

PART II
COMPARATIVE OCCUPATION STATISTICS
1870-1930

A Comparable Series of Statistics Presenting a
Distribution of the Nation's Labor Force,
by Occupation, Sex, and Age

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TABLE 8.—TOTAL GAINFUL WORKERS 10 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY OCCUPATION, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1870 TO 1930—Continued

[Detailed information with respect to estimates involved is presented in Appendix A, beginning on page 137, under numbers corresponding to the numbers in parentheses at the end of each footnote.]

OCCUPATION, 1930 CLASSIFICATION	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870
Transportation and communication—Continued							
Telegraph and telephone linemen.....	71,625	37,917	28,350	14,757	147 11,134		
Firemen, telegraph and telephone.....	11,172	6,822	3,843				
Laborers, telegraph and telephone.....	12,674	5,088	5,312				
Other occupations, telegraph and telephone.....	14 4,604	1,831	1,213				
Telegraph operators.....	67,821	79,434	69,953	74,982	52,214	42 23,166	148 8,406
Radio operators.....	4,955						
Telephone operators.....	248,884	190,160	97,893				
All other occupations.....	219,984	158,309	141,526	55 99,888	16 56,562	16 57,009	149 39,403
Mail carriers.....	121,333	91,451	80,678				
Railway mail clerks.....	17,397	15,867	15,240				
Inspectors, other transportation and communication.....	5,538	1,240	689				
Postmasters.....	34,421	31,935	27,849				
Telegraph messengers.....	16,176	9,403	9,152				
Other occupations—							
Road, street, etc., building and repairing.....	8,565	4,435	5,076				
Other transportation and communication ¹⁰⁰	16,554	3,978	2,842				
Trade.....	6,061,467	4,257,684	3,633,265	151 3,084,511	151 2,050,490	151 1,370,857	152 878,558
Auctioneers.....	4,281	5,048	3,990	2,808	3,205	2,831	153 2,312
Commercial travelers.....	223,732	179,320	163,620	92,919	85,091	28,158	154 7,206
Deliverymen ¹⁰¹	159,444	106 170,235	108 229,619	16 160,502	16 109,134	16 52,775	16 30,142
Floorwalkers, foremen, and overseers.....	38,163	26,437	20,724	16 10,931	16 7,152		
Newsboys.....	38,993	27,961	29,708	6,893	5,288	3,374	157 2,029
Retail dealers ¹⁰²	1,703,522	1,328,275	1,195,029	42 980,538	42 822,154		
Wholesale dealers, importers, and exporters.....	83,525	73,574	51,048	42 326	31,086	42 602,484	160 440,247
Proprietors, managers, and officials, grain elevators.....	9,505	8,858	5,118				
Salesmen and saleswomen (stores).....	1,958,332	1,125,782	877,238	42 970,356	55 614,750	160 385,723	161 240,812
"Clerks" in stores ¹⁰³	401,991	413,918	387,183				
Undertakers.....	34,132	24,469	20,734	16 189	9,891	5,113	162 2,014
All other occupations.....	1,395,847	873,807	649,264	164 801,049	164 389,139	164 290,899	165 147,706
Advertising agents.....	49,020	(106)	(106)				
Apprentices, wholesale and retail trade.....	2,444	(107)	(107)				
Bankers, brokers, and money lenders.....	221,574	161,613	105,804				
Canvassers.....	63,709	14,705	18,595				
Decorators, drapers, and window dressers.....	20,149	8,853	5,341				
Demonstrators.....	7,533	4,823	4,380				
Inspectors, gaugers, and samplers.....	16,743	13,714	13,446				
Insurance agents, managers, and officials.....	256,235	134,978	97,964				
Laborers in coal and lumber yards, warehouses, etc.....	113,699	125,609	81,123				
Laborers, porters, and helpers in stores.....	208,658	125,007	102,333				
Proprietors, managers, and officials (not otherwise specified) ¹⁰⁴	35,600	25,918	17,244				
Real estate agents and officials.....	240,030	149,135	125,862				
Sales agents.....	5,088	41,841	35,522				
Other pursuits in trade.....	125,175	67,611	41,640				
Public service (not elsewhere classified).....	856,205	738,525	431,442	168 283,769	168 200,971	168 138,169	170 89,749
Detectives.....	12,855	11,955	6,349				
Firemen, fire department.....	73,008	50,771	35,606				
Guards, watchmen, and doorkeepers.....	148,115	115,553	78,271				
Police officers.....	131,687	82,120	61,980	130,590	42 78,263	16 38,163	16 13,252
Probation and truant officers.....	4,270	2,679	1,043				
Marshals and constables ¹⁰⁵	9,350	6,897	9,073				

Other occupations, telegraph and telephone (24).

All other occupations (21; 22; 23; 25; 26).

Deliverymen, bakeries and stores (10c).

Floorwalkers, foremen, and overseers (16).

Detectives, firemen, etc. (33).

Partly estimated:

Telegraph and telephone operators. (See 1900 Special Report—Occupations, table IV, footnote 3).

Retail dealers (27; 28).

Salesmen and saleswomen (29; 43).

Detectives, firemen, etc. (33).

Largely estimated:

All other occupations (22; 23; 25; 26).

Salesmen and saleswomen (29; 43).

Includes electric light and power company employees, classified in 1900 with "Other miscellaneous industries" under "Manufacturing and mechanical pursuits."¹⁰⁶

E. estimated.

Census figures include telegraph operators only; 90 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States (3).

Census figures estimated, and 538 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States (21; 22; 23; 25; 26; 3).

Workers in "Other occupations, telegraph and telephone," were deducted from the group "Other transportation and communication" (24).

Census figures largely estimated, and addition made to account for workers classified as "Laborers (not specified)"; 392,621 in 1900; 161,360 in 1890; and 169,548 in 1880 (5c).

Census figures largely estimated, and 12,563 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States; and 64,758 added to account for workers classified as "Laborers (not specified)" (3; 5c).

46 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States (3).

34 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States (3).

Some deliverymen probably were returned and classified, in 1920, 1920, and 1910, as chauffeurs, and others, at each census, as teamsters or truck drivers.

¹⁰⁶ Includes deliverymen for laundries, classified in "Domestic and personal service" in 1930.¹⁰⁷ 27 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States (3).¹⁰⁸ For 1930, 1920, and 1910, at least, includes managers and superintendents of retail stores.¹⁰⁹ Census figures partly estimated, and 7,763 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States (27; 28; 3).¹¹⁰ Salesmen and saleswomen probably largely returned as clerks in 1870 and 1880.¹¹¹ 4,105 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States. See, also, footnote 160 (3).¹¹² This group was more strictly confined in 1930 than in 1920 or in 1910 to persons specifically returned as "Clerks" in stores.¹¹³ 18 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States (3).¹¹⁴ Census figures largely estimated, and addition made to account for workers classified as "Laborers (not specified)"; 392,621 in 1900; 161,360 in 1890; and 169,548 in 1880 (25; 30; 5; 31; 17; 32; 27; 8; 28; 26).¹¹⁵ Census figures largely estimated, 64,758 added to account for workers classified as "Laborers (not specified)"; and 1,000 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States (25; 30; 5; 31; 17; 32; 27; 8; 28; 26; 3).¹¹⁶ Classified in the group "Agents" in "Clerical occupations."¹¹⁷ Included in the group "Other apprentices" in "Manufacturing and mechanical industries."¹¹⁸ Except "Proprietors, managers, and officials" of grain elevators.¹¹⁹ Census figures partly estimated for 1900, and largely estimated for 1890 and 1880, and addition made to account for workers classified as "Laborers (not specified)"; 43,725 in 1900; 31,001 in 1890; and 21,336 in 1880 (5c).¹²⁰ Census figures largely estimated; 2,381 added because of undercount in 13 Southern States; and 13,508 added to account for workers classified as "Laborers (not specified)" (3; 5c).¹²¹ United States marshals, here included, were included in the group "Officials (government)" prior to 1910.