

Unemployment Survey Shows Jobless Candidate

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OTTAWA (CP)—If you are married, over 25 and with a high school education or better, you stand the best chance of landing your job.

If you haven't finished primary school, you're seven times more likely to be out of work than if you have a full second year school education.

Moreover, you'll have a better chance of staying out of the employment service office if you work in some industry other than forestry, fishing, trapping or construction. Last year unemployment rates in those industries ranged from 20 to 30 per cent.

The facts emerge from a detailed study on unemployment during the last decade issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The report, bristling with percentages, charts trends in unemployment and provides some of the main facts about the country's jobless—by sex, age, family status, where they live and what kind of industries they come from.

TREND IS UP

It finds a "fundamental long-run upward drift" in unemployment rates running through the up-and-down business cycles of the last 10 years.

In the five years 1951-55, an average 3.5 per cent of the labor force was unemployed. This rose to an average 5.7 per cent during 1956-60 and last year the jobless rate averaged 7.2 per cent.

Job opportunities haven't kept up with the growing labor force—the number of persons who have jobs or want them. Between 1951 and 1961 the number of employed persons rose by 832,000 to an average 4,049,000, a rise of 18.7 per cent. But the labor force increased 24.8 per cent, up to 4,835,000.

The report points up one fact—unemployment in a family doesn't necessarily mean an ending of the family's earned income.

Four special surveys last year found that in more than half of the families hit by unemployment—53.1 per cent of them—there were one or more other members with a job. In about 20 per cent of these families there were two or more wage earners.

EDUCATION IS FACTOR

On the other side of the coin, however, were the 41.9 per cent of families hit by unemployment in which there was no other wage earner. About one-third of these families had two or three members, another third were families with four or five members and the remaining third of the families had six or more members.

Last year, when unemployment averaged 6.0 per cent, just over 45 per cent of the jobless were heads of families. One-third of them were single men or daughters living with their parents and 11 per cent of the unemployed were other relatives living in families. About nine per cent of the jobless didn't live with family.

The report, while concentrating on old statistics without going into the reasons behind them, indicates two main factors in unemployment rates—youth and lack of education.

A special survey in February, 1960, showed an unemployment rate of 18.7 per cent among persons who never finished primary school and only 2.7 per cent among those who finished secondary school or better. The jobless rate was eight per cent for those who had finished primary but not secondary schooling.

HIGHEST IN EAST

"The joint effect of youth and inadequate education is evidenced by the very high unemployment rate—about 30 per cent—for persons under 25 who did not finish primary school," the report says.

The special survey found that more than nine of every 10 jobless in the Atlantic provinces have consistently had the highest unemployment rates—an average 8.5 per cent during the five years 1951-55 and 11.1 per cent last year. Quebec was next highest with 4.5 per cent during 1951-55 and 5.8 per cent last year. Jobless rates in other regions for the same periods: Ontario, 2.7 per cent and 5.5 per cent; Prairie provinces, 2.2 per cent and 4.6 per cent; British Columbia, 4.0 per cent and 5.5 per cent.

Men have consistently had higher unemployment rates than women. Last year 8.2 per cent of the male labor force was unemployed compared with 3.7 per cent of the female labor force.

The average rate for men under 20 was 18.4 per cent, or just about twice the over-all rate for men.

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