

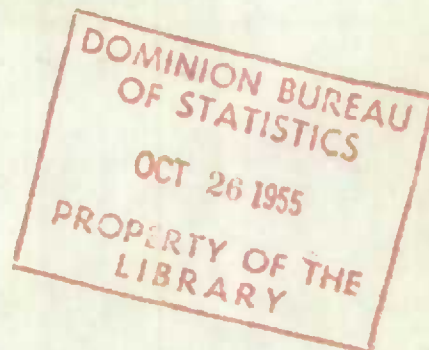
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Monthly Survey, Week ended September 17, 1955.

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended September 17, 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 September 17, 1955, August 20, 1955, September 18, 1954, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Sept. 17 1955	Aug. 20 1955	Sept. 18 1954
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,574	10,557	(2) 10,330
Persons not in the labour force	4,941	4,785	4,825
Civilian labour force	5,633	5,772	5,505
Persons at work	5,328	5,283	5,185
35 hours or more	5,009	4,980	4,839
Less than 35 hours	319	303	346
Usually work 35 hours or more	113	117	153
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	23	31	27
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	13	*	64
(f) illness	29	19	21
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	11	21	13
(i) other	16	23	13
Usually work less than 35 hours	206	186	193
Persons with jobs not at work	167	358	152
Usually work 35 hours or more	163	345	149
(a) laid off for full week	11	*	11
(b) bad weather	*	*	13
(c) illness	56	53	43
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	81	270	70
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	13	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	138	131	168

(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 September 17, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,574	5,266	5,308
Persons not in the labour force	4,941	925	4,016
Civilian labour force	5,633	4,341	1,292
Persons at work	5,328	4,104	1,224
35 hours or more	5,009	3,953	1,056
Less than 35 hours	319	151	168
Usually work 35 hours or more	113	87	26
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	23	16	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	13	13	*
(f) illness	29	21	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	11	*	*
(i) other	16	12	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	206	64	142
Persons with jobs not at work	167	127	40
Usually work 35 hours or more	163	124	39
(a) laid off for full week	11	10	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	56	45	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	81	57	24
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	138	110	28

(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 September 17, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	150	135	15
Without jobs	138	125	13
Worked	12	10	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	*	*	*

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 September 17, 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	5,633	558	734	2,602	1,525	214
Males	4,341	331	476	2,083	1,262	189
Females	1,292	227	258	519	263	25
Persons with jobs	5,495	522	713	2,556	1,495	209
Males	4,231	307	459	2,045	1,236	184
Females	1,264	215	254	511	259	25
Persons without jobs and seeking work	138	36	21	46	30	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,941	791	322	1,713	1,159	956
Males	925	347	38	37	107	396
Females	4,016	444	284	1,676	1,052	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 September 17, 1955, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.3	41.4	69.5	60.3	56.8	18.3
Males	82.4	48.8	92.6	98.3	92.2	32.3
Females	24.3	33.8	47.6	23.6	20.0	4.3

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 September 17, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,495	4,264	702	314	215
Agricultural	844	122	472	81	169
Nonagricultural	4,651	4,142	230	233	46
Males	4,231	3,117	657	296	161
Agricultural	802	111	466	79	146
Nonagricultural	3,429	3,006	191	217	15
Females	1,264	1,147	45	18	54
Agricultural	42	11	*	*	23
Nonagricultural	1,222	1,136	39	16	31

(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 September 17, 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	5,495	167	71	141	107	2,932	1,164	913
Agricultural	844	*	*	16	*	101	157	547
Nonagricultural	4,651	159	63	125	100	2,831	1,007	366
Males	4,231	127	27	68	56	2,126	971	856
Agricultural	802	*	*	10	*	93	148	536
Nonagricultural	3,429	120	24	58	51	2,033	823	320
Females	1,264	40	44	73	51	806	193	57
Agricultural	42	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
Nonagricultural	1,222	39	39	67	49	798	184	46
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,142	148	52	102	86	2,673	845	236
Males	3,006	110	22	48	44	1,899	679	204
Females	1,136	38	30	54	42	774	166	32

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 September 17, 1955, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	167	57	*	82	*	11	11

(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 September 17, 1955, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,264	663	472	129
Agricultural	42	15	24	*
Nonagricultural	1,222	648	448	126

(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 September 17, 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	138	66	40	14	10	*	*

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 September 17, 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	4,941	163	3,493	685	570	30
Males	925	107	*	356	438	20
Females	4,016	56	3,489	329	132	10

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

See section on "Coverage", page 4.

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended September 17, 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	5,633	115	424	1,603	2,033	1,001	457
Agricultural	848	*	48	164	236	371	25
Nonagricultural	4,785	111	376	1,439	1,797	630	432
Males	4,341	96	333	1,239	1,517	807	349
Agricultural	806	*	46	159	218	355	24
Nonagricultural	3,535	92	287	1,080	1,299	452	325
Females	1,292	19	91	364	516	194	108
Agricultural	42	*	*	*	18	16	*
Nonagricultural	1,250	19	89	359	498	178	107
All ages	5,633	115	424	1,603	2,033	1,001	457
14-19 years	558	15	45	202	177	88	31
20-24 years	734	18	54	235	246	133	48
25-44 years	2,602	55	188	733	947	458	221
45-64 years	1,525	24	117	388	579	279	138
65 years and over	214	*	20	45	84	43	19
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,495	113	406	1,551	1,986	989	450
Males	4,231	94	317	1,199	1,479	798	344
Females	1,264	19	89	352	507	191	106
Agricultural	844	*	47	163	235	370	25
Nonagricultural	4,651	109	359	1,388	1,751	619	425
14-19 years	522	14	40	187	167	85	29
20-24 years	713	18	50	227	240	131	47
25-44 years	2,556	54	182	718	931	453	218
45-64 years	1,495	24	114	376	567	277	137
65 years and over	209	*	20	43	81	43	19
Paid workers	4,264	93	316	1,256	1,640	577	382
Males	3,117	76	238	934	1,173	410	286
Females	1,147	17	78	322	467	167	96

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended September 17, 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	138	*	18	52	47	12	*
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,941	139	445	1,384	1,624	894	455
Males	925	35	93	233	292	166	106
Females	4,016	104	352	1,151	1,332	728	349

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

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