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Monthly Survey, Week ended August 20, 1955

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended August 20, 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 August 20, 1955, July 23, 1955, August 21, 1954. Canada (estimates in thousands)

	August 20 1955	July 23 1955	August 21 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,557	10,543	(2) 10,312
Persons not in the labour force	4,785	4,805	4,721
Civilian labour force	5,772	5,738	5,591
Persons at work	5,283	5,060	5,086
35 hours or more	4,980	4,791	4,767
Less than 35 hours	303	269	319
Usually work 35 hours or more	117	96	143
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	31	22	35
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	29
(f) illness	19	18	18
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	21	14	33
(i) other	23	21	14
Usually work less than 35 hours	186	173	176
Persons with jobs not at work	358	528	330
Usually work 35 hours or more	345	512	321
(a) laid off for full week	*	*	14
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	53	48	42
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	270	445	251
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	13	16	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	131	150	175

(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 August 20, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,557	5,259	5,298
Persons not in the labour force	4,785	781	4,004
Civilian labour force	5,772	4,478	1,294
Persons at work	5,283	4,125	1,158
35 hours or more	4,980	3,970	1,010
Less than 35 hours	303	155	148
Usually work 35 hours or more	117	92	25
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	31	22	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	19	14	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	21	17	*
(i) other	23	19	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	186	63	123
Persons with jobs not at work	358	248	110
Usually work 35 hours or more	345	244	101
(a) laid off for full week	*	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	53	41	12
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	270	185	85
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	13	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	131	105	26

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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 August 20, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	145	136	*
Without jobs	131	123	*
Worked	14	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 August 20, 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	5,772	688	747	2,599	1,521	217
Males	4,478	432	496	2,084	1,271	195
Females	1,294	256	251	515	250	22
Persons with jobs	5,641	655	723	2,556	1,494	213
Males	4,373	410	476	2,049	1,247	191
Females	1,268	245	247	507	247	22
Persons without jobs and seeking work	131	33	24	43	27	*
Persons not in the Labour force	4,785	657	309	1,710	1,158	951
Males	781	243	18	34	96	390
Females	4,004	414	291	1,676	1,062	561

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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 August 20, 1955, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	54.7	51.2	70.7	60.3	56.8	18.6
Males	85.1	64.0	96.5	98.4	93.0	33.3
Females	24.4	38.2	46.3	23.5	19.1	3.8

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See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended August 20, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,641	4,307	717	324	293
Agricultural	960	142	492	95	231
Nonagricultural	4,681	4,165	225	229	62
Males	4,373	3,176	674	305	218
Agricultural	896	125	486	93	192
Nonagricultural	3,477	3,051	188	212	26
Females	1,268	1,131	43	19	75
Agricultural	64	17	*	*	39
Nonagricultural	1,204	1,114	37	17	36

(1) Without paid employees.

(2) With own business, profession, or farm.

(3) In a business or on a farm.

* Less than 10,000.

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See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 7. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended August 20, 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	5,641	358	64	128	111	2,801	1,167	1,012
Agricultural	960	*	11	18	*	103	175	637
Nonagricultural	4,681	351	53	110	102	2,698	992	375
Males	4,373	248	24	65	66	2,050	973	947
Agricultural	896	*	*	11	*	88	165	619
Nonagricultural	3,477	242	22	54	61	1,962	808	328
Females	1,268	110	40	63	45	751	194	65
Agricultural	64	*	*	*	*	15	10	18
Nonagricultural	1,204	109	31	56	41	736	184	47
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,165	329	43	87	89	2,541	837	239
Males	3,051	224	19	42	51	1,831	675	209
Females	1,114	105	24	45	38	710	162	30

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Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended August 20, 1955, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	358	55	*	280	*	*	10

(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 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended August 20, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,268	679	464	125
Agricultural	64	28	32	*
Nonagricultural	1,204	651	432	121

(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 August 20, 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	131	53	40	14	13	*	*

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

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Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended August 20, 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	4,785	169	3,577	*	973	64
Males	781	111	3,577*	*	637	29
Females	4,004	58	3,574	*	336	35

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended August 20, 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	5,772	116	431	1,632	2,087	1,035	471
Agricultural	963	*	53	189	277	407	33
Nonagricultural	4,809	112	378	1,443	1,810	628	438
Males	4,478	99	343	1,270	1,570	839	357
Agricultural	899	*	50	183	251	383	28
Nonagricultural	3,579	95	293	1,087	1,319	456	329
Females	1,294	17	88	362	517	196	114
Agricultural	64	*	*	*	26	24	*
Nonagricultural	1,230	17	85	356	491	172	109
All ages	5,772	116	431	1,632	2,087	1,035	471
14-19 years	688	15	53	225	231	123	41
20-24 years	747	18	52	240	252	136	49
25-44 years	2,599	54	187	736	944	455	223
45-64 years	1,521	26	118	385	577	277	138
65 years and over	217	*	21	46	83	44	20
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,641	111	415	1,578	2,048	1,025	464
Males	4,373	94	329	1,229	1,538	831	352
Females	1,268	17	86	349	510	194	112
Agricultural	960	*	52	189	275	407	33
Nonagricultural	4,681	107	363	1,389	1,773	618	431
14-19 years	655	14	48	210	224	120	39
20-24 years	723	17	50	228	245	135	48
25-44 years	2,556	52	182	720	930	452	220
45-64 years	1,494	25	114	375	568	275	137
65 years and over	213	*	21	45	81	43	20
Paid workers	4,307	94	321	1,260	1,660	582	390
Males	3,176	78	248	940	1,197	421	292
Females	1,131	16	73	320	463	161	98

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended August 20, 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	131	*	16	54	39	10	*
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,785	137	436	1,350	1,565	858	439
Males	781	32	81	200	237	134	97
Females	4,004	105	355	1,150	1,328	724	342

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