

The decline in agricultural employment relative to the population was large for both males and females. In 1946, 23.4 p.c. of the male population 14 years of age or over was employed in agriculture; by 1959 the proportion had dropped to 11.2 p.c. The decrease for females was relatively greater. Both males and females showed increases in the percentage of the population in non-agricultural employment even though for males the labour force participation rate decreased and the percentage of persons without jobs and seeking work nearly doubled. The proportion of males not in the labour force increased from 14.8 p.c. in 1946 to 18.9 p.c. in 1959; students advanced from 5.5 p.c. to 7.2 p.c. during the period. For females, the proportion not in the labour force decreased from 75.3 p.c. in 1946 to 73.3 p.c. in 1959. Females keeping house increased from 63.2 p.c. in 1946 to 66.7 p.c. in 1953 and by 1959 had dropped to 62.3 p.c. Females attending school increased over the period from 5.1 p.c. to 6.4 p.c. while the remainder of the category decreased from 7.0 p.c. to 4.6 p.c.

In 1946, 14.1 p.c. of the males and 14.4 p.c. of the females 14 years of age or over were in the 14-to-19-year age group. These percentages decreased gradually for five years, held steady for some time and in the following two years gave indication of increasing in line with the wartime increase in the birth rate. The proportion of males aged 65 years or over increased from under 10 p.c. in 1946 to about 11 p.c. in 1952, held steady until 1956 and then decreased somewhat; for females, the proportion 65 years or over increased from 9.5 p.c. in 1946 to 11.1 in 1959. There was little change during the period in the relative size of the 20-to-64 group for either sex.

3.—Percentage Distribution of the Population 14 Years of Age or Over in Labour Force and Non-labour Force Categories, by Sex, 1946-59

NOTE.—Percentages are annual averages; those for 1946-52, inclusive, are based on estimates from quarterly surveys and those for 1953-59 on monthly estimates.

Sex and Year	Population (14 years or over)	Labour Force				Not in Labour Force			
		With Jobs		Without Jobs and Seeking Work	Total	Females Keeping House	Persons Going to School	Other ¹	Total
		Agri- culture	Non- agri- culture						
Males—									
1946.....	100.0	23.4	59.0	2.8	85.2	...	5.5	9.3	14.8
1947.....	100.0	21.5	61.8	1.8	85.1	...	5.3	9.6	14.9
1948.....	100.0	21.1	62.1	1.9	85.1	...	5.2	9.7	14.9
1949.....	100.0	20.9	61.8	2.4	85.1	...	5.0	9.9	14.9
1950.....	100.0	19.5	61.6	2.9	84.0	...	5.1	10.9	16.0
1951.....	100.0	17.8	64.3	1.8	83.9	...	5.0	11.1	16.1
1952.....	100.0	16.6	64.6	2.2	83.4	...	5.4	11.2	16.6
1953.....	100.0	16.1	64.4	2.4	82.9	...	5.6	11.5	17.1
1954.....	100.0	16.2	62.0	4.0	82.2	...	5.8	12.0	17.8
1955.....	100.0	14.8	63.5	3.8	82.1	...	6.0	11.9	17.9
1956.....	100.0	13.6	65.7	2.9	82.2	...	6.2	11.6	17.8
1957.....	100.0	12.7	65.5	4.1	82.3	...	6.3	11.4	17.7
1958.....	100.0	11.6	63.8	6.3	81.7	...	6.8	11.5	18.3
1959.....	100.0	11.2	64.6	5.3	81.1	...	7.2	11.7	18.9
Females—									
1946.....	100.0	3.6	20.6	0.5	24.7	63.2	5.1	7.0	75.3
1947.....	100.0	3.2	20.5	0.4	24.1	64.7	5.0	6.2	75.9
1948.....	100.0	2.7	20.4	0.4	23.5	65.3	5.2	6.0	76.5
1949.....	100.0	2.2	21.0	0.4	23.6	65.9	4.9	5.6	76.4
1950.....	100.0	1.6	21.1	0.5	23.2	65.9	5.0	5.9	76.8
1951.....	100.0	1.5	21.6	0.4	23.5	66.1	4.9	5.5	76.5
1952.....	100.0	1.3	22.0	0.4	23.7	65.7	4.9	5.7	76.3
1953.....	100.0	0.8	22.3	0.3	23.4	66.7	5.3	4.6	76.6
1954.....	100.0	0.8	22.3	0.6	23.7	66.5	5.3	4.5	76.3
1955.....	100.0	0.7	22.6	0.6	23.9	66.0	5.5	4.6	76.1
1956.....	100.0	0.7	23.7	0.5	24.9	64.9	5.5	4.7	75.1
1957.....	100.0	0.7	24.6	0.5	25.8	63.9	5.7	4.6	74.2
1958.....	100.0	0.9	24.5	0.9	26.3	63.2	6.1	4.4	73.7
1959.....	100.0	0.8	25.2	0.7	26.7	62.3	6.4	4.6	73.3

¹ Includes mainly retired persons, persons voluntarily idle, and persons permanently unable or too old to work.