

Table 3

Off-Farm Work Reported by Different Age Groups  
of Farm Operators

Farm operator age groups	Total Farms	% of Total	Reporting off-farm work	% of Total reporting	% of each group reporting off-farm work
15-29 yrs	35,933	11.3	19,043	15.5	53
30-44 yrs	103,973	32.7	50,690	41.2	48.7
45-59 yrs	117,893	37.0	43,080	35.0	36.5
60 +	60,562	19.0	10,323	8.4	17.0
	<u>318,361</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>123,136</u>	<u>100</u>	

Source: 1981 Census of Canada: Agriculture Cat. 96901

While the percentages were proportionately lower in the older two age groups, off-farm work was reported by some 53,000 out of a total of about 178,500 farm operators.

What is not apparent or available from this type of analysis are the reasons for working off-farm and the use or relative importance of the off-farm income. Some earlier preliminary work in this regard is attached in Appendix A.