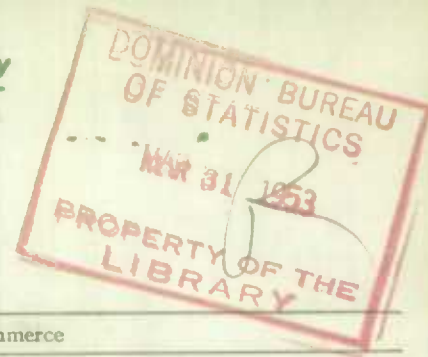




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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended February 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.

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.

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(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 February 21, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	9,980	4,982	4,998
Persons not in the labour force	4,786	913	3,873
Civilian labour force	5,194	4,069	1,125
Persons at work	4,839	3,759	1,080
35 hours or more	4,518	3,572	946
Less than 35 hours	321	187	134
Usually work 35 hours or more	125	107	18
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	33	28	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	12	11	*
(f) illness	33	26	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	28	25	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	196	80	116
Persons with jobs not at work	176	152	24
Usually work 35 hours or more	171	149	22
(a) laid off for full week	52	48	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	69	58	11
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	21	16	*
(f) other	22	20	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	179	158	21

(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 February 21, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	193	168	25
Without jobs	179	158	21
Worked	14	10	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	10	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Age distributions, week ended February 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	5,194	480	713	2,425	1,373	203
Males	4,069	295	466	1,959	1,167	182
Females	1,125	185	247	466	206	21
Persons with jobs	5,015	449	678	2,356	1,334	198
Males	3,911	272	437	1,895	1,130	177
Females	1,104	177	241	461	204	21
Persons without jobs and seeking work	179	31	35	69	39	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,786	772	329	1,664	1,127	894
Males	913	332	40	54	115	372
Females	3,873	440	289	1,610	1,012	522

\* Less than 10,000.

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

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,015	3,777	716	285	237
Agricultural	768	77	464	53	174
Nonagricultural	4,247	3,700	252	232	63
Males	3,911	2,777	677	269	188
Agricultural	749	73	461	52	163
Nonagricultural	3,162	2,704	216	217	25
Females	1,104	1,000	39	16	49
Agricultural	19	*	*	*	11
Nonagricultural	1,085	996	36	15	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 5. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended February 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	5,015	176	63	134	124	2,664	1,286	568
Agricultural	768	31	*	32	16	154	277	249
Nonagricultural	4,247	145	54	102	108	2,510	1,009	319
Males	3,911	152	33	79	75	1,961	1,093	518
Agricultural	749	31	*	29	15	148	273	247
Nonagricultural	3,162	121	27	50	60	1,813	820	271
Females	1,104	24	30	55	49	703	193	50
Agricultural	19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,085	24	27	52	48	697	189	48
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,700	124	46	78	91	2,343	817	201
Males	2,704	101	23	39	51	1,674	649	167
Females	996	23	23	39	40	669	168	34

\* Less than 10,000.

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

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	176	72	*	21	*	52	24

(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 February 21, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,104	634	361	108
Agricultural	19	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,085	625	353	107

(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 February 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	179	45	95	30	*	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.



Table 9. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended February 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	4,786	192	3,335	678	555	26
Males	913	121	*	348	426	17
Females	3,873	71	3,334	330	129	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Regional distributions, week ended February 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	5,194	99	391	1,496	1,848	922	438
Agricultural	772	*	48	192	187	321	23
Nonagricultural	4,422	98	343	1,304	1,661	601	415
Males	4,069	82	318	1,158	1,428	748	335
Agricultural	753	*	46	190	183	313	20
Nonagricultural	3,316	81	272	968	1,245	435	315
Females	1,125	17	73	338	420	174	103
Agricultural	19	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,106	17	71	336	416	166	100
All ages	5,194	99	391	1,496	1,848	922	438
14-19 years	480	12	38	177	143	80	30
20-24 years	713	16	51	230	237	130	49
25-44 years	2,425	47	180	701	869	418	210
45-64 years	1,373	21	104	349	516	255	128
65 years and over	203	*	18	39	83	39	21

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(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	5,015	93	369	1,434	1,803	902	414
Males	3,911	76	298	1,103	1,389	731	314
Females	1,104	17	71	331	414	171	100
Agricultural	768	*	47	192	186	320	22
Nonagricultural	4,247	92	322	1,242	1,617	582	392
14-19 years	449	11	34	167	135	76	26
20-24 years	678	15	47	219	228	125	44
25-44 years	2,356	44	170	676	853	412	201
45-64 years	1,334	20	100	334	506	251	123
65 years and over	198	*	18	38	81	38	20
Paid workers	3,777	73	276	1,096	1,464	518	350
Males	2,777	58	212	797	1,083	366	261
Females	1,000	15	64	299	381	152	89
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	179	*	22	62	45	20	24
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,786	138	452	1,314	1,586	872	424
Males	913	41	95	229	272	177	99
Females	3,873	97	357	1,085	1,314	695	325

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