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Monthly Survey, Week ended July 23, 1955

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended July 23, 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 July 23, 1955, June 18, 1955, July 24, 1954. Canada (estimates in thousands)

	July 23 1955	June 18 1955	July 24 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,543	10,522	(2) 10,293
Persons not in the labour force	4,805	4,907	4,716
Civilian labour force	5,738	5,615	5,577
Persons at work	5,060	5,329	4,910
35 hours or more	4,791	4,996	4,601
Less than 35 hours	269	333	309
Usually work 35 hours or more	96	101	119
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	22	28	35
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	27
(f) illness	18	20	15
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	14	*	17
(i) other	21	18	12
Usually work less than 35 hours	173	232	190
Persons with jobs not at work	528	129	495
Usually work 35 hours or more	512	127	478
(a) laid off for full week	*	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	48	48	41
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	445	53	420
(f) other	*	12	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	16	*	17
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	150	157	172

(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 July 23, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,543	5,253	5,290
Persons not in the labour force	4,805	797	4,008
Civilian labour force	5,738	4,456	1,282
Persons at work	5,060	3,977	1,083
35 hours or more	4,791	3,846	945
Less than 35 hours	269	131	138
Usually work 35 hours or more	96	74	22
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	22	17	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	18	13	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	14	11	*
(i) other	21	16	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	173	57	116
Persons with jobs not at work	528	358	170
Usually work 35 hours or more	512	354	158
(a) laid off for full week	*	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	48	39	*
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	445	299	146
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	16	*	12
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	150	121	29

(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 July 23, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	165	153	12
Without jobs	150	140	10
Worked	15	13	*
1-14 hours	"	"	"
15-34 hours	"	"	"

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 July 23, 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	5,738	698	748	2,583	1,500	209
Males	4,456	438	495	2,077	1,259	187
Females	1,282	260	253	506	241	22
Persons with jobs	5,588	657	723	2,537	1,468	203
Males	4,335	410	476	2,037	1,230	182
Females	1,253	247	247	500	238	21
Persons without jobs and seeking work	150	41	25	46	32	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,805	642	310	1,725	1,172	956
Males	797	234	20	41	106	396
Females	4,008	408	290	1,684	1,066	560

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 July 23, 1955, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	54.4	52.1	70.7	60.0	56.1	17.9
Males	84.8	65.2	96.1	98.1	92.2	32.1
Females	24.2	38.9	46.6	23.1	18.4	3.8

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 July 23, 1955,
Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,588	4,226	737	328	297
Agricultural	989	140	513	98	238
Nonagricultural	4,599	4,086	224	230	59
Males	4,335	3,106	697	309	223
Agricultural	936	130	509	96	201
Nonagricultural	3,399	2,976	188	213	22
Females	1,253	1,120	40	19	74
Agricultural	53	10	*	*	37
Nonagricultural	1,200	1,110	36	17	37

(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 July 23, 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	5,588	528	60	120	89	2,618	1,139	1,034
Agricultural	989	*	*	16	*	109	202	639
Nonagricultural	4,599	519	54	104	81	2,509	937	395
Males	4,335	358	26	54	51	1,924	956	966
Agricultural	936	*	*	*	*	96	191	626
Nonagricultural	3,399	350	24	47	45	1,828	765	340
Females	1,253	170	34	66	38	694	183	68
Agricultural	53	*	*	*	*	13	11	13
Nonagricultural	1,200	169	30	57	36	681	172	55
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,086	499	41	86	68	2,361	780	251
Males	2,976	332	18	40	38	1,706	628	214
Females	1,110	167	23	46	30	655	152	37

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Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended July 23, 1955, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	528	50	*	458	*	*	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. See section on "Coverage", page 4.
*Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended July 23, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,253	694	<u>439</u>	120
Agricultural	53	26	23	*
Nonagricultural	1,200	668	416	116

(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 July 23, 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	150	54	47	19	18	*	*

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 July 23, 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	4,805	183	3,582	*	971	67
Males	797	122	*	*	641	31
Females	4,008	61	3,580	*	330	36

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 July 23, 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	5,738	116	431	1,634	2,069	1,021	467
Agricultural	992	*	64	217	276	397	34
Nonagricultural	4,746	112	367	1,417	1,793	624	433
Males	4,456	97	343	1,268	1,560	828	360
Agricultural	939	*	59	212	254	380	30
Nonagricultural	3,517	93	284	1,056	1,306	448	330
Females	1,282	19	88	366	509	193	107
Agricultural	53	*	*	*	22	17	*
Nonagricultural	1,229	19	83	361	487	176	103
All ages	5,738	116	431	1,634	2,069	1,021	467
14-19 years	698	18	53	231	233	117	46
20-24 years	748	19	54	242	251	136	46
25-44 years	2,583	53	186	735	935	456	218
45-64 years	1,500	23	116	384	570	270	137
65 years and over	209	*	22	42	80	42	20
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,588	111	413	1,567	2,033	1,006	458
Males	4,335	93	327	1,214	1,531	817	353
Females	1,253	18	86	353	502	189	105
Agricultural	989	*	64	216	276	396	33
Nonagricultural	4,599	107	349	1,351	1,757	610	425
14-19 years	657	15	48	212	224	114	44
20-24 years	723	18	50	232	245	133	45
25-44 years	2,537	52	180	713	926	451	215
45-64 years	1,468	23	114	370	560	267	134
65 years and over	203	*	21	40	78	41	20
Paid workers	4,226	92	309	1,223	1,647	569	386
Males	3,106	75	238	902	1,193	407	291
Females	1,120	17	71	321	454	162	95

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

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended July 23, 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	150	*	18	67	36	15	*
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,805	137	432	1,342	1,579	874	441
Males	797	34	79	198	245	147	94
Females	4,008	103	353	1,144	1,334	727	347

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

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