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WORK_ACTIVITY_JUNE_1_1951

Definition: Refers to work done for pay in private or government employment; work done for profit on a farm, in a profession, or in a business; unpaid family work done on a farm or in a business operated by some related members of the household; or work done by employees of institutions and religious orders who only receive room and board and, possibly, tuition, but no fixed money payments for their services. Reference point was Census Day, June 1, 1951.

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				21	21

Census Guide, 1951

A. Census Question	In addition, did this person do any work for pay or profit?
B. Question Number	21 on Form 2 and 2A.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	WORK_ACTIVITY_JUNE_1_1951
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1951.
E. Total Target Population	9,949,737
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person 14 years of age and over.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	Questions 20 and 21 are for the purpose of clasifying all persons 14 years of age and over according to their status in the labour force; i.e., at work, not at work but with a job, not at work and seeking work, and not in the labour force during the week ending June 2, 1951. In order to answer these questions correctly, you must understand thoroughly what is

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	<p>included in each of the following terms.</p> <p>This question should be asked in full as follows: <i>In addition did this person do any work for pay or profit or unpaid family work on a farm or in a business during the week ending June 2, 1951?</i></p> <p>Mark either "Yes" or "No" in Question 21 for every person except those reported as "Worked" or "Permanently Unable to Work" in Question 20. The answer to Question 21 will show whether such persons did some work for pay or profit or unpaid family work in addition to their chief activity reported in Question 20.</p> <p>Examples of whom to mark "Yes" in Question 21 are:</p> <p>(1) A housewife, marked "Keeping House" in Question 20, who helped her husband in his store or other business.</p> <p>(2) A student, marked "Going to School" in Question 20, who worked after school hours or on Saturday.</p> <p>(3) A retired person, marked "Retired" or "Voluntarily Idle" in Question 20, who worked part-time.</p> <p>(4) A person marked "Looked for Work" or "With a Job But Not at Work" in Question 20, who did some work.</p> <p>Special care must be taken with respect to female unpaid family workers on farms who are principally engaged in keeping house. They should be marked "Yes" in Question 21 <i>only</i> if, during the week ending June 2nd, they devoted one hour or more to farm work as distinct from housework and household chores.</p> <p>* If "W", "J", or "L", in Question 20 or "Yes" in Question 21, ask Questions 23 to 27.</p> <p>Note that ovals for "Worked -- W", "With a Job but Not at Work -- J", and "Looked for Work -- L" in Question 20 and "Yes" in Question 21 bear an asterik (*). This symbol is to serve as a reminder that Questions 23 to 27 must be asked and completed, as outlined below, for every person marked in an oval bearing this symbol.</p>
I. Remarks	

Codes

1 "No"

2 "Yes"

99999001 "Blank"

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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: 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.

This question was asked in 1951 only.