

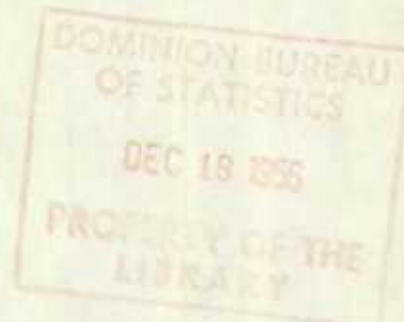
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, November 17, 1956

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, November 17, 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 November 17, 1956, October 20, 1956, November 19, 1955, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Nov. 17 1956	Oct. 20 1956	Nov. 19 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,791	10,771	10,602
Persons not in the labour force	5,026	4,999	5,021
Civilian labour force	5,765	5,772	5,581
Persons at work	5,495	5,543	5,270
35 hours or more	5,025	5,195	4,889
Less than 35 hours	(1) 470	348	381
Usually work 35 hours or more	(1) 219	99	149
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	29	23	33
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	14	*	41
(f) illness	28	27	27
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	(1) 79	10	*
(i) other	(1) 51	17	19
Usually work less than 35 hours	251	249	232
Persons with jobs not at work	135	131	149
Usually work 35 hours or more	131	126	145
(a) laid off for full week	12	11	12
(b) bad weather	*	*	12
(c) illness	62	57	61
(d) industrial disputes	*	*	22
(e) vacation	40	46	26
(f) other	13	*	12
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	135	98	162

(1) Included are those who lost time in British Columbia, on November 12, which was a Provincial Statutory holiday under the Factories Act.

(2) 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 November 17, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,791	5,365	5,426
Persons not in the labour force	5,026	984	4,042
Civilian labour force	5,765	4,381	1,384
Persons at work	5,495	4,155	1,340
35 hours or more	5,025	3,908	1,117
Less than 35 hours (1)	470	247	223
Usually work 35 hours or more (1)	219	167	52
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	29	23	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	14	14	*
(f) illness	28	20	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation (1)	79	55	24
(i) other (1)	51	40	11
Usually work less than 35 hours	251	80	171
Persons with jobs not at work	135	111	24
Usually work 35 hours or more	131	109	22
(a) laid off for full week	12	10	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	62	49	13
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	40	34	*
(f) other	13	12	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	135	115	20

(1) Included are those who lost time in British Columbia, on November 12, which was a Provincial Statutory holiday under the Factories Act.

(2) 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 November 17, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	144	135	*
Without jobs	135	127	*
Worked	*	*	*
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 November 17, 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	5,765	556	719	2,661	1,595	234
Males	4,381	320	461	2,097	1,300	203
Females	1,384	236	258	564	295	31
Persons with jobs	5,630	528	695	2,615	1,563	229
Males	4,266	300	441	2,056	1,271	198
Females	1,364	228	254	559	292	31
Persons without jobs and seeking work	135	28	24	46	32	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,026	846	338	1,713	1,166	963
Males	984	385	55	48	105	391
Females	4,042	461	283	1,665	1,061	572

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 November 17, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.4	39.7	68.0	60.8	57.8	19.5
Males	81.7	45.4	89.3	97.8	92.5	34.2
Females	25.5	33.9	47.7	25.3	21.8	5.1

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 November 17, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,630	4,511	640	302	177
Agricultural	693	85	424	55	129
Nonagricultural	4,937	4,426	216	247	48
Males	4,266	3,262	601	284	119
Agricultural	663	79	421	54	109
Nonagricultural	3,603	3,183	180	230	10
Females	1,364	1,249	39	18	58
Agricultural	30	*	*	*	20
Nonagricultural	1,334	1,243	36	17	38

(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 November 17, 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	5,630	135	96	158	216	3,035	1,239	751
Agricultural	693	12	10	14	12	124	178	343
Nonagricultural	4,937	123	86	144	204	2,911	1,061	408
Males	4,266	111	40	74	133	2,191	1,031	686
Agricultural	663	11	*	*	11	118	172	336
Nonagricultural	3,603	100	34	65	122	2,073	859	350
Females	1,364	24	56	84	83	844	208	65
Agricultural	30	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,334	23	52	79	82	838	202	58
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,426	106	72	122	187	2,763	894	282
Males	3,183	84	30	57	112	1,948	712	240
Females	1,243	22	42	65	75	815	182	42

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
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* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended November 17, 1956, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both Sexes	135	64	*	40	*	12	15

(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 November 17, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,364	674	558	132
Agricultural	30	10	18	*
Nonagricultural	1,334	664	540	130

(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 November 17, 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	135	72	46	*	*	*	*

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 November 17, 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	5,026	163	3,474	778	586	25
Males	984	111	*	415	442	14
Females	4,042	52	3,472	363	144	11

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 November 17, 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	5,765	109	432	1,629	2,122	997	476
Agricultural	699	*	41	147	192	293	23
Nonagricultural	5,066	106	391	1,482	1,930	704	453
Males	4,381	92	334	1,259	1,557	780	359
Agricultural	669	*	38	145	180	281	22
Nonagricultural	3,712	89	296	1,114	1,377	499	337
Females	1,384	17	98	370	565	217	117
Agricultural	30	*	*	*	12	12	*
Nonagricultural	1,354	17	95	368	553	205	116
All ages	5,765	109	432	1,629	2,122	997	476
14-19 years	556	12	41	203	177	89	34
20-24 years	719	17	57	231	244	124	46
25-44 years	2,661	51	191	747	988	462	222
45-64 years	1,595	26	123	398	617	277	154
65 years and over	234	*	20	50	96	45	20
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,630	104	413	1,582	2,086	982	463
Males	4,266	87	317	1,218	1,528	767	349
Females	1,364	17	96	364	558	215	114
Agricultural	693	*	41	146	190	291	22
Nonagricultural	4,937	101	372	1,436	1,896	691	441
14-19 years	528	11	38	193	169	85	32
20-24 years	695	16	53	222	238	121	45
25-44 years	2,615	49	184	731	976	458	217
45-64 years	1,563	25	119	388	608	274	149
65 years and over	229	*	19	48	95	44	20
Paid workers	4,511	89	335	1,305	1,755	631	396
Males	3,262	74	249	966	1,240	439	294
Females	1,249	15	86	339	515	192	102

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended November 17, 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	135	*	19	47	36	15	13
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,026	152	456	1,431	1,604	919	464
Males	984	43	102	249	284	199	107
Females	4,042	109	354	1,182	1,320	720	357

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

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