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Monthly Survey, Week ended, April 20, 1957.

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, April 20, 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 April 20, 1957, March 16, 1957, April 21, 1956, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Apr. 20 1957	Mar. 16 1957	Apr. 21 1956
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,926	10,884	10,663
Persons not in the labour force	5,178	5,168	5,080
Civilian labour force	5,748	5,716	5,583
Persons at work	5,300	5,219	5,206
35 hours or more	3,134	4,818	4,835
Less than 35 hours	(1) 2,166	401	371
Usually work 35 hours or more	(1) 1,906	146	126
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	10	*
(b) on short time	39	44	32
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	10	11
(e) bad weather	*	10	16
(f) illness	-9	35	30
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	(1) 80	*	*
(i) other	(1) 1,740	25	26
Usually work less than 35 hours	260	255	245
Persons with jobs not at work	142	154	120
Usually work 35 hours or more	138	151	116
(a) laid off for full week	25	33	15
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	56	64	60
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	32	25	20
(f) other	21	22	16
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	306	343	257

(1) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to Good Friday being in the survey week. This explains nearly all the absence reported under (h) and (i). (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.

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 April 20, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,926	5,430	5,496
Persons not in the labour force	5,178	1,049	4,129
Civilian labour force	5,748	4,381	1,367
Persons at work	5,300	3,991	1,309
35 hours or more	3,134	2,556	578
Less than 35 hours (1)	2,166	1,435	731
Usually work 35 hours or more (1)	1,906	1,348	558
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	39	29	10
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	19	14	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation (1)	80	53	27
(i) other (1)	1,740	1,227	513
Usually work less than 35 hours	260	87	173
Persons with jobs not at work	142	111	31
Usually work 35 hours or more	138	109	29
(a) laid off for full week	25	22	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	56	44	12
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	32	22	10
(f) other	21	17	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	306	279	27

(1) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to Good Friday being in the survey week. This explains nearly all the absence reported under (h) and (i). (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.

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 April 20, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	321	305	16
Without jobs	306	292	14
Worked	15	13	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	11	*	*

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 April 20, 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	5,748	520	722	2,653	1,624	229
Males	4,381	302	469	2,101	1,309	200
Females	1,367	218	253	552	315	29
Persons with jobs	5,442	472	668	2,528	1,554	220
Males	4,102	262	420	1,985	1,244	191
Females	1,340	210	248	543	310	29
Persons without jobs and seeking work	306	48	54	125	70	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,178	911	349	1,768	1,172	978
Males	1,049	418	55	68	111	397
Females	4,129	493	294	1,700	1,061	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 April 20, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.6	36.3	67.4	60.0	58.1	19.0
Males	80.7	41.9	89.5	96.9	92.2	33.5
Females	24.9	30.7	46.3	24.5	22.9	4.8

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 April 20, 1957,
Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,442	4,286	681	286	189
Agricultural	706	71	447	47	141
Nonagricultural	4,736	4,215	234	239	48
Males	4,102	3,059	640	267	136
Agricultural	681	67	443	46	125
Nonagricultural	3,421	2,992	197	221	11
Females	1,340	1,227	41	19	53
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	16
Nonagricultural	1,315	1,223	37	18	37

(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 April 20, 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	5,442	142	109	218	1,839	1,754	773	607
Agricultural	706	*	15	18	17	122	192	334
Nonagricultural	4,736	134	94	200	1,822	1,632	581	273
Males	4,102	111	46	105	1,284	1,355	652	549
Agricultural	681	*	*	14	15	119	188	330
Nonagricultural	3,421	103	39	91	1,269	1,236	464	219
Females	1,340	31	63	113	555	399	121	58
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,315	31	55	109	553	396	117	54
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,215	122	81	168	1,754	1,473	453	164
Males	2,992	92	34	74	1,212	1,102	352	126
Females	1,223	30	47	94	542	371	101	38

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 April 20, 1957, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	142	58	*	32	*	25	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 April 20, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,340	655	536	149
Agricultural	25	*	13	*
Nonagricultural	1,315	646	523	146

(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
April 20, 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	306	76	108	102	12	*	*

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

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended
April 20, 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	5,178	150	3,533	846	619	30
Males	1,049	99	*	450	474	22
Females	4,129	51	3,529	396	145	*

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 April 20, 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	5,748	104	430	1,625	2,130	985	474
Agricultural	712	*	42	175	181	293	21
Nonagricultural	5,036	104	388	1,450	1,949	692	453
Males	4,381	83	339	1,261	1,557	785	356
Agricultural	687	*	40	171	173	283	20
Nonagricultural	3,694	83	299	1,090	1,384	502	336
Females	1,367	21	91	364	573	200	118
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	*	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,342	21	89	360	565	190	117
All ages	5,748	104	430	1,625	2,130	985	474
14-19 years	520	15	41	191	168	73	32
20-24 years	722	17	54	232	247	122	50
25-44 years	2,653	45	188	750	992	456	222
45-64 years	1,624	25	126	404	629	288	152
65 years and over	229	*	21	48	94	46	18
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,442	91	382	1,498	2,059	957	455
Males	4,102	70	294	1,142	1,498	759	339
Females	1,340	21	88	356	561	198	116
Agricultural	706	*	42	173	180	291	20
Nonagricultural	4,736	91	340	1,325	1,879	666	435
14-19 years	472	12	34	168	157	71	30
20-24 years	668	14	47	207	236	117	47
25-44 years	2,528	40	167	699	965	443	214
45-64 years	1,554	23	114	379	610	281	147
65 years and over	220	*	20	45	91	45	17
Paid workers	4,286	80	299	1,189	1,730	597	391
Males	3,059	61	221	861	1,211	421	284
Females	1,227	19	78	328	519	176	107

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 April 20, 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	306	13	48	127	71	28	19
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,178	159	465	1,476	1,649	945	484
Males	1,049	53	102	265	310	202	117
Females	4,129	106	363	1,211	1,339	743	367

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