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Monthly Survey, Week ended, January 19, 1957

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, January 19, 1957. 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 January 19, 1957, December 15, 1956, January 21, 1956, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Jan. 19 1957	Dec. 15 1956	Jan. 21 1956
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,842	10,815	10,626
Persons not in the labour force	5,146	5,074	5,109
Civilian labour force	5,696	5,741	5,517
Persons at work	5,248	5,434	5,069
35 hours or more	4,831	5,061	4,705
Less than 35 hours	417	373	364
Usually work 35 hours or more	176	123	145
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	43	29	40
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	44	14	23
(f) illness	31	31	33
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	30	23	25
Usually work less than 35 hours	241	250	219
Persons with jobs not at work	145	121	162
Usually work 35 hours or more	139	117	156
(a) laid off for full week	22	22	26
(b) bad weather	23	*	19
(c) illness	58	58	60
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	19
(e) vacation	17	16	16
(f) other	17	15	16
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	303	186	286

(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 January 19, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,842	5,389	5,453
Persons not in the labour force	5,146	1,058	4,088
Civilian labour force	5,696	4,331	1,365
Persons at work	5,248	3,936	1,312
35 hours or more	4,831	3,711	1,120
Less than 35 hours	417	225	192
Usually work 35 hours or more	176	146	30
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	43	36	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	44	42	*
(f) illness	31	21	10
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	30	26	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	241	79	162
Persons with jobs not at work	145	124	21
Usually work 35 hours or more	139	120	19
(a) laid off for full week	22	19	*
(b) bad weather	23	23	*
(c) illness	58	47	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	17	14	*
(f) other	17	15	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	303	271	32

(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 January 19, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	315	283	32
Without jobs	303	272	31
Worked	12	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 January 19, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
The Labour Force	5,696	525	716	2,651	1,585	219
Males	4,331	304	463	2,088	1,286	190
Females	1,365	221	253	563	299	29
Persons with jobs	5,393	474	665	2,527	1,516	211
Males	4,060	265	418	1,974	1,221	182
Females	1,333	209	247	553	295	29
Persons without jobs and seeking work	303	51	51	124	69	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,146	888	346	1,739	1,190	983
Males	1,058	407	55	65	125	406
Females	4,088	481	291	1,674	1,065	577

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
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* 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 January 19, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.5	37.2	67.4	60.4	57.1	18.2
Males	80.4	42.8	89.4	97.0	91.1	31.9
Females	25.0	31.5	46.5	25.2	21.9	4.8

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 January 19, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,393	4,307	639	275	172
Agricultural	671	75	423	46	127
Nonagricultural	4,722	4,232	216	229	45
Males	4,060	3,080	602	256	122
Agricultural	645	68	420	45	112
Nonagricultural	3,415	3,012	182	211	10
Females	1,333	1,227	37	19	50
Agricultural	26	*	*	*	15
Nonagricultural	1,307	1,220	34	18	35

(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
January 19, 1957, 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	5,393	145	104	183	130	3,112	1,142	577
Agricultural	671	13	13	20	15	156	206	248
Nonagricultural	4,722	132	91	163	115	2,956	936	329
Males	4,060	124	48	97	80	2,230	956	525
Agricultural	645	12	*	17	15	148	202	243
Nonagricultural	3,415	112	40	80	65	2,082	754	282
Females	1,333	21	56	86	50	882	186	52
Agricultural	26	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,307	20	51	83	50	874	182	47
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,232	111	75	138	99	2,793	789	227
Males	3,012	92	35	68	56	1,945	622	194
Females	1,220	19	40	70	43	848	167	33

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Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended
January 19, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both Sexes	145	62	23	17	*	23	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.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended January 19, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,333	654	541	138
Agricultural	26	12	11	*
Nonagricultural	1,307	642	530	135

(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
January 19, 1957, 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	303	111	162	20	*	*	*

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
January 19, 1957, 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	5,146	159	3,504	808	647	28
Males	1,058	108	*	434	495	17
Females	4,088	51	3,500	374	152	11

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended January 19, 1957

(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	5,696	107	418	1,614	2,112	978	467
Agricultural	677	*	37	156	183	277	23
Nonagricultural	5,019	106	381	1,458	1,929	701	444
Males	4,331	87	327	1,252	1,544	766	355
Agricultural	651	*	36	154	172	266	22
Nonagricultural	3,680	86	291	1,098	1,372	500	333
Females	1,365	20	91	362	568	212	112
Agricultural	26	*	*	*	11	11	*
Nonagricultural	1,339	20	90	360	557	201	111
All ages	5,696	107	418	1,614	2,112	978	467
14-19 years	525	14	40	193	165	80	33
20-24 years	716	17	54	230	244	125	46
25-44 years	2,651	49	183	748	994	457	220
45-64 years	1,585	25	121	397	615	275	152
65 years and over	219	*	20	46	94	41	16
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,393	96	383	1,491	2,040	944	439
Males	4,060	76	295	1,141	1,483	734	331
Females	1,333	20	88	350	557	210	108
Agricultural	671	*	36	154	182	276	22
Nonagricultural	4,722	95	347	1,337	1,858	668	417
14-19 years	474	12	35	170	152	76	29
20-24 years	665	15	47	209	233	119	42
25-44 years	2,527	44	168	696	967	442	210
45-64 years	1,516	23	114	372	597	267	143
65 years and over	211	*	19	44	91	40	15
Paid workers	4,307	86	309	1,211	1,719	604	378
Males	3,080	68	228	884	1,206	414	280
Females	1,227	18	81	327	513	190	98

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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	303	11	35	123	72	34	28
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,146	155	473	1,462	1,633	943	480
Males	1,058	48	111	263	306	216	114
Females	4,088	107	362	1,199	1,327	727	366

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