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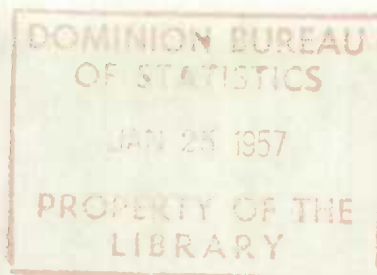
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, December 15, 1956

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, December 15, 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 December 15, 1956, November 17, 1956, December 10, 1955, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Dec. 15 1956	Nov. 17 1956	Dec. 10 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,815	10,791	10,610
Persons not in the labour force	5,074	5,026	5,022
Civilian labour force	5,741	5,765	5,588
Persons at work	5,434	5,495	5,261
35 hours or more	5,061	5,025	4,749
Less than 35 hours	373	(1) 470	(2) 512
Usually work 35 hours or more	123	(1) 219	(2) 278
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	29	29	42
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	14	14	23
(f) illness	31	28	33
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	(1) 79	18
(i) other	23	(1) 51	(2) 141
Usually work less than 35 hours	250	251	234
Persons with jobs not at work	121	135	127
Usually work 35 hours or more	117	131	123
(a) laid off for full week	22	12	18
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	58	62	52
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	20
(e) vacation	16	40	13
(f) other	15	13	13
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (3)	186	135	200

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

(3) 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 December 15, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,815	5,377	5,438
Persons not in the labour force	5,074	1,024	4,050
Civilian labour force	5,741	4,353	1,388
Persons at work	5,434	4,086	1,348
35 hours or more	5,061	3,909	1,152
Less than 35 hours	373	177	196
Usually work 35 hours or more	123	99	24
(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	31	22	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	23	19	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	250	78	172
Persons with jobs not at work	121	99	22
Usually work 35 hours or more	117	97	20
(a) laid off for full week	22	18	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	58	48	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	16	12	*
(f) other	15	13	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	186	168	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 December 15, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	198	182	16
Without jobs	186	171	15
Worked	12	11	*
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 December 15, 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	5,741	546	722	2,650	1,599	224
Males	4,353	315	462	2,086	1,294	196
Females	1,388	231	260	564	305	28
Persons with jobs	5,555	516	692	2,576	1,554	217
Males	4,185	291	435	2,018	1,252	189
Females	1,370	225	257	558	302	28
Persons without jobs and seeking work	186	30	30	74	45	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,074	861	337	1,732	1,169	975
Males	1,024	393	55	63	114	399
Females	4,050	468	282	1,669	1,055	576

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 December 15, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.1	38.8	68.2	60.5	57.8	18.7
Males	81.0	44.5	89.4	97.1	91.9	32.9
Females	25.5	33.0	48.0	25.3	22.4	4.6

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 December 15, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid worker	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,555	4,458	637	294	166
Agricultural	680	81	429	51	119
Nonagricultural	4,875	4,377	208	243	47
Males	4,185	3,195	600	275	115
Agricultural	655	74	426	50	105
Nonagricultural	3,530	3,121	174	225	10
Females	1,370	1,263	37	19	51
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	14
Nonagricultural	1,345	1,256	34	18	37

(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 December 15, 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>					494			5061
Both sexes	5,555	121	96	164	113	3,148	1,253	660
Agricultural	680	*	10	22	12	149	201	278
Nonagricultural	4,875	113	86	142	101	2,999	1,052	382
Males	4,185	99	44	77	56	2,274	1,035	600
Agricultural	655	*	*	16	11	142	196	275
Nonagricultural	3,530	91	37	61	45	2,132	839	325
Females	1,370	22	52	87	57	874	218	60
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,345	22	49	81	56	867	213	57
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,377	98	73	121	89	2,843	892	261
Males	3,121	77	32	54	39	2,000	698	221
Females	1,256	21	41	67	50	843	194	40

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 December 15, 1956, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both Sexes	121	60	*	17	*	23	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.  
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\* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended December 15, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,370	671	565	134
Agricultural	25	*	14	*
Nonagricultural	1,345	663	551	131

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

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

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended  
December 15, 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	186	97	71	11	*	*	*

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  
December 15, 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	5,074	167	3,478	785	615	29
Males	1,024	114	*	419	469	19
Females	4,050	53	3,475	366	146	10

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.  
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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended December 15, 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	5,741	102	424	1,615	2,140	983	477
Agricultural	684	*	39	144	187	290	22
Nonagricultural	5,057	100	385	1,471	1,953	693	455
Males	4,353	84	329	1,252	1,559	770	359
Agricultural	659	*	38	142	177	279	21
Nonagricultural	3,694	82	291	1,110	1,382	491	338
Females	1,388	18	95	363	581	213	118
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	10	11	*
Nonagricultural	1,363	18	94	361	571	202	117
All ages	5,741	102	424	1,615	2,140	983	477
14-19 years	546	13	39	199	178	84	33
20-24 years	722	15	56	232	248	124	47
25-44 years	2,650	46	187	740	992	460	225
45-64 years	1,599	25	122	399	627	274	152
65 years and over	224	*	20	45	95	41	20
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,555	94	398	1,543	2,097	961	462
Males	4,185	77	305	1,186	1,521	750	346
Females	1,370	17	93	357	576	211	116
Agricultural	680	*	39	143	185	290	21
Nonagricultural	4,875	92	359	1,400	1,912	671	441
14-19 years	516	10	36	186	172	82	30
20-24 years	692	14	50	220	241	122	45
25-44 years	2,576	44	176	712	975	449	220
45-64 years	1,554	23	117	382	616	268	148
65 years and over	217	*	19	43	93	40	19
Paid workers	4,458	83	318	1,274	1,773	611	399
Males	3,195	67	233	942	1,238	420	295
Females	1,263	16	85	332	535	191	104

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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	186	*	26	72	43	22	15
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,074	159	466	1,452	1,595	936	466
Males	1,024	51	108	259	287	211	108
Females	4,050	108	358	1,193	1,308	725	358

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