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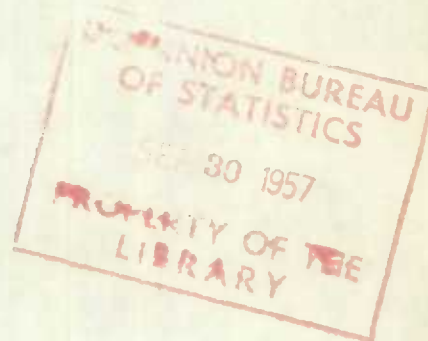
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Monthly Survey, Week ended, August 24, 1957

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, August 24, 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 August 24, 1957, July 20, 1957 and August 18, 1956, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Aug. 24 1957	July 20 1957	Aug. 18 1956
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,074	11,043	10,733
Labour force	6,131	6,112	5,926
With jobs	5,957	5,949	5,823
Agriculture	900	880	946
Nonagriculture	5,057	5,069	4,877
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	174	163	103
Not in the labour force	4,943	4,931	4,807
With jobs	5,957	5,949	5,823
At work 35 hours or more	5,186	5,085	5,093
At work less than 35 hours	357	366	317
Usually work 35 hours or more	135	130	112
(a) laid off for part of the week	14	*	*
(b) on short time	32	42	18
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	20	16	23
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	31	26	25
(i) other	18	20	19
Usually work less than 35 hours	222	236	205
With jobs but not at work	414	498	413
Usually work 35 hours or more	396	479	398
(a) laid off for the full week	17	14	12
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	63	60	49
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	302	390	328
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	18	19	15

- (1) Excludes inmates of institutions, members of the armed services and Indians living on reserves.
- (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.
- * Less than 10,000.

Table 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended August 24, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,074	5,504	5,570
Labour force	6,131	4,696	1,435
With jobs	5,957	4,551	1,406
Agriculture	900	843	57
Nonagriculture	5,057	3,708	1,349
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	174	145	29
Not in the labour force	4,943	808	4,135
With jobs	5,957	4,551	1,406
At work 35 hours or more	5,186	4,101	1,085
At work less than 35 hours	357	173	184
Usually work 35 hours or more	135	100	35
(a) laid off for part of the week	14	13	*
(b) on short time	32	23	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	20	13	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	31	24	*
(i) other	18	12	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	222	73	149
With jobs but not at work	414	277	137
Usually work 35 hours or more	396	271	125
(a) laid off for the full week	17	15	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	63	49	14
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	302	195	107
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	18	*	12

- (1) Excludes inmates of institutions, members of the armed services and Indians living on reserves.
- (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.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended August 24, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	188	177	11
Without jobs	174	165	*
Worked	14	12	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	11	10	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended August 24, 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	6,131	730	764	2,737	1,648	252
Males	4,696	458	513	2,164	1,340	221
Females	1,435	272	251	573	308	31
Persons with jobs	5,957	688	732	2,679	1,612	246
Males	4,551	426	488	2,113	1,308	216
Females	1,406	262	244	566	304	30
Persons without jobs and seeking work	174	42	32	58	36	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,943	728	328	1,741	1,181	965
Males	808	276	22	36	95	379
Females	4,135	452	306	1,705	1,086	586

* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the labour force, by age and sex, week ended August 24, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	55.4	50.1	70.0	61.1	58.3	20.7
Males	85.3	62.4	95.9	98.4	93.4	36.8
Females	25.8	37.6	45.1	25.2	22.1	5.0

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended August 24, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,957	4,647	682	360	268
Agricultural	900	151	445	95	209
Nonagricultural	5,057	4,496	237	265	59
Males	4,551	3,386	634	338	193
Agricultural	843	137	439	92	175
Nonagricultural	3,708	3,249	195	246	18
Females	1,406	1,261	48	22	75
Agricultural	57	14	*	*	34
Nonagricultural	1,349	1,247	42	19	41

(1) Without paid employees. (2) With own business, profession, or farm.

(3) In a business or on a farm. * Less than 10,000.

Table 7. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended August 24, 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	5,957	414	75	145	137	3,051	1,070	1,065
Agricultural	900	*	13	16	10	97	148	607
Nonagricultural	5,057	405	62	129	127	2,954	922	458
Males	4,551	277	27	63	83	2,227	883	991
Agricultural	843	*	*	*	*	86	136	595
Nonagricultural	3,708	268	24	57	75	2,141	747	396
Females	1,406	137	48	82	54	824	187	74
Agricultural	57	*	10	10	*	11	12	12
Nonagricultural	1,349	137	38	72	52	813	175	62
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,496	381	51	107	113	2,784	761	299
Males	3,249	248	21	48	68	1,999	604	261
Females	1,247	133	30	59	45	785	157	38

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended August 24, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	414	66	*	316	*	17	*

(1) Includes only those who had definite instruction to return to their jobs within 30 days of date on which layoff began.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended August 24, 1957, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,406	702	564	140
Agricultural	57	19	34	*
Nonagricultural	1,349	683	530	136

(1) Includes widowed, divorced, and permanently separated.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended August 24, 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	174	66	69	21	14	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended August 24, 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	4,943	147	3,663	*	1,059	72
Males	808	96	*	*	668	40
Females	4,135	51	3,659	*	391	32

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended August 24, 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	6,131	121	463	1,707	2,247	1,080	513
Agricultural	904	*	71	192	235	378	27
Nonagricultural	5,227	120	392	1,515	2,012	702	486
Males	4,696	103	365	1,331	1,652	861	384
Agricultural	847	*	68	188	208	358	24
Nonagricultural	3,849	102	297	1,143	1,444	503	360
Females	1,435	18	98	376	595	219	129
Agricultural	57	*	*	*	27	20	*
Nonagricultural	1,378	18	95	372	568	199	126
All ages	6,131	121	463	1,707	2,247	1,080	513
14-19 years	730	17	59	239	238	128	49
20-24 years	764	18	59	239	258	131	59
25-44 years	2,737	54	197	763	1,015	473	235
45-64 years	1,648	29	128	412	632	296	151
65 years and over	252	*	20	54	104	52	19
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,957	112	441	1,643	2,193	1,070	498
Males	4,551	95	345	1,279	1,608	853	371
Females	1,406	17	96	364	585	217	127
Agricultural	900	*	70	191	233	378	27
Nonagricultural	5,057	111	371	1,452	1,960	692	471
14-19 years	688	14	54	221	228	126	45
20-24 years	732	17	53	228	249	129	56
25-44 years	2,679	51	191	742	995	469	231
45-64 years	1,612	27	123	400	620	294	148
65 years and over	246	*	20	52	101	52	18
Paid workers	4,647	88	340	1,310	1,843	645	421
Males	3,386	74	254	975	1,314	462	307
Females	1,261	14	86	335	529	183	114

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended August 24, 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	174	*	22	64	54	10	15
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,943	144	439	1,433	1,596	866	465
Males	808	34	79	215	248	134	98
Females	4,135	110	360	1,218	1,348	732	367

* Less than 10,000.