

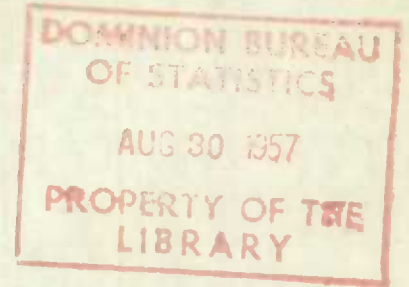
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### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, July 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 July 20, 1957, June 22, 1957, July 21, 1956, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	July 20 1957	June 22 1957	July 21 1956
Total civilian noninstitutional population	11,043	11,012	10,714
Persons not in the labour force	4,931	5,016	4,823
Civilian labour force	6,112	5,996	5,891
Persons at work	5,451	5,657	5,328
35 hours or more	5,085	5,244	5,025
Less than 35 hours	366	413	303
Usually work 35 hours or more	130	138	93
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	42	37	20
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	13	*
(e) bad weather	*	16	*
(f) illness	16	24	19
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	26	15	20
(i) other	20	23	13
Usually work less than 35 hours	236	275	210
Persons with jobs not at work	498	177	461
Usually work 35 hours or more	479	170	448
(a) laid off for full week	14	11	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	60	57	51
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	390	82	378
(f) other	*	13	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	19	*	13
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	163	162	102

(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 July 20, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	11,043	5,488	5,555
Persons not in the labour force	4,931	799	4,132
Civilian labour force	6,112	4,689	1,423
Persons at work	5,451	4,216	1,235
35 hours or more	5,085	4,037	1,048
Less than 35 hours	366	179	187
Usually work 35 hours or more	130	100	30
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	42	31	11
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	16	11	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	26	19	*
(i) other	20	16	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	236	79	157
Persons with jobs not at work	498	336	162
Usually work 35 hours or more	479	328	151
(a) laid off for full week	14	11	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	60	50	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	390	254	136
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	19	*	11
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	163	137	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 July 20, 1957, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	177	165	12
Without jobs	163	152	11
Worked	14	13	*
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 July 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	6,112	759	758	2,716	1,638	241
Males	4,689	477	513	2,153	1,335	211
Females	1,423	282	245	563	303	30
Persons with jobs	5,949	712	730	2,663	1,609	235
Males	4,552	442	490	2,106	1,309	205
Females	1,397	270	240	557	300	30
Persons without jobs and seeking work	163	47	28	53	29	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,931	693	330	1,752	1,183	973
Males	799	254	20	41	96	388
Females	4,132	439	310	1,711	1,087	585

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 July 20, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	55.3	52.3	69.7	60.8	58.1	19.9
Males	85.4	65.3	96.2	98.1	93.3	35.2
Females	25.6	39.1	44.1	24.8	21.8	4.9

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 July 20, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,949	4,630	690	349	280
Agricultural	880	127	448	86	219
Nonagricultural	5,069	4,503	242	263	61
Males	4,552	3,386	641	327	198
Agricultural	816	112	441	84	179
Nonagricultural	3,736	3,274	200	243	19
Females	1,397	1,244	49	22	82
Agricultural	64	15	*	*	40
Nonagricultural	1,333	1,229	42	20	42

(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 July 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>					366			
Both sexes	5,949	498	81	158	127	2,994	1,069	1,022
Agricultural	880	*	16	23	11	108	161	552
Nonagricultural	5,069	489	65	135	116	2,886	908	470
Males	4,552	336	30	75	74	2,210	885	942
Agricultural	816	*	*	12	*	92	151	540
Nonagricultural	3,736	327	25	63	67	2,118	734	402
Females	1,397	162	51	83	53	784	184	80
Agricultural	64	*	11	11	*	16	10	12
Nonagricultural	1,333	162	40	72	49	768	174	68
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,503	468	52	111	98	2,726	744	304
Males	3,274	309	21	51	58	1,985	590	260
Females	1,229	159	31	60	40	741	154	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 July 20, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In-dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	498	61	*	406	*	15	*

(1) Includes only those who had definite instruction 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 July 20, 1957, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,397	711	548	138
Agricultural	64	23	34	*
Nonagricultural	1,333	688	514	131

(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 July 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	163	69	54	21	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 July 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	4,931	158	3,672	*	1,030	67
Males	799	107	*	*	653	34
Females	4,132	51	3,668	*	377	33

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 July 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	6,112	120	465	1,709	2,236	1,065	517
Agricultural	883	*	72	199	219	362	30
Nonagricultural	5,229	119	393	1,510	2,017	703	487
Males	4,689	102	368	1,337	1,649	853	380
Agricultural	819	*	68	191	194	340	25
Nonagricultural	3,870	101	300	1,146	1,455	513	355
Females	1,423	18	97	372	587	212	137
Agricultural	64	*	*	*	25	22	*
Nonagricultural	1,359	18	93	364	562	190	132
All ages	6,112	120	465	1,709	2,236	1,065	517
14-19 years	759	17	64	252	243	129	54
20-24 years	758	19	55	242	257	129	56
25-44 years	2,716	54	195	756	1,006	471	234
45-64 years	1,638	27	129	409	628	291	154
65 years and over	241	*	22	50	102	45	19
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,949	110	445	1,655	2,186	1,053	500
Males	4,552	93	351	1,289	1,609	843	367
Females	1,397	17	94	366	577	210	133
Agricultural	880	*	71	198	219	361	30
Nonagricultural	5,069	109	374	1,457	1,967	692	470
14-19 years	712	13	57	236	230	126	50
20-24 years	730	17	52	231	248	128	54
25-44 years	2,663	51	189	738	989	468	228
45-64 years	1,609	26	126	402	619	286	150
65 years and over	235	*	21	48	100	45	18
Paid workers	4,630	87	339	1,315	1,824	641	424
Males	3,386	73	257	984	1,305	463	304
Females	1,244	14	82	331	519	178	120

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 July 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	163	10	20	54	50	12	17
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,931	145	436	1,422	1,594	880	454
Males	799	35	76	204	244	142	98
Females	4,132	110	360	1,218	1,350	738	356

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See section on "Coverage", page 4.