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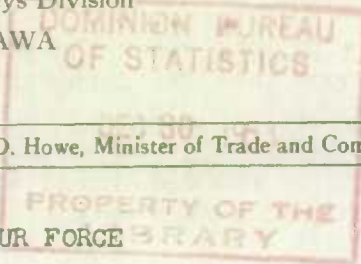


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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended November 21, 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 November 21, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,107	5,037	5,070
Persons not in the labour force	4,791	914	3,877
Civilian labour force	5,316	4,123	1,193
Persons at work	5,036	3,880	1,156
35 hours or more	4,714	3,707	1,007
Less than 35 hours	322	173	149
Usually work 35 hours or more	128	100	28
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	*	*
(b) on short time	49	37	12
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	*	*	*
(f) illness	30	22	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	18	15	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	194	73	121
Persons with jobs not at work	129	107	22
Usually work 35 hours or more	125	104	21
(a) laid off for full week	26	22	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	58	47	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	22	18	*
(f) other	10	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	151	136	15

(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.

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Table 2. - Persons looking for work during the week ended November 21, 1953, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	167	150	17
Without jobs	151	137	14
Worked	16	13	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	10	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Age distributions, week ended November 21, 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	5,316	515	709	2,469	1,409	214
Males	4,123	303	454	1,979	1,193	194
Females	1,193	212	255	490	216	20
Persons with jobs	5,165	486	685	2,409	1,375	210
Males	3,987	278	433	1,924	1,162	190
Females	1,178	208	252	485	213	20
Persons without jobs and seeking work	151	29	24	60	34	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,791	752	330	1,672	1,140	897
Males	914	331	50	55	112	366
Females	3,877	421	280	1,617	1,028	531

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended November 21, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,165	3,962	718	277	208
Agricultural	787	104	469	61	153
Nonagricultural	4,378	3,858	249	216	55
Males	3,987	2,887	681	259	160
Agricultural	760	96	467	59	138
Nonagricultural	3,227	2,791	214	200	22
Females	1,178	1,075	37	18	48
Agricultural	27	*	*	*	15
Nonagricultural	1,151	1,067	35	16	33

(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 21, 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	5,165	129	75	122	125	2,721	1,317	676
Agricultural	787	12	12	15	15	143	273	317
Nonagricultural	4,378	117	63	107	110	2,578	1,044	359
Males	3,987	107	38	59	76	1,986	1,105	616
Agricultural	760	12	*	11	14	139	267	310
Nonagricultural	3,227	95	31	48	62	1,847	838	306
Females	1,178	22	37	63	49	735	212	60
Agricultural	27	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,151	22	32	59	48	731	206	53
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,858	106	51	90	93	2,414	870	234
Males	2,791	85	27	40	53	1,709	683	194
Females	1,067	21	24	50	40	705	187	40

\* Less than 10,000.



Table 6. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended November 21, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	129	60	*	22	*	27	11

(1) Includes only those who had definite instructions to return to their jobs within 30 days of date on which layoff began.

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Table 7. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended November 21, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,178	667	397	114
Agricultural	27	11	14	*
Nonagricultural	1,151	656	383	112

(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 21, 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	151	71	55	16	*	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended November 21, 1953, 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	4,791	170	3,383	662	560	16
Males	914	114	*	349	438	*
Females	3,877	56	3,379	313	122	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Regional distributions, week ended November 21, 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	5,316	98	407	1,557	1,921	908	425
Agricultural	790	*	43	186	205	338	17
Nonagricultural	4,526	97	364	1,371	1,716	570	408
Males	4,123	82	325	1,177	1,460	750	329
Agricultural	763	*	40	182	195	329	16
Nonagricultural	3,360	81	285	995	1,265	421	313
Females	1,193	16	82	380	461	158	96
Agricultural	27	*	*	*	10	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,166	16	79	376	451	149	95
All ages	5,316	98	407	1,557	1,921	908	425
14-19 years	515	12	40	196	153	83	31
20-24 years	709	16	50	241	241	115	46
25-44 years	2,469	46	183	718	895	420	207
45-64 years	1,409	22	113	361	540	248	125
65 years and over	214	*	21	41	92	42	16

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<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,165	92	388	1,502	1,882	891	410
Males	3,987	76	306	1,129	1,424	736	316
Females	1,178	16	82	373	458	155	94
Agricultural	787	*	42	186	204	337	17
Nonagricultural	4,378	91	346	1,316	1,678	554	393
14-19 years	486	11	36	183	148	80	28
20-24 years	685	14	48	231	236	112	44
25-44 years	2,409	44	175	697	878	415	200
45-64 years	1,375	21	109	351	529	243	122
65 years and over	210	*	20	40	91	41	16
Paid workers	3,962	76	292	1,189	1,538	515	352
Males	2,887	62	220	848	1,113	378	266
Females	1,075	14	72	341	425	137	86
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	151	*	19	55	39	17	15
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,791	141	444	1,290	1,553	915	448
Males	914	41	92	227	257	188	109
Females	3,877	100	352	1,063	1,296	727	339

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