Definition: Refers to the amount of money earned by the person being enumerated within the reference period as determined per census enumeration (see remarks).

Source: Census Question

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable.

Census Years	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911					
1921	32	32			
1931	31	31			
1941	39	39			
1951					

#### Census Guide, 1921

A. Census Question	Total earnings in past 12 months (Since June 1, 1920).	
B. Question Number	Column 32 of Forms 1A and 1B.	
C. Variable(s) and Codes	ANNUAL_EARNING_AMOUNT	
D. Reference Point	June 1, 1920 to May 31, 1921.	
E. Total Target Population	3 173 169	
F. Statistical unit	The person.	
G. Targeted Population	Every person of ten years and over who is gainfully employed.	
H. Enumerators' Instructions	127. Column 32 Total earnings in past twelve months. In column 32 the total earnings in the twelve months, June 1, 1920, to June 1, 1921, will be entered for every person who is recorded with an occupation or trade in	

	column 29, and, who is reported in column 30 with the letter "W" for "worker or employee." The enumerator must obtain from every such person his or her total earnings in the past twelve months.
I. Remarks	Enumerators were told to enter earnings data only for employees. As in 1901 and 1911, however, many enumerators also entered information for the self employed and employers. Consistent with CCRI's practice of entering what the enumerators provided, we have captured earnings data for non employees where available. Users of that information must discover for themselves the extent of coverage and any biases therein.

### Census Guide, 1931

A. Census Question	Total earnings in the past twelve months (Since June 1, 1930)
B. Question Number	31 on schedules 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	ANNUAL_EARNING_AMOUNT
D. Reference Point	June 1, 1930 to June 1, 1931.
E. Total Target Population	2, 570, 097
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person ten years of age or more reported as gainfully employed (in Column 28) and as a worker or employee (in Column 30).
H. Enumerators' Instructions	174. Column 31: Total earnings in past twelve months. In Column 31 the total earnings in the twelve months, June 1, 1930 to June 1, 1931, will be entered for every person who is recorded with an occupation or trade in Column 28, and who is reported in Column 30 with the letter "W" for "worker or employee." The enumerator must obtain from every person who works for salary, wages, commission or piece-work his or her total earnings in the past twelve months.
I. Remarks	

Census Guide, 1941

A. Census Question	Total earnings in dollars.
B. Question Number	39 on schedules 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	ANNUAL_EARNING_AMOUNT
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 2, 1941.
E. Total Target Population	2 816 798
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each wage-earner enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	135. Column 39.—Total earnings during the 12 months prior to June 2, 1941. In this column shall be entered the total cash earnings for the 12 months prior to June 2, 1941, of every person recorded as "W", wage-earner, in Column 34. The Enumerator shall enter in this column for all persons working for salary, wages, commission or on piece rate payment their total earnings for the 12 months prior to the date of the Census. Deductions from pay for pension schemes, insurance, National Defence Tax and War Savings Certificates are to be included as earnings. Income from pensions, investments, direct relief, or other sources, however, is not to be included. The earnings entered in this column shall always correspond with the number of weeks of employment as wage-earners reported in column 38.  136. Earnings of soldiers, sailors, aviators and military nurses. For persons who were in His Majesty's Permanent Forces, before the war, the Enumerator shall enter in this column the army pay of these persons. For persons who have enlisted since the beginning of the war, however, only cash earnings from work done as a wage-earner, outside of the army, navy, and air force shall be entered in this column. For example, if a person enlisted on the first day of January, 1941, only the cash earnings which this
	person received between June 2, 1940 and January 1, 1941, shall be entered. If, on the other hand, the person enlisted before June 2, 1940, i.e., more than 12 months before the date of the Census, this column shall be

	left blank.
	137. Earnings of persons who went to Military Camp with Reserve Units during the 12 months preceding the Census. In such cases, the military pay received will not be included in Column 39. The earnings entered in this column will only be for the number of weeks reported in column 38.
I. Remarks	

#### Codes

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9000001 "On Commission"
90000002 "Salary"
90000003 "Income"
9000004 "Working on Own Account"
90000005 "Military Pay"
90000006 "Just Started Work"
90000007 "Board"
90000008 "Room and Board"
90000009 "Lodging"
90000010 "Farm"
90000011 "Relief"
90000012 "Parish Contribution"
90000013 "Separation Allowance"
90000014 "Tips"
90000015 "Refused to Answer"
90000016 "Ill/Invalid"
90000017 "Mentally Deficient"
90000018 "At Home"
90000019 "Volunteer"
90000020 "Unpaid"
90000021 "Yes"
90000022 "Pension"
90000023 "Retired"
90000024 "Compensation"
90000025 "Profit Sharing"
90000026 "Share of Crop"
99999001 "Blank"
99999002 "Damaged"
99999003 "Illegible"
99999004 "In Error"
9999005 "Suspicious"
99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"
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99999007 "Not Applicable"
99999008 "Not Mapped"
99999009 "Correction"
99999010 "Suggestion"
99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"
99999903 "Unknown"
99999904 "Invalid Value"
99999999 "Uncodable"
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Remarks: Between 1911 to 1931, occupation questions were reported for all persons 10 years of age and older. In 1941, they were reported for all persons gainfully employed, without reference to age. In 1951, they were reported for all persons 14 years of age and older.

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