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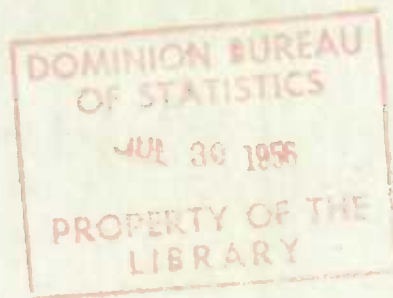
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, June 23, 1956.

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, June 23, 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 June 23, 1956, May 19, 1956, June 18, 1955, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	June 23 1956	May 19 1956	June 18 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,699	10,680	10,522
Persons not in the labour force	4,935	5,016	4,907
Civilian labour force	5,764	5,664	5,615
Persons at work	5,504	5,387	5,329
35 hours or more	5,156	4,997	4,996
Less than 35 hours	348	390	333
Usually work 35 hours or more	115	123	101
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	22	23	28
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	10	15	*
(e) bad weather	20	20	*
(f) illness	23	24	20
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	16	12	*
(i) other	17	19	18
Usually work less than 35 hours	233	267	232
Persons with jobs not at work	143	112	129
Usually work 35 hours or more	136	108	127
(a) laid off for full week	*	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	46	54	48
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	70	30	53
(f) other	*	*	12
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	117	165	157

(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 June 23, 1956, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,699	5,322	5,377
Persons not in the labour force	4,935	899	4,036
Civilian labour force	5,764	4,423	1,341
<b>Persons at work</b>	<b>5,504</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>1,280</b>
35 hours or more	5,156	4,059	1,097
Less than 35 hours	348	165	183
Usually work 35 hours or more	115	90	25
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	22	15	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	10	*	*
(e) bad weather	20	19	*
(f) illness	23	17	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	16	12	*
(i) other	17	14	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	233	75	158
<b>Persons with jobs not at work</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>38</b>
Usually work 35 hours or more	136	102	34
(a) laid off for full week	*	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	46	37	*
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	70	49	21
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	117	94	23

(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 June 23, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	130	121	*
Without jobs	117	110	*
Worked	13	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 June 23, 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	5,764	589	744	2,638	1,565	228
Males	4,423	351	489	2,096	1,284	203
Females	1,341	238	255	542	281	25
Persons with jobs	5,647	557	729	2,603	1,535	223
Males	4,329	330	476	2,067	1,258	198
Females	1,318	227	253	536	277	25
Persons without jobs and seeking work	117	32	15	35	30	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,935	790	309	1,713	1,165	958
Males	899	342	24	39	106	388
Females	4,036	448	285	1,674	1,059	570

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

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Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the civilian labour force, by age and sex, week ended June 23, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.9	42.7	70.7	60.6	57.3	19.2
Males	83.1	50.6	95.3	98.2	92.4	34.3
Females	24.9	34.7	47.2	24.5	21.0	4.2

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 June 23, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,647	4,429	672	333	213
Agricultural	804	106	451	80	167
Nonagricultural	4,843	4,323	221	253	46
Males	4,329	3,233	637	315	144
Agricultural	755	96	448	79	132
Nonagricultural	3,574	3,137	189	236	12
Females	1,318	1,196	35	18	69
Agricultural	49	10	*	*	35
Nonagricultural	1,269	1,186	32	17	34

(1) Without paid employees.

(3) In a business or on a farm.

(2) With own business, profession, or 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  
June 23, 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	5,647	143	80	149	119	3,094	1,176	886
Agricultural	804	*	16	27	14	99	151	489
Nonagricultural	4,843	135	64	122	105	2,995	1,025	397
Males	4,329	105	31	67	67	2,244	991	824
Agricultural	755	*	*	13	12	92	143	482
Nonagricultural	3,574	98	25	54	55	2,152	848	342
Females	1,318	38	49	82	52	850	185	62
Agricultural	49	*	10	14	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,269	37	39	68	50	843	177	55
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,323	126	53	103	94	2,829	860	258
Males	3,137	90	22	45	49	2,011	699	221
Females	1,186	36	31	58	45	818	161	37

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  
June 23, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	143	49	*	73	*	*	10

(1) Includes only those who had definite instructions to return to their jobs within 30 days of date on which layoff began.

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Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended June 23, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,318	677	506	135
Agricultural	49	16	29	*
Nonagricultural	1,269	661	477	131

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

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Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended  
June 23, 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	117	50	33	17	10	*	*

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  
June 23, 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	4,935	175	3,503	575	654	28
Males	899	113	*	293	477	13
Females	4,036	62	3,500	282	177	15

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended June 23, 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	5,764	115	433	1,609	2,126	1,007	474
Agricultural	809	*	46	172	217	345	24
Nonagricultural	4,955	110	387	1,437	1,909	662	450
Males	4,423	97	339	1,266	1,570	794	357
Agricultural	759	*	43	169	201	319	22
Nonagricultural	3,664	92	296	1,097	1,369	475	335
Females	1,341	18	94	343	556	213	117
Agricultural	50	*	*	*	16	26	*
Nonagricultural	1,291	18	91	340	540	187	115
All ages	5,764	115	433	1,609	2,126	1,007	474
14-19 years	589	14	42	203	208	85	37
20-24 years	744	18	58	235	253	130	50
25-44 years	2,638	54	192	732	970	464	226
45-64 years	1,565	27	118	390	604	284	142
65 years and over	228	*	23	49	91	44	19
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,647	110	421	1,556	2,094	1,000	466
Males	4,329	93	328	1,222	1,545	790	351
Females	1,318	17	93	334	549	210	115
Agricultural	804	*	45	170	216	344	24
Nonagricultural	4,843	105	376	1,386	1,878	656	442
14-19 years	557	12	38	190	199	84	34
20-24 years	729	18	56	228	250	128	49
25-44 years	2,603	52	189	714	961	463	224
45-64 years	1,535	26	115	377	595	282	140
65 years and over	223	*	23	47	89	43	19
Paid workers	4,429	91	337	1,253	1,742	605	401
Males	3,233	76	256	941	1,236	429	295
Females	1,196	15	81	312	506	176	106

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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	117	*	12	53	32	*	*
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,935	144	449	1,420	1,569	900	453
Males	899	36	94	227	257	180	105
Females	4,036	108	355	1,193	1,312	720	348

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