

In calculating the number of dependents for the tables in this volume, it has been assumed that in all cases in which the number of dependents was "not stated" the answer to the question was "no dependents." The other information given on the Census schedule was, however, scrutinised to ensure that the answers given to this question were in accordance with the other particulars shown on the schedule.

Particulars of dependents in the Volume are classified by areas and also according to the occupation of the married man, widower or widow as the case may be. In the tables classified by areas, the total number of dependents shown is exact, in other words, where families of more than 10 children were recorded the actual number of dependents, e.g. 12, 13, 15, was accounted for in the total number of dependents, whereas in the tables classified by occupation of parent where there were 10 or more dependents the number was in all cases assumed (because of the system of machine counting) to be 10. Consequently the total number of dependents shown in the Occupations table is somewhat less than the exact total. The number of families, however, having more than 10 dependents was so small that it did not justify special machine operations to obtain such minute results.

In the 1926 Census Report, the numbers of dependent children were shown for married women as well as for married and widowed men and for widows. On this occasion the numbers of dependents of married women have not been shown since the statistics were obtained as a by-product of other Census operations which did not yield the necessary particulars. The information in regard to married women would largely parallel that for married men since in the great majority of cases husband and wife are enumerated on the same schedule, and it was not considered that the extra data were of sufficient importance to warrant the carrying out of the special machine operations which would be needed to obtain the figures in respect of married women.