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## THE LABOUR FORCE

Monthly Survey, Week ended, September 22, 1956

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, September 22, 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 September 22, 1956, August 18, 1956, September 17, 1955, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Sept. 22 1956	Aug. 18 1956	Sept. 17 1955
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,752	10,733	10,574
Persons not in the labour force	4,979	4,807	4,941
Civilian labour force	5,773	5,926	5,633
Persons at work	5,513	5,410	5,328
35 hours or more	5,168	5,093	5,009
Less than 35 hours	345	317	319
Usually work 35 hours or more	108	112	113
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	10
(b) on short time	22	18	23
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	16	*	13
(f) illness	30	23	29
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	11	25	11
(i) other	15	19	16
Usually work less than 35 hours	237	205	206
Persons with jobs not at work	163	413	167
Usually work 35 hours or more	157	398	163
(a) laid off for full week	17	12	11
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	55	49	56
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	69	328	81
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	15	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	97	103	136

(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 September 22, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,752	5,347	5,405
Persons not in the labour force	4,979	923	4,056
Civilian labour force	5,773	4,424	1,349
Persons at work	5,513	4,215	1,298
35 hours or more	5,168	4,061	1,107
Less than 35 hours	345	154	191
Usually work 35 hours or more	108	81	27
(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	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	16	16	*
(f) illness	30	20	10
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	11	*	*
(i) other	15	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	237	73	164
Persons with jobs not at work	163	129	34
Usually work 35 hours or more	157	126	31
(a) laid off for full week	17	16	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	55	44	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	69	52	17
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	97	80	17

(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 September 22, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	108	100	*
Without jobs	97	91	*
Worked	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 September 22, 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	5,773	569	721	2,645	1,595	243
Males	4,424	335	473	2,099	1,302	215
Females	1,349	234	248	546	293	28
Persons with jobs	5,676	545	707	2,609	1,576	239
Males	4,344	317	462	2,068	1,285	212
Females	1,332	228	245	541	291	27
Persons without jobs and seeking work	97	24	14	36	19	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,979	824	334	1,718	1,154	949
Males	923	366	42	41	97	377
Females	4,056	458	292	1,677	1,057	572

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 September 22, 1956, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.7	40.8	68.3	60.6	58.0	20.4
Males	82.7	47.8	91.8	98.1	93.1	36.3
Females	25.0	33.8	45.9	24.6	21.7	4.7

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 September 22, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,676	4,455	661	335	225
Agricultural	841	126	454	83	178
Nonagricultural	4,835	4,329	207	252	47
Males	4,344	3,252	626	317	149
Agricultural	784	113	451	82	138
Nonagricultural	3,560	3,139	175	235	11
Females	1,332	1,203	35	18	76
Agricultural	57	13	*	*	40
Nonagricultural	1,275	1,190	32	17	36

(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 September 22, 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	5,676	163	88	143	114	3,023	1,159	986
Agricultural	841	10	19	20	*	75	133	575
Nonagricultural	4,835	153	69	123	105	2,948	1,026	411
Males	4,344	129	30	61	63	2,179	959	923
Agricultural	784	*	*	*	*	65	124	565
Nonagricultural	3,560	120	25	52	56	2,114	835	358
Females	1,332	34	58	82	51	844	200	63
Agricultural	57	*	14	11	*	10	*	10
Nonagricultural	1,275	33	44	71	49	834	191	53
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,329	141	59	101	93	2,795	865	275
Males	3,139	109	23	43	49	1,983	694	238
Females	1,190	32	36	58	44	812	171	37

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 September 22, 1956, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	163	58	*	71	*	17	*

(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 September 22, 1956, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,332	655	542	135
Agricultural	57	19	34	*
Nonagricultural	1,275	636	508	131

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

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

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Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended September 22, 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	97	44	34	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 September 22, 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	4,979	172	3,495	729	561	22
Males	923	112	*	377	420	11
Females	4,056	60	3,492	352	141	11

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

See section on "Coverage", page 4.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended September 22, 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	5,773	120	429	1,623	2,110	1,019	472
Agricultural	843	*	46	171	222	377	24
Nonagricultural	4,930	117	383	1,452	1,888	642	448
Males	4,424	100	337	1,265	1,557	807	358
Agricultural	786	*	44	167	206	345	22
Nonagricultural	3,638	98	293	1,098	1,351	462	336
Females	1,349	20	92	358	553	212	114
Agricultural	57	*	*	*	16	32	*
Nonagricultural	1,292	19	90	354	537	180	112
All ages	5,773	120	429	1,623	2,110	1,019	472
14-19 years	569	14	44	198	179	101	33
20-24 years	721	19	54	232	244	126	46
25-44 years	2,645	55	189	743	974	461	223
45-64 years	1,595	30	120	396	613	296	150
65 years and over	243	*	22	54	100	45	20
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,676	117	419	1,583	2,076	1,014	467
Males	4,344	97	328	1,233	1,528	803	355
Females	1,332	20	91	350	548	211	112
Agricultural	841	*	46	170	221	377	24
Nonagricultural	4,835	114	373	1,413	1,855	637	443
14-19 years	545	13	41	189	170	101	31
20-24 years	707	18	53	226	239	125	46
25-44 years	2,609	54	184	728	962	459	222
45-64 years	1,576	30	119	388	606	285	148
65 years and over	239	*	22	52	99	44	20
Paid workers	4,455	103	336	1,285	1,723	604	404
Males	3,252	86	256	959	1,220	432	299
Females	1,203	17	80	326	503	172	105

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

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended September 22, 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	97	*	10	40	34	*	*
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,979	140	457	1,425	1,602	893	462
Males	923	34	98	237	278	170	106
Females	4,056	106	359	1,188	1,324	723	356

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

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