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Monthly Survey, Week ended June 21, 1958

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended June 21, 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 June 21, 1958, May 24, 1958, and June 22, 1957, Canada (1)
(estimates in thousands)

	June 21 1958	May 24 1958	June 22 1957
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,254	11,234	11,012
Labour force	6,114	6,031	5,996
With jobs	5,794	5,665	5,834
Agriculture	740	739	774
Nonagriculture	5,054	4,926	5,060
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	320	366	162
Not in the labour force	5,140	5,203	5,016
With jobs	5,794	5,665	5,834
At work 35 hours or more	5,125	3,552	5,244
At work less than 35 hours	501	(3) 1,972	413
Usually work 35 hours or more	154	(3) 1,584	138
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	49	45	37
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	14	18	13
(e) bad weather	*	10	16
(f) illness	26	22	24
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	14	(3) 34	15
(i) other	28	(3) 1,444	23
Usually work less than 35 hours	347	388	275
Not at work	168	141	177
Usually work 35 hours or more	161	135	170
(a) laid off for the full week	15	19	11
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	53	56	57
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	72	43	82
(f) other	16	14	13
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 June 21, 1958, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,254	5,586	5,668
Labour force	6,114	4,615	1,499
With jobs	5,794	4,344	1,450
Agriculture	740	675	65
Nonagriculture	5,054	3,669	1,385
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	320	271	49
Not in the labour force	5,140	971	4,169
With jobs	5,794	4,344	1,450
At work 35 hours or more	5,125	3,988	1,137
At work less than 35 hours	501	233	268
Usually work 35 hours or more	154	115	39
(a) laid off for part of the week	10	*	*
(b) on short time	49	36	13
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	14	11	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	26	17	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	14	10	*
(i) other	28	22	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	347	118	229
Not at work	168	123	45
Usually work 35 hours or more	161	120	41
(a) laid off for the full week	15	12	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	53	42	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	72	49	23
(f) other	16	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.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended June 21, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	345	328	17
Without jobs	320	306	14
Worked	25	22	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	19	17	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended June 21, 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	6,114	600	788	2,784	1,705	237
Males	4,615	362	513	2,179	1,359	202
Females	1,499	238	275	605	346	35
Persons with jobs	5,794	530	731	2,670	1,635	228
Males	4,344	309	465	2,078	1,298	194
Females	1,450	221	266	592	337	34
Persons without jobs and seeking work	320	70	57	114	70	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,140	911	317	1,735	1,182	995
Males	971	400	27	39	103	402
Females	4,169	511	290	1,696	1,079	593

* 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 June 21, 1958, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	54.3	39.7	71.3	61.6	59.1	19.2
Males	82.6	47.5	95.0	98.2	93.0	33.4
Females	26.4	31.8	48.7	26.3	24.3	5.6

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended June 21, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,794	4,625	632	333	204
Agricultural	740	106	412	66	156
Nonagricultural	5,054	4,519	220	267	48
Males	4,344	3,330	581	312	121
Agricultural	675	94	405	65	111
Nonagricultural	3,669	3,236	176	247	10
Females	1,450	1,295	51	21	83
Agricultural	65	12	*	*	45
Nonagricultural	1,385	1,283	44	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 June 21, 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	5,794	168	123	199	179	3,088	1,082	955
Agricultural	740	*	25	29	17	75	127	459
Nonagricultural	5,054	160	98	170	162	3,013	955	496
Males	4,344	123	46	93	94	2,224	892	872
Agricultural	675	*	*	15	12	64	118	451
Nonagricultural	3,669	116	38	78	82	2,160	774	421
Females	1,450	45	77	106	85	864	190	83
Agricultural	65	*	17	14	*	11	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,385	44	60	92	80	853	181	75
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	4,519	149	81	147	142	2,857	798	345
Males	3,236	106	34	69	72	2,030	636	289
Females	1,283	43	47	78	70	827	162	56

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended June 21, 1958, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	168	55	*	74	*	16	18

(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 June 21, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,450	668	620	162
Agricultural	65	14	47	*
Nonagricultural	1,385	654	573	158

(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 June 21, 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	320	91	89	69	59	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended June 21, 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	5,140	161	3,565	720	665	29
Males	971	109	*	358	483	17
Females	4,169	52	3,561	362	182	12

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended June 21, 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	6,114	113	454	1,742	2,214	1,072	519
Agricultural	748	*	56	176	174	311	30
Nonagricultural	5,366	112	398	1,566	2,040	761	489
Males	4,615	96	354	1,323	1,634	820	388
Agricultural	683	*	53	164	155	283	27
Nonagricultural	3,932	95	301	1,159	1,479	537	361
Females	1,499	17	100	419	580	252	131
Agricultural	65	*	*	12	19	28	*
Nonagricultural	1,434	17	97	407	561	224	128
All ages	6,114	113	454	1,742	2,214	1,072	519
14-19 years	600	15	49	217	175	103	41
20-24 years	788	18	62	254	268	131	55
25-44 years	2,784	51	193	787	1,026	484	243
45-64 years	1,705	27	128	430	649	311	160
65 years and over	237	*	22	54	96	43	20
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,794	105	414	1,624	2,123	1,045	483
Males	4,344	89	318	1,222	1,557	799	359
Females	1,450	16	96	402	566	246	124
Agricultural	740	*	54	174	172	310	29
Nonagricultural	5,054	104	360	1,450	1,951	735	454
14-19 years	530	13	41	185	158	98	35
20-24 years	731	17	55	233	251	126	49
25-44 years	2,670	49	179	745	993	475	229
45-64 years	1,635	24	118	410	628	304	151
65 years and over	228	*	21	51	93	42	19
Paid workers	4,625	92	325	1,316	1,808	676	408
Males	3,330	77	240	958	1,289	470	296
Females	1,295	15	85	358	519	206	112

* Less than 10,000.

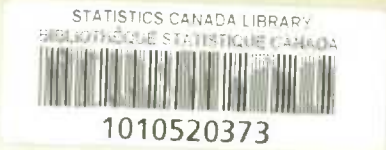


Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended June 21, 1958 - con.

(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	320	*	40	118	91	27	36
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,140	157	453	1,456	1,695	882	497
Males	971	44	93	250	295	177	112
Females	4,169	113	360	1,206	1,400	705	385

* Less than 10,000.