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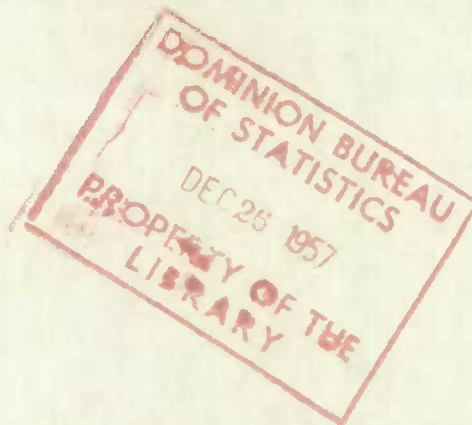
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, November 16, 1957

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, November 16, 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 November 16, 1957, October 19, 1957 and November 17, 1956, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Nov. 16 1957	Oct. 19 1957	Nov. 17 1956
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,133	11,114	10,791
Labour force	5,990	6,005	5,765
With jobs	5,698	5,797	5,630
Agriculture	693	746	693
Nonagriculture	5,005	5,051	4,937
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	292	208	135
Not in the labour force	5,143	5,109	5,026
With jobs	5,698	5,797	5,630
At work 35 hours or more	4,393	3,451	5,025
At work less than 35 hours (3)	1,125	2,089	470
Usually work 35 hours or more (3)	784	1,775	219
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	10	*
(b) on short time	52	38	29
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	10	10	*
(e) bad weather	28	19	14
(f) illness	54	96	28
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation (3)	16	35	79
(i) other (3)	597	1,560	51
Usually work less than 35 hours	341	314	251
Not at work	180	257	135
Usually work 35 hours or more	173	248	131
(a) laid off for the full week	20	12	12
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	96	156	62
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	36	61	40
(f) other	12	15	13
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 in November 1957 to Remembrance Day being in the survey week, in October 1957 to Thanksgiving Day, and in November 1956 to the holiday observed in British Columbia on Monday, November 12.
- \* Less than 10,000

Table 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended November 16, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,133	5,534	5,599
Labour force	5,990	4,513	1,477
With jobs	5,698	4,259	1,439
Agriculture	693	655	38
Nonagriculture	5,005	3,604	1,401
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	292	254	38
Not in the labour force	5,143	1,021	4,122
With jobs	5,698	4,259	1,439
At work 35 hours or more	4,393	3,450	943
At work less than 35 hours (3)	1,125	665	460
Usually work 35 hours or more (3)	784	548	236
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	*	*
(b) on short time	52	38	14
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	10	*	*
(e) bad weather	28	28	*
(f) illness	54	38	16
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation (3)	16	12	*
(i) other (3)	597	401	196
Usually work less than 35 hours	341	117	224
Not at work	180	144	36
Usually work 35 hours or more	173	140	33
(a) laid off for the full week	20	17	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	96	76	20
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	36	30	*
(f) other	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 Remembrance Day being in the survey week. \* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended November 16, 1957, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	317	301	16
Without jobs	292	279	13
Worked	25	22	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	19	17	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended November 16, 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	5,990	568	748	2,768	1,665	241
Males	4,513	330	485	2,160	1,331	207
Females	1,477	238	263	608	334	34
Persons with jobs	5,698	512	696	2,658	1,599	233
Males	4,259	285	441	2,062	1,272	199
Females	1,439	227	255	596	327	34
Persons without jobs and seeking work	292	56	52	110	66	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,143	906	349	1,727	1,181	980
Males	1,021	413	53	49	112	394
Females	4,122	493	296	1,678	1,069	586

\* 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 November 16, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.8	38.5	68.2	61.6	58.5	19.7
Males	81.6	44.4	90.1	97.8	92.2	34.4
Females	26.4	32.6	47.0	26.6	23.8	5.5

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended November 16, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,698	4,544	641	320	193
Agricultural	693	90	408	63	132
Nonagricultural	5,005	4,454	233	257	61
Males	4,259	3,246	590	303	120
Agricultural	655	82	404	62	107
Nonagricultural	3,604	3,164	186	241	13
Females	1,439	1,298	51	17	73
Agricultural	38	*	*	*	25
Nonagricultural	1,401	1,290	47	16	48

(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 November 16, 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	5,698	180	139	237	749	2,570	1,076	747
Agricultural	693	18	20	26	18	97	177	337
Nonagricultural	5,005	162	119	211	731	2,473	899	410
Males	4,259	144	58	125	482	1,886	890	674
Agricultural	655	18	*	19	15	91	171	332
Nonagricultural	3,604	126	49	106	467	1,795	719	342
Females	1,439	36	81	112	267	684	186	73
Agricultural	38	*	11	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,401	36	70	105	264	678	180	68
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,454	146	96	182	688	2,315	759	268
Males	3,164	111	41	95	436	1,667	596	218
Females	1,290	35	55	87	252	648	163	50

\* Less than 10,000.

Note: The distribution by hours worked for the week ended November 16, 1957, is abnormal due to the presence of Remembrance 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 November 16, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	180	100	*	36	*	21	14

(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 November 16, 1957, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,439	665	628	146
Agricultural	38	*	28	*
Nonagricultural	1,401	657	600	144

(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 November 16, 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	292	127	113	31	13	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended November 16, 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	5,143	150	3,529	840	592	32
Males	1,021	101	*	445	450	20
Females	4,122	49	3,524	395	142	12

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended November 16, 1957

(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.S.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>The Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,990	114	451	1,690	2,204	1,032	499
Agricultural	707	*	65	149	180	292	19
Nonagricultural	5,283	112	386	1,541	2,024	740	480
Males	4,513	93	345	1,292	1,612	797	374
Agricultural	668	*	62	147	168	272	17
Nonagricultural	3,845	91	283	1,145	1,444	525	357
Females	1,477	21	106	398	592	235	125
Agricultural	39	*	*	*	12	20	*
Nonagricultural	1,438	21	103	396	580	215	123
All ages	5,990	114	451	1,690	2,204	1,032	499
14-19 years	568	17	42	197	183	94	35
20-24 years	748	17	58	242	252	129	50
25-44 years	2,768	51	200	776	1,025	477	239
45-64 years	1,665	26	129	422	644	290	154
65 years and over	241	*	22	53	100	42	21
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,698	103	417	1,588	2,124	999	467
Males	4,259	83	313	1,201	1,547	769	346
Females	1,439	20	104	387	577	230	121
Agricultural	693	*	61	145	178	289	18
Nonagricultural	5,005	101	356	1,443	1,946	710	449
14-19 years	512	13	36	176	169	87	31
20-24 years	696	16	52	222	237	124	45
25-44 years	2,658	48	188	739	993	465	225
45-64 years	1,599	23	120	402	627	281	146
65 years and over	233	*	21	49	98	42	20
Paid workers	4,544	87	327	1,301	1,788	643	398
Males	3,246	70	237	948	1,258	444	289
Females	1,298	17	90	353	530	199	109

\* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended November 16, 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	292	11	34	102	80	33	32
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,143	153	452	1,468	1,663	916	491
Males	1,021	45	100	263	300	199	114
Females	4,122	108	352	1,205	1,363	717	377