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NOT_AT_WORK_ANY_REASON_UNIT

Definition: Indicates the time unit used to report the length of time the individual was absent from work over the last 12 months for any reason.

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	34	34			
1941					
1951					

Census Guide, 1931

A. Census Question	Total number of weeks unemployed from any cause in the last 12 months
B. Question Number	34 on schedules 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	NOT_AT_WORK_ANY_REASON_AMNT NOT_AT_WORK_ANY_REASON_UNIT
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	175. The purpose of the inquiries under this heading in Columns 32 to 40 is to elicit information on the problem of the economic insecurity of the worker and to ascertain as far as possible the causes which make for unemployment. The value of the information entered on the schedule under this heading will depend entirely upon the care exercised by the enumerator in prosecuting the inquiries. If he does his duty

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	<p>conscientiously and well, very valuable information, which will form the basis for a comprehensive study of the various causes alleged as the reasons for periods of unemployment, will be obtained through the census. The enumerator should carefully study the Specimen Schedule and these Instructions. If, when he starts the work of enumeration, he finds there is any question upon which he is not clear or has any doubt he should communicate immediately with his Commissioner.</p> <p>178. Column 34: Total number of weeks unemployed from any cause in the last 12 months. The enumerator will inquire of every person who was described as an "employee" or "worker" (W) in Column 30, the number of weeks out of work for any cause during the twelve months preceding the census date, June 1st, 1931. No entry should be made in this column for students at college who work during the holidays. The number of weeks in this column must be equal to the total number of weeks entered in Columns 35 to 40. If a period of less than one week were lost from work, the answer should be stated in days with the word days written in.</p> <p>When the enumerator has completed making the entries on the schedule for this person he will total the number of weeks entered under Columns 35 to 40 to see if they agree with the number of weeks entered in Column 34 and if there be a different he will at once call the attention of the person to the discrepancy and require him or her to make readjustment so that the figures will balance.</p>
I. Remarks	

Codes

1 "Day"
2 "Week"
3 "Month"
4 "Year"
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"

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99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"
99999903 "Unknown"
99999904 "Invalid Value"
99999999 "Uncodable"

Remarks: None