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Monthly Survey, Week ended, June 22, 1957

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, June 22, 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 June 22, 1957, May 18, 1957, June 23, 1956, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	June 22 1957	May 18 1957	June 23 1956
Total civilian noninstitutional population	11,012	10,968	10,699
Persons not in the labour force	5,016	5,087	4,935
Civilian labour force	5,996	5,881	5,764
Persons at work	5,657	5,571	5,504
35 hours or more	5,244	5,142	5,156
Less than 35 hours	413	429	348
Usually work 35 hours or more	138	142	115
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	37	38	22
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	13	11	10
(e) bad weather	16	18	20
(f) illness	24	27	23
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	15	*	16
(i) other	23	21	17
Usually work less than 35 hours	275	287	233
Persons with jobs not at work	177	116	143
Usually work 35 hours or more	170	112	136
(a) laid off for full week	11	12	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	57	53	46
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	82	33	70
(f) other	13	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	162	194	117

(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 June 22, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	11,012	5,473	5,539
Persons not in the labour force	5,016	919	4,097
Civilian labour force	5,996	4,554	1,442
Persons at work	5,657	4,284	1,373
35 hours or more	5,244	4,096	1,148
Less than 35 hours	413	188	225
Usually work 35 hours or more	138	103	35
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	37	26	11
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	13	*	*
(e) bad weather	16	15	*
(f) illness	24	18	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	15	*	*
(i) other	23	17	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	275	85	190
Persons with jobs not at work	177	134	43
Usually work 35 hours or more	170	131	39
(a) laid off for full week	11	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	57	46	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	82	59	23
(f) other	13	10	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	162	136	26

(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 June 22, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	174	163	11
Without jobs	162	152	10
Worked	12	11	*
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 June 22, 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	5,996	608	760	2,743	1,645	240
Males	4,554	363	502	2,149	1,329	211
Females	1,442	245	258	594	316	29
Persons with jobs	5,834	564	733	2,692	1,611	234
Males	4,418	330	481	2,104	1,298	205
Females	1,416	234	252	588	313	29
Persons without jobs and seeking work	162	44	27	51	34	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,016	838	325	1,713	1,168	972
Males	919	365	29	39	98	388
Females	4,097	473	296	1,674	1,070	584

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 June 22, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	54.4	42.0	70.0	61.6	58.5	19.8
Males	83.2	49.9	94.5	98.2	93.1	35.2
Females	26.0	34.1	46.6	26.2	22.8	4.7

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 June 22, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,834	4,600	689	330	215
Agricultural	774	98	444	70	162
Nonagricultural	5,060	4,502	245	260	53
Males	4,418	3,324	642	310	142
Agricultural	722	88	437	69	128
Nonagricultural	3,696	3,236	205	241	14
Females	1,416	1,276	47	20	73
Agricultural	52	10	*	*	34
Nonagricultural	1,364	1,266	40	19	39

(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
June 22, 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	5,834	177	97	178	138	3,170	1,167	907
Agricultural	774	*	18	23	11	82	160	473
Nonagricultural	5,060	170	79	155	127	3,088	1,007	434
Males	4,418	134	37	78	73	2,286	972	838
Agricultural	722	*	*	12	*	71	152	466
Nonagricultural	3,696	127	31	66	65	2,215	820	372
Females	1,416	43	60	100	65	884	195	69
Agricultural	52	*	12	11	*	11	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,364	43	48	89	62	873	187	62
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,502	159	66	128	112	2,928	826	283
Males	3,236	117	27	55	57	2,082	659	239
Females	1,266	42	39	73	55	846	167	44

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
June 22, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	177	60	*	84	*	12	14

(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 June 22, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,416	693	573	150
Agricultural	52	15	31	*
Nonagricultural	1,364	678	542	144

(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 June 22, 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	162	66	49	27	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 June 22, 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	5,016	165	3,537	632	654	28
Males	919	109	*	320	469	17
Females	4,097	56	3,533	312	185	11

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 June 22, 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	5,996	120	447	1,684	2,199	1,041	505
Agricultural	777	*	46	178	206	324	22
Nonagricultural	5,219	119	401	1,506	1,993	717	483
Males	4,554	100	349	1,301	1,616	817	371
Agricultural	725	*	43	171	188	303	19
Nonagricultural	3,829	99	306	1,130	1,428	514	352
Females	1,442	20	98	383	583	224	134
Agricultural	52	*	*	*	18	21	*
Nonagricultural	1,390	20	95	376	565	203	131
All ages	5,996	120	447	1,684	2,199	1,041	505
14-19 years	608	15	45	219	200	89	40
20-24 years	760	20	57	243	254	130	56
25-44 years	2,743	54	195	767	1,013	478	236
45-64 years	1,645	28	129	406	632	296	154
65 years and over	240	*	21	49	100	48	19
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,834	114	429	1,622	2,150	1,030	489
Males	4,418	94	333	1,247	1,577	809	358
Females	1,416	20	96	375	573	221	131
Agricultural	774	*	45	177	205	324	22
Nonagricultural	5,060	113	384	1,445	1,945	706	467
14-19 years	564	14	41	199	187	86	37
20-24 years	733	19	54	233	244	129	54
25-44 years	2,692	51	189	749	999	473	231
45-64 years	1,611	27	125	394	622	294	149
65 years and over	234	*	20	47	98	48	18
Paid workers	4,600	96	343	1,301	1,793	646	421
Males	3,324	78	259	958	1,272	457	300
Females	1,276	18	84	343	521	189	121

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 June 22, 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	162	*	18	62	49	11	16
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,016	144	452	1,439	1,618	900	463
Males	919	37	94	236	270	176	106
Females	4,097	107	358	1,203	1,348	724	357

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

* Less than 10,000.