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Monthly Survey, Week ended December 14, 1957

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended December 14, 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 December 14, 1957, November 16, 1957 and December 15, 1956, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

| | Dec. 14 1957 | Nov. 16 1957 | Dec. 15 1956 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Population 14 years of age and over (1) | 11,149 | 11,133 | 10,815 |
| Labour force | 5,966 | 5,990 | 5,741 |
| With jobs | 5,580 | 5,698 | 5,555 |
| Agriculture | 662 | 693 | 680 |
| Nonagriculture | 4,918 | 5,005 | 4,875 |
| Without jobs and seeking work (2) | 386 | 292 | 186 |
| Not in the labour force | 5,183 | 5,143 | 5,074 |
| With jobs | 5,580 | 5,698 | 5,555 |
| At work 35 hours or more | 4,887 | 4,393 | 5,061 |
| At work less than 35 hours | 537 | (3) 1,125 | 373 |
| Usually work 35 hours or more | 194 | (3) 784 | 123 |
| (a) laid off for part of the week | 14 | 11 | * |
| (b) on short time | 60 | 52 | 29 |
| (c) lost job during the week | * | * | * |
| (d) found job during the week | * | 10 | * |
| (e) bad weather | 30 | 28 | 14 |
| (f) illness | 38 | 54 | 31 |
| (g) industrial dispute | * | * | * |
| (h) vacation | * | (3) 16 | * |
| (i) other | 34 | (3) 597 | 23 |
| Usually work less than 35 hours | 343 | 341 | 250 |
| Not at work | 156 | 180 | 121 |
| Usually work 35 hours or more | 151 | 173 | 117 |
| (a) laid off for the full week | 29 | 20 | 22 |
| (b) bad weather | * | * | * |
| (c) illness | 75 | 96 | 58 |
| (d) industrial dispute | * | * | * |
| (e) vacation | 14 | 36 | 16 |
| (f) other | 18 | 12 | 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 Remembrance 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 December 14, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

| | Total | Males | Females |
|---|--------|-------|---------|
| Population 14 years of age and over (1) | 11,149 | 5,541 | 5,608 |
| Labour force | 5,966 | 4,488 | 1,478 |
| With jobs | 5,580 | 4,139 | 1,441 |
| Agriculture | 662 | 631 | 31 |
| Nonagriculture | 4,918 | 3,508 | 1,410 |
| Without jobs and seeking work (2) | 386 | 349 | 37 |
| Not in the labour force | 5,183 | 1,053 | 4,130 |
| With jobs | 5,580 | 4,139 | 1,441 |
| At work 35 hours or more | 4,887 | 3,738 | 1,149 |
| At work less than 35 hours | 537 | 272 | 265 |
| Usually work 35 hours or more | 194 | 154 | 40 |
| (a) laid off for part of the week | 14 | 11 | * |
| (b) on short time | 60 | 45 | 15 |
| (c) lost job during the week | * | * | * |
| (d) found job during the week | * | * | * |
| (e) bad weather | 30 | 30 | * |
| (f) illness | 38 | 27 | 11 |
| (g) industrial dispute | * | * | * |
| (h) vacation | * | * | * |
| (i) other | 34 | 28 | * |
| Usually work less than 35 hours | 343 | 118 | 225 |
| Not at work | 156 | 129 | 27 |
| Usually work 35 hours or more | 151 | 126 | 25 |
| (a) laid off for the full week | 29 | 26 | * |
| (b) bad weather | * | * | * |
| (c) illness | 75 | 59 | 16 |
| (d) industrial dispute | * | * | * |
| (e) vacation | 14 | 10 | * |
| (f) other | 18 | 16 | * |
| 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.
- * Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended December 14, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

| | Total | Seeking full-time work | Seeking part-time work |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Total looking for work | 410 | 393 | 17 |
| Without jobs | 386 | 372 | 14 |
| Worked | 24 | 21 | * |
| 1-14 hours | * | * | * |
| 15-34 hours | 17 | 15 | * |

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended December 14, 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 | 5,966 | 565 | 754 | 2,770 | 1,648 | 229 |
| Males | 4,488 | 328 | 488 | 2,157 | 1,321 | 194 |
| Females | 1,478 | 237 | 266 | 613 | 327 | 35 |
| Persons with jobs | 5,580 | 501 | 687 | 2,611 | 1,562 | 219 |
| Males | 4,139 | 275 | 429 | 2,011 | 1,240 | 184 |
| Females | 1,441 | 226 | 258 | 600 | 322 | 35 |
| Persons without jobs and seeking work | 386 | 64 | 67 | 159 | 86 | 10 |
| Persons not in the labour force | 5,183 | 914 | 345 | 1,729 | 1,202 | 993 |
| Males | 1,053 | 417 | 51 | 54 | 124 | 407 |
| Females | 4,130 | 497 | 294 | 1,675 | 1,078 | 586 |

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

| | Total | 14-19 years | 20-24 years | 25-44 years | 45-64 years | 65 years and over |
|------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Both sexes | 53.5 | 38.2 | 68.6 | 61.6 | 57.8 | 18.7 |
| Males | 81.0 | 44.0 | 90.5 | 97.6 | 91.4 | 32.3 |
| Females | 26.4 | 32.3 | 47.5 | 26.8 | 23.3 | 5.6 |

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended December 14, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

| | Total | Paid workers | Own account workers (1) | Employers (2) | Unpaid family workers (3) |
|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Both sexes | 5,580 | 4,471 | 623 | 300 | 186 |
| Agricultural | 662 | 75 | 410 | 50 | 127 |
| Nonagricultural | 4,918 | 4,396 | 213 | 250 | 59 |
| Males | 4,139 | 3,164 | 575 | 283 | 117 |
| Agricultural | 631 | 69 | 405 | 49 | 108 |
| Nonagricultural | 3,508 | 3,095 | 170 | 234 | * |
| Females | 1,441 | 1,307 | 48 | 17 | 69 |
| Agricultural | 31 | * | * | * | 19 |
| Nonagricultural | 1,410 | 1,301 | 43 | 16 | 50 |

- (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 December 14, 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 | 5,580 | 156 | 136 | 217 | 184 | 3,065 | 1,121 | 701 |
| Agricultural | 662 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 22 | 119 | 183 | 284 |
| Nonagricultural | 4,918 | 145 | 118 | 192 | 162 | 2,946 | 938 | 417 |
| Males | 4,139 | 129 | 60 | 115 | 97 | 2,194 | 922 | 622 |
| Agricultural | 631 | 11 | 10 | 20 | 18 | 112 | 179 | 281 |
| Nonagricultural | 3,508 | 118 | 50 | 95 | 79 | 2,082 | 743 | 341 |
| Females | 1,441 | 27 | 76 | 102 | 87 | 871 | 199 | 79 |
| Agricultural | 31 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Nonagricultural | 1,410 | 27 | 68 | 97 | 83 | 864 | 195 | 76 |
| <u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural) | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 4,396 | 128 | 98 | 162 | 140 | 2,799 | 793 | 276 |
| Males | 3,095 | 102 | 43 | 82 | 68 | 1,964 | 617 | 219 |
| Females | 1,301 | 26 | 55 | 80 | 72 | 835 | 176 | 57 |

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended December 14, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

| | Total | Illness | Bad weather | Vacation | In- dustrial dispute | Temporary layoff (1) | Other |
|------------|-------|---------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Both sexes | 156 | 78 | * | 14 | * | 30 | 19 |

(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 December 14, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

| | Total | Single | Married | Other (1) |
|-----------------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|
| Total | 1,441 | 667 | 623 | 151 |
| Agricultural | 31 | * | 22 | * |
| Nonagricultural | 1,410 | 661 | 601 | 148 |

(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 December 14, 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 | 386 | 145 | 177 | 43 | 15 | * | * |

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended December 14, 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 | 5,183 | 157 | 3,539 | 844 | 617 | 26 |
| Males | 1,053 | 105 | * | 444 | 480 | 18 |
| Females | 4,130 | 52 | 3,533 | 400 | 137 | * |

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended December 14, 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 | 5,966 | 112 | 454 | 1,688 | 2,195 | 1,017 | 500 |
| Agricultural | 680 | * | 57 | 151 | 179 | 275 | 17 |
| Nonagricultural | 5,286 | 111 | 397 | 1,537 | 2,016 | 742 | 483 |
| Males | 4,488 | 92 | 345 | 1,290 | 1,602 | 785 | 374 |
| Agricultural | 649 | * | 56 | 150 | 167 | 259 | 16 |
| Nonagricultural | 3,839 | 91 | 289 | 1,140 | 1,435 | 526 | 358 |
| Females | 1,478 | 20 | 109 | 398 | 593 | 232 | 126 |
| Agricultural | 31 | * | * | * | 12 | 16 | * |
| Nonagricultural | 1,447 | 20 | 108 | 397 | 581 | 216 | 125 |
| All ages | 5,966 | 112 | 454 | 1,688 | 2,195 | 1,017 | 500 |
| 14-19 years | 565 | 15 | 44 | 201 | 180 | 89 | 36 |
| 20-24 years | 754 | 18 | 59 | 242 | 254 | 128 | 53 |
| 25-44 years | 2,770 | 51 | 200 | 776 | 1,033 | 473 | 237 |
| 45-64 years | 1,648 | 25 | 129 | 418 | 635 | 288 | 153 |
| 65 years and over | 229 | * | 22 | 51 | 93 | 39 | 21 |
| <u>Persons with jobs</u> | | | | | | | |
| All status groups | 5,580 | 99 | 407 | 1,546 | 2,094 | 975 | 459 |
| Males | 4,139 | 79 | 300 | 1,161 | 1,516 | 747 | 336 |
| Females | 1,441 | 20 | 107 | 385 | 578 | 228 | 123 |
| Agricultural | 662 | * | 53 | 146 | 175 | 271 | 16 |
| Nonagricultural | 4,918 | 98 | 354 | 1,400 | 1,919 | 704 | 443 |
| 14-19 years | 501 | 12 | 35 | 174 | 165 | 85 | 30 |
| 20-24 years | 687 | 16 | 49 | 215 | 238 | 121 | 48 |
| 25-44 years | 2,611 | 46 | 183 | 718 | 989 | 455 | 220 |
| 45-64 years | 1,562 | 22 | 119 | 391 | 612 | 276 | 142 |
| 65 years and over | 219 | * | 21 | 48 | 90 | 38 | 19 |
| Paid workers | 4,471 | 84 | 318 | 1,263 | 1,773 | 637 | 396 |
| Males | 3,164 | 66 | 225 | 911 | 1,241 | 438 | 283 |
| Females | 1,307 | 18 | 93 | 352 | 532 | 199 | 113 |

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended December 14, 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 | 386 | 13 | 47 | 142 | 101 | 42 | 41 |
| <u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u> | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 5,183 | 155 | 449 | 1,475 | 1,678 | 932 | 494 |
| Males | 1,053 | 46 | 100 | 267 | 313 | 211 | 116 |
| Females | 4,130 | 109 | 349 | 1,208 | 1,365 | 721 | 378 |