

Sources of Income.

Characteristic of the income of the urban African is the low total despite the fact that women, children and other dependents as well as the male head usually contribute.

Table 1Vc indicates the employment position in 159 homesteads in Western Native Township. The figures in brackets are from the Johannesburg Report of 1940 in which 182 cases were analysed.

1V.c. No. of Persons in Employment.

<u>F.only.</u>	<u>M.only.</u>	<u>F&M.</u>	<u>F.M.&Others.</u>	<u>F&OTHERS.</u>	<u>M&OTH.</u>	<u>OTH Total.</u>
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The adult men are usually the main breadwinners. It is important to notice that the grown sons often earn as much, and sometimes more, than their fathers - a situation which conflicts with the attitudes of conservatives to the merits of youth. Occupations open to urban Africans are fairly diverse in type, albeit restricted to a fairly narrow range in cash. Our sample included

There is usually little time or opportunity for earning extra money at odd jobs after hours. Most of the men work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., leaving their homes between 7a.m. and 8 a.m. and returning between 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Some are at home on Wednesday afternoons others on Saturday; and Sunday is a general holiday. A ~~small~~ small percentage - nightwatchmen and police - are on night shift, and a few factory hands work on shifts

during the day. Some location dwellers get additional money in their spare time through playing in bands, gambling, arranging concerts or dances or playing 'matches'. One of our informants was a driver to a commercial traveller, but he was also a golf champion and won more in prize money than he earned as wages. Another informant, a factory hand who earned £1-7-6 per week was an excellent 'concert manager', and boasted that he never made less than £30 profit an entertainment.

The following table indicates the average wages for unskilled work in occupations employing the largest number of workers prior to the Wage determination which became operative in the Johannesburg areas in the years indicated.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Trade.</u>	<u>Unskilled workers.</u>	<u>p.w.k.</u>	<u>p. mth.</u>
1940.	Commer. Distr.	10,722	19/6	£4.4.6.
1942.	Building.	8,000	24/-	£5.4.0.
1942.	Municipality.	11,330	19/6	£4.4.6.

~~1942~~ Total no. of workers : 30,052.

According to the Janisch report, the average man's income in 1940 was £4.2.0. per month, and the total family income £5.6.8. Since 1940, Wage Determinations have raised the rates of unskilled labourers and cost of living allowances are also paid. A recent Commission @ estimated that the income had increased to

@ Commission appointed to inquire into the operation of bus services for Non-Europeans.

Table 111a.

<u>Occupations.</u>	<u>Employed. A. Sample.</u>	<u>B. Jhb. Report.</u>
Factories.	21.	149.
Shops	17.	133.
Wholesale merchants.	7.	32.
Munisipal.	133	90.
Engineering.	3.	64.
Other industries.	15.	45.
Building.	0.	37.
Motor.	11.	37.
Government.	3.	35.
Mining.	3.	34.
Contractors.	0.	16.
Domestic.	6.	15.
Laundry & Cleaning.	4.	12.
Clerical.	8.	8.
Chauffeur.	4.	6.
Liquor.	0.	2.
Night watchmen.		
Miscellaneous.	5.	0.
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Table 111b.

<u>Occupations - independent.</u>	<u>A. Sample.</u>	<u>B. Jhb. Report.</u>
Hawkers.	2.	44.
Tailors	1.	15.
Boot repairers.	1.	8.
Teachers.	1.	7.
Evangelists and Ministers .	1.	6.
Shopkeepers.	1.	6.
Carpenters.	1.	3.
Taxidrivers.	1.	3.
Barbers.	0.	2.
Herbalists.	2.	2.
Bakers.	0.	1.
Plumbers.	2.	0.
Sundry.	0.	15.
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Unemployed.	17.	147.
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The Western Native Township sample of 157 households gave a higher income level, the man's average income being £8.5.6., and the total family income This figure included the earnings of 4 men who, as independent traders, earned more than £25 a month. Without the earnings of this minority, the average dropped to £7.16.2., and the family income to Moreover, the sum of £7.16.2 was arrived at from the earnings of men in employment. At the time of our survey a number of men were unemployed, and even though this was a period when work was quite easy to obtain, there are always a number who are unemployed for reasons such as ill-health or unfitness for regular jobs.

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