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Monthly Survey, Week ended April 19, 1958

### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended April 19, 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 April 19, 1958, March 22, 1958, and April 20, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	April 19 1958	March 22 1958	April 20 1957
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,207	11,188	10,926
Labour force	5,969	5,907	5,748
With jobs	5,453	5,317	5,442
Agriculture	692	624	706
Nonagriculture	4,761	4,693	4,736
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	516	590	306
Not in the labour force	5,238	5,281	5,178
With jobs	5,453	5,317	5,442
At work 35 hours or more	4,797	4,631	3,134
At work less than 35 hours	501	519	(3) 2,166
Usually work 35 hours or more	160	182	(3) 1,906
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	*	*
(b) on short time	49	66	39
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	14	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	10	*
(f) illness	31	35	19
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	(3) 80
(i) other	36	41	(3) 1,740
Usually work less than 35 hours	341	337	260
Not at work	155	167	142
Usually work 35 hours or more	148	159	138
(a) laid off for the full week	32	38	25
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	62	75	56
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	28	22	32
(f) other	21	17	21
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.
- (3) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to Good Friday being in the survey week. This explains nearly all the absence reported under (h) and (i).  
\* Less than 10,000.

Table 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended April 19, 1958, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,207	5,562	5,645
Labour force	5,969	4,503	1,466
With jobs	5,453	4,038	1,415
Agriculture	692	654	38
Nonagriculture	4,761	3,384	1,377
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	516	465	51
Not in the labour force	5,238	1,059	4,179
With jobs	5,453	4,038	1,415
At work 35 hours or more	4,797	3,672	1,125
At work less than 35 hours	501	239	262
Usually work 35 hours or more	160	124	36
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	*	*
(b) on short time	49	35	14
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	14	12	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	31	21	10
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	36	31	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	341	115	226
Not at work	155	127	28
Usually work 35 hours or more	148	124	24
(a) laid off for the full week	32	28	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	62	50	12
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	28	21	*
(f) other	21	20	*
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 April 19, 1958, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	541	519	22
Without jobs	516	496	20
Worked	25	23	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	17	15	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended April 19, 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	5,969	540	750	2,766	1,683	230
Males	4,503	316	484	2,158	1,346	199
Females	1,466	224	266	608	337	31
Persons with jobs	5,453	460	663	2,548	1,564	218
Males	4,038	252	407	1,956	1,236	187
Females	1,415	208	256	592	328	31
Persons without jobs and seeking work	516	80	87	218	119	12
Persons not in the labour force	5,238	959	350	1,741	1,191	997
Males	1,059	440	53	53	110	403
Females	4,179	519	297	1,688	1,081	594

Table 5. - Percentage of the population 14 years of age and over in the labour force, by age and sex, week ended April 19, 1958, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.3	36.0	68.2	61.4	58.6	18.7
Males	81.0	41.3	90.1	97.6	92.4	33.1
Females	26.0	30.1	47.2	26.5	23.3	5.0

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended April 19, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,453	4,337	632	301	183
Agricultural	692	82	419	55	136
Nonagricultural	4,761	4,255	213	246	47
Males	4,038	3,055	585	282	116
Agricultural	654	77	414	54	109
Nonagricultural	3,384	2,978	171	228	*
Females	1,415	1,282	47	19	67
Agricultural	38	*	*	*	27
Nonagricultural	1,377	1,277	42	18	40

- (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 April 19, 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	5,453	155	139	203	159	3,071	982	744
Agricultural	692	10	25	23	15	94	146	379
Nonagricultural	4,761	145	114	180	144	2,977	836	365
Males	4,038	127	61	97	81	2,187	807	678
Agricultural	654	10	12	16	11	88	142	375
Nonagricultural	3,384	117	49	81	70	2,099	665	303
Females	1,415	28	78	106	78	884	175	66
Agricultural	38	*	13	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,377	28	65	99	74	878	171	62
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,255	131	98	156	127	2,822	682	239
Males	2,978	103	45	73	63	1,970	531	193
Females	1,277	28	53	83	64	852	151	46

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended April 19, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	155	66	*	29	*	32	23

(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 April 19, 1958, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,415	648	611	156
Agricultural	38	*	26	*
Nonagricultural	1,377	640	585	152

(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 April 19, 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	516	76	157	214	59	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended April 19, 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	5,238	157	3,570	900	583	28
Males	1,059	106	*	476	456	17
Females	4,179	51	3,566	424	127	11

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended April 19, 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	5,969	108	440	1,709	2,173	1,035	504
Agricultural	705	*	58	162	159	301	24
Nonagricultural	5,264	107	382	1,547	2,014	734	480
Males	4,503	90	344	1,287	1,608	798	376
Agricultural	667	*	56	158	152	277	23
Nonagricultural	3,836	89	288	1,129	1,456	521	353
Females	1,466	18	96	422	565	237	128
Agricultural	38	*	*	*	*	24	*
Nonagricultural	1,428	18	94	418	558	213	127
All ages	5,969	108	440	1,709	2,173	1,035	504
14-19 years	540	12	43	200	161	91	33
20-24 years	750	19	54	245	254	127	51
25-44 years	2,766	51	193	786	1,020	475	241
45-64 years	1,683	24	129	428	643	300	159
65 years and over	230	*	21	50	95	42	20
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,453	82	366	1,509	2,052	987	457
Males	4,038	65	275	1,103	1,504	755	336
Females	1,415	17	91	406	548	232	121
Agricultural	692	*	55	156	157	299	24
Nonagricultural	4,761	81	311	1,353	1,895	688	433
14-19 years	460	*	30	167	141	84	29
20-24 years	663	14	44	209	233	119	44
25-44 years	2,548	40	162	697	971	457	221
45-64 years	1,564	17	112	388	615	287	145
65 years and over	218	*	18	48	92	40	18
Paid workers	4,337	73	281	1,219	1,743	632	389
Males	3,055	57	202	845	1,238	436	277
Females	1,282	16	79	374	505	196	112

\* Less than 10,000.





Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended April 19, 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	516	26	74	200	121	48	47
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,238	160	465	1,474	1,719	914	506
Males	1,059	49	101	279	312	197	121
Females	4,179	111	364	1,195	1,407	717	385