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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended April 18, 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 April 18, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,002	4,993	5,009
Persons not in the labour force	4,761	896	3,865
Civilian labour force	5,241	4,097	1,144
Persons at work	4,941	3,834	1,107
35 hours or more	4,645	3,674	971
Less than 35 hours	296	160	136
Usually work 35 hours or more	104	88	16
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	24	20	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	22	21	*
(f) illness	25	19	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	16	14	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	192	72	120
Persons with jobs not at work	135	112	23
Usually work 35 hours or more	131	109	22
(a) laid off for full week	27	24	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	62	50	12
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	18	13	*
(f) other	16	14	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	165	151	14

(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.

4941
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5076

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112
3946

1107
23
1130

Table 2. - Persons looking for work during the week ended April 18, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	176	158	18
Without jobs	165	151	14
Worked	11	*	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	*	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Age distributions, week ended April 18, 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	5,241	483	721	2,444	1,387	206
Males	4,097	298	466	1,965	1,181	187
Females	1,144	185	255	479	206	19
Persons with jobs	5,076	452	690	2,383	1,351	200
Males	3,946	273	439	1,907	1,146	181
Females	1,130	179	251	476	205	19
Persons without jobs and seeking work	165	31	31	61	36	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,761	770	320	1,659	1,125	887
Males	896	329	40	55	107	365
Females	3,865	441	280	1,604	1,018	522

* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended April 18, 1953,
Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,076	3,821	724	286	245
Agricultural	833	94	485	63	191
Nonagricultural	4,243	3,727	239	223	54
Males	3,946	2,797	684	274	191
Agricultural	804	88	481	63	172
Nonagricultural	3,142	2,709	203	211	19
Females	1,130	1,024	40	12	54
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	19
Nonagricultural	1,101	1,018	36	12	35

(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
April 18, 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	5,076	135	64	125	107	2,695	1,274	676
Agricultural	833	17	11	25	14	120	281	365
Nonagricultural	4,243	118	53	100	93	2,575	993	311
Males	3,946	112	26	73	61	1,969	1,084	621
Agricultural	804	17	*	20	13	113	276	362
Nonagricultural	3,142	95	23	53	48	1,856	808	259
Females	1,130	23	38	52	46	726	190	55
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,101	23	30	47	45	719	185	52
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,727	101	46	76	77	2,415	820	192
Males	2,709	80	20	40	38	1,723	653	155
Females	1,018	21	26	36	39	692	167	37

* Less than 10,000.

Table 6. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended April 18, 1953, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	135	65	*	18	*	27	17

(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 April 18, 1953, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,130	643	373	114
Agricultural	29	10	15	*
Nonagricultural	1,101	633	358	110

(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 April 18, 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	165	46	62	42	10	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended April 18, 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	4,761	175	3,338	681	547	20
Males	896	117	*	346	419	12
Females	3,865	58	3,336	335	128	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Regional distributions, week ended April 18, 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	5,241	101	391	1,507	1,867	945	430
Agricultural	837	*	55	213	203	344	21
Nonagricultural	4,404	100	336	1,294	1,664	601	409
Males	4,097	81	319	1,162	1,442	759	334
Agricultural	808	*	53	208	193	334	19
Nonagricultural	3,289	80	266	954	1,249	425	315
Females	1,144	20	72	345	425	186	96
Agricultural	29	*	*	*	10	10	*
Nonagricultural	1,115	20	70	340	415	176	94
All ages	5,241	101	391	1,507	1,867	945	430
14-19 years	483	13	36	176	144	87	27
20-24 years	721	18	52	236	236	130	49
25-44 years	2,444	44	182	701	880	428	209
45-64 years	1,387	24	104	354	523	257	125
65 years and over	206	*	17	40	84	43	20

* Less than 10,000.



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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	5,076	89	367	1,446	1,829	930	415
Males	3,946	69	297	1,106	1,408	746	320
Females	1,130	20	70	340	421	184	95
Agricultural	833	*	55	212	201	344	20
Nonagricultural	4,243	88	312	1,234	1,628	586	395
14-19 years	452	11	30	166	137	84	24
20-24 years	690	15	47	223	231	127	47
25-44 years	2,383	40	172	678	865	423	205
45-64 years	1,351	21	101	341	514	254	120
65 years and over	200	*	17	38	82	42	19
Paid workers	3,821	69	274	1,110	1,479	537	352
Males	2,797	52	211	799	1,093	375	267
Females	1,024	17	63	311	386	162	85
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	165	12	24	61	38	15	15
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,761	137	453	1,310	1,575	852	434
Males	896	42	95	229	262	167	101
Females	3,865	95	358	1,081	1,313	685	333

* Less than 10,000.