

Table 1 shows the numerical and percentage distribution of the wage-earners by provinces in 1931.

1.—Numerical and Percentage Distribution of Wage-Earners, by Provinces, 1931.

Province.	Numbers.			Percentages.		
	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.
Canada	2,570,097	2,022,260	547,837	100.00	100.00	100.00
Prince Edward Island.....	12,344	9,159	3,185	0.48	0.45	0.58
Nova Scotia.....	117,781	95,244	22,537	4.58	4.71	4.11
New Brunswick.....	84,232	66,310	17,922	3.28	3.28	3.27
Quebec.....	696,339	535,203	161,136	27.09	26.47	29.41
Ontario.....	965,607	752,851	212,756	37.57	37.23	38.84
Manitoba.....	170,739	132,883	37,856	6.64	6.57	6.91
Saskatchewan.....	145,568	116,157	29,411	5.66	5.74	5.37
Alberta.....	142,421	116,005	26,416	5.54	5.74	4.82
British Columbia.....	235,066	198,448	36,618	9.15	9.81	6.68

It will be seen that almost two-thirds of the wage-earners were found in Ontario and Quebec at the last census, a little less than one-fifth in the Prairie Provinces, and somewhat less than one-tenth in British Columbia and the Maritimes.

In Table 2 the numbers and percentages of the wage-earners in the main industrial groups are given for Canada, while in Table 3 the distribution is according to broad occupational groupings. The differences between these industrial and occupational classifications, as explained on p. 745, should be carefully noted. For more detailed analyses of wage-earners the reader is referred to Section 4 of Part II of this chapter, pp. 800-803.

2.—Numerical and Percentage Distribution of Wage-Earners, by Industrial Groups for Canada, 1931.

Industrial Group.	Numbers.			Percentages.		
	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.
All Industries	2,570,097	2,022,260	547,837	100.00	100.00	100.00
Agriculture.....	198,592	196,675	1,917	7.73	9.73	0.35
Forestry, fishing, trapping.....	57,844	57,550	294	2.25	2.85	0.05
Mining, quarrying.....	68,962	68,610	352	2.68	3.39	0.06
Manufacturing.....	606,617	496,865	109,752	23.60	24.57	20.03
Electric light and power.....	18,938	17,471	1,467	0.74	0.86	0.27
Construction.....	217,105	215,505	1,600	8.45	10.66	0.29
Transportation and communication.....	283,675	260,429	23,246	11.04	12.88	4.24
Trade.....	281,107	204,763	76,344	10.94	10.13	13.94
Finance, insurance.....	82,963	58,102	24,861	3.23	2.87	4.54
Service.....	585,413	281,118	304,295	22.78	13.90	55.54
Unspecified.....	168,881	165,172	3,709	6.57	8.17	0.68