



The present sample includes about 25,000 households in approximately 100 different areas in Canada. These 100 areas include the 27 cities having a population of 30,000 or over, in addition to some of the smaller cities and various rural areas. Once a year, at the midsummer survey, the sample in the metropolitan areas of cities of 30,000 and over is increased to include 2 p.c. of the households instead of the usual 1 p.c. coverage, in order to improve the estimates of inter-provincial migration obtained from the sample.

The labour force surveys provide an exhaustive classification of persons 14 years of age or over on the basis of their activity during a specified week, which is, in each case, the week which precedes the beginning of the survey. Information on the part of the population not in the labour force is also collected. These non-workers are classified as keeping house, going to school, retired or voluntarily idle, too old or permanently unable to work.

The information gathered on the labour force is divided for presentation into two groups: (1) employed, (2) unemployed. The estimates of the employed are classified by region, sex, age, hours worked, occupation, industry and occupational status. Special estimates are given for women employed in domestic service, and employed women by marital status.