

**2.—Estimates of the Civilian Labour Force and its Main Components,
June 1, 1931-57—concluded**

Year	Civilian Labour Force (14 years of age or over)								Persons not in the Labour Force (14 years of age or over)	
	Civilian Popu- lation (14 years of age or over)	Persons With Jobs						Persons Without Jobs and Seeking Work		Total Labour Force
		Non-agriculture			Agriculture	Total (with jobs)				
		Paid Workers	Other ¹	Total (non-agri- culture)						
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000		
1941.....	8,056	2,566	481	3,047	1,224	4,271	195	4,466	3,590	
1942.....	8,085	2,801	494	3,295	1,139	4,434	135	4,569	3,516	
1943.....	7,871	2,934	439	3,373	1,118	4,491	76	4,567	3,304	
1944.....	7,920	2,976	373	3,349	1,136	4,485	63	4,548	3,372	
1945.....	8,048	2,937	366	3,303	1,144	4,447	73	4,520	3,528	
1946.....	8,768	2,986	481	3,467	1,271	4,738	124	4,862	3,906	
1947.....	8,993	3,139	551	3,690	1,172	4,862	92	4,954	4,039	
1948.....	9,123	3,225	543	3,768	1,186	4,954	81	5,035	4,088	
1949.....	9,254	3,326	551	3,877	1,114	4,991	101	5,092	4,162	
1950 ²	9,610	3,429	561	3,990	1,066	5,056	142	5,198	4,412	
1951.....	9,696	3,625	539	4,164	991	5,155	81	5,236	4,460	
1952.....	9,919	3,786	516	4,302	927	5,229	106	5,335	4,584	
1953.....	10,114	3,837	531	4,368	897	5,265	115	5,380	4,734	
1954.....	10,274	3,776	530	4,306	889	5,195	218	5,413	4,861	
1955.....	10,506	3,935	516	4,451	873	5,324	213	5,537	4,909	
1956.....	10,680	4,156	526	4,682	817	5,499	165	5,664	5,016	
1957.....	10,968	4,371	543	4,914	773	5,687	194	5,881	5,087	

¹ Employers, 'own-account' and unpaid family workers.

² Newfoundland included from 1950.

Main Characteristics of the Civilian Labour Force, 1946-57.—Since the end of World War II, the civilian population 14 years of age or over (exclusive of persons in institutions and Indians on reserves) has increased by over one-quarter—to an estimated 10,968,000 persons at the beginning of June 1957 from an estimated 8,768,000 persons at the same time of year in 1946. In the same period, the labour force increased by 21 p.c. from 4,862,000 to 5,881,000. The labour force constituted 53.6 p.c. of the population 14 years of age or over in 1957 compared with 55.5 p.c. in 1946. The lower percentage in 1957 is largely accounted for by the fact that the population includes a greater proportion of persons over 65 years of age whose rate of participation in the labour force is much lower than that of the adult population as a whole, and by the fact that young persons are entering the labour force at a higher average age. These factors more than offset the increased proportion of married women with jobs outside the home.

The number of persons with jobs increased by 20 p.c. from 4,738,000 to 5,687,000 over the eleven years. While there has been a continuing decrease in the numbers employed in agriculture, which showed a drop of 39 p.c. in the period, total employment in non-agricultural industries increased 42 p.c. from 3,467,000 at June 1, 1946, to 4,914,000 in 1957. The increase in paid workers in non-agricultural industries was still higher and amounted to 46 p.c. The number of persons without jobs and seeking work fluctuated over the period; at the beginning of June 1957, the proportion of the labour force in this category was 3.3 p.c. and at June 1, 1946, it was 2.6 p.c.

Persons not in the labour force increased by 30 p.c. in the eleven years from 3,906,000 to 5,087,000. The increases were most marked for students and retired persons and were relatively smaller for persons keeping house in their own homes.