

Canadian Century Research Infrastructure

NOT_AT_WORK_NO_JOB_UNIT

Definition: Indicates the time unit used to report the length of time the individual was absent from work in the last 12 months because he/she had 'no job'.

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	35	35			
1941					
1951					

Census Guide, 1931

A. Census Question	Of the total number of weeks reported out of work in column 34, how many were due to — No Job.
B. Question Number	35 on schedules 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	NOT_AT_WORK_NO_JOB_AMNT NOT_AT_WORK_NO_JOB_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 conscientiously and well, very valuable information, which will form the basis for a

	<p>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>179. Column 35: No Job. This inquiry has reference to persons who during some portion of the twelve months preceding the census were out of work and had no reasonable prospect of returning to their former jobs. A "no job" person may be described as one who has no job, nor a promise nor understanding that he or she will be employed. It includes also all idle persons who are planning to change their occupation as well as those formerly attached to plants closed so long that it is improbable that they will reopen. For such persons the enumerator will enter in Column 35 the number of weeks they were out of employment. (See Specimen Schedule.)</p> <p>The term "no job" does not, however, include persons who are temporarily out of work (See Instructions 176). For example, if persons employed on building and construction work were temporarily laid off by their employers at any time during the year, the number of weeks without work should not be entered in Column 35 (no job) but should be reported in Column 39 (temporary lay-off).</p> <p>176. Column 32: If an employee were you at work on Monday June 1, 1931. The enumerator must make an entry in this column for every person who is recorded with an occupation in Column 28 and is reported in Column 30 with the letter "W" for "employee" or "worker." The inquiry in this column is to be answered by "yes" or "no" as the case may be. If the entry in this column is "no" there must also be an entry in Column 33.</p> <p>In addition to obtaining a record of unemployment at a given date the inquiry is also intended to direct the mind of the person to the length of time, if any, he was out of work during the 12 months immediately preceding the census. The cause or causes for being out of work will be stated in Column 35 to 40.</p> <p>In some occupations, however, such as the running trades on railways, where employment is reckoned by runs (with minimum monthly earnings guaranteed) Monday June 1, 1931 may be the day when certain men will be off duty between runs. In such cases the person (train hand) is not to be reported as "not at work" consequently the proper answer in Column 32 will be "yes." There may also be other instances where Monday June 1 will</p>
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	not be an ordinary working day, because the person had worked perhaps on the Sunday previous or overtime and was entitled to Monday as his rest day. For all such cases the proper answer in Column 32 will be "yes."
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"

99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"

99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"

99999901 "None"

99999902 "Not Given"

99999903 "Unknown"

99999904 "Invalid Value"

99999999 "Uncodable"

Remarks: None