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Monthly Survey, Week ended, March 16, 1957

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, March 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 March 16, 1957, February 16, 1957, March 24, 1956, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Mar. 16 1957	Feb. 16 1957	Mar. 24 1956
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,884	10,861	10,646
Persons not in the labour force	5,168	5,176	5,110
Civilian labour force	5,716	5,685	5,536
Persons at work	5,219	5,208	5,098
35 hours or more	4,818	4,815	4,737
Less than 35 hours	401	393	361
Usually work 35 hours or more	146	145	138
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	44	49	35
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	10	*	*
(e) bad weather	10	19	19
(f) illness	35	32	37
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	25	21	23
Usually work less than 35 hours	255	248	223
Persons with jobs not at work	154	154	143
Usually work 35 hours or more	151	150	136
(a) laid off for full week	33	25	24
(b) bad weather	*	13	10
(c) illness	64	64	63
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	25	26	21
(f) other	22	19	17
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	343	323	295

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

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,884	5,409	5,475
Persons not in the labour force	5,168	1,054	4,114
Civilian labour force	5,716	4,355	1,361
Persons at work	5,219	3,914	1,305
35 hours or more	4,818	3,710	1,108
Less than 35 hours	401	204	197
Usually work 35 hours or more	146	117	29
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	44	34	10
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	10	*	*
(e) bad weather	10	10	*
(f) illness	35	24	11
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	25	23	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	255	87	168
Persons with jobs not at work	154	129	25
Usually work 35 hours or more	151	128	23
(a) laid off for full week	33	29	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	64	54	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	25	19	*
(f) other	22	19	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	343	312	31

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

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	360	333	27
Without jobs	343	318	25
Worked	17	15	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	12	10	*

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 March 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	5,716	514	720	2,655	1,608	219
Males	4,355	303	466	2,095	1,299	192
Females	1,361	211	254	560	309	27
Persons with jobs	5,373	458	660	2,517	1,531	207
Males	4,043	256	413	1,968	1,226	180
Females	1,330	202	247	549	305	27
Persons without jobs and seeking work	343	56	60	138	77	12
Persons not in the labour force	5,168	909	345	1,749	1,179	986
Males	1,054	413	54	65	117	405
Females	4,114	496	291	1,684	1,062	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 March 16, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.5	36.1	67.6	60.3	57.7	18.2
Males	80.5	42.3	89.6	97.0	91.7	32.2
Females	24.9	29.8	46.6	25.0	22.5	4.4

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 March 16, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,373	4,276	656	266	175
Agricultural	671	63	434	43	131
Nonagricultural	4,702	4,213	222	223	44
Males	4,043	3,044	615	251	133
Agricultural	653	58	430	42	123
Nonagricultural	3,390	2,986	185	209	10
Females	1,330	1,232	41	15	42
Agricultural	18	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,312	1,227	37	14	34

(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
March 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	5,373	154	108	171	122	3,106	1,115	597
Agricultural	671	15	12	22	11	139	204	268
Nonagricultural	4,702	139	96	149	111	2,967	911	329
Males	4,043	129	49	88	67	2,238	933	539
Agricultural	653	15	*	19	10	135	201	265
Nonagricultural	3,390	114	41	69	57	2,103	732	274
Females	1,330	25	59	83	55	868	182	58
Agricultural	18	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,312	25	55	80	54	864	179	55
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,213	121	82	125	97	2,819	755	214
Males	2,986	98	36	57	49	1,978	593	175
Females	1,227	23	46	68	48	841	162	39

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
March 16, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	154	66	*	25	*	33	23

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

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,330	650	535	145
Agricultural	18	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,312	644	527	141

(1) Includes widowed, divorced, and permanently separated.
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 See section on "Coverage", page 4.
 * Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended
March 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	343	77	161	91	10	*	*

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
March 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	5,168	150	3,536	818	634	30
Males	1,054	99	*	441	493	17
Females	4,114	51	3,532	377	141	13

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 March 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	5,716	102	435	1,629	2,112	969	469
Agricultural	675	*	41	178	164	273	18
Nonagricultural	5,041	101	394	1,451	1,948	696	451
Males	4,355	80	340	1,263	1,547	772	353
Agricultural	657	*	39	176	159	264	18
Nonagricultural	3,698	79	301	1,087	1,388	508	335
Females	1,361	22	95	366	565	197	116
Agricultural	18	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,343	22	93	364	560	188	116
All ages	5,716	102	435	1,629	2,112	969	469
14-19 years	514	14	43	192	163	72	30
20-24 years	720	18	57	234	241	124	46
25-44 years	2,655	44	189	752	995	452	223
45-64 years	1,608	24	125	405	621	279	154
65 years and over	219	*	21	46	92	42	16
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,373	93	380	1,490	2,034	930	446
Males	4,043	71	288	1,134	1,480	736	334
Females	1,330	22	92	356	554	194	112
Agricultural	671	*	40	177	164	271	18
Nonagricultural	4,702	92	340	1,313	1,870	659	428
14-19 years	458	12	35	167	151	67	26
20-24 years	660	16	47	208	226	118	45
25-44 years	2,517	41	166	695	965	436	214
45-64 years	1,531	22	113	378	603	269	146
65 years and over	207	*	19	42	89	40	15
Paid workers	4,276	84	302	1,186	1,727	592	385
Males	3,044	64	219	854	1,210	416	281
Females	1,232	20	83	332	517	176	104

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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	343	*	55	139	78	39	23
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,168	160	459	1,460	1,649	957	483
Males	1,054	55	100	258	311	213	117
Females	4,114	105	359	1,202	1,338	744	366

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

* Less than 10,000.