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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, May 18, 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 May 18, 1957, April 20, 1957, May 19, 1956, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	May 18 1957	Apr. 20 1957	May 19 1956
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,968	10,926	10,680
Persons not in the labour force	5,087	5,178	5,016
Civilian labour force	5,881	5,748	5,664
Persons at work	5,571	5,300	5,387
35 hours or more	5,142	3,134	4,997
Less than 35 hours	429	(1) 2,166	390
Usually work 35 hours or more	142	(1) 1,906	123
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	38	39	23
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	11	*	15
(e) bad weather	18	*	20
(f) illness	27	19	24
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	(1) 80	12
(i) other	21	(1) 1,740	19
Usually work less than 35 hours	287	260	267
Persons with jobs not at work	116	142	112
Usually work 35 hours or more	112	138	108
(a) laid off for full week	12	25	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	53	56	54
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	33	32	30
(f) other	11	21	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	194	306	165

(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 May 18, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,968	5,451	5,517
Persons not in the labour force	5,087	977	4,110
Civilian labour force	5,881	4,474	1,407
Persons at work	5,571	4,212	1,359
35 hours or more	5,142	4,011	1,131
Less than 35 hours	429	201	228
Usually work 35 hours or more	142	108	34
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	38	27	11
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	11	*	*
(e) bad weather	18	17	*
(f) illness	27	18	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	21	16	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	287	93	194
Persons with jobs not at work	116	90	26
Usually work 35 hours or more	112	88	24
(a) laid off for full week	12	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	53	43	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	33	25	*
(f) other	11	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	194	172	22

(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 May 18, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	208	195	13
Without jobs	194	183	11
Worked	14	12	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	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 May 18, 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	5,881	545	743	2,709	1,648	236
Males	4,474	321	486	2,134	1,328	205
Females	1,407	224	257	575	320	31
Persons with jobs	5,687	508	707	2,636	1,606	230
Males	4,302	291	455	2,068	1,289	199
Females	1,385	217	252	568	317	31
Persons without jobs and seeking work	194	37	36	73	42	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,087	893	335	1,729	1,157	973
Males	977	403	41	44	96	393
Females	4,110	490	294	1,685	1,061	580

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

* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the civilian labour force, by age and sex, week ended May 18, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.6	37.9	68.9	61.0	58.8	19.5
Males	82.1	44.3	92.2	98.0	93.3	34.3
Females	25.5	31.4	46.6	25.4	23.2	5.1

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 May 18, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,687	4,459	694	323	211
Agricultural	773	88	455	72	158
Nonagricultural	4,914	4,371	239	251	53
Males	4,302	3,202	652	304	144
Agricultural	734	83	450	70	131
Nonagricultural	3,568	3,119	202	234	13
Females	1,385	1,257	42	19	67
Agricultural	39	*	*	*	27
Nonagricultural	1,346	1,252	37	17	40

(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
May 18, 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	5,687	116	109	178	142	3,123	1,115	904
Agricultural	773	*	17	18	*	72	141	511
Nonagricultural	4,914	110	92	160	134	3,051	974	393
Males	4,302	90	43	79	79	2,241	926	844
Agricultural	734	*	*	10	*	64	136	506
Nonagricultural	3,568	84	38	69	72	2,177	790	338
Females	1,385	26	66	99	63	882	189	60
Agricultural	39	*	12	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,346	26	54	91	62	874	184	55
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,371	100	77	130	122	2,893	794	255
Males	3,119	74	33	57	66	2,044	630	215
Females	1,252	26	44	73	56	849	164	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
May 18, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	116	55	*	33	*	12	13

(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 May 18, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,385	676	563	146
Agricultural	39	12	22	*
Nonagricultural	1,346	664	541	141

(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 May 18, 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	194	55	68	51	15	*	*

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 May 18, 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	5,087	162	3,514	814	576	21
Males	977	107	*	420	433	12
Females	4,110	55	3,509	394	143	*

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 May 18, 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	5,881	112	444	1,640	2,165	1,030	490
Agricultural	776	*	49	181	194	332	18
Nonagricultural	5,105	110	395	1,459	1,971	698	472
Males	4,474	91	348	1,275	1,583	810	367
Agricultural	737	*	46	178	183	312	17
Nonagricultural	3,737	90	302	1,097	1,400	498	350
Females	1,407	21	96	365	582	220	123
Agricultural	39	*	*	*	11	20	*
Nonagricultural	1,368	20	93	362	571	200	122
All ages	5,881	112	444	1,640	2,165	1,030	490
14-19 years	545	15	43	195	175	84	33
20-24 years	743	17	57	235	252	128	54
25-44 years	2,709	51	195	755	1,005	472	231
45-64 years	1,648	27	127	406	636	299	153
65 years and over	236	*	22	49	97	47	19
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,687	104	413	1,569	2,112	1,015	474
Males	4,302	84	319	1,211	1,538	797	353
Females	1,385	20	94	358	574	218	121
Agricultural	773	*	49	180	192	332	18
Nonagricultural	4,914	102	364	1,389	1,920	683	456
14-19 years	508	12	37	182	165	81	31
20-24 years	707	16	52	221	241	126	51
25-44 years	2,636	48	183	726	987	467	225
45-64 years	1,606	26	120	393	624	294	149
65 years and over	230	*	21	47	95	47	18
Paid workers	4,459	89	320	1,251	1,765	625	409
Males	3,202	71	239	916	1,239	440	297
Females	1,257	18	81	335	526	185	112

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See section on "Coverage", page 4.

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Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended May 18, 1957 - con.

(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Atla.	B.C.
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	194	*	31	71	53	15	16
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,087	151	453	1,472	1,633	905	473
Males	977	45	93	257	294	180	108
Females	4,110	106	360	1,215	1,339	725	365

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

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