

Subsection 3.—Vocational Education

Canadian vocational courses and training below university level are organized either in formal classes and training shops or in the form of informal on-the-job training. However, very often the two methods complement each other so that, for instance, an apprentice having a contract with and working for a private firm may attend a provincial trade school on a part-time or full-time basis.

Most formal vocational education is sponsored by public bodies, either by local school boards at their high schools or directly by provincial governments in trade schools and technical institutes. Private vocational schools supplement the publicly supported training facilities to quite an extent and some industrial firms train their own skilled manpower.

Table 15 summarizes the data on full-time training classes. The duration of these classes may vary from three weeks taken annually by indentured apprentices at provincially operated trade schools, to two-year vocational high school courses or four-year post-secondary courses offered in provincial technical institutes. Numerous skills are taught, ranging from short courses in welding or typing to extended courses for instrument technicians or aircraft maintenance men. Students taking two-year or three-year vocational courses in public secondary schools may, upon completion, enter employment or may continue other formal training in a trade school or a technical institute.

In addition to the full-time vocational courses, a great variety of part-time instruction is offered by both public and private institutions as an alternative to full-time training or as an attraction to the individual interested in a hobby.

15.—Full-Time Enrolment in Vocational Courses, School Year 1959-60

Item	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Publicly Sponsored—						
Trade courses.....	888	186	1,318	982	7,937	1,636
Vocational high school courses....	346	122	817	4,734	20,306	54,019
Post-secondary technical courses...	—	—	19	56	6,660	2,714
Apprenticeship courses.....	272	—	246	98	1,454	2,223
Privately Sponsored—						
Trade school courses.....	—	—	139	—	5,208	2,349
Business school courses.....	—	568	—	586	6,599	5,188
Totals.....	1,506	3,415		6,456	48,161	68,129
	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Not Specified	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Publicly Sponsored—						
Trade courses.....	2,303	2,044	2,667	4,020	—	23,981
Vocational high school courses....	2,116	4,120	10,697	7,384	—	104,661
Post-secondary technical courses...	—	64	678	92	—	10,283
Apprenticeship courses.....	781	913	3,615	300	—	9,902
Privately Sponsored—						
Trade school courses.....	619	340	761	563	1,601	11,580
Business school courses.....	1,160	945	1,617	1,921	—	18,584
Totals.....	6,979	8,426	20,035	14,280	1,601	178,991