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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended October 24, 1953. 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 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. The figures for 1953 are not strictly comparable with those for previous years because of revisions based upon new age and sex distributions obtained from the 1951 Census. The figures for earlier years are now being revised, the revision amounting to slightly more than one per cent of the sampled population.

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", the regular quarterly reports for the weeks ended May 31, 1952 and August 16, 1952, and the regular monthly reports starting with the week ended November 22, 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 October 24, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,095	5,035	5,060
Persons not in the labour force	4,744	869	3,875
Civilian labour force	5,351	4,166	1,185
Persons at work	5,116	3,972	1,144
35 hours or more	4,830	3,828	1,002
Less than 35 hours	286	144	142
Usually work 35 hours or more	104	79	25
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	37	26	11
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	10	10	*
(f) illness	24	16	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	182	65	117
Persons with jobs not at work	124	99	25
Usually work 35 hours or more	121	97	24
(a) laid off for full week	14	12	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	57	46	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	30	22	*
(f) other	10	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	111	95	16

(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 October 24, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	121	108	13
Without jobs	111	100	11
Worked	10	*	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	*	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Age distributions, week ended October 24, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
The labour force	5,351	531	717	2,472	1,412	219
Males	4,166	315	461	1,988	1,202	200
Females	1,185	216	256	484	210	19
Persons with jobs	5,240	505	694	2,433	1,391	217
Males	4,071	295	442	1,953	1,183	198
Females	1,169	210	252	480	208	19
Persons without jobs and seeking work	111	26	23	39	21	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,744	734	323	1,665	1,132	890
Males	869	318	44	46	102	359
Females	3,875	416	279	1,619	1,030	531

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended October 24, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,240	3,996	729	293	222
Agricultural	827	118	467	78	164
Nonagricultural	4,413	3,878	262	215	58
Males	4,071	2,945	690	277	159
Agricultural	790	107	466	77	140
Nonagricultural	3,281	2,838	224	200	19
Females	1,169	1,051	39	16	63
Agricultural	37	11	*	*	24
Nonagricultural	1,132	1,040	38	15	39

- (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 October 24, 1953, 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	5,240	124	63	116	107	2,687	1,308	835
Agricultural	827	12	10	16	13	95	214	467
Nonagricultural	4,413	112	53	100	94	2,592	1,094	368
Males	4,071	99	30	53	61	1,952	1,099	777
Agricultural	790	10	*	*	11	90	204	462
Nonagricultural	3,281	89	26	44	50	1,862	895	315
Females	1,169	25	33	63	46	735	209	58
Agricultural	37	*	*	*	*	*	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,132	23	27	56	44	730	199	53
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,878	103	43	78	78	2,437	903	236
Males	2,838	81	22	35	42	1,735	726	197
Females	1,040	22	21	43	36	702	177	39

* Less than 10,000.

Table 6. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended October 24, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	124	59	*	30	*	14	11

(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 October 24, 1953, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,169	658	395	116
Agricultural	37	19	16	*
Nonagricultural	1,132	639	379	114

(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 October 24, 1953, 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	111	51	38	14	*	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended October 24, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Permanently unable or too old to work	Keeping House	Going to school	Retired or voluntarily idle	Other
Both sexes	4,744	171	3,394	642	523	14
Males	869	112	*	341	404	*
Females	3,875	59	3,390	301	119	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Regional distributions, week ended October 24, 1953.
(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	5,351	101	407	1,552	1,912	950	429
Agricultural	831	*	56	179	199	374	21
Nonagricultural	4,520	99	351	1,373	1,713	576	408
Males	4,166	85	325	1,185	1,457	780	334
Agricultural	794	*	50	173	189	361	19
Nonagricultural	3,372	83	275	1,012	1,268	419	315
Females	1,185	16	82	367	455	170	95
Agricultural	37	*	*	*	10	13	*
Nonagricultural	1,148	16	76	361	445	157	93
All ages	5,351	101	407	1,552	1,912	950	429
14-19 years	531	12	46	197	159	88	29
20-24 years	717	16	50	239	243	123	46
25-44 years	2,472	47	182	713	886	437	207
45-64 years	1,412	22	109	358	537	257	129
65 years and over	219	*	20	45	87	45	18

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<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,240	98	390	1,513	1,882	941	416
Males	4,071	82	309	1,153	1,431	773	323
Females	1,169	16	81	360	451	168	93
Agricultural	827	*	55	179	198	372	21
Nonagricultural	4,413	96	335	1,334	1,684	569	395
14-19 years	505	12	41	187	153	85	27
20-24 years	694	15	46	230	237	122	44
25-44 years	2,433	45	178	700	875	433	202
45-64 years	1,391	22	105	352	531	256	125
65 years and over	217	*	20	44	86	45	18
Paid workers	3,996	76	290	1,202	1,538	537	353
Males	2,945	63	221	876	1,123	392	270
Females	1,051	13	69	326	415	145	83
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	111	*	17	39	30	*	13
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,744	138	442	1,292	1,559	870	443
Males	869	38	91	219	260	157	104
Females	3,875	100	351	1,073	1,299	713	339

* Less than 10,000.