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Monthly Survey, Week ended January 18, 1958

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended January 18, 1958. 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 January 18, 1958, December 14, 1957, and January 19, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Jan. 18 1958	Dec. 14 1957	Jan. 19 1957
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,162	11,149	10,842
Labour force	5,891	5,966	5,696
With jobs	5,371	5,580	5,393
Agriculture	637	662	671
Nonagriculture	4,734	4,918	4,722
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	520	386	303
Not in the labour force	5,271	5,183	5,146
With jobs	5,371	5,580	5,393
At work 35 hours or more	4,626	4,887	4,831
At work less than 35 hours	552	537	417
Usually work 35 hours or more	216	194	176
(a) laid off for part of the week	15	14	*
(b) on short time	75	60	43
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	25	30	44
(f) illness	45	38	31
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	38	34	30
Usually work less than 35 hours	336	343	241
Not at work	193	156	145
Usually work 35 hours or more	187	151	139
(a) laid off for the full week	50	29	22
(b) bad weather	*	*	23
(c) illness	80	75	58
(d) industrial dispute	10	*	*
(e) vacation	23	14	17
(f) other	19	18	17
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 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended January 18, 1958, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,162	5,546	5,616
Labour force	5,891	4,470	1,421
With jobs	5,371	4,005	1,366
Agriculture	637	611	26
Nonagriculture	4,734	3,394	1,340
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	520	465	55
Not in the labour force	5,271	1,076	4,195
With jobs	5,371	4,005	1,366
At work 35 hours or more	4,626	3,547	1,079
At work less than 35 hours	552	299	253
Usually work 35 hours or more	216	171	45
(a) laid off for part of the week	15	12	*
(b) on short time	75	59	16
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	25	25	*
(f) illness	45	30	15
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	38	31	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	336	128	208
Not at work	193	159	34
Usually work 35 hours or more	187	156	31
(a) laid off for the full week	50	42	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	80	64	16
(d) industrial dispute	10	10	*
(e) vacation	23	19	*
(f) other	19	16	*
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 January 18, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	549	524	25
Without jobs	520	498	22
Worked	29	26	*
1-14 hours	13	12	*
15-34 hours	16	14	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended January 18, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
The Labour Force	5,891	539	745	2,739	1,643	225
Males	4,470	322	484	2,153	1,319	192
Females	1,421	217	261	586	324	33
Persons with jobs	5,371	455	652	2,530	1,523	211
Males	4,005	254	404	1,960	1,208	179
Females	1,366	201	248	570	315	32
Persons without jobs and seeking work	520	84	93	209	120	14
Persons not in the labour force	5,271	945	353	1,763	1,213	997
Males	1,076	426	54	58	129	409
Females	4,195	519	299	1,705	1,084	588

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the labour force, by age and sex, week ended January 18, 1958, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.8	36.2	67.9	60.8	57.5	18.5
Males	80.6	43.0	90.0	97.4	91.1	31.9
Females	25.3	29.5	46.6	25.5	23.0	5.5

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended January 18, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,371	4,299	611	283	178
Agricultural	637	72	399	45	121
Nonagricultural	4,734	4,227	212	238	57
Males	4,005	3,062	563	265	115
Agricultural	611	68	395	44	104
Nonagricultural	3,394	2,994	168	221	11
Females	1,366	1,237	48	18	63
Agricultural	26	*	*	*	17
Nonagricultural	1,340	1,233	44	17	46

- (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 January 18, 1958, 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	5,371	193	140	222	190	3,019	1,000	607
Agricultural	637	17	22	36	21	135	165	241
Nonagricultural	4,734	176	118	186	169	2,884	835	366
Males	4,005	159	71	121	107	2,176	829	542
Agricultural	611	17	14	29	19	131	161	240
Nonagricultural	3,394	142	57	92	88	2,045	668	302
Females	1,366	34	69	101	83	843	171	65
Agricultural	26	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,340	34	61	94	81	839	167	64
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,227	153	95	157	149	2,740	699	234
Males	2,994	121	49	78	77	1,928	552	189
Females	1,233	32	46	79	72	812	147	45

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended January 18, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	193	82	*	24	10	51	20

(1) Includes only those who had definite instructions 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 January 18, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,366	629	590	147
Agricultural	26	*	19	*
Nonagricultural	1,340	624	571	145

(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 January 18, 1958, 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	520	137	273	79	22	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended January 18, 1958, 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	5,271	163	3,587	870	622	29
Males	1,076	112	*	452	490	19
Females	4,195	51	3,584	418	132	10

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended January 18, 1958

(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	5,891	104	437	1,689	2,165	1,001	495
Agricultural	654	*	55	139	171	270	18
Nonagricultural	5,237	103	382	1,550	1,994	731	477
Males	4,470	85	339	1,285	1,604	783	374
Agricultural	628	*	54	137	162	258	16
Nonagricultural	3,842	84	285	1,148	1,442	525	358
Females	1,421	19	98	404	561	218	121
Agricultural	26	*	*	*	*	12	*
Nonagricultural	1,395	19	97	402	552	206	119
All ages	5,891	104	437	1,689	2,165	1,001	495
14-19 years	539	15	40	191	171	89	33
20-24 years	745	15	58	244	254	124	50
25-44 years	2,739	49	195	780	1,017	462	236
45-64 years	1,643	23	124	424	630	288	154
65 years and over	225	*	20	50	93	38	22
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,371	84	380	1,504	2,025	934	444
Males	4,005	66	285	1,120	1,483	723	328
Females	1,366	18	95	384	542	211	116
Agricultural	637	*	51	135	167	266	17
Nonagricultural	4,734	83	329	1,369	1,858	668	427
14-19 years	455	11	30	159	149	79	27
20-24 years	652	12	49	207	228	113	43
25-44 years	2,530	40	171	710	959	436	214
45-64 years	1,523	19	111	384	599	270	140
65 years and over	211	*	19	44	90	36	20
Paid workers	4,299	73	293	1,228	1,714	607	384
Males	3,062	57	212	878	1,215	422	278
Females	1,237	16	81	350	499	185	106

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended January 18, 1958 - 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	520	20	57	185	140	67	51
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,271	163	466	1,479	1,711	948	504
Males	1,076	53	106	275	311	213	118
Females	4,195	110	360	1,204	1,400	735	386