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## THE LABOUR FORCE

Monthly Survey, Week ended, September 21, 1957

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended, September 21, 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 September 21, 1957, August 24, 1957 and September 22, 1956, Canada (1) (estimates in thousands)

	Sept. 21 1957	Aug. 24 1957	Sept. 22 1956
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,094	11,074	10,752
Labour force	6,048	6,131	5,773
With jobs	5,854	5,957	5,676
Agriculture	812	900	841
Nonagriculture	5,042	5,057	4,835
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	194	174	97
Not in the labour force	5,046	4,943	4,979
With jobs	5,854	5,957	5,676
At work 35 hours or more	5,171	5,186	5,168
At work less than 35 hours	479	357	345
Usually work 35 hours or more	167	135	108
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	14	*
(b) on short time	36	32	22
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	22	*	16
(f) illness	45	20	30
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	13	31	11
(i) other	28	18	15
Usually work less than 35 hours	312	222	237
With jobs but not at work	204	414	163
Usually work 35 hours or more	199	396	157
(a) laid off for the full week	16	17	17
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	82	63	55
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	84	302	69
(f) other	12	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	18	*

(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 September 21, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,094	5,514	5,580
Labour force	6,048	4,568	1,480
With jobs	5,854	4,405	1,449
Agriculture	812	753	59
Nonagriculture	5,042	3,652	1,390
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	194	163	31
Not in the labour force	5,046	946	4,100
With jobs	5,854	4,405	1,449
At work 35 hours or more	5,171	4,019	1,152
At work less than 35 hours	479	233	246
Usually work 35 hours or more	167	128	39
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	36	26	10
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	22	20	*
(f) illness	45	32	13
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	13	10	*
(i) other	28	22	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	312	105	207
With jobs but not at work	204	153	51
Usually work 35 hours or more	199	151	48
(a) laid off for the full week	16	13	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	82	65	17
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	84	59	25
(f) other	12	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*

- (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 September 21, 1957, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	212	199	13
Without jobs	194	184	10
Worked	18	15	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	13	10	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended September 21, 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	6,048	599	751	2,772	1,672	254
Males	4,568	352	488	2,164	1,343	221
Females	1,480	247	263	608	329	33
Persons with jobs	5,854	558	716	2,700	1,632	248
Males	4,405	322	460	2,100	1,308	215
Females	1,449	236	256	600	324	33
Persons without jobs and seeking work	194	41	35	72	40	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,046	864	343	1,712	1,162	965
Males	946	385	48	39	94	380
Females	4,100	479	295	1,673	1,068	585

\* 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 September 21, 1957, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	54.5	40.9	68.6	61.8	59.0	20.8
Males	82.8	47.8	91.0	98.2	93.5	36.8
Females	26.5	34.0	47.1	26.7	23.6	5.3

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended September 21, 1957, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,854	4,624	667	350	213
Agricultural	812	141	434	83	154
Nonagricultural	5,042	4,483	233	267	59
Males	4,405	3,327	616	329	133
Agricultural	753	124	426	82	121
Nonagricultural	3,652	3,203	190	247	12
Females	1,449	1,297	51	21	80
Agricultural	59	17	*	*	33
Nonagricultural	1,390	1,280	43	20	47

- (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  
September 21, 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	5,854	204	111	191	177	2,968	1,148	1,055
Agricultural	812	11	20	25	14	67	135	540
Nonagricultural	5,042	193	91	166	163	2,901	1,013	515
Males	4,405	153	44	92	97	2,116	936	967
Agricultural	753	11	*	14	*	55	127	532
Nonagricultural	3,652	142	39	78	88	2,061	809	435
Females	1,449	51	67	99	80	852	212	88
Agricultural	59	*	15	11	*	12	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,390	51	52	88	75	840	204	80
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,483	181	76	137	146	2,753	845	345
Males	3,203	131	35	66	79	1,940	663	289
Females	1,280	50	41	71	67	813	182	56

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended  
September 21, 1957, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	204	85	*	85	*	16	13

(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 September 21, 1957, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,449	683	613	153
Agricultural	59	16	38	*
Nonagricultural	1,390	667	575	148

(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 September 21, 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	76	83	21	11	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended September 21, 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	5,046	151	3,526	776	571	22
Males	946	99	*	403	427	12
Females	4,100	52	3,521	373	144	10

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended September 21, 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	6,048	116	466	1,700	2,197	1,071	498
Agricultural	816	*	81	178	185	347	24
Nonagricultural	5,232	115	385	1,522	2,012	724	474
Males	4,568	95	357	1,300	1,612	834	370
Agricultural	757	*	73	169	173	320	21
Nonagricultural	3,811	94	284	1,131	1,439	514	349
Females	1,480	21	109	400	585	237	128
Agricultural	59	*	*	*	12	27	*
Nonagricultural	1,421	21	101	391	573	210	125
All ages	6,048	116	466	1,700	2,197	1,071	498
14-19 years	599	14	51	215	183	100	36
20-24 years	751	18	59	240	252	131	51
25-44 years	2,772	54	202	774	1,020	483	239
45-64 years	1,672	27	131	419	640	302	153
65 years and over	254	*	23	52	102	55	19
<u>Persons with jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,854	105	443	1,636	2,125	1,061	484
Males	4,405	85	337	1,247	1,550	827	359
Females	1,449	20	106	389	575	234	125
Agricultural	812	*	81	176	184	346	24
Nonagricultural	5,042	104	362	1,460	1,941	715	460
14-19 years	558	11	45	198	173	97	34
20-24 years	716	16	52	230	239	130	49
25-44 years	2,700	50	197	752	989	480	232
45-64 years	1,632	25	127	407	624	299	150
65 years and over	248	*	22	49	100	55	19
Paid workers	4,624	85	349	1,327	1,791	663	409
Males	3,327	68	253	974	1,265	468	299
Females	1,297	17	96	353	526	195	110

\* Less than 10,000.





Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended September 21, 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	194	11	23	64	72	10	14
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,046	149	436	1,446	1,655	876	484
Males	946	42	87	249	292	162	114
Females	4,100	107	349	1,197	1,363	714	370