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Monthly Survey, Week ended, January 21, 1956

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, January 21, 1956. 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 January 21, 1956, December 10, 1955, January 22, 1955, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Jan. 21 1956	Dec. 10 1955	Jan. 22 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,626	10,610	(2) 10,429
Persons not in the labour force	5,109	5,022	5,063
Civilian labour force	5,517	5,588	5,366
Persons at work	5,069	5,261	4,868
35 hours or more	4,705	4,749	4,487
Less than 35 hours	364	(3) 512	381
Usually work 35 hours or more	145	(3) 278	161
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	10
(b) on short time	40	42	56
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	23	23	21
(f) illness	33	33	30
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	18	*
(i) other	25	(3) 141	32
Usually work less than 35 hours	219	234	220
Persons with jobs not at work	162	127	135
Usually work 35 hours or more	156	123	134
(a) laid off for full week	26	18	23
(b) bad weather	19	*	*
(c) illness	60	52	59
(d) industrial dispute	19	20	11
(e) vacation	16	13	18
(f) other	16	13	15
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	286	200	363

(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.

(3) Included are those who lost time due to the religious observance of December 8.

\* 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 January 21, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,626	5,289	5,337
Persons not in the labour force	5,109	1,047	4,062
Civilian labour force	5,517	4,242	1,275
Persons at work	5,069	3,849	1,220
35 hours or more	4,705	3,659	1,046
Less than 35 hours	364	190	174
Usually work 35 hours or more	145	115	30
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	40	30	10
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	23	23	*
(f) illness	33	22	11
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	25	22	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	219	75	144
Persons with jobs not at work	162	139	23
Usually work 35 hours or more	156	135	21
(a) laid off for full week	26	23	*
(b) bad weather	19	19	*
(c) illness	60	48	12
(d) industrial dispute	19	18	*
(e) vacation	16	12	*
(f) other	16	15	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	286	254	32

(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 January 21, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	299	281	18
Without jobs	286	269	17
Worked	13	12	*
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 January 21, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
The Labour Force	5,517	503	712	2,588	1,504	210
Males	4,242	289	455	2,060	1,253	185
Females	1,275	214	257	528	251	25
Persons with jobs	5,231	451	665	2,478	1,437	200
Males	3,988	250	413	1,959	1,191	175
Females	1,243	201	252	519	246	25
Persons without jobs and seeking work	286	52	47	110	67	10
Persons not in the labour force	5,109	858	343	1,742	1,201	965
Males	1,047	395	59	65	126	402
Females	4,062	463	284	1,677	1,075	563

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

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the civilian labour force, by age and sex, week ended January 21, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	51.9	37.0	67.5	59.8	55.6	17.9
Males	80.2	42.3	88.5	96.9	90.9	31.5
Females	23.9	31.6	47.5	23.9	18.9	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 January 21, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,231	4,107	657	278	189
Agricultural	688	74	438	45	131
Nonagricultural	4,543	4,033	219	233	58
Males	3,988	2,968	620	262	138
Agricultural	668	71	433	44	120
Nonagricultural	3,320	2,897	187	218	18
Females	1,243	1,139	37	16	51
Agricultural	20	*	*	*	11
Nonagricultural	1,223	1,136	32	15	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 7. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended  
January 21, 1956, 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	5,231	162	90	150	124	3,003	1,150	552
Agricultural	688	11	12	19	19	164	206	257
Nonagricultural	4,543	151	78	131	105	2,839	944	295
Males	3,988	139	42	75	73	2,184	968	507
Agricultural	668	11	*	15	18	159	204	254
Nonagricultural	3,320	128	35	60	55	2,025	764	253
Females	1,243	23	48	75	51	819	182	45
Agricultural	20	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,223	23	43	71	50	814	180	42
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,033	129	66	107	91	2,675	781	184
Males	2,897	108	31	50	48	1,883	620	157
Females	1,136	21	35	57	43	792	161	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  
January 21, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	162	63	19	16	19	27	18

(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.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended January 21, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,243	631	487	125
Agricultural	20	*	11	*
Nonagricultural	1,223	624	476	123

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

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

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended  
January 21, 1956, 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	286	82	154	29	*	*	*

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  
January 21, 1956, 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	5,109	163	3,491	788	629	38
Males	1,047	104	*	428	487	25
Females	4,062	59	3,488	360	142	13

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 January 21, 1956

(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	5,517	101	402	1,577	2,024	960	453
Agricultural	694	*	41	149	201	279	23
Nonagricultural	4,823	100	361	1,428	1,823	681	430
Males	4,242	82	318	1,233	1,504	759	346
Agricultural	674	*	40	148	193	270	22
Nonagricultural	3,568	81	278	1,085	1,311	489	324
Females	1,275	19	84	344	520	201	107
Agricultural	20	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,255	19	83	343	512	192	106
All ages	5,517	101	402	1,577	2,024	960	453
14-19 years	503	14	39	186	156	78	30
20-24 years	712	18	51	232	237	125	49
25-44 years	2,588	46	183	725	958	454	222
45-64 years	1,504	22	113	384	583	266	136
65 years and over	210	*	16	50	90	37	16
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,231	93	369	1,456	1,954	925	434
Males	3,988	75	286	1,126	1,442	728	331
Females	1,243	18	83	330	512	197	103
Agricultural	688	*	40	148	199	277	23
Nonagricultural	4,543	92	329	1,308	1,755	648	411
14-19 years	451	12	32	161	147	72	27
20-24 years	665	16	45	213	226	119	46
25-44 years	2,478	43	170	678	930	442	215
45-64 years	1,437	21	106	358	564	257	131
65 years and over	200	*	16	46	87	35	15
Paid workers	4,107	76	291	1,180	1,619	569	372
Males	2,968	60	217	874	1,143	397	277
Females	1,139	16	74	306	476	172	95

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

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended January 21, 1956 - 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	286	*	33	121	70	35	19
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,109	155	472	1,428	1,648	940	466
Males	1,047	50	110	248	312	215	112
Females	4,062	105	362	1,180	1,336	725	354

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

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