

**Canadian Century Research Infrastructure**  
**OWN\_ACCOUNT\_WORK\_NATURE**

Definition: Refers to persons working independently, who are neither employees nor employers. Usually small storekeepers, independent craftsmen, farmers, or professionals.

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	21				
1921					
1931					
1941					
1951					

**Census Guide, 1911**

A. Census Question	Working on own account. (See instructions.)
B. Question Number	21 on Schedule 1.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	WORKING_ON_OWN_ACCOUNT
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1911.
E. Total Target Population	2, 723, 634
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person more than ten years of age and gainfully employed.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	119. Working on own account. Persons who are employed in gainful occupations and who are neither employers nor employees are considered to be working on their own account, and the entry "O.A." for (own account) made in column 21. Such persons as farmers, physicians, lawyers, small storekeepers, country black-smiths, etc., who employ no helpers, -- in short, independent workers who neither receive pay, salaries

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	<p>nor regular wages -- are to be classed as working on own account. Dressmakers, washerwomen, laundresses or other persons of similar occupations who work out by the day are employees, but if they perform the work in their own, home or shop they are to be classed as working on own account unless they employ helpers, in which case they are to be returned as employers.</p> <p>120. Domestic gainful and non-gainful occupations. If married women or other female dependants, or children of ten years or over carry on a gainful or wage-earning occupation in any capacity, the kind of occupation will be given, and they will be classed as employers or employees as the case may be; but if they are only carrying on domestic affairs in a household, without wages they are not to be classed as having any occupation.</p>
I. Remarks	

Codes

1 "No"  
2 "Yes"  
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 "Unicodeable"

Remarks: None