

56. Tables Nos. IV to VI (pp. 78 to 83) summarise the figures for full-time workers from Tables Nos. I to III for Bombay in order to facilitate comparisons with similar figures compiled for Ahmedabad and for Sholapur. It will be seen that in comparison with Bombay, attendance is better in Ahmedabad but exceedingly poor in Sholapur where only 30·26 per cent. of the adult operatives returned, worked without absence during the period covered by the Census. Among male operatives only 1,178 out of the 3,761 returned or 31·32 per cent. worked full time. Among women the proportion of full-time workers is slightly lower—about a fourth as compared with about a third for men, the actual figures being 205 out of 810 or 25·31 per cent. Curiously enough, the best figures of full-time attendance are those for children both in Sholapur and in Ahmedabad, the respective figures being 70 out of 192 or 36·45 per cent. and 463 out of 657 or 70·47 per cent. The following table summarises the position for the whole industry, by different age and sex groups, at each centre studied.

Age and Sex Group	Centre	Total number of workers returned	Number working full-time	Percentage of full-time workers to total returned
Men	{ Bombay ..	38,349	20,144	52·53
	{ Ahmedabad ..	12,719	7,157	56·27
	{ Sholapur ..	3,761	1,178	31·32
Women	{ Bombay ..	12,072*	3,968*	32·87*
	{ Ahmedabad ..	3,016	1,677	55·60
	{ Sholapur ..	810	205	25·31
All Adults ..	{ Bombay ..	50,421†	24,112†	47·82†
	{ Ahmedabad ..	15,735	8,834	56·14
	{ Sholapur ..	4,571	1,383	30·26
Children	{ Bombay ..	Nil.
	{ Ahmedabad ..	657	463	70·47
	{ Sholapur ..	192	70	36·45
All Operatives ..	{ Bombay ..	50,421†	24,112†	47·82†
	{ Ahmedabad ..	16,392	9,297	56·72
	{ Sholapur ..	4,763	1,453	30·52

* The corresponding figures *excluding* winders and reelers are 5,395—2,434—45·12 per cent.

† The corresponding figures *excluding* female winders and reelers are 43,744—22,598—51·66 per cent.

57. It has already been pointed out that the figures for women workers in Bombay were affected by rotation of employment in the Winding and Reeling Departments. This fact requires to be borne in mind when making comparisons either for female operatives as between the different centres or as between men and women workers in Bombay. The figures in the above table show that only 3,968 women out of 12,072 returned or 32·87 per cent. worked full-time. If 6,677 winders and reelers are excluded it is found that out of the remaining 5,395 female operatives, 2,434 or 45·12 per cent. worked without absence. These figures also affect the figures for adult operatives. If winders and reelers are again