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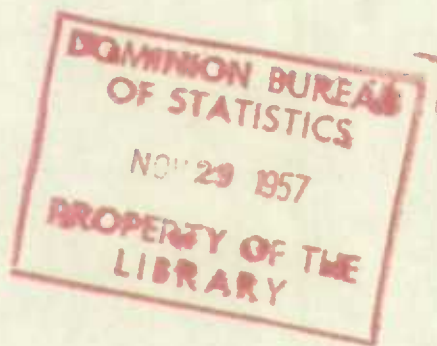
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, October 19, 1957

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, October 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 October 19, 1957, September 21, 1957 and October 20, 1956, Canada (1)
(estimates in thousands)

	Oct. 19 1957	Sept. 21 1957	Oct. 20 1956
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,114	11,094	10,771
Labour force	6,005	6,048	5,772
With jobs	5,797	5,854	5,674
Agriculture	746	812	794
Nonagriculture	5,051	5,042	4,880
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	208	194	98
Not in the labour force	5,109	5,046	4,999
With jobs	5,797	5,854	5,674
At work 35 hours or more	3,451	5,171	5,195
At work less than 35 hours	(1) 2,089	479	348
Usually work 35 hours or more	(1) 1,775	167	99
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	38	36	23
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	10	*	*
(e) bad weather	19	22	*
(f) illness	96	45	27
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	(1) 35	13	10
(i) other	(1) 1,560	28	17
Usually work less than 35 hours	314	312	249
With jobs but not at work	257	204	131
Usually work 35 hours or more	248	199	126
(a) laid off for the full week	12	16	11
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	156	82	57
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	61	84	46
(f) other	15	12	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*

- (1) Excludes inmates of institutions, members of the armed services and Indians living on reserves.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to Thanksgiving Day being in the survey week. * Less than 10,000.

Table 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended October 19, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,114	5,524	5,590
Labour force	6,005	4,546	1,459
With jobs	5,797	4,369	1,428
Agriculture	746	709	37
Nonagriculture	5,051	3,660	1,391
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	208	177	31
Not in the labour force	5,109	978	4,131
With jobs	5,797	4,369	1,428
At work 35 hours or more	3,451	2,818	633
At work less than 35 hours (1)	2,089	1,362	727
Usually work 35 hours or more (1)	1,775	1,257	518
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	38	30	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	10	*	*
(e) bad weather	19	18	*
(f) illness	96	66	30
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation (1)	35	27	*
(i) other (1)	1,560	1,094	466
Usually work less than 35 hours	314	105	209
With jobs but not at work	257	189	68
Usually work 35 hours or more	248	185	63
(a) laid off for the full week	12	10	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	156	115	41
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	61	47	14
(f) other	15	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*

- (1) Excludes inmates of institutions, members of the armed services and Indians living on reserves.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to Thanksgiving Day being in the survey week. * Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended October 19, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	228	215	13
Without jobs	208	197	11
Worked	20	18	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	14	13	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended October 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	6,005	577	744	2,766	1,670	248
Males	4,546	340	484	2,166	1,342	214
Females	1,459	237	260	600	328	34
Persons with jobs	5,797	536	707	2,691	1,623	240
Males	4,369	309	454	2,099	1,301	206
Females	1,428	227	253	592	322	34
Persons without jobs and seeking work	208	41	37	75	47	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,109	892	351	1,724	1,170	972
Males	978	400	53	40	98	387
Females	4,131	492	298	1,684	1,072	585

* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the labour force, by age and sex, week ended October 19, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	54.0	39.3	67.9	61.6	58.8	20.3
Males	82.3	45.9	90.1	98.2	93.2	35.6
Females	26.1	32.5	46.6	26.3	23.4	5.5

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended October 19, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,797	4,607	662	335	193
Agricultural	746	108	432	71	135
Nonagricultural	5,051	4,499	230	264	58
Males	4,369	3,317	611	318	123
Agricultural	709	99	426	70	114
Nonagricultural	3,660	3,218	185	248	*
Females	1,428	1,290	51	17	70
Agricultural	37	*	*	*	21
Nonagricultural	1,391	1,281	45	16	49

- (1) Without paid employees. (2) With own business, profession, or farm.
 (3) In a business or on a farm. * Less than 10,000.

Table 7. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended October 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	5,797	257	131	292	1,666	1,743	878	830
Agricultural	746	19	16	24	18	74	163	432
Nonagricultural	5,051	238	115	268	1,648	1,669	715	398
Males	4,369	189	57	148	1,157	1,335	727	756
Agricultural	709	19	*	16	15	65	158	428
Nonagricultural	3,660	170	49	132	1,142	1,270	569	328
Females	1,428	68	74	144	509	408	151	74
Agricultural	37	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,391	68	66	136	506	399	146	70
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,499	219	96	236	1,590	1,514	583	261
Males	3,218	153	44	117	1,097	1,143	452	212
Females	1,281	66	52	119	493	371	131	49

* Less than 10,000.

Note: The distribution by hours worked for the week ended October 19, 1957, is abnormal due to the presence of Thanksgiving Day in the survey week. The categories "25-34 hours" and "35-44 hours" were particularly affected.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended October 19, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	257	161	*	62	*	12	18

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

* Less than 10,000.

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

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,428	674	606	148
Agricultural	37	10	25	*
Nonagricultural	1,391	664	581	146

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

* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended October 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	208	87	82	24	10	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended October 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	5,109	146	3,534	820	576	33
Males	978	96	3,534*	426	435	17
Females	4,131	50	3,530	394	141	16

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended October 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	6,005	113	465	1,687	2,194	1,048	498
Agricultural	754	*	72	163	179	317	19
Nonagricultural	5,251	109	393	1,524	2,015	731	479
Males	4,546	95	350	1,298	1,613	816	374
Agricultural	716	*	65	160	170	299	18
Nonagricultural	3,830	91	285	1,138	1,443	517	356
Females	1,459	18	115	389	581	232	124
Agricultural	38	*	*	*	*	18	*
Nonagricultural	1,421	18	108	386	572	214	123
All ages	6,005	113	465	1,687	2,194	1,048	498
14-19 years	577	13	51	203	183	91	36
20-24 years	744	16	60	239	248	131	50
25-44 years	2,766	52	200	773	1,019	483	239
45-64 years	1,670	29	132	419	643	295	152
65 years and over	248	*	22	53	101	48	21
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,797	103	444	1,613	2,128	1,033	476
Males	4,369	85	331	1,235	1,558	805	355
Females	1,428	18	113	378	570	228	121
Agricultural	746	*	71	160	177	316	19
Nonagricultural	5,051	100	373	1,453	1,951	717	457
14-19 years	536	11	46	187	171	88	33
20-24 years	707	14	55	223	238	129	48
25-44 years	2,691	48	194	749	992	478	230
45-64 years	1,623	27	127	405	629	290	145
65 years and over	240	*	22	49	98	48	20
Paid workers	4,607	87	350	1,312	1,793	659	406
Males	3,317	71	251	967	1,270	462	296
Females	1,290	16	99	345	523	197	110

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended October 19, 1957 - 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	208	10	21	74	66	15	22
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,109	153	437	1,465	1,666	900	488
Males	978	43	94	254	295	180	112
Females	4,131	110	343	1,211	1,371	720	376