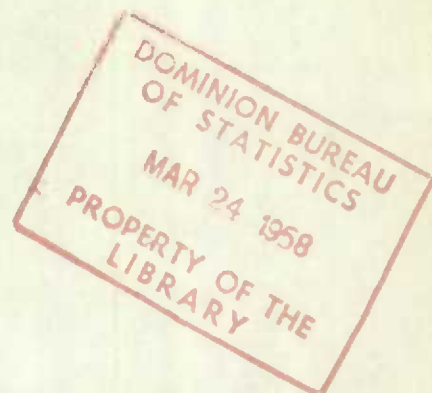


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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended February 15, 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 February 15, 1958, January 18, 1958, and February 16, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Feb. 15 1958	Jan. 18 1958	Feb. 16 1957
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,172	11,162	10,861
Labour force	5,869	5,891	5,685
With jobs	5,314	5,371	5,362
Agriculture	608	637	654
Nonagriculture	4,706	4,734	4,708
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	555	520	323
Not in the labour force	5,303	5,271	5,176
With jobs	5,314	5,371	5,362
At work 35 hours or more	4,611	4,626	4,815
At work less than 35 hours	528	552	393
Usually work 35 hours or more	204	216	145
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	15	*
(b) on short time	69	75	49
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	33	25	19
(f) illness	42	45	32
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	34	38	21
Usually work less than 35 hours	324	336	248
Not at work	175	193	154
Usually work 35 hours or more	167	187	150
(a) laid off for the full week	36	50	25
(b) bad weather	12	*	13
(c) illness	78	80	64
(d) industrial dispute	*	10	*
(e) vacation	21	23	26
(f) other	18	19	19
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 February 15, 1958, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,172	5,548	5,624
Labour force	5,869	4,458	1,411
With jobs	5,314	3,954	1,360
Agriculture	608	586	22
Nonagriculture	4,706	3,368	1,338
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	555	504	51
Not in the labour force	5,303	1,090	4,213
With jobs	5,314	3,954	1,360
At work 35 hours or more	4,611	3,534	1,077
At work less than 35 hours	528	277	251
Usually work 35 hours or more	204	160	44
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	*	*
(b) on short time	69	53	16
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	33	31	*
(f) illness	42	27	15
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	34	28	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	324	117	207
Not at work	175	143	32
Usually work 35 hours or more	167	139	28
(a) laid off for the full week	36	31	*
(b) bad weather	12	11	*
(c) illness	78	63	15
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	21	16	*
(f) other	18	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 February 15, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	577	552	25
Without jobs	555	531	24
Worked	22	21	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	13	13	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended February 15, 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	5,869	535	741	2,735	1,639	219
Males	4,458	316	483	2,150	1,321	188
Females	1,411	219	258	585	318	31
Persons with jobs	5,314	446	646	2,505	1,511	206
Males	3,954	244	400	1,936	1,199	175
Females	1,360	202	246	569	312	31
Persons without jobs and seeking work	555	89	95	230	128	13
Persons not in the labour force	5,303	953	357	1,766	1,222	1,005
Males	1,090	434	54	59	129	414
Females	4,213	519	303	1,707	1,093	591

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the labour force, by age and sex, week ended February 15, 1958, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.5	36.0	67.5	60.8	57.3	17.9
Males	80.4	42.1	89.9	97.3	91.1	31.2
Females	25.1	29.7	46.0	25.5	22.5	5.0

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended February 15, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,314	4,274	608	272	160
Agricultural	608	67	392	38	111
Nonagricultural	4,706	4,207	216	234	49
Males	3,954	3,037	558	255	104
Agricultural	586	65	388	37	96
Nonagricultural	3,368	2,972	170	218	*
Females	1,360	1,237	50	17	56
Agricultural	22	*	*	*	15
Nonagricultural	1,338	1,235	46	16	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 February 15, 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	5,314	175	142	203	183	3,046	966	599
Agricultural	608	13	22	29	23	129	158	234
Nonagricultural	4,706	162	120	174	160	2,917	808	365
Males	3,954	143	66	104	107	2,190	808	536
Agricultural	586	13	15	24	21	126	155	232
Nonagricultural	3,368	130	51	80	86	2,064	653	304
Females	1,360	32	76	99	76	856	158	63
Agricultural	22	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,338	32	69	94	74	853	155	61
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,207	137	98	147	143	2,774	671	237
Males	2,972	107	45	67	78	1,948	534	193
Females	1,235	30	53	80	65	826	137	44

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended February 15, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	175	82	13	21	*	37	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 February 15, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,360	629	585	146
Agricultural	22	*	15	*
Nonagricultural	1,338	624	570	144

(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 February 15, 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	555	95	295	127	29	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended February 15, 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	5,303	152	3,601	881	637	32
Males	1,090	104	*	460	503	19
Females	4,213	48	3,597	421	134	13

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended February 15, 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	5,869	105	436	1,672	2,156	1,003	497
Agricultural	631	*	53	134	158	266	19
Nonagricultural	5,238	104	383	1,538	1,998	737	478
Males	4,458	88	342	1,276	1,598	780	374
Agricultural	609	*	52	133	152	253	18
Nonagricultural	3,849	87	290	1,143	1,446	527	356
Females	1,411	17	94	396	558	223	123
Agricultural	22	*	*	*	*	13	*
Nonagricultural	1,389	17	93	395	552	210	122
All ages	5,869	105	436	1,672	2,156	1,003	497
14-19 years	535	14	41	192	168	87	33
20-24 years	741	17	55	241	254	123	51
25-44 years	2,735	48	193	773	1,017	465	239
45-64 years	1,639	24	127	419	625	292	152
65 years and over	219	*	20	47	92	36	22
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,314	81	372	1,478	2,003	935	445
Males	3,954	64	281	1,101	1,462	718	328
Females	1,360	17	91	377	541	217	117
Agricultural	608	*	49	127	153	260	18
Nonagricultural	4,706	80	323	1,351	1,850	675	427
14-19 years	446	11	30	156	145	77	27
20-24 years	646	13	45	205	227	113	43
25-44 years	2,505	37	165	697	951	438	217
45-64 years	1,511	18	114	377	591	273	138
65 years and over	206	*	18	43	89	34	20
Paid workers	4,274	72	291	1,219	1,700	610	382
Males	3,037	56	213	872	1,203	420	273
Females	1,237	16	78	347	497	190	109

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended February 15, 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	555	24	64	194	153	68	52
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,303	163	467	1,500	1,723	945	505
Males	1,090	51	103	285	317	215	119
Females	4,213	112	364	1,215	1,406	730	386