



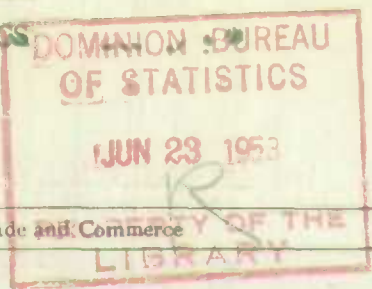
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### Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended May 16, 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.

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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 May 16, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,006	4,995	5,011
Persons not in the labour force	4,685	844	3,841
Civilian labour force	5,321	4,151	1,170
Persons at work	5,108	3,969	1,139
35 hours or more	4,720	3,767	953
Less than 35 hours	388	202	186
Usually work 35 hours or more	177	130	47
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	25	19	*
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	20	20	*
(f) illness	20	15	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	24	14	10
(i) other (1)	73	49	24
Usually work less than 35 hours	211	72	139
Persons with jobs not at work	99	80	19
Usually work 35 hours or more	96	78	18
(a) laid off for full week	11	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	54	45	*
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	20	14	*
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (2)	114	102	12

(1) Included here are those who lost time during the week due to religious observance of May 14, 1953.

(2) 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 May 16, 1953, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	124	113	11
Without jobs	114	105	*
Worked	10	*	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	*	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Age distributions, week ended May 16, 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	5,321	498	734	2,461	1,414	214
Males	4,151	307	478	1,978	1,193	198
Females	1,170	191	256	483	221	19
Persons with jobs	5,207	479	715	2,415	1,388	210
Males	4,049	292	462	1,936	1,168	191
Females	1,158	187	253	479	220	19
Persons without jobs and seeking work	114	19	19	46	26	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,685	753	309	1,645	1,097	881
Males	844	319	29	43	95	358
Females	3,841	434	280	1,602	1,002	523

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended May 16, 1953,  
Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,207	3,902	725	315	266
Agricultural	887	107	489	80	211
Nonagricultural	4,320	3,795	236	235	54
Males	4,049	2,870	684	300	196
Agricultural	838	100	483	79	176
Nonagricultural	3,211	2,770	201	221	19
Females	1,158	1,032	41	15	70
Agricultural	49	*	*	*	36
Nonagricultural	1,109	1,025	35	14	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  
May 16, 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	5,207	99	77	127	184	2,701	1,177	842
Agricultural	887	*	23	23	12	88	216	517
Nonagricultural	4,320	91	54	104	172	2,613	961	326
Males	4,049	80	30	67	105	1,992	997	778
Agricultural	838	*	*	15	10	82	211	508
Nonagricultural	3,211	72	26	52	95	1,910	786	270
Females	1,158	19	47	60	79	709	180	64
Agricultural	49	*	19	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,109	19	28	52	77	703	176	55
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,795	80	46	83	155	2,449	784	198
Males	2,770	62	23	42	85	1,770	627	161
Females	1,025	18	23	41	70	679	157	37

\* Less than 10,000

Table 6. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended May 16, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	99	56	*	21	*	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 May 16, 1953, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,158	659	386	113
Agricultural	49	17	27	*
Nonagricultural	1,109	642	359	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 May 16, 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	114	36	38	27	10	*	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended May 16, 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	4,685	181	3,316	663	509	16
Males	844	115	*	334	383	10
Females	3,841	66	3,314	329	126	*

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Regional distributions, week ended May 16, 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	5,321	108	406	1,512	1,903	960	432
Agricultural	892	*	65	212	219	372	22
Nonagricultural	4,429	106	341	1,300	1,684	588	410
Males	4,151	88	327	1,177	1,453	773	333
Agricultural	843	*	62	207	208	347	17
Nonagricultural	3,308	86	265	970	1,245	426	316
Females	1,170	20	79	335	450	187	99
Agricultural	49	*	*	*	11	25	*
Nonagricultural	1,121	20	76	330	439	162	94
All ages	5,321	108	406	1,512	1,903	960	432
14-19 years	498	14	39	179	152	89	25
20-24 years	734	18	55	240	241	130	50
25-44 years	2,461	50	184	697	886	435	209
45-64 years	1,414	23	108	355	540	259	129
65 years and over	214	*	20	41	84	47	19

\* Less than 10,000



Table 10. - Regional distributions, week ended May 16, 1953 (Con.)

(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	5,207	103	390	1,469	1,876	949	420
Males	4,049	83	311	1,139	1,429	764	323
Females	1,158	20	79	330	447	185	97
Agricultural	887	*	64	211	218	371	21
Nonagricultural	4,320	101	326	1,258	1,658	578	399
14-19 years	479	13	36	172	148	87	23
20-24 years	715	17	53	231	237	129	48
25-44 years	2,415	47	177	680	875	430	206
45-64 years	1,388	23	105	346	533	256	125
65 years and over	210	*	19	40	83	47	18
Paid workers	3,902	84	285	1,139	1,510	533	351
Males	2,870	67	216	835	1,102	384	266
Females	1,032	17	69	304	408	149	85
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	114	*	16	43	27	11	12
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,685	130	438	1,306	1,541	838	432
Males	844	35	87	215	252	153	102
Females	3,841	95	351	1,091	1,289	685	330

\* Less than 10,000.