



Student worksheet 3: Percentage of people employed in primary, secondary and tertiary industries

Examine the data provided and record the total number of workers (size) and the number of male and female workers (composition) for each of the three main types of industries. The jobs in the tables are not classified, so your first task will be to decide which category they fit into. Some mathematical computation will be necessary. Not all information is available for all years, so fill in as much as you can.

Year	Total employed	Total employed (by gender, if applicable)		Employment in primary industries (e.g., fishing, forestry)		Employment in secondary industries (e.g., manufacturing, construction)		Employment in tertiary industries (e.g., trade, finance, services)		Comparisons or interesting findings
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1911										
1921										
1931										
1946										
1965										

Note: Data before and including 1946 excludes Newfoundland.

Sources:

Table 1, *Canada Year Book 1927/1928*, page 729.

Table 27, *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 131.

Table 30, *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 136.

Table 4, *Canada Year Book 1967*, page 744.

What trends do you notice in the size (total workers) and composition (male and female workers) of the workforce in Canada in the years 1911 to 1965? How would more information help you comment on the trends? What information would you need?
