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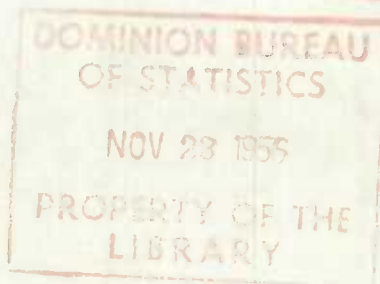
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, October 20, 1956

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, October 20, 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 October 20, 1956, September 22, 1956, October 22, 1955, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Oct. 20 1956	Sept. 22 1956	Oct. 22 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,771	10,752	10,590
Persons not in the labour force	4,999	4,979	4,971
Civilian labour force	5,772	5,773	5,619
Persons at work	5,543	5,513	5,346
35 hours or more	5,195	5,168	5,014
Less than 35 hours	348	345	332
Usually work 35 hours or more	99	108	114
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	23	22	25
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	16	28
(f) illness	27	30	24
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	10	11	*
(i) other	17	15	14
Usually work less than 35 hours	249	237	218
Persons with jobs not at work	131	163	131
Usually work 35 hours or more	126	157	127
(a) laid off for full week	11	17	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	57	55	49
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	21
(e) vacation	46	69	38
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	98	97	142

(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 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, by sex, week ended October 20, 1956, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,771	5,356	5,415
Persons not in the labour force	4,999	948	4,051
Civilian labour force	5,772	4,408	1,364
Persons at work	5,543	4,224	1,319
35 hours or more	5,195	4,074	1,121
Less than 35 hours	348	150	198
Usually work 35 hours or more	99	75	24
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	23	16	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	27	18	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	10	*	*
(i) other	17	14	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	249	75	174
Persons with jobs not at work	131	104	27
Usually work 35 hours or more	126	101	25
(a) laid off for full week	11	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	57	47	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	46	35	11
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	98	80	18

(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 October 20, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	108	99	*
Without jobs	98	90	*
Worked	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.  
\* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended October 20, 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	5,772	563	715	2,647	1,602	245
Males	4,408	325	465	2,099	1,306	213
Females	1,364	238	250	548	296	32
Persons with jobs	5,674	539	698	2,615	1,581	241
Males	4,328	309	451	2,071	1,288	209
Females	1,346	230	247	544	293	32
Persons without jobs and seeking work	98	24	17	32	21	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,999	834	340	1,721	1,154	950
Males	948	378	50	43	96	381
Females	4,051	456	290	1,678	1,058	569

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 October 20, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.6	40.3	67.8	60.6	58.1	20.5
Males	82.3	46.2	90.3	98.0	93.2	35.9
Females	25.2	34.3	46.3	24.6	21.9	5.3

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 October 20, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,674	4,485	673	317	199
Agricultural	794	114	456	70	154
Nonagricultural	4,880	4,371	217	247	45
Males	4,328	3,262	634	298	134
Agricultural	747	102	452	69	124
Nonagricultural	3,581	3,160	182	229	10
Females	1,346	1,223	39	19	65
Agricultural	47	12	*	*	30
Nonagricultural	1,299	1,211	35	18	35

(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 October 20, 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	5,674	131	96	142	110	3,060	1,226	909
Agricultural	794	*	16	19	*	91	162	491
Nonagricultural	4,880	123	80	123	103	2,969	1,064	418
Males	4,328	104	38	58	54	2,207	1,020	847
Agricultural	747	*	*	*	*	84	152	482
Nonagricultural	3,581	96	32	49	48	2,123	868	365
Females	1,346	27	58	84	56	853	206	62
Agricultural	47	*	10	10	*	*	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,299	27	48	74	55	846	196	53
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,371	112	67	105	89	2,815	896	287
Males	3,160	86	28	43	42	1,993	719	249
Females	1,211	26	39	62	47	822	177	38

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 October 20, 1956, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	131	60	*	47	*	11	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 October 20, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,346	663	546	137
Agricultural	47	17	26	*
Nonagricultural	1,299	646	520	133

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

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See section on "Coverage", page 4.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended October 20, 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	98	48	32	*	*	*	*

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 October 20, 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	4,999	163	3,493	759	564	20
Males	948	108	3,493*	401	426	11
Females	4,051	55	3,491	358	138	*

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 October 20, 1956

(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	5,772	115	433	1,628	2,114	1,010	472
Agricultural	797	*	56	159	206	348	24
Nonagricultural	4,975	111	377	1,469	1,908	662	448
Males	4,408	96	337	1,261	1,559	796	359
Agricultural	750	*	49	154	196	325	22
Nonagricultural	3,658	92	288	1,107	1,363	471	337
Females	1,364	19	96	367	555	214	113
Agricultural	47	*	*	*	10	23	*
Nonagricultural	1,317	19	89	362	545	191	111
All ages	5,772	115	433	1,628	2,114	1,010	472
14-19 years	563	15	44	200	179	95	30
20-24 years	715	17	58	231	240	124	45
25-44 years	2,647	52	190	746	979	458	222
45-64 years	1,602	27	120	400	616	287	152
65 years and over	245	*	21	51	100	46	23
<b><u>Persons with jobs</u></b>							
All status groups	5,674	111	423	1,587	2,086	1,003	464
Males	4,328	93	329	1,226	1,537	791	352
Females	1,346	18	94	361	549	212	112
Agricultural	794	*	56	159	205	347	23
Nonagricultural	4,880	107	367	1,428	1,881	656	441
14-19 years	539	13	41	191	172	93	29
20-24 years	698	16	55	223	236	124	44
25-44 years	2,615	51	186	733	970	456	219
45-64 years	1,581	27	120	391	609	284	150
65 years and over	241	*	21	49	99	46	22
Paid workers	4,485	94	337	1,299	1,745	611	399
Males	3,262	79	254	965	1,237	429	298
Females	1,223	15	83	334	508	182	101

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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	98	*	10	41	28	*	*
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,999	146	454	1,426	1,604	904	465
Males	948	38	99	244	279	182	106
Females	4,051	108	355	1,182	1,325	722	359

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