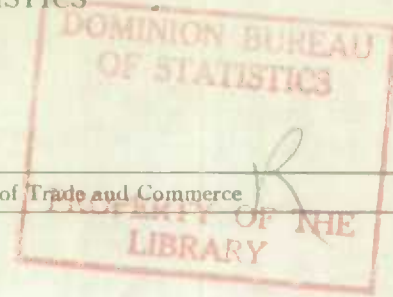




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Introduction

This report presents the results of the first monthly labour force survey covering the week ended November 22, 1952. The survey is a continuation of the quarterly series begun in November, 1945. About 30,000 households chosen by area sampling methods in approximately 110 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.

Tables 1 to 9, inclusive, of this report present data for Canada as a whole, Table 1 summarizing labour force characteristics and the remainder dealing with particular classifications. All regional data are brought together in Table 10. Definitions and explanations with reference to these tables are contained in the section following this introduction.

Results of previous labour force surveys may be obtained from Reference Paper No. 35, "The Labour Force, November 1945 - March 1952" and the regular quarterly reports for the surveys covering the weeks ended May 31, 1952 and August 16, 1952.

The estimates are subject to sampling error. In general, the smaller the estimate, the larger is the relative sampling error. Any estimate of less than 10,000 is replaced throughout the tables by an asterisk, as an indication that the sampling error associated with it is relatively large and that it should not be used without careful reservation.

It has not so far been possible to include in the labour force surveys persons living in certain inaccessible areas and Indians living on reservations, an estimated total of 180,000.

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 that had jobs or that did not have jobs and were seeking work during the survey week.

(b) Persons with jobs - For the purpose of the labour force survey, "persons with jobs" are grouped into two categories:

- (i) Persons at work - those who did any work for pay or profit or who did unpaid work which contributed to the running of a farm or business operated by a relative;
- (ii) Persons with jobs not at work - those who had jobs but did not work because of illness, bad weather, vacation, industrial dispute, or temporary layoff with definite instructions to return to work within 30 days of the time of being laid off. (Persons who had jobs but did not work during the survey week and who also looked for work are included in (c) below, "Persons without jobs and seeking work".)

While variations in the estimates of the total number of persons with jobs 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 1 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 5. Persons with jobs who did not work during the survey week are classified in Table 6 by the reasons for their absence from work.

(c) 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. However, the number of such persons is shown in Table 2 which presents estimates of all persons looking for work.

(d) 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 do not work for pay or profit or as unpaid workers in family enterprises such as farms or businesses and are not looking for work. Persons not in the labour force include, therefore, such groups as those going to school or keeping house, persons who are too old or are permanently unable to work or some other reason, and persons who are voluntarily idle or retired. Persons, such as housewives, students and others, who worked part-time are classed as persons with jobs, or, if they are looking for work, they are classed as persons without jobs and seeking work.

Table 1. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended November 22, 1952, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	9,987	4,995	4,992
Persons not in the labour force	4,697	887	3,810
Civilian labour force	5,290	4,108	1,182
Persons at work	5,047	3,904	1,143
35 hours or more	4,680	3,709	971
Less than 35 hours	367	195	172
Usually work 35 hours or more	124	103	21
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	*	*
(b) on short time	21	15	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	30	29	*
(f) illness	27	21	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	18	16	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	243	92	151
Persons with jobs not at work	129	109	20
Usually work 35 hours or more	122	104	18
(a) laid off for full week	17	14	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	61	51	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	23	20	*
(f) other	13	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	114	95	19

(1) 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 2.

* Less than 10,000.

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Table 2. - Persons looking for work during the week ended November 22, 1952, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	131	118	13
Without jobs	114	104	10
Worked	17	14	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	12	10	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Age distributions, week ended November 22, 1952, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
The labour force	5,290	513	738	2,419	1,392	228
Males	4,108	305	478	1,944	1,176	205
Females	1,182	208	260	475	216	23
Persons with jobs	5,176	488	718	2,380	1,366	224
Males	4,013	287	462	1,912	1,151	201
Females	1,163	201	256	468	215	23
Persons without jobs and seeking work	114	25	20	39	26	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,697	762	321	1,623	1,110	881
Males	887	335	40	48	108	356
Females	3,810	427	281	1,575	1,002	525

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended November 22, 1952,
Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,176	3,946	691	310	229
Agricultural	795	108	445	74	168
Nonagricultural	4,381	3,838	246	236	61
Males	4,013	2,901	653	291	168
Agricultural	756	97	440	72	147
Nonagricultural	3,257	2,804	213	219	21
Females	1,163	1,045	38	19	61
Agricultural	39	11	*	*	21
Nonagricultural	1,124	1,034	33	17	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 5. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended
November 22, 1952, 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	5,176	129	88	138	141	2,530	1,410	740
Agricultural	795	15	18	19	20	108	256	359
Nonagricultural	4,391	114	70	119	121	2,422	1,154	381
Males	4,013	109	40	75	80	1,846	1,187	676
Agricultural	756	15	*	16	18	105	246	349
Nonagricultural	3,257	94	33	59	62	1,741	941	327
Females	1,163	20	48	63	61	684	223	64
Agricultural	39	*	11	*	*	*	10	10
Nonagricultural	1,124	20	37	60	59	681	213	54
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,838	95	57	94	99	2,284	966	243
Males	2,804	77	27	47	48	1,628	775	202
Females	1,034	18	30	47	51	656	191	41

* Less than 10,000.

Table 6. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended November 22, 1952, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	129	64	*	23	*	19	14

(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 7. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended November 22, 1952, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,163	675	377	111
Agricultural	39	15	21	*
Nonagricultural	1,124	660	356	108

(1) Includes widowed, divorced, and permanently separated.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended November 22, 1952, 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	114	54	43	10	*	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended November 22, 1952, 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	4,697	198	3,278	680	518	23
Males	887	125	*	356	392	13
Females	3,810	73	3,277	324	126	10

* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Regional distributions, week ended November 22, 1952
(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	5,290	99	412	1,511	1,893	925	450
Agricultural	799	*	57	179	209	336	17
Nonagricultural	4,491	98	355	1,332	1,684	589	433
Males	4,108	80	333	1,163	1,443	745	344
Agricultural	760	*	55	174	192	323	15
Nonagricultural	3,348	79	278	989	1,251	422	329
Females	1,182	19	79	348	450	180	106
Agricultural	39	*	*	*	17	13	*
Nonagricultural	1,143	19	77	343	433	167	104
All ages	5,290	99	412	1,511	1,893	925	450
14-19 years	513	13	46	185	158	77	34
20-24 years	738	16	55	241	244	131	51
25-44 years	2,419	46	180	690	871	421	211
45-64 years	1,392	22	110	352	524	252	132
65 years and over	228	*	21	43	96	44	22

* Less than 10,000.

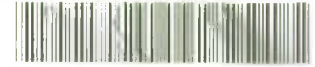


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<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,176	95	399	1,474	1,862	910	436
Males	4,013	76	321	1,133	1,417	734	332
Females	1,163	19	78	341	445	176	104
Agricultural	795	*	57	179	207	334	17
Nonagricultural	4,381	94	342	1,295	1,655	576	419
14-19 years	488	12	42	176	152	74	32
20-24 years	718	15	53	234	238	129	49
25-44 years	2,380	44	176	677	861	416	206
45-64 years	1,366	22	107	345	517	248	127
65 years and over	224	*	21	42	94	43	22
Paid workers	3,946	82	297	1,160	1,505	534	368
Males	2,901	66	228	849	1,103	379	276
Females	1,045	16	69	311	402	155	92
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	114	*	13	37	31	15	14
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,697	138	438	1,298	1,542	864	417
Males	887	43	87	224	262	176	95
Females	3,810	95	351	1,074	1,280	688	322

* Less than 10,000.