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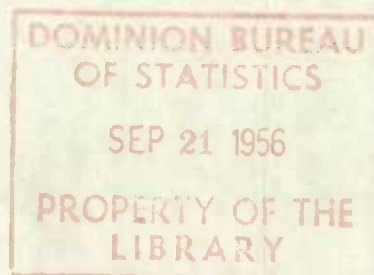
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, August 18, 1956.

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, August 18, 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 August 18, 1956, July 21, 1956, August 20, 1955, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Aug. 18 1956	July 21 1956	Aug. 20 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,733	10,714	10,557
Persons not in the labour force	4,807	4,823	4,785
Civilian labour force	5,926	5,891	5,772
Persons at work	5,410	5,328	5,283
35 hours or more	5,093	5,025	4,980
Less than 35 hours	317	303	303
Usually work 35 hours or more	112	93	117
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	18	20	31
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	23	19	19
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	25	20	21
(i) other	19	13	23
Usually work less than 35 hours	205	210	186
Persons with jobs not at work	413	461	358
Usually work 35 hours or more	398	448	345
(a) laid off for full week	12	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	49	51	53
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	328	378	270
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	15	13	13
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	103	102	131

(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 August 18, 1956, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,733	5,338	5,395
Persons not in the labour force	4,807	773	4,034
Civilian labour force	5,926	4,565	1,361
Persons at work	5,410	4,194	1,216
35 hours or more	5,093	4,052	1,041
Less than 35 hours	317	142	175
Usually work 35 hours or more	112	85	27
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	18	11	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	23	16	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	25	21	*
(i) other	19	14	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	205	57	148
Persons with jobs not at work	413	290	123
Usually work 35 hours or more	398	286	112
(a) laid off for full week	12	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	49	40	*
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	328	230	98
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	15	*	11
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	103	81	22

(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 August 18, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	110	99	11
Without jobs	103	93	10
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 August 18, 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	5,926	736	741	2,627	1,579	243
Males	4,565	460	495	2,095	1,299	216
Females	1,361	276	246	532	280	27
Persons with jobs	5,823	706	725	2,594	1,558	240
Males	4,484	440	482	2,068	1,280	214
Females	1,339	266	243	526	278	26
Persons without jobs and seeking work	103	30	16	33	21	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,807	652	314	1,733	1,163	945
Males	773	238	20	43	97	375
Females	4,034	414	294	1,690	1,066	570

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
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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 August 18, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	55.2	53.0	70.2	60.3	57.6	20.5
Males	85.5	65.9	96.1	98.0	93.1	36.5
Females	25.2	40.0	45.6	23.9	20.8	4.5

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 August 18, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,823	4,502	679	334	308
Agricultural	946	146	459	92	249
Nonagricultural	4,877	4,356	220	242	59
Males	4,484	3,314	642	317	211
Agricultural	868	125	456	91	196
Nonagricultural	3,616	3,189	186	226	15
Females	1,339	1,188	37	17	97
Agricultural	78	21	*	*	53
Nonagricultural	1,261	1,167	34	16	44

(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 August 18, 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	5,823	413	68	147	102	2,903	1,122	1,068
Agricultural	946	*	16	23	*	94	164	633
Nonagricultural	4,877	406	52	124	93	2,809	958	435
Males	4,484	290	21	61	60	2,123	936	993
Agricultural	868	*	*	*	*	84	147	616
Nonagricultural	3,616	284	19	54	54	2,039	789	377
Females	1,339	123	47	86	42	780	186	75
Agricultural	78	*	14	16	*	10	17	17
Nonagricultural	1,261	122	33	70	39	770	169	58
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,356	388	41	105	80	2,647	800	295
Males	3,189	270	16	48	48	1,901	651	255
Females	1,167	118	25	57	32	746	149	40

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 August 18, 1956, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	413	51	*	340	*	13	*

(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 August 18, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,339	689	517	133
Agricultural	78	30	43	*
Nonagricultural	1,261	659	474	128

(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 August 18, 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	103	44	37	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 August 18, 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	4,807	168	3,583	*	994	61
Males	773	110	*	*	633	28
Females	4,034	58	3,581	*	361	33

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 August 18, 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	5,926	119	440	1,644	2,180	1,055	488
Agricultural	948	*	67	194	255	399	27
Nonagricultural	4,978	113	373	1,450	1,925	656	461
Males	4,565	101	351	1,297	1,608	839	369
Agricultural	870	*	63	189	227	361	24
Nonagricultural	3,695	95	288	1,108	1,381	478	345
Females	1,361	18	89	347	572	216	119
Agricultural	78	*	*	*	28	38	*
Nonagricultural	1,283	18	85	342	544	178	116
All ages	5,926	119	440	1,644	2,180	1,055	488
14-19 years	736	17	54	234	247	136	48
20-24 years	741	17	56	233	254	132	49
25-44 years	2,627	53	186	735	972	458	223
45-64 years	1,579	29	122	390	609	282	147
65 years and over	243	*	22	52	98	47	21
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,823	114	429	1,598	2,151	1,048	483
Males	4,484	96	342	1,262	1,584	834	366
Females	1,339	18	87	336	567	214	117
Agricultural	946	*	66	193	255	399	27
Nonagricultural	4,877	108	363	1,405	1,896	649	456
14-19 years	706	16	51	218	240	134	47
20-24 years	725	16	54	224	251	132	48
25-44 years	2,594	51	183	723	961	455	221
45-64 years	1,558	28	119	383	602	280	146
65 years and over	240	*	22	50	97	47	21
Paid workers	4,502	97	327	1,277	1,776	611	414
Males	3,314	81	254	968	1,263	441	307
Females	1,188	16	73	309	513	170	107

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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	103	*	11	46	29	*	*
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,807	141	445	1,396	1,526	855	444
Males	773	33	83	201	224	137	95
Females	4,034	108	362	1,195	1,302	718	349

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

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