

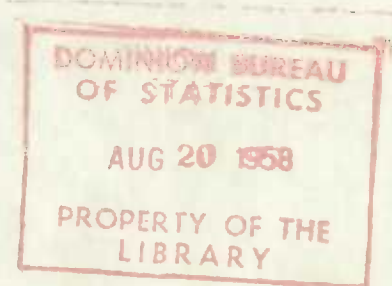
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Monthly Survey, Week ended July 19, 1958

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended July 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 35,000 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 July 19, 1958, June 21, 1958, and July 20, 1957, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	July 19 1958	June 21 1958	July 20 1957
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,270	11,254	11,043
Labour force	6,220	6,114	6,112
With jobs	5,934	5,794	5,949
Agriculture	853	740	880
Nonagriculture	5,081	5,054	5,069
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	286	320	163
Not in the labour force	5,050	5,140	4,931
With jobs	5,934	5,794	5,949
At work 35 hours or more	4,949	5,125	5,085
At work less than 35 hours	486	501	366
Usually work 35 hours or more	167	154	130
(a) laid off for part of the week	13	10	*
(b) on short time	43	49	42
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	12	14	*
(e) bad weather	12	*	*
(f) illness	20	26	16
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	28	14	26
(i) other	31	28	20
Usually work less than 35 hours	319	347	236
Not at work	499	168	498
Usually work 35 hours or more	484	161	479
(a) laid off for the full week	19	15	14
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	50	53	60
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	399	72	390
(f) other	12	16	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	15	*	19

- (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 July 19, 1958, Canada (1)

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	11,270	5,593	5,677
Labour force	6,220	4,715	1,505
With jobs	5,934	4,480	1,454
Agriculture	853	766	87
Nonagriculture	5,081	3,714	1,367
Without jobs and seeking work (2)	286	235	51
Not in the labour force	5,050	878	4,172
With jobs	5,934	4,480	1,454
At work 35 hours or more	4,949	3,908	1,041
At work less than 35 hours	486	241	245
Usually work 35 hours or more	167	133	34
(a) laid off for part of the week	13	12	*
(b) on short time	43	35	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	12	*	*
(e) bad weather	12	11	*
(f) illness	20	14	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	28	21	*
(i) other	31	24	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	319	108	211
Not at work	499	331	168
Usually work 35 hours or more	484	326	158
(a) laid off for the full week	19	16	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	50	40	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	399	256	143
(f) other	12	10	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	15	*	10

- (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 July 19, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	315	299	16
Without jobs	286	274	12
Worked	29	25	*
1-14 hours	*	*	*
15-34 hours	20	17	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended July 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	6,220	760	784	2,761	1,689	226
Males	4,715	469	516	2,177	1,356	197
Females	1,505	291	268	584	333	29
Persons with jobs	5,934	685	734	2,666	1,630	219
Males	4,480	416	475	2,096	1,303	190
Females	1,454	269	259	570	327	29
Persons without jobs and seeking work	286	75	50	95	59	*
Persons not in the labour force	5,050	757	322	1,761	1,203	1,007
Males	878	296	25	42	108	407
Females	4,172	461	297	1,719	1,095	600

* 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 July 19, 1958, Canada

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Both sexes	55.2	50.1	70.9	61.1	58.4	18.3
Males	84.3	61.3	95.4	98.1	92.6	32.6
Females	26.5	38.7	47.4	25.4	23.3	4.6

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

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,934	4,665	649	348	272
Agricultural	853	127	428	81	217
Nonagricultural	5,081	4,538	221	267	55
Males	4,480	3,386	602	321	168
Agricultural	766	113	421	79	153
Nonagricultural	3,714	3,273	181	245	15
Females	1,454	1,279	47	24	104
Agricultural	87	14	*	*	64
Nonagricultural	1,367	1,265	40	22	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 July 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	5,934	499	109	196	181	2,882	1,058	1,009
Agricultural	853	12	30	33	16	100	143	519
Nonagricultural	5,081	487	79	163	165	2,782	915	490
Males	4,480	331	38	88	115	2,102	880	926
Agricultural	766	11	*	12	10	83	136	508
Nonagricultural	3,714	320	32	76	105	2,019	744	418
Females	1,454	168	71	108	66	780	178	83
Agricultural	87	*	24	21	*	17	*	11
Nonagricultural	1,367	167	47	87	60	763	171	72
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	4,538	463	68	139	147	2,624	760	337
Males	3,273	300	29	66	95	1,888	607	288
Females	1,265	163	39	73	52	736	153	49

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended July 19, 1958, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	499	52	*	410	*	20	13

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

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,454	696	605	153
Agricultural	87	27	55	*
Nonagricultural	1,367	669	550	148

(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 July 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	286	85	91	48	51	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended July 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	5,050	171	3,671	*	1,153	52
Males	878	118	*	*	725	29
Females	4,172	53	3,667	*	428	23

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended July 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	6,220	115	456	1,771	2,244	1,106	528
Agricultural	859	*	66	210	200	349	33
Nonagricultural	5,361	114	390	1,561	2,044	757	495
Males	4,715	97	355	1,357	1,668	844	394
Agricultural	772	*	61	194	176	310	30
Nonagricultural	3,943	96	294	1,163	1,492	534	364
Females	1,505	18	101	414	576	262	134
Agricultural	87	*	*	16	24	39	*
Nonagricultural	1,418	18	96	398	552	223	131
All ages	6,220	115	456	1,771	2,244	1,106	528
14-19 years	760	16	55	266	233	141	49
20-24 years	784	16	62	252	265	132	57
25-44 years	2,761	53	189	781	1,015	481	242
45-64 years	1,689	28	129	423	640	309	160
65 years and over	226	*	21	49	91	43	20
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,934	107	426	1,663	2,161	1,084	493
Males	4,480	90	329	1,269	1,600	827	365
Females	1,454	17	97	394	561	257	128
Agricultural	853	*	65	208	199	348	32
Nonagricultural	5,081	106	361	1,455	1,962	736	461
14-19 years	685	14	48	233	213	134	43
20-24 years	734	15	56	232	250	129	52
25-44 years	2,666	50	180	746	987	474	229
45-64 years	1,630	26	122	405	622	305	150
65 years and over	219	*	20	47	89	42	19
Paid workers	4,665	91	329	1,328	1,816	686	415
Males	3,386	76	246	979	1,310	478	297
Females	1,279	15	83	349	506	208	118

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended July 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	286	*	30	108	83	22	35
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,050	155	452	1,433	1,671	850	489
Males	878	43	92	219	263	154	107
Females	4,172	112	360	1,214	1,408	696	382

* Less than 10,000.