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Monthly Survey, Week ended, February 16, 1957

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, February 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 February 16, 1957, January 19, 1957, February 18, 1956, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Feb. 16 1957	Jan. 19 1957	Feb. 18 1956
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,861	10,842	10,635
Persons not in the labour force	5,176	5,146	5,111
Civilian labour force	5,685	5,696	5,524
Persons at work	5,208	5,248	5,041
35 hours or more	4,815	4,831	4,672
Less than 35 hours	393	417	369
Usually work 35 hours or more	145	176	147
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	49	43	38
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	19	44	38
(f) illness	32	31	30
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	21	30	18
Usually work less than 35 hours	248	241	222
Persons with jobs not at work	154	145	175
Usually work 35 hours or more	150	139	168
(a) laid off for full week	25	22	29
(b) bad weather	13	23	14
(c) illness	64	58	69
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	16
(e) vacation	26	17	26
(f) other	19	17	14
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	323	303	308

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

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,861	5,398	5,463
Persons not in the labour force	5,176	1,058	4,118
Civilian labour force	5,685	4,340	1,345
Persons at work	5,208	3,917	1,291
35 hours or more	4,815	3,716	1,099
Less than 35 hours	393	201	192
Usually work 35 hours or more	145	113	32
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	49	39	10
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	19	19	*
(f) illness	32	22	10
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	21	16	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	248	88	160
Persons with jobs not at work	154	130	24
Usually work 35 hours or more	150	127	23
(a) laid off for full week	25	23	*
(b) bad weather	13	13	*
(c) illness	64	51	13
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	26	20	*
(f) other	19	17	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	323	293	30

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

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	335	315	20
Without jobs	323	303	20
Worked	12	12	*
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 February 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	5,685	518	719	2,642	1,591	215
Males	4,340	302	464	2,092	1,293	189
Females	1,345	216	255	550	298	26
Persons with jobs	5,362	465	663	2,513	1,517	204
Males	4,047	259	414	1,973	1,223	178
Females	1,315	206	249	540	294	26
Persons without jobs and seeking work	323	53	56	129	74	11
Persons not in the labour force	5,176	900	344	1,755	1,190	987
Males	1,058	411	55	65	121	406
Females	4,118	489	289	1,690	1,069	581

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the civilian labour force, by age and sex, week ended February '6, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.3	36.5	67.6	60.1	57.2	17.9
Males	80.4	42.4	89.4	97.0	91.4	31.8
Females	24.6	30.6	46.9	24.6	21.8	4.3

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 February 16, 1957,
Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,362	4,285	644	264	169
Agricultural	654	60	428	40	126
Nonagricultural	4,708	4,225	216	224	43
Males	4,047	3,065	607	247	128
Agricultural	636	57	424	39	116
Nonagricultural	3,411	3,008	183	208	12
Females	1,315	1,220	37	17	41
Agricultural	18	*	*	*	10
Nonagricultural	1,297	1,217	33	16	31

(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
February 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	5,362	154	106	158	129	3,118	1,128	569
Agricultural	654	15	15	17	14	152	199	242
Nonagricultural	4,708	139	91	141	115	2,966	929	327
Males	4,047	130	48	78	75	2,247	957	512
Agricultural	636	15	10	14	14	148	196	239
Nonagricultural	3,411	115	38	64	61	2,099	761	273
Females	1,315	24	58	80	54	871	171	57
Agricultural	18	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,297	24	53	77	54	867	168	54
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,225	116	79	117	101	2,817	775	220
Males	3,008	94	34	53	53	1,974	620	180
Females	1,217	22	45	64	48	843	155	40

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
February 16, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	154	67	13	26	*	25	20

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

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,315	656	517	142
Agricultural	18	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,297	651	508	138

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

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended
February 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	323	75	195	40	*	*	*

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
February 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	5,176	145	3,542	816	646	27
Males	1,058	97	*	438	503	15
Females	4,118	48	3,537	378	143	12

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 February 16, 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	5,685	105	423	1,621	2,095	973	468
Agricultural	659	*	36	167	165	270	20
Nonagricultural	5,026	104	387	1,454	1,930	703	448
Males	4,340	84	334	1,254	1,541	772	355
Agricultural	641	*	34	166	158	263	19
Nonagricultural	3,699	83	300	1,088	1,383	509	336
Females	1,345	21	89	367	554	201	113
Agricultural	18	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,327	21	87	366	547	194	112
All ages	5,685	105	423	1,621	2,095	973	468
14-19 years	518	13	40	193	162	79	31
20-24 years	719	18	54	234	245	122	46
25-44 years	2,642	46	186	749	985	453	223
45-64 years	1,591	25	123	399	615	278	151
65 years and over	215	*	20	46	88	41	17
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,362	95	375	1,493	2,023	935	441
Males	4,047	74	289	1,138	1,478	736	332
Females	1,315	21	86	355	545	199	109
Agricultural	654	*	35	166	164	269	19
Nonagricultural	4,708	94	340	1,327	1,859	666	422
14-19 years	465	11	34	169	151	72	28
20-24 years	663	16	45	211	232	116	43
25-44 years	2,513	43	166	697	958	439	210
45-64 years	1,517	22	112	373	597	269	144
65 years and over	204	*	18	43	85	39	16
Paid workers	4,285	84	301	1,206	1,712	598	384
Males	3,065	66	223	869	1,207	417	283
Females	1,220	18	78	337	505	181	101

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 February 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	323	10	48	128	72	38	27
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,176	157	469	1,461	1,657	950	482
Males	1,058	51	105	263	313	211	115
Females	4,118	106	364	1,198	1,344	739	367

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, excluded prior to February, 1955.
See section on "Coverage", page 4.