended  
June 18, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	129	49	*	54	*	*	12

(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 June 18, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,250	656	465	129
Agricultural	49	15	29	*
Nonagricultural	1,201	641	436	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 June 18, 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	157	54	44	27	23	*	*

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 June 18, 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	4,907	171	3,463	626	619	28
Males	903	110	*	316	461	12
Females	4,004	61	3,459	310	158	16

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.  
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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended June 18, 1955.

(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P. E. I. N. S. N. B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B. C.
<b><u>The Labour Force</u></b>							
Both sexes	5,615	110	419	1,586	2,048	992	460
Agricultural	885	*	47	188	248	368	30
Nonagricultural	4,730	106	372	1,398	1,800	624	430
Males	4,338	91	331	1,227	1,538	798	353
Agricultural	836	*	45	181	229	350	27
Nonagricultural	3,502	87	286	1,046	1,309	448	326
Females	1,277	19	88	359	510	194	107
Agricultural	49	*	*	*	19	18	*
Nonagricultural	1,228	19	86	352	491	176	104
All ages	5,615	110	419	1,586	2,048	992	460
14-19 years	547	14	43	184	186	84	36
20-24 years	741	17	51	241	249	133	50
25-44 years	2,606	52	189	738	949	459	219
45-64 years	1,510	24	114	384	577	276	135
65 years and over	211	*	22	39	87	40	20
<b><u>Persons with Jobs</u></b>							
All status groups	5,458	106	402	1,519	2,007	977	447
Males	4,208	87	315	1,171	1,506	786	343
Females	1,250	19	87	348	501	191	104
Agricultural	881	*	47	187	247	366	30
Nonagricultural	4,577	102	355	1,332	1,760	611	417
14-19 years	513	13	39	171	177	81	32
20-24 years	715	17	48	229	243	131	47
25-44 years	2,551	50	183	712	937	453	216
45-64 years	1,473	23	111	369	565	273	132
65 years and over	206	*	21	38	85	39	20
Paid workers	4,192	89	315	1,191	1,646	573	378
Males	3,073	72	240	877	1,190	410	284
Females	1,119	17	75	314	456	163	94

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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 without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	157	*	17	67	41	15	13
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,907	142	443	1,384	1,593	899	446
Males	903	40	90	236	263	175	99
Females	4,004	102	353	1,148	1,330	724	347

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