

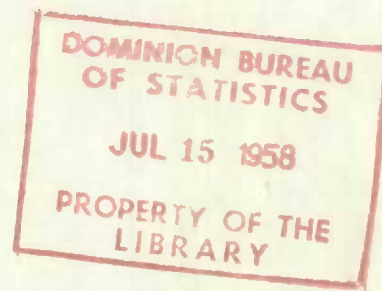
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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended May 24, 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 May 24, 1958, April 19, 1958, and May 18, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	May 24 1958	April 19 1958	May 18 1957
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,234	11,207	10,968
Labour force	6,031	5,969	5,881
With jobs	5,665	5,453	5,687
Agriculture	739	692	773
Nonagriculture	4,926	4,761	4,914
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	366	516	194
Not in the labour force	5,203	5,238	5,087
With jobs	5,665	5,453	5,687
At work 35 hours or more	3,552	4,797	5,142
At work less than 35 hours	(3)1,972	501	429
Usually work 35 hours or more	(3)1,584	160	142
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	11	*
(b) on short time	45	49	38
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	18	14	11
(e) bad weather	10	*	18
(f) illness	22	31	27
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	(3) 34	*	*
(i) other	(3)1,444	36	21
Usually work less than 35 hours	388	341	287
Not at work	141	155	116
Usually work 35 hours or more	135	148	112
(a) laid off for the full week	19	32	12
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	56	62	53
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	43	28	33
(f) other	14	21	11
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 the Queen's Birthday 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 May 24, 1958, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,234	5,576	5,658
Labour force	6,031	4,563	1,468
With jobs	5,665	4,243	1,422
Agriculture	739	683	56
Nonagriculture	4,926	3,560	1,366
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	366	320	46
Not in the labour force	5,203	1,013	4,190
With jobs	5,665	4,243	1,422
At work 35 hours or more	3,552	2,878	674
At work less than 35 hours (3)	1,972	1,256	716
Usually work 35 hours or more (3)	1,584	1,113	471
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	45	32	13
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	18	15	*
(e) bad weather	10	10	*
(f) illness	22	16	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation (3)	34	22	12
(i) other (3)	1,444	1,009	435
Usually work less than 35 hours	388	143	245
Not at work	141	109	32
Usually work 35 hours or more	135	106	29
(a) laid off for the full week	19	15	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	56	44	12
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	43	32	11
(f) other	14	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.
- (3) The unusually large number working less than 35 hours was due to the Queen's Birthday being in the survey week. This explains nearly all the absence reported under (h) and (i).
- * Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended May 24, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	397	383	14
Without jobs	366	355	11
Worked	31	28	*
1-14 hours	10	*	*
15-34 hours	21	19	*

* Less than 10,000

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended May 24, 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	6,031	559	768	2,780	1,690	234
Males	4,563	334	500	2,169	1,357	203
Females	1,468	225	268	611	333	31
Persons with jobs	5,665	494	708	2,631	1,607	225
Males	4,243	284	449	2,034	1,282	194
Females	1,422	210	259	597	325	31
Persons without jobs and seeking work	366	65	60	149	83	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,203	947	335	1,735	1,191	995
Males	1,013	425	39	47	102	400
Females	4,190	522	296	1,688	1,089	595

* 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 May 24, 1958, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	53.7	37.1	69.6	61.6	58.7	19.0
Males	81.8	44.0	92.8	97.9	93.0	33.7
Females	25.9	30.1	47.5	26.6	23.4	5.0

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended May 24, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,665	4,517	628	321	199
Agricultural	739	101	415	69	154
Nonagricultural	4,926	4,416	213	252	45
Males	4,243	3,241	583	300	119
Agricultural	683	92	411	68	112
Nonagricultural	3,560	3,149	172	232	*
Females	1,422	1,276	45	21	80
Agricultural	56	*	*	*	42
Nonagricultural	1,366	1,267	41	20	38

- (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 May 24, 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	5,665	141	141	231	1,600	1,852	820	880
Agricultural	739	*	24	31	16	66	113	486
Nonagricultural	4,926	138	117	200	1,584	1,786	707	394
Males	4,243	109	57	106	1,093	1,397	670	811
Agricultural	683	*	*	14	12	58	108	479
Nonagricultural	3,560	106	48	92	1,081	1,339	562	332
Females	1,422	32	84	125	507	455	150	69
Agricultural	56	*	15	17	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,366	32	69	108	503	447	145	62
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,416	128	100	174	1,529	1,640	579	266
Males	3,149	97	42	80	1,038	1,220	450	222
Females	1,267	31	58	94	491	420	129	44

Note: The distribution by hours worked for the week ended May 24, 1958, is abnormal due to the presence of the Queen's Birthday in the survey week. The categories "25-34 hours" and "35-44 hours" were particularly affected.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended May 24, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	141	58	*	45	*	19	16

(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 May 24, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,422	657	610	155
Agricultural	56	*	43	*
Nonagricultural	1,366	648	567	151

(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 May 24, 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	366	73	99	123	58	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended May 24, 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	5,203	157	3,571	861	584	30
Males	1,013	108	*	439	446	16
Females	4,190	49	3,567	422	138	14

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended May 24, 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	6,031	111	452	1,705	2,193	1,062	508
Agricultural	748	*	65	174	163	320	26
Nonagricultural	5,283	111	387	1,531	2,030	742	482
Males	4,563	93	352	1,297	1,622	818	381
Agricultural	692	*	61	169	146	291	25
Nonagricultural	3,871	93	291	1,128	1,476	527	356
Females	1,468	18	100	408	571	244	127
Agricultural	56	*	*	*	17	29	*
Nonagricultural	1,412	18	96	403	554	215	126
All ages	6,031	111	452	1,705	2,193	1,062	508
14-19 years	559	14	45	199	164	100	37
20-24 years	768	17	61	247	261	128	54
25-44 years	2,780	50	198	780	1,027	484	241
45-64 years	1,690	27	126	424	649	307	157
65 years and over	234	*	22	55	92	43	19
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,665	91	407	1,570	2,093	1,033	471
Males	4,243	73	311	1,177	1,538	793	351
Females	1,422	18	96	393	555	240	120
Agricultural	739	*	64	170	161	319	25
Nonagricultural	4,926	91	343	1,400	1,932	714	446
14-19 years	494	12	37	173	146	96	30
20-24 years	708	14	54	224	244	123	49
25-44 years	2,631	42	179	723	988	473	226
45-64 years	1,607	21	116	397	625	299	149
65 years and over	225	*	21	53	90	42	17
Paid workers	4,517	79	314	1,277	1,789	655	403
Males	3,241	64	230	915	1,282	458	292
Females	1,276	15	84	362	507	197	111

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended May 24, 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	366	20	45	135	100	29	37
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,203	158	454	1,486	1,709	889	507
Males	1,013	46	94	273	303	178	119
Females	4,190	112	360	1,213	1,406	711	388