



Student worksheet 2: Wages (Group 1)

Fill in your answers, observations and conclusions.

Sources	Tasks and questions	Answers, observations and conclusions
<p>Table LXX: Earnings at regular work, by class of occupation, 1901, <i>Canada Year Book 1907</i>, page 159.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In which occupations did men and women make the highest wages? The lowest? 2. From the "Totals" row, compare women's average wages to those of men and calculate what percentage of men's wages women made. 3. What conclusions can you draw from the difference between the wages of men and women? 	
<p>Table 71: Statistics of manufactures by province, establishments employing five hands and over, 1900, 1905, and 1915, <i>Canada Year Book 1916/1917</i>, page 284.</p> <p>Table 72: Statistics of manufactures, by type of industry, 1915, <i>Canada Year Book 1916/1917</i>, page 285.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look at the "Employees" column and the "Salaries and wages" column in Table 71. For 1900, 1905 and 1910, calculate average wages and salaries. To do this, divide wages paid by the number of employees receiving wages. 2. Calculate the percentage change between 1900 and 1910. There are no statistics for 1915 for number of employees in Table 71, so you can't calculate it. 3. Look at bottom row of Table 72 ("Totals"). Calculate the average wage from the "Employees on Wages" column and "Wages paid" columns for 1915. 	

	<p>4. Include this calculation for 1915 with the data you calculated above in question 2.</p>	
<p>Table 5: Total number of wage earners and average yearly earnings, census years 1911 and 1921, in cities of 30,000 population and over, <i>Canada Year Book 1927/1928</i>, page 777.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose the city nearest to where you live. Compare the change in wages between 1911 and 1921 for both males and females. Calculate the percentage change for each. What do you observe? 2. Compare these with the statistics of a city in a different province of Canada. 	
<p>Table 23: Index numbers of average wage rates for certain main industrial groups, 1956 to 1965, <i>Canada Year Book 1967</i>, page 763.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look at the "General Average" column. 2. Calculate the rate of change of wages over the periods from 1956 to 1960 and from 1961 to 1965. In which period was there the greatest increase? 3. What was the overall rate of change from 1956 to 1965? How would you describe this change? 	