

1.—Numbers and Percentages of the Population in Gainful Occupations, Classified According to Sex, Census Years 1921-41
(Exclusive of Yukon and the Northwest Territories)

Census Year	Gainfully Occupied Population			Percentages of Total Population			Percentages of Population 14 Years or Over		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1921.....	3,164,348	2,675,290	489,058	36.1	59.2	11.5	53.3	86.6	17.2
1931.....	3,921,833	3,256,531	665,302	37.8	60.7	13.3	53.8	85.4	19.1
1941 (incl. Active Service).....	4,510,535	3,676,563	833,972	39.3	62.4	14.9	53.0	83.8	20.2
1941 (not incl. Active Service).....	4,195,951	3,363,111	832,840	36.5	57.1	14.9	49.3	76.7	20.2

As is indicated in Table 2 the decline in the proportion of males at working ages in gainful occupations has been largely due to the raising of the school-leaving age and, at the older ages, to earlier retirement. The table shows that only 16.9 p.c. of the males 14-15 years of age and only 57.3 p.c. of the number 16-19 years of age were gainfully occupied at the 1941 Census, appreciably lower percentages than in 1921 or 1931. The lower percentage of gainfully occupied males in the age group 16-19 years in 1941 than in 1931 is partly due to the exclusion of males in this age group on Active Service at the date of the Census who were gainfully occupied prior to enlistment. A further significant change has been the decline from 55.7 p.c. to 47.2 p.c. in the percentage of males 65 years or over in gainful occupations during the decade 1931 to 1941. It should be mentioned that the lower percentages of males gainfully occupied in the age groups from 20 to 64 years of age in 1941 than in 1931, as shown in Table 2, is due to the exclusion of males on Active Service from this table. It has been found that if the males on Active Service on the census date, June 2, 1941, were added to the gainfully occupied males 18-44 years of age, then the total would constitute 95.7 p.c. of all males in that age group, whereas if they are excluded from the gainfully occupied males between these ages the latter represents only 82.6 p.c. of the total male population, 18-44 years of age.

2.—Numbers and Percentages of the Population, 14 Years of Age or Over, in Gainful Occupations, Classified According to Age and Sex, Census Years 1921-41
(Exclusive of Yukon and the Northwest Territories)

Census Year and Age	Numbers			Percentages of Population 14 Years or Over		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1921						
14-15 years.....	64,387	50,345	14,042	19.0	29.3	8.4
16-19 ".....	346,616	244,821	101,795	54.4	76.3	32.2
20-24 ".....	450,328	324,102	126,226	63.4	92.4	35.1
25-34 ".....	775,547	663,919	111,628	58.0	96.2	17.2
35-64 ".....	1,389,565	1,266,936	122,629	55.8	94.4	10.7
65 years or over.....	137,905	125,167	12,738	32.9	58.4	6.2
Totals.....	3,164,348	2,675,290	489,058	53.3	86.6	17.2
1931						
14-15 years.....	47,233	39,155	8,078	11.5	18.8	4.0
16-19 ".....	409,260	284,274	124,986	49.1	67.5	30.3
20-24 ".....	618,354	429,018	189,336	67.9	92.6	42.4
25-34 ".....	914,962	759,361	155,601	61.3	97.7	21.7
35-64 ".....	1,750,878	1,580,936	169,942	57.1	95.9	12.0
65 years or over.....	181,146	163,787	17,359	31.5	55.7	6.2
Totals¹.....	3,921,833	3,256,531	665,302	53.8	85.4	19.1

For footnote, see end of table, p. 1064.