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Monthly Survey, Week ended, April 21, 1956.

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, April 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 April 21, 1956, March 24, 1956, April 23, 1955, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Apr. 21 1956	Mar. 24 1956	Apr. 23 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,663	10,646	10,490
Persons not in the labour force	5,080	5,110	5,040
Civilian labour force	5,583	5,536	5,450
Persons at work	5,206	5,098	5,006
35 hours or more	4,835	4,737	4,636
Less than 35 hours	371	361	370
Usually work 35 hours or more	126	138	138
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	32	35	33
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	11	*	14
(e) bad weather	16	19	25
(f) illness	30	37	29
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	26	23	19
Usually work less than 35 hours	245	223	232
Persons with jobs not at work	120	143	117
Usually work 35 hours or more	116	136	114
(a) laid off for full week	15	24	14
(b) bad weather	*	10	12
(c) illness	60	63	55
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	20	21	20
(f) other	16	17	10
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	257	295	327

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

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,663	5,305	5,358
Persons not in the labour force	5,080	1,026	4,054
Civilian labour force	5,583	4,279	1,304
Persons at work	5,206	3,948	1,258
35 hours or more	4,835	3,765	1,070
Less than 35 hours	371	183	188
Usually work 35 hours or more	126	99	27
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	32	23	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	11	*	*
(e) bad weather	16	16	*
(f) illness	30	21	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	26	22	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	245	84	161
Persons with jobs not at work	120	98	22
Usually work 35 hours or more	116	96	20
(a) laid off for full week	15	14	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	60	48	12
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	20	15	*
(f) other	16	14	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	257	233	24

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

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	274	255	19
Without jobs	257	240	17
Worked	17	15	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	12	11	*

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 April 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	5,583	509	719	2,598	1,533	224
Males	4,279	292	463	2,066	1,261	197
Females	1,304	217	256	532	272	27
Persons with jobs	5,326	468	674	2,493	1,474	217
Males	4,046	259	423	1,969	1,205	190
Females	1,280	209	251	524	269	27
Persons without jobs and seeking work	257	41	45	105	59	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,080	862	336	1,742	1,184	956
Males	1,026	397	51	64	123	391
Females	4,054	465	285	1,678	1,061	565

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 April 21, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.4	37.1	68.2	59.9	56.4	19.0
Males	80.7	42.4	90.1	97.0	91.1	33.5
Females	24.3	31.8	47.3	24.1	20.4	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 April 21, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,326	4,133	709	295	189
Agricultural	764	92	473	56	143
Nonagricultural	4,562	4,041	236	239	46
Males	4,046	2,959	664	282	141
Agricultural	735	86	467	56	126
Nonagricultural	3,311	2,873	197	226	15
Females	1,280	1,174	45	13	48
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	17
Nonagricultural	1,251	1,168	39	13	31

(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
April 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	5,326	120	97	153	121	2,991	1,150	694
Agricultural	764	10	15	18	17	117	212	375
Nonagricultural	4,562	110	82	135	104	2,874	938	319
Males	4,046	98	43	77	63	2,155	965	645
Agricultural	735	10	*	12	14	112	208	372
Nonagricultural	3,311	88	36	65	49	2,043	757	273
Females	1,280	22	54	76	58	836	185	49
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,251	22	46	70	55	831	181	46
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,041	93	67	110	91	2,706	779	195
Males	2,873	73	30	53	42	1,898	613	164
Females	1,168	20	37	57	49	808	166	31

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

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Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended
April 21, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	120	62	*	20	*	15	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.

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

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,280	657	488	135
Agricultural	29	11	15	*
Nonagricultural	1,251	646	473	132

(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 April 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	257	57	96	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 April 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	5,080	171	3,478	790	616	25
Males	1,026	111	*	418	479	15
Females	4,054	60	3,475	372	137	10

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 April 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	5,583	99	416	1,576	2,054	975	463
Agricultural	771	*	49	173	210	311	26
Nonagricultural	4,812	97	367	1,403	1,844	664	437
Males	4,279	80	323	1,233	1,522	770	351
Agricultural	742	*	46	172	202	296	24
Nonagricultural	3,537	78	277	1,061	1,320	474	327
Females	1,304	19	93	343	532	205	112
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	*	15	*
Nonagricultural	1,275	19	90	342	524	190	110
All ages	5,583	99	416	1,576	2,054	975	463
14-19 years	509	14	40	183	165	76	31
20-24 years	719	16	54	231	241	129	48
25-44 years	2,598	44	187	730	960	456	221
45-64 years	1,533	24	114	384	597	273	141
65 years and over	224	*	21	48	91	41	22
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,326	85	372	1,467	2,006	945	451
Males	4,046	67	282	1,133	1,478	744	342
Females	1,280	18	90	334	528	201	109
Agricultural	764	*	48	170	209	309	26
Nonagricultural	4,562	83	324	1,297	1,797	636	425
14-19 years	468	11	33	165	158	72	29
20-24 years	674	14	47	210	234	123	46
25-44 years	2,493	37	169	684	942	444	217
45-64 years	1,474	22	103	362	583	266	138
65 years and over	217	*	20	46	89	40	21
Paid workers	4,133	66	287	1,169	1,658	569	384
Males	2,959	50	208	857	1,167	395	282
Females	1,174	16	79	312	491	174	102

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See section on "Coverage", page 4.

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended April 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	257	14	44	109	48	30	12
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,080	158	462	1,441	1,630	929	460
Males	1,026	52	107	254	300	204	109
Females	4,054	106	355	1,187	1,330	725	351

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