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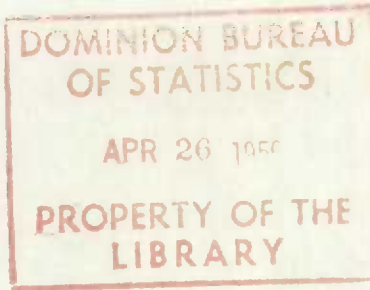
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, March 24, 1956.

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, March 24, 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 March 24, 1956, February 18, 1956, March 19, 1955, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Mar. 24 1956	Feb. 18 1956	Mar. 19 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,646	10,635	10,468
Persons not in the labour force	5,110	5,111	5,068
Civilian labour force	5,536	5,524	5,400
Persons at work	5,098	5,041	4,875
35 hours or more	4,737	4,672	4,484
Less than 35 hours	361	369	391
Usually work 35 hours or more	138	147	165
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	35	38	47
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	19	38	33
(f) illness	37	30	33
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	23	18	32
Usually work less than 35 hours	223	222	226
Persons with jobs not at work	143	175	124
Usually work 35 hours or more	136	168	119
(a) laid off for full week	24	29	18
(b) bad weather	10	14	*
(c) illness	63	69	62
(d) industrial dispute	*	16	*
(e) vacation	21	26	16
(f) other	17	14	12
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	295	308	401

(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 March 24, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,646	5,297	5,349
Persons not in the labour force	5,110	1,052	4,058
Civilian labour force	5,536	4,245	1,291
Persons at work	5,098	3,859	1,239
35 hours or more	4,737	3,668	1,069
Less than 35 hours	361	191	170
Usually work 35 hours or more	138	114	24
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	35	28	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	19	19	*
(f) illness	37	27	10
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	23	21	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	223	77	146
Persons with jobs not at work	143	119	24
Usually work 35 hours or more	136	115	21
(a) laid off for full week	24	22	*
(b) bad weather	10	10	*
(c) illness	63	50	13
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	21	17	*
(f) other	17	15	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	295	267	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 March 24, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	309	281	28
Without jobs	295	268	27
Worked	14	13	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	10	10	*

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 March 24, 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	5,536	500	724	2,595	1,506	211
Males	4,245	284	462	2,064	1,248	187
Females	1,291	216	262	531	258	24
Persons with jobs	5,241	454	673	2,477	1,437	200
Males	3,978	248	416	1,954	1,184	176
Females	1,263	206	257	523	253	24
Persons without jobs and seeking work	295	46	51	118	69	11
Persons not in the labour force	5,110	867	330	1,739	1,207	967
Males	1,052	403	51	63	134	401
Females	4,058	464	279	1,676	1,073	566

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 March 24, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.0	36.6	68.7	59.9	55.5	17.9
Males	80.1	41.3	90.1	97.0	90.3	31.8
Females	24.1	31.8	48.4	24.1	19.4	4.1

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 March 24, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,241	4,118	664	274	185
Agricultural	679	78	428	44	129
Nonagricultural	4,562	4,040	236	230	56
Males	3,978	2,955	628	259	136
Agricultural	662	75	426	44	117
Nonagricultural	3,316	2,880	202	215	19
Females	1,263	1,163	36	15	49
Agricultural	17	*	*	*	12
Nonagricultural	1,246	1,160	34	15	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  
March 24, 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	5,241	143	87	152	122	2,998	1,178	561
Agricultural	679	11	10	16	14	151	218	259
Nonagricultural	4,562	132	77	136	108	2,847	960	302
Males	3,978	119	41	79	71	2,159	998	511
Agricultural	662	11	*	12	13	148	216	257
Nonagricultural	3,316	108	36	67	58	2,011	782	254
Females	1,263	24	46	73	51	839	180	50
Agricultural	17	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,246	24	41	69	50	836	178	48
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,040	111	65	109	91	2,687	789	188
Males	2,880	89	32	54	49	1,875	626	155
Females	1,160	22	33	55	42	812	163	33

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  
March 24, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	143	67	10	22	*	24	19

(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.

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Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended March 24, 1956, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,263	652	484	127
Agricultural	17	*	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,246	646	474	126

(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.

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Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended March 24, 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	295	71	120	81	14	*	*

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 March 24, 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	5,110	160	3,484	794	636	36
Males	1,052	103	*	424	498	23
Females	4,058	57	3,480	370	138	13

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 March 24, 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	5,536	98	411	1,569	2,039	968	451
Agricultural	686	*	44	161	198	256	25
Nonagricultural	4,850	96	367	1,408	1,841	712	426
Males	4,245	79	323	1,225	1,515	758	345
Agricultural	669	*	43	160	191	249	24
Nonagricultural	3,576	77	280	1,065	1,324	509	321
Females	1,291	19	88	344	524	210	106
Agricultural	17	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,274	19	87	343	517	203	105
All ages	5,536	98	411	1,569	2,039	968	451
14-19 years	500	14	40	181	159	78	28
20-24 years	724	16	53	233	243	129	50
25-44 years	2,595	45	183	728	964	456	219
45-64 years	1,506	21	116	380	584	269	136
65 years and over	211	*	19	47	89	36	18
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,241	88	370	1,433	1,983	931	436
Males	3,978	70	286	1,100	1,464	725	333
Females	1,263	18	84	333	519	206	103
Agricultural	679	*	43	159	196	254	25
Nonagricultural	4,562	86	327	1,274	1,787	677	411
14-19 years	454	11	33	161	152	72	25
20-24 years	673	14	46	209	235	122	47
25-44 years	2,477	42	166	669	943	443	214
45-64 years	1,437	19	107	351	568	259	133
65 years and over	200	*	18	43	85	35	17
Paid workers	4,118	72	285	1,147	1,647	597	370
Males	2,955	55	211	835	1,163	417	274
Females	1,163	17	74	312	484	180	96

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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	295	10	41	136	56	37	15
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,110	159	465	1,442	1,640	934	470
Males	1,052	53	106	259	304	216	114
Females	4,058	106	359	1,183	1,336	718	356

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