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INTRODUCTION

Following the suggestion of the President's Conference on Unemployment, which met in the autumn of 1921, that each community undertake to meet its own unemployment problem, there was organized in Columbus, Ohio, the Mayor's Emergency Unemployment Committee, composed of leaders in the community from the fields of industry, labor, commerce, and finance. The first problem confronting the mayor's committee was that of forming some estimate of the needs in the city. To this end the various social agencies submitted estimates for the coming winter. The mayor's committee, however, desirous of checking carefully upon these estimates of the agencies, requested the Ohio State University to cooperate in a houseto-house survey of selected districts. Prof. Mary Louise Mark and the writer were at the same time considering a study of unemployment in order to furnish the students of statistics in the departments of economics and sociology some practice in collecting and assembling statis-The study for 1921 was therefore made a joint one.1

In selecting the districts to be studied, it was desirable to obtain a fair sample of the wage-earning population of the city; accordingly, the president of the Columbus Federation of Labor and the president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce (both active members of the Mayor's Emergency Unemployment Committee), jointly selected the territories. Field work, which consumed about a week, was begun late in October by the students in economic statistics and in social statistics under the close personal supervision of their instructors. A preliminary estimate, placed in the hands of the committee about 10 days after the beginning of the field work, indicated that about 14,000 persons were out of work in Columbus. The proportions shown in the final figures for 1921 when applied to the city as a whole indicated that about 13,300 persons were idle and 10,700 employed part time, a total of 24,000 persons employed less than full time. study covered more than one-ninth of the total occupied males in Columbus and one-twelfth of the total occupied females 18 years of age and over as reported in the United States census of the previous year.

¹ The writer wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to Prof. Mary Louise Mark, with whom he originally worked out-and developed the study, to Louis Edwin Smart, William J. Blackburn, Lloyd Wilcox, Peter C. Poss, Heston McPherson, Malvern C. Buchanan, Miss Helen Cherington, and Miss Grace Richmond, each of whom assisted in the supervision of the field work and the tabulation of the results, and to the more than 450 students who assisted at some time during the five years in the work of enumerating and tabulating.

The mayor's committee recognized that no comparable data were available for other years and that it therefore could not measure the extent of unemployment as compared with more prosperous times. It was therefore suggested in the final report of the mayor's committee (p. 70) that the study be made for several years.

The survey indicates that the unemployment situation was more serious than the estimates of the relief agencies showed and the actual experience with the relief problem throughout the winter has demonstrated the approximate accuracy of the higher figures.

One weakness of survey figures such as these secured in this study is that, unfortunately, no accurate data are available with reference to the number idle or working part time when industrial conditions approximate normal.

The Ohio State University is in a position to make a real contribution along these lines by making a comparative study of these same three districts at intervals for a series of years under varying industrial and economic conditions.

The present study was undertaken to carry out the suggestion of the mayor's committee. The late fall period, approximately the last week of October, has been studied for five years, and comparative data are presented in this report. The territories have remained the same in each of the five periods studied. A survey of the magnitude of this one requires considerable time for field work and tabulation, both on the part of the students and their instructors. It is hoped, however, that the survey can be continued for at least another fiveyear period and that data may be secured for the spring season in order that comparison may be made with conditions during the late autumn.

Only students enrolled in the classes in economic statistics and in social statistics participated in the five studies. Each studentenumerator received a sheet of detailed instructions concerning the use of the schedule and these were carefully discussed before any interviews were conducted. The schedules brought in were critically examined and the students were required so far as possible to obtain any missing data. If no one was at home at the time of the first visit, second and third calls were made, usually at a different time of day. A considerable part of the tabulating was also done by the students under the close supervision of their instructors. The data here presented are believed to be as nearly accurate as house-to-house work, which of course does not permit of the examination of work records, can be expected to be.

Columbus is a city with large districts of native white population, with few districts of negroes, and with relatively few areas where immigrant populations predominate. Table 1 presents the nativity distribution of the persons 18 years of age and over enumerated in 1921, as compared with the nativity distribution of all employed persons 18 years of age and over shown in the United States census

for 1920.

TABLE 1.—NATIVITY OF PERSONS INCLUDED IN 1921 SURVEY AND OF OCCUPIED PERSONS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER IN COLUMBUS REPORTED BY UNITED STATES CENSUS (1920), BY SEX

	Males		Fen	nales	Both sexes			
Nativity	Columbus survey	Census of 1920	Columbus survey	Census of	Columbus survey	Census of 1920		
	Number							
Native white	7, 255 591 1, 332	61, 760 8, 656 7, 869	1, 672 210 180	20, 054 3, 179 1, 109	8, 927 801 1, 512	81, 814 11, 835 8, 978		
Total	9, 178	78, 285	2,062	24, 342	11, 240	102, 627		
	Per cent							
Native white	79. 0 6. 4 14. 5	78. 9 11. 1 10. 1	81. 1 10. 2 8. 7	82. 4 13. 1 4. 6	79. 4 7. 1 13. 5	79. 7 11. 5 8. 7		
Total	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		

¹ Fourteenth Census of the United States, vol. 4 (Occupations), p. 459.

From this table it may be seen that the Columbus survey included, in 1921, slightly more than 10 per cent of the employed persons in the city, exceeding this figure somewhat in the case of male employed persons and falling slightly below in the case of females. The proportion of native white employed persons included corresponds very closely with the proportion among the employed population as a whole. The fact that the study includes a larger proportion of foreign born and a smaller proportion of native colored employed persons than is shown by the United States census is due to the fact that the most thickly populated negro section of Columbus (East Long Street and vicinity) was not included in the territories studied. The detailed nativity and racial distribution is shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2.—NATIVITY AND RACE OF PERSONS INCLUDED IN 1921 SURVEY, BY SEX

	Males		Fen	nales	Both sexes	
Nativity and race	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Native white	7, 255 591	79. 0 6. 4	1, 672 210	81, 1 10, 2	8, 927 801	79. 4
Foreign born: English	35 614 67 46 245 124 201	.4 6.7 .7 .5 2.7 1.4 2.2	9 88 10 7 20 21 25	.4 4.3 .5 .3 1.0 1.0	44 702 77 53 265 145 226	6.2 2.4 1.3 2.0
Total, foreign born	1, 332	14. 6	180	8.7	1, 512	13. 8
Total, native and foreign	9, 178	100. 0	2, 062	100. 0	11, 240	100.0

The industrial distribution of the persons included in the survey in each of the years is shown in Table 3. Due to the fact that the number of persons included in the study varies somewhat from year

to year, attention will be directed throughout this study to the relative rather than to the absolute figures.2 With the exception of the fact that the contractors in building trades and the self-employed (other than building contractors) were not segregated in 1921, the industrial classification is strictly comparable throughout the five periods.3 The schedule, shown in the appendix, called for not only the industry and occupation of each person but also the name of the employer. The reply concerning industry could thus be checked by a personal knowledge of the local concerns. All clerks and laborers were placed in their reported industries and those shown as "not otherwise specified" in Table 3 and elsewhere are those for whom no industry or no employer was reported.

TABLE 3.—INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925 [Includes only persons reporting as to industry]

Industry group	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
	Number of persons				
A griculture	69	59	61	40	42
Professional service	295	277	319	295	292
Clerical (not otherwise specified)	95	60	57	29	12
Domestic and personal service	1, 151	1, 329	1, 189	1, 224	1, 296
Trade and transportation: Retail and wholesale trade. Telegraph and telephone. Railway and express. Other. Total, trade and transportation. Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors. Building trades, wage earners. Clay, glass, and stone products. Food and kindred products. Iron, steel, and their products. Other metal products. Paper, printing, and publishing Wearing apparel. Automobiles, parts, and tires. Other. Total, manufacturing and mechanical Labor (not otherwise specified)	157 1, 362 535 3, 279 866 407 606 1, 316 119 308 863 539 795	1, 007 123 1, 295 535 2, 960 { 253 822 364 1, 689 95 305 892 501 600 6, 103	1, 213 145 1, 481 450 3, 289 332 770 463 566 1, 792 804 428 654 6, 195	1, 058 123 1, 313 487 2, 981 313 759 345 538 1, 273 306 660 472 505 5, 243	1, 059 164 1, 553 514 3, 280 398 969 429 429 433 361 807 591 624 6, 208
Self employed		877	926	714	870
Grand total	10, 972	11, 751	12, 193	10, 669	12, 089
	Per cent of grand total				
Agriculture	0. 6	0. 5	0. 5	0.4	0. 3
Professional service	2.7	2. 4	2. 6	2. 8	2. 4
Clerical (not otherwise specified)	.9	. 5	. 5	.3	. 1
Domestic and personal service	10. 5	11. 3	9. 8	11.5	10. 7

²The variation in numbers included is due partly to movements of population and partly to differences in the completeness of the coverage of the enumeration in the various years. A large part of the shortage in 1924 was due to the fact that four subdistricts were omitted, due to the incapacity of several of the student enumerators. The variation in numbers included from this latter cause is believed to have introduced no selective error in the study. As demonstrating this contention, note the stability of industrial distribution, as shown by the proportions engaged in each industry (Table 3).

² For a detailed explanation of the industrial classification see Appendix.

Table 3.—INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925—Continued

Industry group	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	
	Per cent of grand total—Continued					
Trade and transportation: Retail and wholesale trade. Telegraph and telephone. Railway and express. Other. Total, trade and transportation	11. 2 1. 4 12. 4 4. 9	8. 6 1. 0 11. 0 4. 6	9. 9 1, 2 12. 1 3. 7	9. 9 1. 2 12. 3 4. 6	8. 8 1. 3 12. 8 4. 8	
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors. Building trades, wage earners. Clay, glass, and stone products Food and kindred products. Iron, steel, and their products. Other metal products. Paper, printing, and publishing. Wearing apparel. Automobiles, parts, and tires. Other.	3.7 5.5 12.0 1.1 2.8 7.9 4.9	{ 2, 2 7, 0 3, 3 4, 8 14, 4 . 8 2, 6 7, 6 4, 3 5, 1	73867756354 14.756354	2.9 7.1 3.2 5.0 11.9 .7 2.9 6.2 4.4 4.7	3. 3 3. 5 5. 2 11. 2 4. 9 5. 2	
Total, manufacturing and mechanical	53. 0	52. 1	50. 8	49. 0	51. 4	
Labor (not otherwise specified)	2.4	.7	1.3	1, 3	.7	
Self employed		7. 5	7. 6	6.7	7. 2	
Grand total	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	

Approximately one-half of all persons enumerated were in manufacturing and mechanical industries, more than one-fourth were in trade and transportation, one-tenth were in domestic and personal service, one-fourteenth were self-employed, and the remainder were distributed through other general industrial groups.

Considering the individual industries, the principal ones were iron and steel and their products, railway and express, building trades and retail and wholesale trade. Considering a five-year average, iron and steel ranks first with a percentage of 12.9, and railway and

express second with 12.1 per cent.

In view of the fact that, on the part of the wage earners, shifting is easier from one industry to another than from occupation to occupation, remarkable stability is shown by the industrial distribution given in Table 3. Fluctuations in the industrial distribution from year to year are due partly to general employment conditions in the various industries and partly also, especially in the case of an individual city, to the establishment or failure of one or two plants. A large part of the proportionate decline in the importance of automobiles, parts, and tires in 1923 was due to the failure of a single plant manufacturing automobiles.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

In each of the five surveys an attempt was made to ascertain, for the districts covered, the employment status at the time of the study of all males 18 years of age or over and of all females 18 years of age or over usually occupied.⁴ Information was sought concerning whether

⁴ Thus all housewives were omitted as were also all women who worked outside the home, on a part time basis, in addition to their housework. Those women were included who were working full time for pay or profit, and those who were working part time for pay or profit or who were idle, but who would work full time for pay or profit if such full-time employment were available.

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each person was (1) working full time; (2) working part time, and if so what fraction of the usual full time for the industry in which the individual was engaged; or (3) idle, and if so how long continuously at the time of the visit, and for what reason. The classification "idle" thus includes all those of the enumerated group who were idle for any reason whatsoever, whether involuntarily or of their own volition. This section deals with the general condition of employment of all persons enumerated and of heads of households. Throughout the study most of the tables for all persons enumerated are followed by tables showing separately heads of households, since it is upon this latter group that the greatest burden of support rests.

Table 4 shows the extent of employment of all persons who reported

this item in detail.

TABLE 4.—EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925,

[Includes only persons reporting full details as to employment status]

Sex and employment status	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	
MALES	Number					
Employed— Full time	6, 853	8, 646	8, 896	7, 053	8, 251	
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time One-half but less than two-thirds time One-third but less than one-half time Less than one-third time	241 540 99 57	209 272 40 22	275 255 46 9	464 414 131 35	425 373 80 41	
Total, part time	937	543	585	1,044	919	
Idle	1,329	795	692	850	847	
Total, males	9, 119	9, 984	10, 173	8, 947	10, 017	
FEMALES Employed— Full time	1, 629	1, 808	1, 862	1, 534	1, 761	
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time One-half but less than two-thirds time One-third but less than one-half time Less than one-third time	39 102 30 11	62 120 44 38	50 96 29 9	75 116 50 17	96 104 43 17	
Total, part time	182	264	184	258	260	
Idle	156	65	80	95	113	
Total, females	1, 967	2, 137	2, 126	1, 887	2, 134	
BOTH SEXES Employed— Full time	8, 482	10, 454	10, 758	8, 587	10, 012	
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time One-half but less than two-thirds time One-third but less than one-half time Less than one-third time	280 642 129 68	271 392 84 60	325 351 75 18	539 530 181 52	521 477 123 58	
Total, part time	1, 119	807	769	1,302	1, 179	
Idle	1, 485	860	772	945	960	
Total, both sexes	11,086	12, 121	12, 299	10, 834	12, 151	

Table 4.—EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX—Continued

Sex and employment status	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
MALES			Per cent		
Employed— Full time	75. 1	86. 6	87. 4	78. 8	82, 4
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time One-half but less than two-thirds time. One-third but less than one-half time. Less than one-third time.	2.6 5.9 1.1 .6	2.1 2.7 .4 .2	2.7 2.5 .5	5. 2 4. 6 1. 5	4. 2 3. 7 . 8
Total, part time	10. 2	5. 4	5. 8	11.7	9. 1
Idle	14.6	8.0	6.8	9. 5	8, 5
Total, males	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES Employed— Full time.	82. 8	84.6	87. 6	81. 3	82. 5
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time. One-half but less than two-thirds time. One-third but less than one-half time. Less than one-third time.	2.0 5.2 1.5 .6	2, 9 5, 6 2, 1 1, 8	2.4 4.5 1.4	4.0 6.1 2.6 .9	4. 5 4. 9 2. 0 . 8
Total, part time	9.3	12. 4	8.7	13.6	12. 2
Idle	7. 9	3.0	3. 8	5. 0	5. 3
Total, females	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100, 0	100.0
BOTH SEXES Employed— Full time	76. 5	86. 2	87. 5	79. 3	82. 4
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time. One-half but less than two-thirds time. One-third but less than one-half time. Less than one-third time.	2. 5 5. 8 1. 2 . 6	2. 2 3. 2 .7 .5	2.6 2.9 .6	5.0 4.9 1.7	4.3 3.9 1.0
Total, part time	10.1	6.6	6. 2	12. 1	9. 7
Idle	13. 4	7. 1	6.3	8.7	7. 9
Total, both sexes	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100, 0

The proportion of males 18 years of age or over who were employed full time, varied from 75.1 per cent in 1921 to 87.4 per cent in 1923; the proportion employed part time, from 5.4 per cent in 1922 to 11.7 per cent in 1924; and the proportion idle, from 6.8 per cent in 1923 to 14.6 per cent in 1921. The proportion of females 18 years of age or over employed full time varied from 81.3 per cent in 1924 to 87.6 per cent in 1923; the proportion employed part time, from 8.7 per cent in 1923 to 13.6 per cent in 1924; and the proportion idle, from 3.0 per cent in 1922 to 7.9 per cent in 1921.

Of the males employed part time, the percentage working less

than half time in no year reached 2 per cent of those enumerated. Of the females working part time the percentage working less than half time varied from 1.8 per cent of those enumerated in 1923 to 3.9 per cent in 1922.

Table 5 presents detailed data concerning the proportion of time worked by heads of households.

Table 5.—EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX [Includes only heads of households reporting full details as to employment status]

Sex and employment status	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	
MALES.	Number					
Employed— Full time	4, 675	5, 934	6, 244	5, 068	6, 012	
Part time:						
Two-thirds but less than full time	186	159	192	351	332	
One-half but less than two-thirds time One-third but less than one-half time	402 63	205 27	168 24	294 89	268 45	
Less than one-third time	39	13	9	18	32	
Total, part time	690	404	393	752	; 677	
Idle	776	578	481	528	617	
Total, males	6, 141	6, 916	7, 118	6, 348	7, 306	
FEMALES.						
Employed—	010	210	205	000	200	
Full time	210	316	325	266	339	
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time	13	8	10	20	25	
One-half but less than two-thirds time	19	20	21	30	25 27	
One-third but less than one-half time Less than one-third time	6 3	13 4	5 1	8 2	6 6	
Total, part time	41	45	37	60	64	
Idle	44	23	35	36	39	
Total, females	295	384	397	362	442	
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Employed—					_	
Full time	4, 885	6, 250	6, 569	5, 334	6, 351	
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time	199	167	202	371	357	
One-half but less than two-thirds time	421	225	189	324	295	
One-third but less than one-half time Less than one-third time	69 42	40 17	29 10	97 20	51 38	
Total, part time	731	449	430	812	741	
Idle	820	601	516	564	656	
Total, both sexes	6, 436	7, 300	7, 515	6, 710	7, 748	
			Per cent			
MALES. Employed—		1	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Full time	76.1	85.8	87.7	79.8	82. 3	
Part time:						
Two-thirds but less than full time One-half but less than two-thirds time	3.0 6.5	2.3 3.0	2.7 2.4	5. 5 4. 6	4.5 3.7	
One-third but less than one-half time Less than one-third time	1.0 .6	.4 .2	.3	1, 4 .3	.6	
Total, part time	11.1	5, 9	5.5	11.8	9. 2	
· · ·						
Idle	12.6	8.4	6.8	8.3	8.4	
Total, males	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
FEMALES.		{	ļ			
Full time	71. 2	82. 3	81.9	73. 5	76. 7	
Part time:					<u> </u>	
Two-thirds but less than full time One-half but less than two-thirds time	4. 4 6. 4	2. 1 5. 2	2. 5 5. 3	5. 5 8. 3	5.7 6.1	
One-third but less than one-half time	2.0	3, 4	1.3	2. 2	1.4	
Less than one-third time	1.0	1.0	.3	. 6	1.4	
Total, part time	13.8	11.7	9.4	16. 6	14.6	
	14.9	6.0	8.8	9.9	8.8	
Idle	17. 0					

TABLE 5.—EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HEADS OF H	HOUSEHOLDS, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX—
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Sex and employment status	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
BOTH SEXES.		Per c	e nt —Conti	nued	
Employed— Full time	75. 9	85. 6	87. 4	79. 5	82. 0
Part time: Two-thirds but less than full time. One-half but less than two-thirds time. One-third but less than one-half time. Less than one-third time.	3.1 6.5 1.1	2.3 3.1 .5 .2	2.7 2.5 .4 .1	5. 5 4. 8 1. 4 . 3	4.6 3.8 .7
Total, part time	11.4	6.1	5.7	12.0	9. 6
Idle	12.7	8.2	6.9	8.4	8. 5
Total, both sexes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

In the case of male heads of households the proportion employed full time varied from 76.1 per cent in 1921 to 87.7 per cent in 1923; the proportion employed part time, from 5.5 per cent in 1923 to 11.8 per cent in 1924; and the proportion idle, from 6.8 per cent in 1923 to 12.6 per cent in 1921.

Of the male heads of households working part time the percentage working less than half time in no year exceeds 1.7 per cent of those enumerated. Of the female heads of households, a maximum of 4.4 per cent were reported as working less than half time in 1922.

A ready comparison of the condition of employment at the different periods may be obtained by expressing the various part-time groups in terms of their full-time equivalent ⁵ and then constructing index numbers of employment and of idleness.

Table 6 shows the proportion of employment and the proportion of idleness in the population enumerated when part time is expressed in terms of full time.

TABLE 6.—EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, PART TIME REDUCED TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT, 1921 TO 1925

	Percents	age of time e	mployed	Perce	ntage of time idle		
Year	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	
1921 1922 1923 1924 1925	81. 4 90. 1 91. 4 86. 5 88. 5	88. 2 91. 5 92. 8 89. 4 90. 1	82. 6 90. 4 91. 6 87. 0 88. 8	18. 6 9. 9 8. 6 13. 5 11. 5	11. 8 8. 5 7. 2 10. 6 9. 9	17. 4 9. 6 8. 4 13. 0 11. 2	

On the basis upon which this table has been computed, all males enumerated in 1921 show 81.4 per cent employment and 18.6 per cent idleness; in 1923, 91.4 per cent employment and 8.6 per cent

[•] This is accomplished by considering each group as concentrated around its mid-point. Thus all those working "two-thirds but less than full time" have been considered as working five-sixths of the time and idle one-sixth of the time; those working "one-half but less than two-thirds time" as working seven-twelfths of the time and idle five-twelfths of the time; those working "one-third but less than one-half time" as working five-twelfths of the time and idle seven-twelfths of the time; and those working "less than one-third time" as working one-sixth of the time and idle five-sixths of the time.

idleness; and in 1925, 88.5 per cent employment and 11.5 per cent idleness. Considering the enumerated population as a whole the greatest amount of employment was present in 1923 and the least in 1921.

Table 7 presents index numbers of employment and idleness based upon the percentages of Table 6, employment and idleness in 1921 having been considered the base, or 100 per cent.

TABLE 7.—INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND IDLENESS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, PART TIME REDUCED TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT, 1921 TO 1925

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	3	Employmen	i			
Year	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes
1921 1922 1923 1923 1924 1925	100. 0 110. 7 112. 3 106. 3 108. 7	100. 0 103. 7 105. 2 101. 4 102. 2	100. 0 109. 4 110. 9 105. 3 107. 5	100. 0 53. 2 46. 2 72. 6 61. 8	100. 0 72. 0 61. 0 89. 8 83. 9	100. 0 55. 2 48. 3 74. 7 64. 4

The index numbers presenting employment show for all males enumerated an advance of 10.7 per cent over 1921 in 1922, 12.3 per cent in 1923, 6.3 per cent in 1924, and 8.7 per cent in 1925. On this basis employment for females shows a slight advance over 1921 in each succeeding year but nowhere so great an advance as is shown for males. This is due to the fact that the females (because of being more largely salaried workers) showed a greater proportion of employment in the base year, 1921, than did the males (see Table 4), and upon the basis of Table 6 exceeded the males each year in the proportion of time employed and fell below them in the proportion of time idle.

The index numbers which present idleness show for all males enumerated, 53.2 per cent as much idleness in 1922 as in 1921, 46.2 per cent in 1923, 72.6 per cent in 1924, and 61.8 per cent in 1925. For all females enumerated the idleness in comparison with 1921 is 72 per cent in 1922, 61 per cent in 1923, 89.8 per cent in 1924, and 83.9 per cent in 1925.

DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

The tables of the preceding section show a marked decrease in the percentage of persons enumerated who were idle in the years subsequent to 1921. The tables presented in this section analyze the duration of idleness for those persons reported as unemployed at the time of each survey.

The duration of unemployment is shown in Table 8 for all persons enumerated.

Table 8.—DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX

[Includes only persons reporting as to duration of unemployment]

Sex, and duration of unem-		Numb	er unen	ployed			Per	cent of	total	
ployment	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Males: Under 2 weeks 2 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 10 weeks 10 and under 20 weeks 20 and under 30 weeks 30 and under 40 weeks 40 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks and over	147 209	68 84 95 166 53 14 14 196	125 108 118 38 16 8 10 213	80 145 171 108 72 21 15	93 146 139 78 41 16 9 303	6.8 8.0 18.5 13.1 12.0 17.1 7.0 17.6	9. 9 12. 2 13. 8 24. 1 7. 7 2. 0 2. 0 28. 4	19.7 17.0 18.6 6.0 2.5 1.3 1.6 33.5	11. 1 20. 1 23. 7 14. 9 10. 0 2. 9 2. 1 15. 4	11. 3 17. 7 16. 8 9. 5 5. 0 1. 9 1. 1 36. 7
Total	1, 224	690	636	723	825	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Females: Under 2 weeks	15	8 15 13 9 4 1 2	27 14 12 8 3 3 2 10	12 21 23 13 6 2 1	21 18 34 13 8 2	9. 0 8. 3 32. 3 17. 3 11. 3 4. 5 3. 0 14. 3	14. 5 27. 3 23. 6 16. 4 7. 3 1. 8 3. 6 5. 5	34. 2 17. 7 15. 2 10. 1 3. 8 3. 8 2. 5 12. 7	13.8 24.1 26.4 14.9 7.0 2.3 1.1 10.3	18.8 16.1 30.4 11.6 2.7 1.8
Total	133	55	79	87	112	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100. 0
Both sexes: Under 2 weeks	95 109 269 183 162 215 90 234	76 99 108 175 57 15 16 199	152 122 130 46 19 11 12 223	92 166 194 121 78 23 16 120	114 164 173 91 44 18 9 324	7. 0 8. 0 19. 8 13. 5 11. 9 15. 8 6. 6 17. 2	10. 2 13. 3 14. 5 23. 5 7. 7 2. 0 2. 1 26. 7	21. 3 17. 1 18. 2 6. 4 2. 7 1. 5 1. 7 31. 2	11. 4 20. 5 23. 9 14. 9 9. 6 2. 8 2. 0 14. 8	12.2 17.5 18.5 9.7 4.7 1.9 34.6
Total	1, 357	745	71,5	810	937	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100.0

The relative importance of the group "52 weeks and over" is due largely to the fact that practically all of those persons idle because of old age or retirement were idle for more than a year. The greater severity of unemployment in 1921 than in any other year is again evident here, as the proportion of idle persons who were unemployed for the comparatively shorter periods was decidedly greater in later years than in 1921.

Table 9 gives a comparative summary of the percentage of those unemployed persons who were idle for the shorter periods.

Table 9.—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF ALL IDLE PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX AND YEAR

[Includes only persons reporting as to duration of unemployment]

	Per cen	t of unemplo	yed who wer	e idle—
Sex and year	Less than 2 weeks	Less than 4 weeks	Less than 10 weeks	10 weeks or over
Males:				
1921	6.8	14.8	33.3	66. 7
1922 1923	9.9	22. 1 36. 7	35.9	64. 1
1004	19.7 11.1	31.2	55.3 54.9	44. 7 45. 1
1007	11.3	29.0	45.8	40. 1 54. 2
Females:	11.5	29.0	20.0	09. 2
1921	9.0	17. 3	49.6	50. 4
1922	14.5	41.8	65.4	34. 6
1923	34. 2	51.9	67.1	32.9
1924	13.8	37. 9	64.3	35. 7
1925	18.8	34.9	65.3	84.7

See Table 15.

Considering the total number of males idle as 100 per cent (Table 9), the proportion of males who were unemployed less than two weeks varied from 6.8 per cent in 1921 to 19.7 per cent in 1923; the proportion of those idle less than four weeks varied from 14.8 per cent in 1921 to 36.7 per cent in 1923; and the proportion of those idle less than ten weeks varied from 33.3 per cent in 1921 to 55.3 per cent in 1923. In 1925 the duration of idleness was less than two weeks for 11.3 per cent of all idle males enumerated, which exceeds the proportionate idleness for this short period in 1921 by almost two-thirds. The duration of idleness in 1925 was less than four weeks for 29 per cent, a proportion idle for this period nearly twice as great as in 1921.

In 1925 the proportion of females idle who had been unemployed for the short period of less than two weeks (Table 9) more than doubled over 1921 as did also the proportion of those idle less than four weeks. The greater concentration of idle females than of idle males in the periods of shorter duration at the time of each of the five studies is attributable at least in part to the fact that very few females were reported idle because of old age or retirement.

Table 10 presents the duration of idleness for unemployed heads of households. The group "52 weeks and over" is of even greater relative importance in the case of heads of households than in the case of all persons. The definite concentration in the periods of shorter duration is again present in every year except 1921 and 1922.

TABLE 10.—DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX

[Includes only heads of households reporting as to duration of unemployment]

2		Numbe	er unem	ployed			Per o	ent of t	otal	
Sex and duration	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Males:				•						
Under 2 weeks	51	35	65	46	65	7.3	7.1	15. 1	10.9	10.8
2 and under 4 weeks	60	45	69	80	89	8.6	9.1	16.0	19.0	14.8
4 and under 10 weeks	116	60	71	89	92	16.6	12.1	16.5	21. 1	15. 3
10 and under 20 weeks	78	127	19	59	52	11. 2	25.7	4.4	14.0	8. 7
20 and under 30 weeks	78	42	12	47	31	11. 2	8. 5	2, 8	11.1	5. 2
30 and under 40 weeks	126	10	7	15	15	18.0	2.0	1.6	3.6	2. 5
40 and under 52 weeks	52	9	10	6	8	7.4	1.8	2.3	1.4	1. 3
52 weeks and over	138	167	177	80	248	19. 7	33. 7	41. 2	19.0	41. 3
Total	699	495	430	422	600	100.0	100, 0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0
Females:										
Under 2 weeks	1	2	7	4	4	h i				
2 and under 4 weeks		5	5	- 6	7					
4 and under 10 weeks	8	3	3	8	8][
10 and under 20 weeks		i	2	l š	4	11				
20 and under 30 weeks	1 7	l ī			ī	(6)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(•)
30 and under 40 weeks			3	1	1	11				
40 and under 52 weeks	1	1	ž	l			i		1 .	
52 weeks and over	12		8	8	13]]				
or woods and over-						<u> </u>				
Total	30	13	30	30	38	(*)	(a)	(a)	(•)	(4)
Both sexes:										
Under 2 weeks	52	37	72	50	69	7.1	7.3	15.7	11.1	10. 8
2 and under 4 weeks	60	50	74	86	96	8.2	9.8	16.1	19.0	15.0
4 and under 10 weeks	124	63	74	97	100	17. 0	12.4	16.1	21.5	15.7
10 and under 20 weeks	79	128	21	62	56	10.8	25. 2	4.6	13.7	8.8
20 and under 30 weeks	85	43	12	47	32	11.7	8.5	2.6	10.4	5. 0
30 and under 40 weeks	126	10	10	16	16	17.3	2.0	2.2	3.5	2.1
40 and under 52 weeks	53	10	12	6	l š	7.3	2.0	2.6	1.3	Ĩ.
52 weeks and over	150	167	185	88	261	20.6	32.9	40. 2	19, 5	40.
Total	729	508	460	452	638	100. 0	100, 0	100. 0	100.0	100.

Percentages not computed because of small numbers involved.
 See Table 15.

TABLE 11.—DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED AND OF HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX: CUMULATIVE FIGURES

[Includes only persons reporting as to duration of unemployment]

ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED

		Numb	er unem	ployed			Per	cent of	total	
Sex and duration	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
MALES										
Total unemployed	1, 224	690	636	723	825	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100, 0
2 weeks and over. 4 weeks and over. 10 weeks and over. 20 weeks and over. 30 weeks and over. 40 weeks and over. 52 weeks and over.	1, 141 1, 043 817 657 510 301 215	622 538 443 277 224 210 196	511 403 285 247 231 223 213	643 498 327 219 147 126 111	732 586 447 369 328 312 303	93. 2 85. 2 66. 7 53. 7 41. 7 24. 6 17. 6	90. 1 78. 0 64. 2 40. 1 32. 5 30. 4 28. 4	80. 3 63. 4 44. 8 38. 8 36. 3 35. 1 33. 5	88. 9 68. 9 45. 2 30. 3 20. 3 17. 4 15. 4	88. 7 71. 0 54. 2 44. 7 39. 8 37. 8 36. 7
FEMALES							İ			
Total unemployed	133	55	79	87	112	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100.0
2 weeks and over 4 weeks and over 10 weeks and over 20 weeks and over 30 weeks and over 40 weeks and over 52 weeks and over	121 110 67 44 29 23 19	47 32 19 10 6 5 3	52 38 26 18 15 12 10	75 54 31 18 12 10 9	91 73 39 26 23 21 21	91. 0 82. 7 50. 4 33. 1 21. 8 17. 3 14. 3	85. 5 58. 2 34. 5 18. 2 10. 9 9. 1 5. 5	65. 8 48. 1 32. 9 22. 8 19. 0 15. 2 12. 7	86. 2 62. 1 35. 6 20. 7 13. 8 11. 5 10. 3	81. 3 65. 2 34. 8 23. 2 20. 5 18. 8 18. 8
BOTH SEXES										
Total unemployed	1, 357	745	715	810	937	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100. 0	100.0
2 weeks and over. 4 weeks and over. 10 weeks and over. 20 weeks and over. 30 weeks and over. 40 weeks and over. 52 weeks and over.	884	669 570 462 287 230 215 199	563 441 311 265 246 235 223	718 552 358 237 159 136 120	823 659 486 395 351 333 324	93. 0 85. 0 65. 1 51. 7 39. 7 23. 9 17. 2	89. 8 76. 5 62. 0 38. 5 30. 9 28. 9 26. 7	78. 7 61. 7 43. 5 37. 1 34. 4 32. 9 31. 2	88. 6 68. 1 44. 2 29. 3 19. 6 16. 8 14. 8	87. 8 70. 3 51. 9 42. 2 37. 5 35. 5 34. 6
	н	EADS (OF HOU	SEHOI	DS				<u> </u>	
MALES										
Total unemployed	699	495	30	422	600	100. 0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0
2 weeks and over 4 weeks and over 20 weeks and over 20 weeks and over 40 weeks and over 52 weeks and over 52 weeks and over 52 weeks and over 55 weeks and over 55 weeks and over 56 weeks and over 56 weeks and over 56 weeks and over 57 weeks and over 58 weeks and over 58 weeks and over 58 weeks and over 59 weeks and over 50 weeks and o	648 588 472 394 316 190 138	460 415 355 228 186 176 167	365 296 225 206 194 187 177	376 296 207 148 101 86 80	535 446 354 302 271 256 248	92. 6 84. 0 67. 4 56. 3 45. 1 27. 1 19. 7	92. 9 83. 8 71. 7 46. 1 37. 6 35. 6 33. 7	84. 9 68. 8 52. 3 47. 9 45. 1 43. 5 41. 2	89. 1 70. 1 49. 1 35. 1 23. 9 20. 4 19. 0	89. 2 74. 3 59. 0 50. 3 45. 2 42. 7 41. 3
Total unemployed	80	13	30	30	88	n				
2 weeks and over 4 weeks and over 10 weeks and over 20 weeks and over 30 weeks and over 40 weeks and over 52 weeks and over	21 20	11 6 3 2 1 1	23 18 15 13 13 10 8	26 20 12 9 9	34 27 19 15 14 13	(1)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(1)
BOTH SEXES Total unemployed	729	508	460	452	638	100. 0	100.0	10 0 . 0	100. 0	100. 0
		471	388	402	569	92. 9	92.7	84.3	88. 9	89. 2
2 weeks and over	677 617 493 414 329 203 150	471 421 358 230 187 177 167	314 240 219 207 197 185	316 219 157 110 94 88	373 373 317 285 269 261	84. 6 67. 6 56. 8 45. 1 27. 8 20. 6	82. 9 70. 5 45. 3 36. 8 34. 8 32. 9	68. 3 52. 2 47. 6 45. 0 42. 8 40. 2	69. 9 48. 5 34. 7 24. 3 20. 8 19. 5	74. 1 58. 5 49. 7 44. 7 42. 2 40. 9

¹Percentages not computed because of small numbers involved.

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Table 11 shows the cumulative duration of idleness for all persons and for heads of households, respectively. In the case of all unemployed male persons 53.7 per cent were idle 20 weeks and over in This figure gradually fell to 30.3 per cent in 1924 and rose to 44.7 per cent in 1925. In 1921, 41.7 per cent of all unemployed male persons were idle 30 weeks and over; in 1924, 20.3 per cent; and in 1925, 39.8 per cent. For idle male heads of households, 56.3 per cent were idle 20 weeks and over in 1921, 35.1 per cent in 1924, and 50.3 per cent in 1925. The proportion of idle male heads of households who had been unemployed 30 weeks and over varied from 23.9 per cent in 1924 to 45.1 per cent in 1921 and 1923, and 45.2 per cent in 1925.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

The amount of unemployment attributable to the various causes is shown in Table 12 for all persons reporting the cause. Slack work is the predominant cause of idleness for each year except 1922, when it is slightly exceeded in importance by sickness. In 1921 slack work accounted for 79.4 per cent of all males reported as idle, sickness included 13.1 per cent, and old age or retirement embraced 7.3 per cent; in 1922, 28 per cent were idle because of slack work, 32.8 per cent because of sickness, 18.5 per cent because of old age or retirement, and 19.5 per cent because of strike; in 1925, 40.8 per cent were unemployed on account of slack work, 30.3 per cent on account of sickness, and 23.5 on account of old age or retirement.

Table 12.—Cause of unemployment of all persons enumerated, 1921 to 1925, BY SEX, [Includes only persons reporting as to cause of unemployment]

Sex, and cause of unemploy-	Number unemployed						Per	cent of	total	
ment	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Males:										
StrikeSlack work		153	3	2			19. 5	0.4	0. 2	
Slack work	992	219	253	452	343	79.4	28.0	37. 5	55. 5	40.8
Sickness	164	2 57	221	191	2 55	13.1	32.8	32.8	23. 5	30.3
Old age or retirement	91	145	169	134	198	7.3	18.5	25. 1	16.5	23. 5
Miscellaneous	3	9	28	35	45	.2	1.1	4. 2	4.3	5. 4
Total	1, 250	783	674	814	841	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Females:										
Slack work	87	19	29	39	60	56. 5	30.6	36.3	43.3	53, 1
Sickness	38	31	34	27	42	24.7	50.0	42.5	30.0	37. 2
Old age or retirement	29	10	8	10	7	18.8	16.1	10.0	11.1	6. 2
Miscellaneous		2	9	14	4		3. 2	11.3	15.6	3. 5
Total	154	62	80	90	113	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both sexes:										
Strike	·	153	3	2	İ		18.1	.4	.2	1
Slack work	1,079	238	282	491	403	76. 9	28. 2	37.4	54.3	42. 2
Sickness	202	288	255	218	297	14.4	34.1	33.8	24.1	31. 1
Old age or retirement	120	155	177	144	205	8, 5	18.3	23. 5	15. 9	21. 5
Miscellaneous	3	11	37	49	49	. 2	1.3	4.9	5.4	5. 1
Total	1, 404	845	754	904	954	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The greatest amount of variation over the five periods is found in the slack work group. The total persons idle for whom cause of

idleness was reported varied from 754 to 1,404; those idle because of slack work varied from 238 to 1,079; those idle because of sickness 8 varied from 202 to 297; and those idle because of old age or retirement 9 from 120 to 205. It is probable that with the serious unemployment condition which existed in 1921 many aged persons sought casual labor, odd jobs, and other types of employment when other members of the family were unable to secure work. number of persons idle because of old age or retirement constitutes from about 1.1 per cent to approximately 1.7 per cent of the total persons included in the enumeration. Strikes were not an important factor as a cause for idleness, the greatest number reported idle from that cause being in 1922 when a strike of railway shopmen was in progress.

Owing to inability to secure complete data for a few persons included in the surveys, some of the detailed tables include fewer persons than do the summary tables. For this reason it was not possible in all cases to compute exact percentages comparing individual items with the total number of persons enumerated for each year. Thus in 1921, 1,485 of the total persons studied were idle (Table 4), the cause of idleness, however, was reported for but 1,404 persons (Table 12). In 1925 the number idle was 960 and the cause of idleness was reported for 954. With such omissions, however, it is possible to show approximate conditions through a comparison of the numbers idle from each cause (Table 12) with the total persons included in the survey as shown in Table 4.

Of the total persons enumerated, idleness because of slack work was reported for one person in 10 enumerated in 1921, one person in 51 enumerated in 1922, one person in 44 enumerated in 1923, one person in 22 enumerated in 1924, and one person in 30 enumerated

in 1925.

Of the total persons enumerated, idleness by reason of sickness was reported for one person in 55 enumerated in 1921, one person in 42 enumerated in 1922, one person in 48 enumerated in 1923, one person in 50 enumerated in 1924, and one person in 41 enumerated in 1925.

Of the total persons enumerated, idleness by reason of old age or retirement was reported for one person in 92 enumerated in 1921, one person in 78 enumerated in 1922, one person in 69 enumerated in 1923, one person in 75 enumerated in 1924, and one person in 59 enumerated in 1925.

The causes of unemployment effecting idleness of heads of households are shown in Table 13. In the case of male heads of households, slack work, while an important cause of idleness at the time of each of the five studies, yields somewhat in importance to sickness and to old age or retirement in 1922 and 1923. Comparison with Table 12 will reveal that a relatively smaller proportion of male heads of households than of all persons were idle because of slack work and a relatively larger proportion idle because of sickness and old age or retirement. Many employers in the city have a definite policy of favoring those with family responsibilities when work is

Sickness includes also injuries.
 Old age or retirement includes also idleness because of the infirmities of age (not actually sick) and voluntary or involuntary retirement.

slack. If the proportion idle due to that cause is reduced the proportion unemployed from other causes must rise. Sickness is, of

course, no respecter of family responsibility.

Of the total number of heads of households enumerated, idleness because of old age or retirement was reported for one person in 58 enumerated in 1921, one person in 50 enumerated in 1922, one person in 46 enumerated in 1923, one person in 55 enumerated in 1924, and one person in 43 enumerated in 1925.

Table 13.—CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX

Sex, and cause of unemploy-		Numbe	er unem	ployed			Per	cent of	total	
ment	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Males:										
Strike Slack work		124	3	2			21.8	0.6	0.4	
Slack work	532	116	134	250	215	72. 2	20.4	28.4	48.8	35. 1
Sickness	111	189	157	130	193	15.1	33. 2	33. 3	25. 4	31. 5
Old age or retirement	91	135	155	114	173	12.3	23.7	32. 9	22. 3	28.3
Miscellaneous	3	5	22	16	31	.4	.9	4.7	3. 1	5. 1
Total	737	569	471	512	612	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0
Females:							=			
Slack work	11	1	7	11	14	n l				
Sickness	13	8		12	18	1				
Old age or retirement		- 10	12 8	-9	6	1 4			//	
Miscellaneous		10 2	4	2	ĭ	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total	44	21	31	34	39				·	
Both sexes:									=====	
		124	3	2	i -		21.0	.6	.4	
StrikeSlack work	543	117	141	261	229	69. 5	19.8	28.1	47.8	35, 2
Sickness	124	197	169	142	211	15. 9	33.4	33.7	26.0	32. 4
Old age or retirement	111	145	163	123	179	14. 2	24.6	32.5	22.5	27.5
Old age or retirement Miscellaneous	3	7	26	18	32	.4	1. 2	5. 2	3. 3	4. 9
Total	781	590	502	546	651	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100.0

¹ Percentages not computed because of small numbers involved.

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With the greater detail that is included in the tables in this section percentages have not been computed for females, owing to the small numbers involved. In the case of all males enumerated (Table 14), both those idle because of slack work and those idle on account of sickness show a greater proportion of persons idle for the comparatively shorter periods in the later years than in 1921.

Table 14 gives a comparative summary of the percentage of those males unemployed because of slack work or sickness who were idle

for the shorter periods.

Table 14.—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF ALL MALE PERSONS IDLE BECAUSE OF SLACK WORK OR SICKNESS, 1921 TO 1925

(Includes only	norgane rone	rting of t	hae asmea	duration o	f unemploymentl	
includes only	persons repo	rung as u	o cause and	duration o	и инешрюушены	

	Per cent of sla	of males u	nemployed who were i	l because dle—	Per cent of males unemployed because of sickness, who were idle—								
Year	Less than 2 weeks	Less than 4 weeks	Less than 10 weeks	10 weeks and over	Less than 2 weeks	Less than 4 weeks	Less than 10 weeks	10 weeks and over					
1921 1922 1923 1924 1925	6. 9 18. 2 33. 2 12. 5 16. 1	15. 3 37. 8 55. 7 36. 1 44. 2	34. 9 59. 8 82. 3 63. 3 67. 8	65. 1 40. 2 17. 7 36. 7 32. 2	4.7 10.9 13.1 5.9 10.0	12. 1 26. 4 30. 4 21. 2 24. 4	26. 2 43. 6 49. 6 41. 8 42. 0	73. 8 56. 4 50. 4 58. 2 58. 0					

Of all males enumerated who were idle because of slack work, 34.9 per cent were idle less than 10 weeks and 65.1 per cent were idle 10 weeks and over in 1921; in 1923, 82.3 per cent were unemployed less than 10 weeks, and but 17.7 per cent were idle 10 weeks and over; in 1925, 67.8 per cent were idle less than 10 weeks and 32.2 per cent were idle 10 weeks and over. Of all males enumerated who were idle because of sickness, 26.2 per cent were idle less than 10 weeks in 1921, 49.6 per cent in 1923, and 42 per cent in 1925.

Table 16 presents the duration and cause of idleness for heads of households. As in the case of all male persons, the idleness of male heads of households due to slack work was of relatively short duration, except in 1921. Idleness because of sickness, while also concentrated in the groups of shorter duration, shows a more marked concentration in the group "52 weeks and over."

The duration of unemployment for those male persons reported as idle because of old age or retirement is shown in Table 15 to have been usually of long standing.10

¹⁰ It was extremely difficult to secure data even approximately accurate concerning duration of idleness from old age or retirement for the reason that for only a few wage earners is "retirement" a definite act at a specific moment. Neither does "old age" arrive at a particular day and hour. Old age for many, as a cause of unemployment, arrives when work fitted to their years and physical condition can no longer be had. Preceding this is often a period of "slack work" and "odd jobs," and finally the wage earner discovers that he is "old." Retirement, too, generally follows along the same line of experience, except that it is coupled with ability to secure some support from a home or other property accumulated, from other members of the family, or from organizations. In some cases, even with the exercise of extreme care and close supervision, it was practically impossible to distinguish clearly between sickness and old age as a cause of idleness for those persons past middle age.

TABLE 15.-DURATION AND CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX

[Includes only persons reporting as to cause and duration of unemployment]

NUMBER

		Sl	ack wo	rk			٤	licknes	s		(Óld age	or ret	iremen	t		Total	, all ca	uses 1	
Sex, and duration of unemployment	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Males: Under 2 weeks 2 and under 4 weeks. 4 and under 10 weeks. 10 and under 20 weeks. 20 and under 30 weeks. 30 and under 40 weeks. 40 and under 52 weeks. 52 weeks and over.	66 81 188 129 123 190 75 109	39 42 47 24 15 4 5 38	81 55 65 22 4 3 14	55 104 120 78 44 10 9 21	54 94 79 47 27 6 4 24	7 11 21 17 15 9 4 65	26 27 41 21 19 7 6 81	28 37 41 12 10 7 3 76	10 26 35 20 20 7 5 47	25 36 44 21 9 7 5 103	1 3 3 1 30	1 2 3 2 2 2 3 64	1 3 5 1 1 1 3 120	3 2 4	3 2 4 6 4 2	73 94 210 149 142 199 80 204	67 83 95 165 53 14 14 192	123 101 116 37 16 8 10 213	75 137 165 103 70 19 14 104	93 145 138 77 40 16 9
Total	961	214	244	441	335	149	238	214	170	250	38	77	135	43	190	1, 151	683	624	687	819
Females: Under 2 weeks 2 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 10 weeks 10 and under 20 weeks 20 and under 30 weeks 30 and under 40 weeks 40 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks and over	9 7 29 17 12 4 2 4	7 5 3 2 1 1	14 7 5 2 1	5 7 12 8 4 1 1	18 11 18 6 2 1	3 4 14 4 2	1 9 8 6 3 1	9 5 5 5 2 3 1 4	3 7 6 3 2 1	1 7 14 7 1 1	1 1 2 7	1	1 6	3	7	12 11 43 22 15 6 3 19	8 15 11 9 4 1 2 2	26 14 12 8 3 3 2	11 19 23 12 6 2 1	21 18 34 13 3 2
Total	84	19	29	39	59	36	30	34	26	42	11	1	7,	3	7	131	52	78	82	112
Both sexes: Under 2 weeks 2 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 10 weeks 10 and under 20 weeks 20 and under 30 weeks 30 and under 40 weeks 40 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks and over	75 88 217 146 135 194 77 113	46 47 50 26 15 4 6 39	95 62 70 24 5	60 111 132 86 48 11 10 22	72 105 97 53 29 7 4 27	10 15 35 21 17 9 5 73	27 46 49 27 22 8 7 82	37 42 46 17 12 10 4 80	13 33 41 23 22 8 5	26 43 58 28 10 8 5 114	1 4 4 2 1 37	1 2 3 2 3 2 3 64	1 3 5 1 1 1 4 126	3 2 4	3 2 4 6 4 2	85 105 253 171 157 205 83 223	75 98 106 174 57 15 16 194	149 115 128 45 19 11 12 223	86 156 188 115 76 21 15 112	114 163 172 90 43 18 9
Total	1, 045	233	273	480	394	185	268	248	196	292	49	78	142	46	197	1, 282	735	702	769	931

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2 and under 4 weeks	Under 2 weeks	6.9	18. 2	33. 2	12.5	16.1	4.7	10.9	13.1	5.9	10.0	ļ	1.3	0.7	1	16	6.3	0.8	10.7	10.0	11 4
4 and under 10 weeks.	2 and under 4 weeks	8.4	19.6									2.6	2.6	2 2		1 1					
10 and under 20 weeks	4 and under 10 weeks	19.6	22. 0	26.6	27. 2							-	3.9	3 7	7.0	21					
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40 and under 52 weeks	30 and under 40 weeks	19.8			2.3	1.8	6.0		3.3			1		. 7		ī. ī			13		
52 weeks and over.	40 and under 52 weeks	7.8				1.2	2.7	2.5				2.6	3. 9	2.2					1.6		
Total	52 weeks and over	11. 3	17.8	5.7	4.8	7.2	43.6	34.0	35. 5	27.6	41. 2	78. 9	83. 1		79.1	88. 9					36.8
Both sexes: Under 2 weeks. 2										ļ		 -			<u> </u>						
Under 2 weeks	Total	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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2 and under 4 weeks. 8.4 20.2 22.7 23.1 26.7 8.1 17.2 16.9 16.8 14.7 2.0 2.6 2.1 1.0 8.2 13.3 16.4 20.3 17.5 4 and under 10 weeks. 20.8 21.5 25.6 27.5 24.6 18.9 18.3 18.5 20.9 19.9 3.8 3.5 6.5 2.0 19.7 14.4 18.2 24.4 18.2 18.4 19.9 19.9 19.9 19.9 19.9 19.9 19.9 19		7 2	10.7	34.8	19.5	18 2	5.4	10.1	14 0	A A	9.0		1 9	0.7		1 2	ه م	100		11.0	10.0
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30 and under 40 weeks. 18.6 1.7 2.3 1.8 4.9 3.0 4.0 4.1 2.7 4.1 7 1.0 16.0 2.0 1.6 2.7 1.9 40 and under 52 weeks	20 and under 30 weeks	12.9										8 2	3.8	7	8.7				27		
40 and under 52 weeks 7.4 2.6 1.1 2.1 1.0 2.7 2.6 1.6 2.6 1.7 2.0 3.8 2.8 6.5 2.2 1.7 2.0 1.0	30 and under 40 weeks	18 6	1.7								2.7			. 7							
	40 and under 52 weeks	7.4		1.1	2.1	1.0	2.7	2.6		2.6									1 7		
34.0 34.	52 weeks and over	10.8	16. 7	5. 1	4.6	6.9	39. 5	30.6	32.3	26. 0		75. 5	82. 1	88. 7	80.4	89.3	17. 4	26. 4	31.8	14.6	34.6
Total 100.0	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0							
Total	~ VVM	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	TOO. O	100.0	100.0

Includes also persons idle because of strike and miscellaneous causes.
 Percentages not computed for females because of small numbers involved.

TABLE 16.-DURATION AND CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS, 1921 TO 1925, BY SEX

[Includes only heads of households reporting as to cause and duration of unemployment]

NUMBER

		Sl	ack wo	ork				Sicknes	s		(Old age	or ret	iremen	it		Tota	l, all c	auses 1	
Sex, and duration of unemployment	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Males: Under 2 weeks	42 47 94 57 63 111 46 59	17 19 30 12 8 4	37 35 33 10 2	33 58 63 43 25 7 3 10	38 57 46 29 19 5 4	6 7 15 12 10 9 1 42	15 22 26 14 19 4 1 73	15 23 28 6 8 7 3 62	7 15 20 10 16 5 3 36	19 25 32 14 7 7 4 80	1 3 3 1 30	1 1 3 2 2 2 2	1 3 5 1 1 1 3 104	1 2 3	2 2 2 5 4 2	48 56 110 72 77 120 48 131	34 44 60 126 42 10 9 163	63 65 71 18 12 7 10 177	43 76 88 57 45 13 6 78	65 89 91 51 30 15 8 246
Total	519	115	128	242	212	102	174	152	112	188	38	76	118	36	165	662	488	423	406	595
Females: Under 2 weeks	1 3 5	1	5 2	1 4 3 2	3 3 4 2	5 1 2	1 3 3 1	2 1 2 1 3 1 2	2 2 3 1 1	1 4 3 2 1 1	7	1	1 6	3	6	1 8 1 7	2 4 3 1 1	7 5 3 2 3 2 8	3 6 8 3 1	4 7 8 4 1 1
Total	11	1	7	11	13	12	8	12	12	18	7	1	7	3	6	30	12	30	28	38
Both sexes: Under 2 weeks 2 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 10 weeks 10 and under 30 weeks 20 and under 30 weeks 30 and under 40 weeks 40 and under 40 weeks 52 weeks and over	43 47 97 57 68 111 47 60	18 19 30 12 8 4	42 37 33 10 2	34 62 66 45 25 7 3 11	41 60 50 31 19 5 4	6 7 20 13 12 9 1 46	16 25 29 14 19 4 2 73	17 24 30 7 8 10 4 64	9 17 23 11 16 6 3 39	20 29 35 16 8 8 4	1 3 3 3 	1 1 3 2 3 3 8 59	1 3 5 1 1 1	1 2 3	2 2 2 5 4 2	49 56 118 73 84 120 49 143	36 48 63 127 43 10 10 163	70 70 74 20 12 10 12 185	46 82 96 60 45 14 6 85	69 96 99 55 31 16 8 259
Total	530	116	135	253	225	114	182	164	124	206	45	77	125	39	171	692	500	453	434	633

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Males:			ł	1		}])			1			l	1	1		1	1	ľ
Under 2 weeks	8.1	14.8	28. 9	13.6	17. 9	5.9	8.6	9.9	5.3	10.1		1.3	. 8	[1.2	7.3	7.0	14.9	10.6	10.9
2 and under 4 weeks	9.1	16.5	27.3	24.0	26. 9	6.9	12.6	15.1	13. 4	13. 3	2.6	1.3	2. 5	l	1. 2	8.5	9.0	15.4	18.7	15.0
4 and under 10 weeks	18.1	26.1	25.8	26.0	21.7	14.7	14. 9	18.4	17.9	17. 0		3.9	4. 2	2,8	1.2	16.6	12.3	16.8	21.7	15.3
10 and under 20 weeks	11.0	10.4	7.8	17.8	13. 7	11.8	8.0		8, 9	7.4	7.9	2.6	'.8	5.6	3.0	10.9	25.8	4.3	14.0	8.6
20 and under 30 weeks	12, 1	7.0	1.6	10.3	9.0	9.8	10.9	5. 3	14. 3	3. 7	7.9	2.6	.8	8.3	2.4	11.6	8.6	2.8	11.1	5.0
30 and under 40 weeks	21.4	3.5		2.9	2.4	8.8	2.3	4.6	4. 5	3.7					1.2	18.1	2.0	1.7	3.2	2.5
40 and under 52 weeks			2.3	1. 2	1.9	1.0	. 6	2.0	2. 7	2. 1	2.6	10.5	2. 5			7.3	1.8	2.4	1.5	1.3
52 weeks and over	11.4	21.7	6.3	4. 1	6.6	41. 2	42.0	40.8	32. 1	42.6	78.9	77. 6	88. 1	83. 3	89.7	19.8	33. 4	41.8	19. 2	41.3
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Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100.0
Both sexes:		2																		
	8.1	15. 5	31. 1	13. 4	18. 2	5.3	8.8	10.4	7.3	9.7		1.3	.8		1.2	7.1	7. 2	15.5	10.6	10.9
Under 2 weeks 2 and under 4 weeks	8.9	16. 4	27. 4	24.5	26.7	6.1	13. 7	14.6	13. 7	14.1	2, 2	1.3	2.4		1.2	8.1	9. 6	15.5		15. 2
4 and under 10 weeks	18. 3	25. 9	24. 4	26. 1	22. 2	17. 5	15. 9		18. 5	17. 0	2.2	3.9	4.0	2.6	1. 2	17. 1	12.6	16.3		15.6
10 and under 20 weeks	10.8	10.3	7.4	17.8		11.4	7.7	4.3	8.9	7.8	6, 7	2.6	.8	5.1	2. 9	10. 5	25. 4	4.4		8.7
20 and under 30 weeks	12.8	6.9	1.5	9.9	8.4	10.5	10.4		12. 9	3.9	67	3. 9	.8	7. 7	2.3	12. 1	8.6	2.6		4.9
30 and under 40 weeks	20. 9	3.4		2.8	2. 2	7. 9	2. 2	6.1	4.8	3. 9	٠		, ,,		1. 2	17. 3	2.0	2.2	3. 2	2.5
40 and under 52 weeks	8.9		2. 2	1. 2	1.8	.9	1. 1	2.4	2.4	1.9	2. 2	10. 4	3. 2			7.1	2.0	2.6	1.4	1.3
52 weeks and over	11.3	21.6	5. 9	4.3	6. 7	40. 4	40.1	39. 0	31. 5	41.7	82. 2	76.6	88. 0	84.6	90. 1	20.7	32.6	40.8		40, 9
Total	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100.0
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¹ Includes also persons idle because of strike and miscellaneous causes.

⁸ Percentages not computed for females because of small numbers involved.

INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Marked differences were found in employment conditions in the primary industries of the city.¹¹ A comparative analysis of the five leading industries, each of which is represented each year (with but a single exception) by more than one thousand persons, is presented in Table 17.

TABLE 17.—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES, 1921 TO 1925—ALL PERSONS

	Per	cent emplo	yed—		
Year and industry	Full time	One-half but less than full time	Less than one-half time	Per cent idle	Total
1921					
Domestic and personal service	81. 9 89. 5 85. 8 72. 5 49. 9	7, 3 2, 7 3, 9 11, 4 20, 0	2.8 146 .8 2.8 3.4	8. 0 6. 2 9. 5 13. 3 26. 8	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
1922					
Domestic and personal service. Retail and wholesale trade. Railway and express. Building trades ' Iron and steel and their products	81. 5 92. 9 83. 0 85. 8 89. 5	9. 3 3. 4 3. 0 7. 7 5. 2	5.3 .9 .7 .8 .2	3. 9 2. 8 13. 2 5. 6 5. 1	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
1923					
Domestic and personal service. Retail and wholesale trade. Railway and express. Building trades 1 Iron and steel and their products.	86. 3 94. 7 91. 8 84. 7 83. 5	5.7 1.8 4.5 6.3 7.8	2.0 .4 .1 1.6 .4	6.0 3.1 3.6 7.4 8.2	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
1924					
Domestic and personal service	83. 5 92. 7 89. 4 72. 8 70. 1	7.3 2.6 5.4 13.1 17.9	3.3 1.2 .6 2.4 2.9	5. 9 3. 6 4. 7 11. 8 9. 1	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
1925					
Domestic and personal service	77. 3 90. 5 91. 4 73. 2 74. 7	8.8 2.7 3.6 12.7 16.7	3.8 .7 .4 1.8 .6	10. 1 6. 1 4. 6 12. 3 8. 0	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0

¹ Contractors and wage earners.

In 1921 the most unemployment was found in the iron and steel industry and the steadiest employment conditions obtained in retail and wholesale trade. Full-time employment was reported for but 49.9 per cent of all persons enumerated in the iron and steel industry and for 89.5 per cent in retail and wholesale trade. Employment for half but less than full time was reported for 20 per cent in the iron and steel industry and for 2.7 per cent in retail and wholesale trade. The iron and steel industry showed 26.8 per cent idle and retail and wholesale trade 6.2 per cent.

¹¹ For an explanation of the industrial classification see Appendix, p. 38.

In 1925 the steadiest employment conditions were found in railway and express and the most unemployment in the building trades. Full-time employment was reported for 73.2 per cent in the building trades and 91.4 per cent in railway and express. Employment for half but less than full time was reported for 12.7 per cent in the building trades and 3.6 per cent in railway and express. Building trades showed 12.3 per cent idle and railway and express 4.6 per cent.

Domestic and personal service.—The proportion of persons in domestic and personal service who were employed full time varied from 77.3 per cent in 1925 to 86.3 per cent in 1923. Part-time employment was shown for 7.7 per cent in 1923 and 14.6 per cent in 1922. In 1922 the proportion of persons idle was 3.9 per cent and

in 1925 the proportion was 10.1 per cent.

Trade and transportation.—This general group, including retail and wholesale trade, telegraph and telephone, railway and express, and all other types of trade and transportation (the four presented separately in Table 18), showed the greatest proportion of full-time employment in 1923, when 93.4 per cent of all persons were returned as fully employed, and the least full-time employment in 1921, when 88.3 per cent were so reported. In no year did the proportion of persons working less than half time exceed 1.1 per cent, which was reported for 1921, and in no year was the proportion of persons working part time greater than 4.6 per cent, which was shown in 1924. The proportion of persons idle varied from 3.5 per cent in in 1923 to 7.4 per cent in 1922. The slightly greater percentage of persons idle in 1922 over 1921 is attributable to a strike of railway shopmen which had been in progress about three months at the time of the 1922 study.

Retail and wholesale trade.—The year of greatest full-time employment in retail and wholesale trade was 1923, when 94.7 per cent of all persons were reported as fully employed, and the year of least full-time employment was 1921, when 89.5 per cent were employed full time. Employment for part time was shown for 2.2 per cent in 1923 and for 4.3 per cent in 1921 and 1922. The proportion of persons idle varied from 2.8 per cent in 1922 to 6.2 per cent in 1921.

persons idle varied from 2.8 per cent in 1922 to 6.2 per cent in 1921. Railway and express.—Because of a strike of railroad employees in 1922, this year shows the smallest proportion of persons employed full time and the greatest proportion of persons idle. Considering only the four years 1921, 1923, 1924, and 1925 the percentage of persons employed full time ranges from 85.8 per cent in 1921 to 91.8 per cent in 1923 and the percentage of persons idle varies from 3.6 per cent in 1923 to 9.5 per cent in 1921. Part-time employment included 6 per cent of the persons reporting in 1924 and 4 per cent in 1925.

Manufacturing and mechanical pursuits.—The general group of manufacturing and mechanical pursuits included 10 individual manufacturing and mechanical classifications, each of which is listed in Table 18 and 7 of which are discussed separately below. In this group of industries the year showing the greatest proportion of persons employed full time was 1922, when 88.8 per cent were so returned; the smallest percentage of persons employed full time occurred in 1921, when 72.2 per cent were fully occupied. Part-time employment varied from 6.5 per cent in 1922 to 18.2 per cent in 1924. The

relative number of persons idle was lowest in 1922, with 4.6 per cent,

and highest in 1921, with 13.9 per cent.

Building trades.—This classification includes both contractors and wage earners in the building trades, separate showing for each of which (except in 1921) is given in Table 18. Full-time employment in this line included the largest proportion of persons in 1922, when 85.8 per cent of all persons were fully occupied, and embraced the smallest percentage in 1921, with 72.5 per cent. Part-time employment included 15.5 per cent of all persons in 1924 and 7.9 per cent in 1923. The highest proportion of persons unemployed occurred in 1921, when 13.3 per cent were idle, and the lowest proportion in 1922, when 5.6 per cent were idle.

Clay, glass, and stone products.—The relative number of persons employed full time varied from 68.2 per cent in 1924 to 90.6 per cent in 1922. The proportion of persons idle ranged from 12.9 per cent in 1924 to 4.7 per cent in 1922. The percentage of persons working part time was 18.8 per cent in 1924 and 4.7 per cent in 1922.

Food and kindred products.—The year 1923 shows the greatest proportion of persons employed full time, when 92.4 per cent were so reported, and 1921 shows the lowest, with 78.1 per cent. The proportion of persons idle was a maximum in 1921, when 12.9 per cent were unemployed, and a minimum in 1922, when 4.6 per cent were unemployed. Part-time employment embraced 2.7 per cent of all persons in 1923 and 9.2 per cent in 1924.

Iron and steel and their products.—This industry showed the greatest degree of full-time employment in 1922, when 89.5 per cent of all persons were returned as occupied full time, and the least in 1921, when but 49.9 per cent were fully employed. Idleness included 26.8 per cent of the persons reported as in this industry in 1921 and but 5.1 per cent in 1922. Part-time employment was reported for 23.4 per cent of the persons in 1921 and 5.4 per cent in 1922.

Paper, printing, and publishing.—The highest proportion of persons employed full time occurred in 1923, when 94.3 per cent were fully employed, and the lowest proportion in 1921, when 86.3 per cent were so classified. The year showing the lowest proportion of persons idle was 1924, with 3.3 per cent, and the highest was 1921, with 5.9 per cent. Part-time employment included 7.9 per cent in 1921 and 2.3 per cent in 1923.

Wearing apparel.—The year 1921 shows the largest percentage of persons employed full time, when 89.2 per cent were so returned, and 1924 the smallest percentage, when but 60.8 per cent were fully occupied. The proportion of persons idle varied from 2.1 per cent in 1922 to 6.3 per cent in 1924. Persons employed part time varied from 32.8 per cent in 1924 to 7.4 per cent in 1921.

Automobiles, parts, and tires.—The relative number of individuals employed on a full-time basis in this industry was greatest in 1923, when 89.2 per cent were returned as in this classification, and least in 1924, when but 63.2 per cent were reported as employed full time. The highest proportion of persons idle occurred in 1921, with 16 per cent, and the lowest in 1922, with 3.8 per cent. Part-time employment varied from 4.8 per cent in 1923 to 25.4 per cent in 1924.

All industries.—A detailed presentation of the condition of employment of those persons engaged in each of the industries at the time of the five studies is given in Table 18.

Table 18.—DETAILED EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925, BY INDUSTRY GROUP

 $[Includes \ only \ persons \ reporting \ as \ to \ industry \ and \ full \ details \ as \ to \ employment \ status]$

NUMBER

		Perso	ns emple	oyed—			
Year and industry group	Full time	Two- thirds but less than full time	One-half but less than two- thirds time	One- third but less than one- half time	Less than one- third time	Idle	Total
1921							
Agriculture Professional service. Clerical (not otherwise specified) Domestic and personal service	49 276 84 907	1	1 2 1 66	1 2 26	2 1 6	12 13 7 89	65 294 93 1, 108
Trade and transportation:	1 081	5	28 3	13	6 3	75	1, 208
Telegraph and telephone Railway and express Other	1, 162 479	27 2	26 18	8 2	3 2	128 24	1, 354 527
Total	2, 866	34	75	23	14	234	3, 246
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors. Building trades, wage earners.	1	24	71	12	12	112	839
Building trades, wage earners Clay, glass, and stone products Food and kindred products Iron, steel, and their products	314 471 643	19 25 68	15 18 189	2 5 32	2 6 11	51 78 345	403 603 1, 288
Other metal products Paper, printing, and publishing. Wearing apparel Automobiles, parts, and tires Other	81 264 767	7 9 19	14 10 39	2 3 6	1 2	11 18 29	116 306 860
Automobiles, parts, and tiresOther	359 625	21 30	56 50	7 2	3 4	85 69	531 780
Total	4, 132	222	462	71	41	798	5, 726
Labor (not otherwise specified)	95	8	23	6	4	90	226
Grand total, 1921	8, 409	279	630	129	68	1, 243	10, 758
1922 Agriculture	47	1	1	1		9	59
Professional service. Clerical (not otherwise specified) Domestic and personal service.	263 53 1,080	5 1 44	79	i 37	1 1 33	2 5 52	276 60 1, 325
Trade and transportation: Retail and wholesale trade	933 117	11 1	23 2	4	5	28 2	1,004 123
Telegraph and telephone Railway and express Other	1, 072 503	19 3	20 7	6 2	3 3	171 17	1, 291 535
Total	2, 625	34	52	13	11	218	2, 953
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors	210 711	7 20	17 39	2	1	17 43	253 820
Building trades, wage earners. Clay, glass, and stone products. Food and kindred products. Iron, steel, and their products.	346 501 1, 511	6 11 47	10 22 40	2 2 2	2 2	18 26 86	382 564 1,688
Other metal products Paper, printing, and publishing	90 282 777	2 2 43	8 49	1 3	ī 1	12 19	95 305 892
Wearing apparel Automobiles, parts, and tires Other	443 545	24 10	11 6	3	1	19 36	500 598
Total	5, 416	172	202	21	8	278	6, 097
Labor (not otherwise specified)	40 784	3 11	17 33	5 5	2 4	15 36	82 873
Grand total, 1922	10, 308	271	388	83	60	615	11, 725

TABLE 18.—DETAILED EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925, BY INDUSTRY GROUP—Continued

NUMBER-Continued

		Perso					
Year and industry group	Full time	Two- thirds but less than full time	One- half but less than two- thirds time	One- third but less than one- half time	Less than one- third time	Idle	Total
1923							
Agriculture Professional service Clerical (not otherwise specified)	48 304 52	4	2 3 3			11 5 2	61 316 57
Domestic and personal service	1,024	24	44	17	7	71	1, 187
Retail and wholesale trade Telegraph and telephone Railway and express Other	1, 147 139 1, 358 420	5 1 47	17 19 2	3 2	2	37 5 53	1, 211 145 1, 479
Total	3,064	59	38	5	2	19	3, 282
Manufacturing and mechanical:	0,001						0, 202
Building trades, contractors Building trades, wage earners Clay, glass, and stone products Food and kindred products	285 646 406 521	6 19 15 6	11 33 10 7	1 16 1	1 1 1	26 55 30 28	329 · 770 462 564
Iron, steel, and their products Other metal products	1, 493 79	88 2 3	52 1	6 1	2	146 3	1, 787 86
Paper, printing, and publishing Wearing apparel Automobiles, parts, and tires Other	279 585 381 596	57 13	3 92 7 10	1 19 1 1	1	10 45 25 37	296 799 427 653
Total	5, 271	218	226	47	6	405	6, 173
Labor (not otherwise specified) Self employed	113 817	5 13	17 16	4 2	3	15 75	154 926
Grand total, 1923	10, 693	323	349	75	18	698	12, 156
1924							
Agriculture Professional service Clerical (not otherwise specified) Domestic and personal service	30 270 23 1,019	1 1 37	8 1 52	33	<u>2</u> 7	5 13 5 72	40 294 29 1, 220
Trade and transportation: Retail and wholesle trade	974 117	9	18	9	3	38 6	1, 051 123
Telegraph and telephone Railway and express Other	1,165 461	52 3	18 13	5	2	61 9	1, 303 486
Total	2, 717	64	49	14	5	114	2, 963
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors Building trades, wage earners Clay, glass, and stone products Food and kindred products	224 547 232 461	16 44 18 15	29 49 27 24	6 16 16 7	1 2 3 3	35 90 44 27	311 748 340 537
other metal products	889 53 276	123 6 8 61 91	104 4 10 95 24	33 1 40 4	1 19	116 8 10 41 53	1, 269 71 306 653 468
Automobiles, parts, and tiresOther	420	32	10	1		37	500
Total		414	376	124	33	461	5, 203
Labor (not otherwise specified)	63 639	6 13	15 24	5 5	4 1	40 29	133 711
Grand total, 1924	8, 556	536	529	181	52	739	10, 593

TABLE 18.—DETAILED EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921
TO 1925, BY INDUSTRY GROUP—Continued

NUMBER-Continued

Persons employed								
Year and industry croup			Perso					
Agriculture	Year and industry group		thirds but less than full	half but less than two- thirds	third but less than one- half	than one- third	Idle	Total
Agriculture	1925							
Retail and wholesale trade	Agriculture Professional service. Clerical (not otherwise specified) Domestic and personal service.	1,000	57	1	33		11	291 12 1, 294
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors 272 20 42 4 3 57 398 Building trades, wage earners 726 54 58 9 8 110 965 Clay, glass, and stone products 534 25 11 1 1 36 428 Food and kindred products 530 28 16 3 55 632 Iron, steel, and their products 1,011 167 59 7 2 108 1,364 Other metal products 334 25 11 1 1 3 36 Iron, steel, and their products 339 1 2 1 1 4 Faper, printing, and publishing 335 5 5 5 1 2 13 361 Wearing apparel 5777 48 101 27 10 43 896 Automobiles, parts, and tires 509 24 18 5 3 40 624 Total 4,904 395 317 59 30 496 6,201 Labor (not otherwise specified) 746 6 24 13 2 75 869 Grand total, 1925 746 9 24 13 2 75 869 Grand total, 1925 9,985 521 476 123 58 912 12,075 PER CENT	Retail and wholesale trade	957 142 1,419 479	31	2 25	2 4		7 72	154 1, 552
Building trades, contractors 272 20 42 4 3 57 398 Building trades, wage earners 726 54 58 9 8 110 965 Clay, glass, and stone products 334 25 111 1 1 36 428 Food and kindred products 550 28 16 3 55 632 Iron, steel, and their products 1,011 167 59 7 2 108 1,354 Other metal products 39 1 2 1 2 13 361 1,354 Wearing apparel 577 48 101 27 10 43 396 Automobiles, parts, and tires 509 24 18 5 5 3 34 590 Other 551 23 5 5 5 1 2 3 34 590 Other 551 23 5 5 2 3 40 624 Total 4,904 395 317 59 30 496 6,201 Labor (not otherwise specified) 27 6 21 6 5 23 88 Self employed 746 9 24 13 2 75 889 Grand total, 1925 9,985 521 476 123 58 912 12,075 PER CENT Per Cent	Total	2, 997	46	53	12	4	166	3, 278
Total	Building trades, contractors Building trades, wage earners	272 726 354 530 1,011 39 335	54 25 28 167 1 5	58 11 16 59 2 5	9 1 3 7	8 1 2 1 2	110 36 55 108	965 428 632 1,354 43 361
Total	Automobiles, parts, and tires	577 509	24	18	5		34	590
Labor (not otherwise specified) 27								
Self employed								
Agriculture	Self employed		9				75	
Agriculture	Grand total, 1925	9, 985	521	476	123	58	912	12, 075
Agriculture		PER CE	NT .					
Professional service	1921							
Retail and wholesale trade. 89.5 .4 2.3 1.1 .5 6.2 100.0	Professional service	93. 9 90. 3		. 7 1. 1	.7	1. 1	4. 4 7. 5	100. 0 100. 0
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors. 72.5 2.9 8.5 1.4 1.4 13.3 100.0 Building trades, wage earners. 77.9 4.7 3.7 .5 .5 12.7 100.0 Food and kindred products. 78.1 4.1 3.0 .8 1.0 12.9 100.0 Iron, steel, and their products. 49.9 5.3 14.7 2.5 .9 26.8 100.0 Other metal products. 69.8 6.0 12.1 1.7 .9 9.5 100.0 Paper, printing, and publishing. 86.3 2.9 3.3 1.0 .7 5.9 100.0 Wearing apparel. 89.2 2.2 4.5 .7 3.4 100.0 Automobiles, parts, and tires. 67.6 4.0 10.5 1.3 6 16.0 100.0 Other. 80.1 3.8 6.4 3 .5 8.8 100.0 Total. 72.2 3.9 8.1 1.2 .7 13.9 100.0 Labor (not otherwise specified). 42.0 3.5 10.2 2.7 1.8 39.8 100.0	Detail and mhalasala trada	91. 7 85. 8	2. 0	1. 9 1. 9	. 6	1.9 .2	4. 5 9. 5	100. 0 100. 0
Building trades, contractors.	Total	88. 3	1.0	2. 3	. 7	.4	7. 2	100. 0
Total 72.2 3.9 8.1 1.2 .7 13.9 100.0 Labor (not otherwise specified) 42.0 3.5 10.2 2.7 1.8 39.8 100.0	Building trades, contractors. Building trades, wage earners. Clay, glass, and stone products. Food and kindred products.	86, 3 89, 2	4. 7 4. 1 5. 3 6. 0 2. 9 2. 2	3.7 3.0 14.7 12.1 3.3 4.5	. 5 . 8 2. 5 1. 7 1. 0	1.0 .9 .9 .9	12. 7 12. 9 26. 8 9. 5 5. 9 3. 4	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Labor (not otherwise specified) 42.0 3.5 10.2 2.7 1.8 39.8 100.0	Other					.5		100.0
	Total	72, 2	3. 9	8. 1	1, 2	.7	13. 9	100. 0
Grand total, 1921 78.2 2.6 5.9 1.2 .6 11.6 100.0								
	Grand total, 1921	78. 2	2. 6	5, 9	1, 2	. 6	11.6	100.0

Table 18.—DETAILED EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925, BY INDUSTRY GROUP—Continued

PER CENT-Continued

		Perso					
Year and industry group	Full time	Two- thirds but less than full time	One- half but less than two- thirds time	One- third but less than one- half time	Less than one- third time	Idle	Total
1922							
Agriculture. Professional service. Clerical (not otherwise specified). Domestic and personal service.	79. 7 95. 3 88. 3 81. 5	1. 7 1. 8 1. 7 3. 3	1.7 1.4 6.0	1.7 .4 2.8	. 4 1. 7 2. 5	15.3 .7 8.3 3.9	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Trade and transportation: Retail and wholesale trade Telegraph and telephone. Railway and express. Other	92, 9 95, 1 83, 0 94, 0	1.1 .8 1.5 .6	2.3 1.6 1.5 1.3	.4 .8 .5 .4	.5 .2 .6	2. 8 1. 6 13. 2 3. 2	100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0
Total	88. 9	1. 2	1.8	.4	.4	7.4	100, 0
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors Building trades, wage earners. Clay, glass, and stone products Food and kindred products. Iron, steel, and their products Other metal products. Paper, printing, and publishing Wearing apparel. Automobiles, parts, and tires Other.	83. 0 86. 7 90. 6 88. 8 89. 5 94. 7 92. 5 87. 1 88. 6 91. 1	2.8 2.4 1.6 2.0 2.8 2.1 .7 4.8 4.8	6.7 4.8 2.6 3.9 2.4 2.6 5.5 2.2	.8 .7 .5 .4 .1	.1 .4 .1 1.1	6. 7 5. 2 4. 7 4. 6 5. 1 2. 1 3. 9 2. 1 3. 8 6. 0	100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0
Total	88.8	2.8	3.3	.3	.1	4.6	100. 0
Labor (not otherwise specified)	48. 8 89. 8	3.7	20. 7 3. 8	6.1	2.4	18. 3 4. 1	100. 0 100. 0
Grand total, 1922	87. 9	2.3	3, 3	.7	. 5	5, 2	100.0
Agriculture Professional service Clerical (not otherwise specified) Domestic and personal service Trade and transportation: Retail and wholesale trade Telegraph and telephone	94. 7 95. 9	1. 3 2. 0 . 4 . 7	3.3 .9 5.3 3.7	1.4	0.6	18. 0 1. 6 3. 5 6. 0 3. 1 3. 4	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Railway and expressOther	91.8 94.0	3. 2 1. 3	1.3	. 1		3. 6 4. 3	100. 0 100. 0
Total	93. 4	1.8	1. 2	. 2	.1	3, 5	100.0
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors Building trades, wage earners Clay, glass, and stone products. Food and kindred products. Iron, steel, and their products Other metal products Paper, printing, and publishing Wearing apparel Automobiles, parts, and tires Other	83. 9 87. 9 92. 4 83. 5 91. 9 94. 3	1. 8 2. 5 3. 2 1. 1 4. 9 2. 3 1. 0 7. 1 3. 0 1. 4	3. 3 4. 3 2. 2 1. 2 2. 9 1. 2 1. 0 11. 5 1. 6 1. 5	.3 2.1 .2 .3 1.2 .3 2.4 .2 .2	.1 .2 .1 .1 .1	7. 9 7. 1 6. 5 5. 0 8. 2 3. 5 3. 4 5. 6 5. 9 5. 7	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Total	85. 4	3.5	3.7	.8	.1	6.6	100.0
Labor (not otherwise specified) Self employed	73. 4 88. 2	3. 2 1. 4	11.0 1.7	2. 6 . 2	.3	9.7 8.1	100. 0 100. 0
Grand total, 1923	88. 0	2.7	2.9	. 6	. 1	5. 7	100. (

Table 18.—DETAILED EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL PERSONS ENUMERATED, 1921 TO 1925, BY INDUSTRY GROUP—Continued

PER CENT-Continued

	OBNI	Continue					
		Perso	ns empl	oyed			
Year and industry group	Full time	Two- thirds but less than full time	One-half but less than two-thirds time	One- third but less than one- half time	Less than one- third time	Idle	Total
1924							
Agriculture Professional service Clerical (not otherwise specified) Domestic and personal service Trade and transportation:	79.3	2. 5 . 3 3. 0	10.0 2.7 3.4 4.3	2.7	0.7	12.5 4.4 17.2 5.9	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Retail and wholesale trade Telegraph and telephone Railway and express Other	92. 7 95. 1 89. 4 94. 9	.9 4.0 .6	1.7 1.4 2.7	.9	.3	3.6 4.9 4.7 1.9	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Total	91.7	2. 2	1.7	.5	.2	3.8	100.0
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors Building trades, wage sarners Clay, glass, and stone products Food and kindred products Igon, steel, and their products	73.1	5. 1 5. 9 5. 3 2. 8	9.3 6.6 7.9 4.5	1. 9 2. 1 4. 7 1. 3	.3 .3 .9	11. 3 12. 0 12. 9 5. 0	100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0
Iron, steel, and their products Other metal products Paper, printing, and publishing Wearing apparel Automobiles, parts, and tires Other	74. 6 90. 2 60. 8 63. 2	9.7 8.5 2.6 9.3 19.4	8. 2 5. 6 3. 3 14. 5 5. 1 2. 0	2.6 .3 6.1 .9	.3	9. 1 11. 3 3. 3 6. 3 11. 3 7. 4	100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0 100, 0
Total	72.9	8.0	7.2	2.4	.6	8.9	100.0
Labor (not otherwise specified)	47.4		11.3	3.8	3.0	30.1	100.0
Self employed	89. 9	4.5 1.8	3. 4	3.7	.1	4.1	100. 0
Grand total, 1924	80, 8	5. 1	5.0	1.7	. 5	7.0	100.0
1925	59.5	16.7		}	2.4	21.4	100.0
Agriculture. Professional service. Clerical (not otherwise specified) Domestic and personal service. Trade and transportation:	94. 8 83. 3 77. 3	4.4	1.0 8.3 4.4	2.6	1. 2	3. 8 8. 3 10. 1	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Retail and wholesale trade Telegraph and telephone Railway and express Other	90. 5 92. 2 91. 4 93. 2	1. 2 . 6 2. 0 . 2	1. 5 1. 3 1. 6 1. 9	1.3 .3 .4	.1	6. 1 4. 5 4. 6 4. 3	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Total	91. 4	1.4	1.6	.4	.1	5. 1	100.0
Manufacturing and mechanical: Building trades, contractors Building trades, wage earners Clay, glass, and stone products Food and kindred products. Iron, steel, and their products Other metal products Paper, printing, and publishing Wearing apparel Automobiles, parts, and tires Other	83.9	5.0 5.6 5.8 4.4 12.3 2.3 1.4 6.0 4.1 3.7	10.6 6.0 2.6 2.5 4.4 4.7 1.4 12.5 3.1	1.0 .9 .2 .5 .5 .5	.8 .8 .2 .1 2.3 .6 1.2	14.3 11.4 8.4 8.7 8.0 3.6 5.3 5.8 6.4	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Total	79. 1	6. 4	5. 1	1.0	.5	8.0	100. 0
Labor (not otherwise specified) Self employed	30. 7 85. 8	6. 8 1. 0	23. 9 2. 8	6. 8 1. 5	5.7 .2	26. 1 8. 6	100. 0 100. 0
Grand total, 1925	82. 7	4.3	3.9	1.0	.5	7.6	100.0

CONCLUSION

In drawing conclusions from the data herein presented it must be borne in mind that the figures for each year represent a cross section of the employment situation at the time of the study, not a record

of conditions for the year.

Whether the number of persons working full time, part time, or idle be considered, or whether the proportion of employment and idleness in the population enumerated be taken as a criterion, the greatest amount of employment was present in 1923, which was followed in order by 1922, 1925, 1924, and 1921, and the largest amount of unemployment existed in 1921, with 1924, 1925, 1922, and 1923 each showing, respectively, somewhat less. If only that idleness reported as due to slack work be considered the order of importance of the years becomes 1921, 1924, 1925, 1923, and 1922.

The variation in full-time employment, part-time employment, and idleness over the five years is less for all females than for all males enumerated, attributable, at least in part, to the fact that the females were more largely engaged in salaried occupations than the males. In the case of heads of households the variation in full-time employment is greater for the males than for the females, but the variation in part-time employment and in idleness is greater for the

females.

Considering the more important of the industry groups, no one shows consistently the highest degree of employment or the largest proportion of unemployment in each of the five periods (Table 18), though retail and wholesale trade evinces the most full-time employment for the first four of the years. 12 In 1921 the highest percentage of persons employed full time was found in retail and wholesale trade and in wearing apparel, each of which slightly exceeded 89 per cent, and the greatest percentage of persons idle was reported for iron and steel, which showed 26.8 per cent of the persons in that industry as The greatest proportion of persons employed full time in 1922 occurred in retail and wholesale trade, where just under 93 per cent were reported as fully employed, and the greatest relative number of persons idle was for railway and express, with 13.2 per cent unemployed. The study of 1923 showed retail and wholesale trade with 94.7 per cent employed full time and iron and steel with slightly over 8 per cent idle. In 1924 retail and wholesale trade again presents the largest percentage of persons employed full time, 92.7 per cent, and clay, glass, and stone shows 12.9 per cent idle. Paper, printing, and publishing, which had ranked a close second to retail and wholesale trade in 1922 and 1923, giving full-time employment for 92.8 per cent of the persons in that industry, leads in the proportion of persons fully employed in 1925, and building trades (wage earners and contractors) with 12.3 per cent showed the greatest relative number of persons idle.

Trade and transportation as a group showed a greater degree of stability than did the group manufacturing and mechanical pursuits, the proportion of persons employed full time in trade and transportation varying from 88.3 per cent in 1921 to 93.4 per cent in 1923 and

¹² The group "labor (not otherwise specified)," though too small a class upon which to generalize, shows the greatest relative number of persons unemployed in each of the five years, save that in 1923 it is exceeded by agriculture.

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those in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits varying from 72.2 per cent in 1921 to 88.8 per cent in 1922. Idleness included in trade and transportation 3.5 per cent in 1923 and 7.4 per cent in 1922, while in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits 4.6 per cent were unemployed in 1922 and 13.9 per cent in 1921. Of the leading individual industries the most stable in regard to the relative number of persons employed full time was retail and wholesale trade, which showed 89.5 per cent in 1921 and 94.7 per cent in 1923, and the most highly fluctuating was iron and steel, which provided full-time work for 49.9 per cent in 1921 and for 89.5 per cent in 1922. Concerning the proportion of persons idle the least variation was found in paper, printing, and publishing, with 3.3 per cent in 1924 and 5.9 per cent in 1921, and the greatest in iron and steel, with 5.1 per cent in 1922 and 26.8 per cent in 1921.

Columbus is a city of diversified industries largely managed and owned locally. The diversity of industry tends to minimize extreme fluctuations in employment conditions affecting the community as a whole. The fact of local control is, of course, conducive to a very definite acceptance of responsibility on the part of employers and has led to adoption of the policy of pushing plant improvements in times of depression and to other methods of stabilizing employment on the part of several of the larger firms. The result of this practice is seen in the unusual amount of part-time work reported in 1924, a number of firms having retained a large proportion of their force on part-time work in preference to a smaller proportion on full time.

Of the three important causes of idleness shown in the section on cause of unemployment, the most highly fluctuating is slack work, which included approximately one out of 10 of all persons enumerated in 1921 and one out of 51 in 1922. Sickness evinces the smallest degree of variation, one out of 41 of the population enumerated in 1925 being reported as unemployed for that cause and one out of 55 in 1921. Old age or retirement shows about one out of 59 persons enumerated idle for that reason in 1925 and one out of 92 in 1921.

Figures such as those presented in this study are of especial value in connection with social planning for a community. With the aid of data concerning unemployment, social agencies, especially when their activities are coordinated as in Columbus, can plan their work and estimate their needs in advance. It is clear that not all unemployment shown by a study of this type indicates actual need, yet by a comparison with past years, especially when the causes and duration of unemployment are known, it is possible to make a reasonable estimate concerning the requirements of a coming winter in terms of previous ones.

The greatest value of a series of studies of this kind is to learn as definitely as possible the usual employment conditions and the variations in employment as a basis of industrial and social planning, looking toward stabilization of employment and improvement of economic and social conditions.

The average condition of employment for all males enumerated as shown for the five periods studied was:

82.3 per cent employed full time; 3.4 per cent employed two-thirds but less than full time; 3.8 per cent employed half but less than two-thirds time; 0.8 per cent employed one-third but less than half time; 0.3 per cent employed less than one-third time; 9.4 per cent idle.

On this basis the average employment status per thousand males enumerated was 823 employed full time, 83 employed part time, and 94 idle. The greatest variations from these figures occurred in the case of full-time employment, in 1921, when 75.1 per cent were employed full time, and in 1923, when 87.4 per cent were fully employed; and in the case of idleness, in 1921, when 14.6 per cent were unemployed, and in 1923 when 6.8 per cent were unemployed. Part-time employment for males was, in general, least in 1922 and greatest in 1924.

The average condition of employment for all females enumerated was:

83.8 per cent employed full time; 3.1 per cent employed two-thirds but less than full time; 5.3 per cent employed half but less than two-thirds time; 1.9 per cent employed one-third but less than half time; 0.9 per cent employed less than one-third time; 5 per cent idle.

On this basis the average employment status per thousand females enumerated was 838 employed full time, 112 employed part time, and 50 idle. The greatest variations from these figures occurred, in the case of full-time employment in 1924, when 81.3 per cent were employed full time and in 1923 when 87.6 per cent were fully employed, and in the case of idleness, in 1921 when 7.9 per cent were unemployed and in 1922 when 3 per cent were unemployed. In general, part-time employment for females was least in 1923 and greatest in 1924.

APPENDIX

THE SCHEDULE AND THE INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Form 2195							Terr	itory	
House No. 8	and S	Street				7	7isitor		
Relation to head of household	Sex 2	Race	Present or last regular employment			Employed now		Idle now	
			Employer	Industry 5	Occupation 6	Full time (√) 7	Part time (frac- tion) 8	Weeks idle 9	Reason for idleness
a. Head									
b									
c									
d									
e	L								
f	L								
List all persons 18 years of age or over except women not usually employed. If native-born, enter in column 3 "N.W." for native white and "N.O." for colored; if foreign-born enter "Ger." for German, "Heb." for Hebrew, "Ital" for Italian, "Mag." for Magyar (or Hungarian), "Pol." for Polish, "Slov." for Slovak, and "Other" for all other foreign-born. If employed part time enter in column 8 approximate fraction of time working. If idle enter in column 9 number of weeks since regularly employed. Notes									
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Clerical (not otherwise specified):
    Only those persons reported as being engaged in clerical work and for whom
      no information concerning industry or employer was available.
Domestic and personal service:
    Persons employed as-
         Barbers.
         Chauffeurs.
         Hairdressers.
         Laundresses.
         Maids.
         Manicurists.
         Valets.
    Employees of-
         Amusement houses and parks (other than actors).
         City, county, State, or Federal Government (not including teachers).
         Hotels.
         Laundries.
         Restaurants.
Trade and transportation:
    Retail and wholesale trade-
         All retail and wholesale trade; food, drugs, clothing, etc.
    Telegraph and telephone-
         Employees of telegraph and telephone companies.
    Railway and express-
         Employees of-
              Express companies (other than local transfer companies).
              Steam railways.
              Traction companies (local and interurban).
    Other-
         Employees of—
Advertising agencies.
              Banks.
              Brokers.
              Gas and oil companies.
              Insurance companies.
              Real estate companies (sales only).
              Transfer companies.
Manufacturing and mechanical pursuits:
    Building trades—contractors (all general contractors and subcontractors in
       building trades and road construction).
    Building trades—wage earners (all wage earners in building trades and road
       construction).
    Clay, glass, and stone products—
Employees of companies manufacturing—
              Cement blocks.
              Glass
              Monuments (stone).
              Pottery.
              Tile.
         Employees of-
              Quarries.
              Sand and gravel producing companies.
    Food and kindred products-
         Employees of companies manufacturing-
              Baked goods.
              Candy.
              Ice.
              Ice cream.
              Meat products.
Milk (creameries).
              Pickles.
              Soft drinks.
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Manufacturing and mechanical pursuits—Continued.
    Iron and steel and their products-
         Employees of companies manufacturing—
              Anvils.
              Chains.
              Machine tools.
              Mining machinery.
              Saws.
              Stoves.
              Wire.
         Employees of-
              Blast furnaces.
              Rolling mills.
    Other metal products-
         Employees of companies manufacturing articles of-
              Aluminum.
              Brass.
              Bronze.
         Employees of nickel and silver plating companies.
    Paper, printing, and publishing-
         Employees of-
              Book binderies.
              Newspapers.
              Paper (cardboard) box manufacturing companies.

Paper manufacturing companies and companies manufacturing
              specialties of paper.
Printing, engraving, and lithographic companies.
     Wearing apparel-
         Employees of companies manufacturing—
              Clothing.
              Gloves.
              Hats.
              Regalia.
              Shoes (also shoe repairing).
    Automobiles, parts, and tires-
         Employees of companies manufacturing—
              Automobiles.
              Automobile bearings.
              Automobile curtains.
              Automobile heaters.
              Automobile lamps.
              Automobile tires.
              Automobile tops.
         Employees of companies engaged in automobile repairing, tire repairing,
           and of manufacturers' agents.
         All manufacturing and mechanical pursuits other than listed above.
           Including employees of companies manufacturing—
              Cigars.
Dental supplies.
             Furniture.
              Optical goods.
             Starch (not for food), etc.
Labor (not otherwise specified): Only those persons reported as being laborers
  and for whom no information concerning industry or employer was available.
Self employed: Includes all self-employed persons other than building contractors
  and those classified above as professional service.
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