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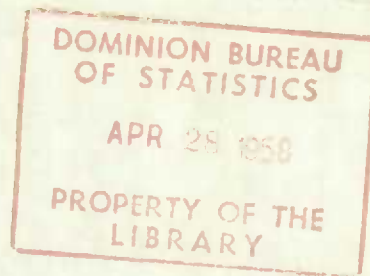
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Monthly Survey, Week ended March 22, 1958

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended March 22, 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 March 22, 1958, February 15, 1958, and March 16, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Mar. 22 1958	Feb. 15 1958	Mar. 16 1957
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,188	11,172	10,884
Labour force	5,907	5,869	5,716
With jobs	5,317	5,314	5,373
Agriculture	624	608	671
Nonagriculture	4,693	4,706	4,702
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	590	555	343
Not in the labour force	5,281	5,303	5,168
With jobs	5,317	5,314	5,373
At work 35 hours or more	4,631	4,611	4,818
At work less than 35 hours	519	528	401
Usually work 35 hours or more	182	204	146
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	11	10
(b) on short time	66	69	44
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	10
(e) bad weather	10	33	10
(f) illness	35	42	35
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	41	34	25
Usually work less than 35 hours	337	324	255
Not at work	167	175	154
Usually work 35 hours or more	159	167	151
(a) laid off for the full week	38	36	33
(b) bad weather	*	12	*
(c) illness	75	78	64
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	22	21	25
(f) other	17	18	22
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 March 22, 1958, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,188	5,553	5,635
Labour force	5,907	4,477	1,430
With jobs	5,317	3,945	1,372
Agriculture	624	599	25
Nonagriculture	4,693	3,346	1,347
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	590	532	58
Not in the labour force	5,281	1,076	4,205
With jobs	5,317	3,945	1,372
At work 35 hours or more	4,631	3,541	1,090
At work less than 35 hours	519	267	252
Usually work 35 hours or more	182	143	39
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	66	52	14
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	10	10	*
(f) illness	35	23	12
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	41	34	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	337	124	213
Not at work	167	137	30
Usually work 35 hours or more	159	133	26
(a) laid off for the full week	38	34	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	75	60	15
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	22	17	*
(f) other	17	15	*
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 March 22, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	617	587	30
Without jobs	590	562	28
Worked	27	25	*
1-14 hours	10	*	*
15-34 hours	17	16	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended March 22, 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	5,907	540	748	2,736	1,662	221
Males	4,477	320	483	2,153	1,331	190
Females	1,430	220	265	583	331	31
Persons with jobs	5,317	445	646	2,494	1,525	207
Males	3,945	244	393	1,930	1,202	176
Females	1,372	201	253	564	323	31
Persons without jobs and seeking work	590	95	102	242	137	14
Persons not in the labour force	5,281	954	350	1,766	1,206	1,005
Males	1,076	433	53	56	122	412
Females	4,205	521	297	1,710	1,084	593

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the labour force, by age and sex, week ended March 22, 1958, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	52.8	36.1	68.1	60.8	57.9	18.0
Males	80.6	42.5	90.1	97.5	91.6	31.6
Females	25.4	29.7	47.2	25.4	23.4	5.0

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended March 22, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,317	4,266	604	279	168
Agricultural	624	67	389	47	121
Nonagricultural	4,693	4,199	215	232	47
Males	3,945	3,015	557	261	112
Agricultural	599	63	386	46	104
Nonagricultural	3,346	2,952	171	215	*
Females	1,372	1,251	47	18	56
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	17
Nonagricultural	1,347	1,247	44	17	39

- (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 March 22, 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	5,317	167	141	216	162	3,028	977	626
Agricultural	624	16	24	29	19	108	160	268
Nonagricultural	4,693	151	117	187	143	2,920	817	358
Males	3,945	137	66	113	88	2,168	807	566
Agricultural	599	15	17	23	17	105	156	266
Nonagricultural	3,346	122	49	90	71	2,063	651	300
Females	1,372	30	75	103	74	860	170	60
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,347	29	68	97	72	857	166	58
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,199	133	100	160	127	2,772	680	227
Males	2,952	106	46	79	62	1,941	531	187
Females	1,247	27	54	81	65	831	149	40

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended March 22, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In-dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	167	79	*	23	*	39	19

(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 March 22, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,372	634	585	153
Agricultural	25	*	15	*
Nonagricultural	1,347	627	570	150

(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 March 22, 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	590	92	237	204	45	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended March 22, 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	5,281	152	3,586	891	620	32
Males	1,076	104	*	465	482	20
Females	4,205	48	3,581	426	138	12

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended March 22, 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	5,907	111	438	1,687	2,160	1,011	500
Agricultural	645	*	53	149	154	266	22
Nonagricultural	5,262	110	385	1,538	2,006	745	478
Males	4,477	93	345	1,287	1,599	781	372
Agricultural	620	*	52	147	147	252	21
Nonagricultural	3,857	92	293	1,140	1,452	529	351
Females	1,430	18	93	400	561	230	128
Agricultural	25	*	*	*	*	14	*
Nonagricultural	1,405	18	92	398	554	216	127
All ages	5,907	111	438	1,687	2,160	1,011	500
14-19 years	540	14	43	198	162	90	33
20-24 years	748	20	54	242	254	128	50
25-44 years	2,736	52	193	773	1,014	463	241
45-64 years	1,662	22	128	425	637	295	155
65 years and over	221	*	20	49	93	35	21
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,317	82	363	1,466	2,010	946	450
Males	3,945	64	274	1,085	1,468	725	329
Females	1,372	18	89	381	542	221	121
Agricultural	624	*	48	142	150	262	21
Nonagricultural	4,693	81	315	1,324	1,860	684	429
14-19 years	445	11	31	157	138	81	27
20-24 years	646	15	43	201	228	117	42
25-44 years	2,494	39	161	683	950	441	220
45-64 years	1,525	15	110	380	604	274	142
65 years and over	207	*	18	45	90	33	19
Paid worker	4,266	75	282	1,192	1,710	620	387
Males	3,015	58	205	841	1,209	426	276
Females	1,251	17	77	351	501	194	111

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended March 22, 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	590	29	75	221	150	65	50
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,281	157	467	1,490	1,724	937	506
Males	1,076	46	101	276	317	213	123
Females	4,205	111	366	1,214	1,407	724	383