Definition: Refers to the type of employment, industry, or business for gainfully employed persons classed as employees or wage earners. (Such as cotton mill, brass foundry, grocery, coal mine, dairy farm, public school, business college, etc.).

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					
1931					
1941					
1951				24	24

Codes

0 "Not Applicable"

105 "Agriculture"

106 "Own Farm"

116 "Forestry"

126 "Fisheries"

127 "Hunting/Trapping"

206 "Metal mining"

216 "Coal mining"

226 "Crude petroleum & natural gas extraction"

236 "Nonmetallic mining & quarrying, not fuel"

239 "Mining, not specified (1880)"

- 246 "Construction"
- 247 "Bridge and Road Construction/Work"
- 306 "Logging"
- 307 "Sawmills, planing mills, & mill work"
- 308 "Misc. wood products"
- 309 "Furniture and fixtures"
- 316 "Glass and glass products"
- 317 "Cement, concrete, gypsum, and plaster products"
- 318 "Structural clay products"
- 319 "Pottery and related products"
- 326 "Misc. nonmetallic mineral & stone"
- 336 "Blast furnaces, steel works, rolling mills"
- 337 "Other primary iron/steel industry"
- 338 "Primary nonferrous industries"
- 346 "Fabricated steel products"
- 347 "Fabricated nonferrous metal products"
- 348 "Not specified metal industries"
- 356 "Agricultural machinery & tractors"
- 357 "Office & store machines & devices"
- 358 "Misc. machinery"
- 367 "Electrical machinery, equipment and supplies"
- 376 "Motor vehicles and equipment"
- 377 "Aircraft and parts"
- 378 "Ship and boat building and repairing"
- 379 "Railroad and misc transportation equipment"
- 386 "Professional equipment and supplies"

- 387 "Photographic equipment and supplies"
- 388 "Watches, clocks, clockwork devices"
- 399 "Misc. manufacturing industries"
- 400 "War Products"
- 406 "Meat products"
- 407 "Dairy products"
- 408 "Canning/preserving fruits, vegetables, and seafoods"
- 409 "Grain-mill products"
- 416 "Bakery products"
- 417 "Confectionery and related products"
- 418 "Beverage industries"
- 419 "Misc. food preparations and kindred goods"
- 426 "Not specified food industries"
- 429 "Tobacco manufactures"
- 436 "Knitting mills"
- 437 "Dyeing & finishing textiles, except knit goods"
- 438 "Carpets, rugs, and other floor coverings"
- 439 "Yarn, thread, and fabric mills"
- 446 "Misc. textile mill products"
- 448 "Apparel and accessories"
- 449 "Misc. fabricated textile products"
- 456 "Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills"
- 457 "Paperboard containers and boxes"
- 458 "Miscellaneous paper and pulp products"
- 459 "Printing, publishing, & allied industries"
- 466 "Synthetic fibers"

- 467 "Drugs and medicines"
- 468 "Paints, varnishes, and related products"
- 469 "Misc. chemicals and allied products"
- 476 "Petroleum refining"
- 477 "Misc. petroleum and coal products"
- 478 "Rubber products"
- 487 "Leather: tanned, curried, and finished"
- 488 "Footwear, except rubber"
- 489 "Leather products, except footwear"
- 499 "Not specified manufacturing industries"
- 506 "Railroads and railway express service"
- 516 "Street railways and bus lines"
- 526 "Trucking service"
- 527 "Warehousing and storage"
- 536 "Taxicab service"
- 546 "Water transportation"
- 556 "Air transportation"
- 567 "Petroleum and gasoline pipe lines"
- 568 "Services incidental to transportation"
- 569 "wharf, dock, harbour, etc"
- 578 "Telephone"
- 579 "Telegraph"
- 586 "Electric light and power"
- 587 "Gas and steam supply systems"
- 588 "Electric-gas utilities"
- 596 "Water supply"

- 597 "Sanitary services"
- 598 "Other and not specified utilities"
- 606 "Motor vehicles and equipment"
- 607 "Drugs, chemicals, and allied products"
- 608 "Dry goods apparel"
- 609 "Food and related products"
- 616 "Electrical goods, hardware, and plumbing equipment"
- 617 "Machinery, equipment, and supplies"
- 618 "Petroleum products"
- 619 "Farm products--raw materials"
- 626 "Misc. wholesale trade"
- 627 "Not specified wholesale trade"
- 628 "Hudson's Bay Company"
- 636 "Food stores, except dairy products"
- 637 "Dairy products stores and milk retailing"
- 646 "General merchandise stores"
- 647 "Five and ten cent stores"
- 656 "Apparel and accessories stores, except shoe"
- 657 "Shoe stores"
- 658 "Furniture and house furnishing stores"
- 659 "Household appliance and radio stores"
- 667 "Motor vehicles and accessories retailing"
- 668 "Gasoline service stations"
- 669 "Drug stores"
- 679 "Eating and drinking places"
- 686 "Hardware and farm implement stores"

- 687 "Lumber and building material retailing"
- 688 "Liquor stores"
- 689 "Retail florists"
- 696 "Jewelry stores"
- 697 "Fuel and ice retailing"
- 698 "Misc. retail stores"
- 699 "Not specified retail trade"
- 716 "Banking and credit agencies"
- 726 "Security and commodity brokerage & investment companies"
- 736 "Insurance"
- 746 "Real estate"
- 756 "Real estate-insurance-law offices"
- 806 "Advertising"
- 807 "Accounting, auditing, & bookkeeping service"
- 808 "Misc. business services"
- 816 "Auto repair services and garages"
- 817 "Misc. repair services"
- 826 "Private households"
- 836 "Hotels and lodging places"
- 846 "Laundering, cleaning, and dyeing services"
- 847 "Dressmaking shops"
- 848 "Shoe repair shops"
- 849 "Misc. personal services"
- 856 "Radio broadcasting and television"
- 857 "Theaters and motion pictures"
- 858 "Bowling alleys, and billiard and pool parlors"

- 859 "Misc. entertainment and recreation services"
- 868 "Medical & other health, not hospitals"
- 869 "Hospitals"
- 879 "Legal services"
- 888 "Educational services"
- 896 "Welfare and religious services"
- 897 "Nonprofit membership organizations"
- 898 "Engineering and architectural services"
- 899 "Misc. professional and related services"
- 900 "Library, Museum and other Related Institutions"
- 906 "Postal service"
- 916 "Federal public administration"
- 926 "State public administration"
- 936 "Local public administration"
- 946 "Public administration, level not specified"
- 947 "Indian Reserve"
- 948 "War Services"
- 976 "Common or General Laborer"
- 979 "with family member"
- 980 "housewife"
- 981 "At Home (not housework)"
- 982 "Housework at home"
- 983 "School response (students, etc.)"
- 984 "Retired"
- 986 "invalid"
- 987 "Institutional Response"

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988 "jail/penitentiary"
991 "Lady/Man of Leisure"
995 "Non-industrial response"
997 "Unclassifiable industry"
998 "Illegible or not reported"
99999001 "Blank"
99999002 "Damaged"
99999003 "Illegible"
99999004 "In Error"
99999005 "Suspicious"
99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"
99999007 "Not Applicable"
99999008 "Not Mapped"
99999009 "Correction"
99999010 "Suggestion"
99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"
99999903 "Unknown"
99999904 "Invalid Value"
9999999 "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.

The Industry question was used by CCRI to map the Industry and Occupation Codes.