

living on reserves, inmates of institutions and members of the Armed Forces. Interviews are carried out in approximately 35,000 households chosen by area sampling methods across the country.*

In the labour force survey persons are classified on the basis of their activity during the week prior to the survey interview week. This week is called the reference week. The main divisions in the classification are:—

Labour Force.—The civilian labour force is composed of that portion of the civilian non-institutional population, 14 years of age or over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed.—The employed include all persons who, during the reference week: (a) did any work for pay or profit; (b) did any work which contributed to the running of a farm or business operated by a related member of the household; (c) had a job, but were not at work, because of bad weather, illness, industrial dispute or vacation, or because they were taking time off for other reasons. Persons who had jobs but did not work during the reference week and who also looked for work are included in the unemployed as persons without work and seeking work.

Unemployed.—The unemployed includes all persons, who, through the reference week: (a) were without work and seeking work, i.e., did no work during the reference week and were looking for work; or would have been looking for work except that they were temporarily ill, were on indefinite or prolonged layoff, or believed no suitable work was available in the community; (b) were temporarily laid off for the full week, i.e., were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off for less than 30 days.

Not in the Labour Force.—Those not in the labour force include all civilians 14 years of age or over (exclusive of institutional population) who are not classified as employed or unemployed. This category includes those: going to school; keeping house; too old or otherwise unable to work; and voluntarily idle or retired. Housewives, students and others who worked part-time are classified as employed, or if they looked for work as unemployed.

The estimates derived from the labour force survey, which are based on a sample of households, are subject to sampling error. Somewhat different figures might be obtained if a complete census were taken. This difference is called the sampling error of the estimates. In the design and processing of the labour force survey extensive efforts are made to minimize the sampling error; in general, the percentage of error tends to decrease as the size of the estimate increases. A statistical measure of the sampling error can be found in DBS monthly publication *The Labour Force* (Catalogue No. 71-001).

* A comprehensive description of the survey is given in DBS publication *Canadian Labour Force Survey—Methodology* (Catalogue No. 71-504).

2.—Estimates of the Civilian Labour Force and its Main Components, Annual Averages, 1946 and 1956-65

NOTE.—Comparable figures for 1947-55 are given in the 1962 Year Book, p. 708. Figures do not include inmates of institutions and Indians on reservations.

Year	Civilian Labour Force (14 years of age or over)								Persons not in the Labour Force (14 years of age or over)
	Civilian Population (14 years of age or over)	Employed					Unemployed	Total Labour Force	
		Non-agriculture			Agriculture	Total (employed)			
		Paid Workers	Other	Total (non-agriculture)					
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1946	8,779	2,990	490	3,480	1,186	4,666	163	4,829	3,950
1956	10,807	4,286	522	4,808	777	5,585	197	5,782	5,115
1957	11,123	4,442	540	4,983	748	5,721	278	6,009	5,250
1958	11,388	4,461	537	4,988	718	5,706	432	6,137	5,363
1959	11,605	4,624	546	5,170	700	5,870	372	6,242	5,420
1960	11,831	4,732	551	5,283	683	5,965	446	6,411	5,521
1961	12,053	4,799	575	5,374	681	6,055	466	6,521	5,685
1962	12,280	4,980	585	5,565	660	6,225	390	6,615	5,787
1963	12,536	5,138	588	5,726	649	6,375	374	6,748	5,884
1964	12,817	5,368	611	5,979	630	6,609	324	6,933	5,986
1965	13,128	5,655	613	6,268	594	6,862	280	7,141	

* Excludes Newfoundland.