

1.—Estimated Wage-Earners and Numbers and Proportions Actually Employed, 1921-39, and by Months 1938, 1939, and to March, 1940.

Year and Month.	Total Wage-Earners.	Number Employed.	Per Cent Employed.	Year and Month.	Total Wage-Earners.	Number Employed.	Per Cent Employed.
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1921.....	1,971	1,795	91.1	1931.....	2,537	2,095	82.6
1922.....	1,967	1,830	93.0	1932.....	2,459	1,820	74.0
1923.....	2,059	1,958	95.1	1933.....	2,434	1,788	73.5
1924.....	2,042	1,897	92.9	1934.....	2,530	2,009	79.4
1925.....	2,063	1,920	93.1	1935.....	2,539	2,056	81.0
1926.....	2,140	2,041	95.4	1936.....	2,572	2,142	83.3
1927.....	2,209	2,147	97.2	1937.....	2,706	2,369	87.5
1928.....	2,359	2,209	97.5	1938.....	2,704	2,297	84.9
1929.....	2,551	2,444	95.8	1939.....	2,744	2,358	85.9
1930.....	2,654	2,313	87.2				
1938.				1939—concl.			
January.....	2,703	2,300	85.1	March.....	2,655	2,161	81.4
February.....	2,661	2,225	83.6	April.....	2,659	2,186	82.2
March.....	2,619	2,163	82.6	May.....	2,724	2,329	85.5
April.....	2,649	2,212	83.5	June.....	2,754	2,385	86.6
May.....	2,704	2,304	85.2	July.....	2,771	3,419	87.3
June.....	2,725	2,338	85.8	August.....	2,793	2,461	88.1
July.....	2,715	2,306	85.0	September.....	2,806	2,506	89.3
August.....	2,746	2,378	86.6	October.....	2,828	2,545	90.0
September.....	2,748	2,402	87.4	November.....	2,821	2,525	89.5
October.....	2,737	2,359	86.2	December.....	2,757	2,393	86.8
November.....	2,744	2,346	85.5				
December.....	2,697	2,225	82.5	1940.			
1939.				January.....	2,732	2,355	86.2
January.....	2,678	2,193	81.9	February.....	2,725	2,338	85.8
February.....	2,684	2,193	81.7	March.....	2,695	2,304	85.5

Subsection 2.—Employment as Reported by Employers.*

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has for many years tabulated monthly reports of the numbers employed by firms having 15 or more persons on their staffs in the following main industrial groups: manufacturing, logging, mining, transportation, communications, construction and maintenance, services (i.e., hotels and restaurants and laundering and dry-cleaning), and trade; information has also been received from financial institutions since 1938, but, for the present, their returns are not included in the general index, for which the record extends from 1920. Monthly statistics are not collected from the agricultural industry, domestic and personal services, governmental, educational, and other professional services.

During 1939, about 11,650 employers, in the eight industries first-named, reported an average staff of 1,105,700 persons, varying from 1,015,600 at April 1, to 1,206,200 at the beginning of November. At the latter date, the reporting establishments employed 1,066 men and women in each 10,000 of the total population, while the 1939 average represented 980 per 10,000. This coverage of industrial workers may be compared with the data obtained from the latest Decennial Census, which showed that, at June 1, 1931, 1,320 per 10,000 of the total population were at work in the industries represented in the general index of employment. The current surveys of employment, therefore, represent conditions among a very large proportion of the total industrial population.

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