

(2) **Persons without jobs and seeking work.**—This classification includes those persons who were looking for work during the survey week and did not work. Persons who were temporarily away from their jobs during the whole of the survey week seeking other work were considered as without jobs and were included in this category. In addition to those who were actively looking for work, this classification includes persons who would have looked for work, except that they were temporarily ill, were on indefinite or prolonged layoff, or believed that no work was available.

Information relating to the population 14 years of age or over not in the labour force is also collected. Persons not in the labour force include such groups as those going to school or keeping house in their own homes, persons who are permanently unable to work because of old age or other reason, and persons who are retired or voluntarily idle. Persons such as housewives, students and others who worked part time are classed as "persons with jobs" or, if looking for work, they are classed as "persons without jobs and seeking work".

The estimates derived from the labour force surveys are subject to sampling error. In general the percentage error tends to decrease as the size of the estimate increases. The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the difference between the estimate and the figure which would have been obtained from a complete count is less than that shown below.

	<i>Size of Estimate</i>	<i>Sampling Variability</i>
50,000.....		8,000
100,000.....		11,000
500,000.....		25,000
1,000,000.....		33,000
5,000,000.....		54,000

Data in Table 2 for June 1, 1946 to 1955 are compiled from labour force surveys conducted in late May or early June of those years. The information for years before 1946 is taken from estimates based upon 1931 and 1941 Census material rearranged according to the definitional system used in the labour force surveys, the revised census data being linked with the June 1946 survey on the basis of monthly and annual employment and unemployment figures.

2.—Estimates of the Civilian Labour Force and its Main Components, June 1, 1931-55¹

Year	Civilian Population (14 years of age or over)	Civilian Labour Force (14 years of age or over)						Persons not in the Labour Force (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 ²	Total (non-agriculture)					
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	
1931.....	7,039	2,006	421	2,427	1,203	3,630	475	4,105	2,934
1932.....	7,163	1,828	381	2,209	1,223	3,432	733	4,165	2,998
1933.....	7,287	1,698	470	2,168	1,243	3,411	817	4,228	3,059
1934.....	7,411	1,910	493	2,403	1,263	3,666	624	4,290	3,121
1935.....	7,539	1,920	532	2,452	1,284	3,736	618	4,354	3,185
1936.....	7,665	1,972	576	2,548	1,304	3,852	565	4,417	3,248
1937.....	7,785	2,085	661	2,746	1,324	4,070	406	4,476	3,309
1938.....	7,912	2,053	625	2,678	1,344	4,022	516	4,538	3,374
1939.....	8,035	2,056	655	2,711	1,364	4,075	523	4,598	3,437
1940.....	8,053	2,173	636	2,809	1,329	4,138	418	4,556	3,497
1941.....	7,969	2,538	476	3,014	1,210	4,224	193	4,417	3,552
1942.....	7,900	2,770	488	3,258	1,127	4,385	134	4,519	3,381
1943.....	7,797	2,906	434	3,340	1,107	4,447	75	4,522	3,275
1944.....	7,856	2,950	369	3,319	1,126	4,445	62	4,507	3,349
1945.....	7,992	2,914	363	3,277	1,134	4,411	72	4,483	3,509

¹For footnotes, see end of table.