

CENSUS OF POPULATION, 1961.

VOLUME V. OCCUPATIONS

CLASSIFIED BY AGES AND CONJUGAL CONDITIONS

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

This volume contains detailed classifications by age, conjugal condition and occupation of the population aged 14 years and over, derived from the Census of Population taken on the night of 9 April, 1961. In addition, classifications by age and conjugal condition and by social groups and employment status are given for persons aged 14 years and over, and by age and industry for persons at work.

Particulars of the ages and conjugal conditions of the population classified by areas are shown in Volume II of the Census Reports and general explanatory notes on the subjects of age and conjugal condition are contained in that volume.

Classifications by occupation, industry, employment status and social group are based on the information given on the Census schedules in reply to the following questions:

For all persons aged 14 years or over – Leave blank for children

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION

If usually working for payment or profit (even if at present out of work), state here the usual principal occupation or calling.

If wholly retired, state the former principal occupation.

For other persons write, as appropriate, "Home duties", "Private means", "At school" (primary, secondary or vocational), "Student" (Medical, Law, etc.), "Not yet at work", etc.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

If working for payment or profit, state whether "Employee", "Employs others", "On own account", "Assisting relative", or "Apprentice".

If out of work, write "Out of work".

If wholly retired, write "Retired".

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYER'S BUSINESS

If working for payment or profit, state name and address of employer (person, firm, company or public body) and nature of business carried on by employer.

If self employed, state the nature of the business carried on.

If out of work, state name, address and nature of business of last employer.

If farmer, state the area, in statute acres, and the total rateable valuation of the farm on which working.

If farm worker, state the area, in statute acres, of the farm on which working.

More specific directions as to how these questions should be answered were given on the back of the form which also contained examples of properly completed schedules. In addition, the enumerators were requested to examine the completed forms carefully so that vague and inadequate replies could be detected and corrected before the forms left the centres of enumeration.

Particulars of the numbers recorded in each occupation, classified by area, are published in Volume III of the Census Reports while Volume IV contains detailed classifications of the working population according to industry. The explanatory notes to those volumes give an account of the principles involved in making the classifications by occupation, industry, social group and employment status.

In Table 2A, showing males classified by age, conjugal condition and occupation, the occupational list used is the same as that in Table 2 of Volume III. In the case of Table 2B, however, which contains similar particulars for females, occupations containing very small numbers have been grouped together, the groupings adopted being the same as those in Table 12B of Volume III. Appendices A and B give details of the occupational groupings used in Tables 3A and 6A, and 3B and 6B respectively.

COVERAGE OF CENSUS.

The Census figures relate to the *de facto* population, i.e. the population recorded for each area represents the total of all persons present within its boundaries on the night of 9 April, 1961, together with all persons who arrived in that area on the morning of Monday, 10 April, 1961, not having been enumerated elsewhere; persons aboard ships or boats in port are included in the population of adjacent areas. The figures, therefore, include visitors present on Census night in addition to residents, but Irish persons temporarily absent from the State on Census night are excluded. The date of the Census was, however, chosen to coincide with a period when passenger movements were at a minimum and, consequently, the figures closely approximate to those for the normally resident population.

Members of the Defence Forces who, on Census date, were serving with the United Nations Force in the Congo were, of course, excluded from the enumeration. The total number of commissioned officers (including 2 Chaplains) was 69 and the total number of other ranks was 583.