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Table 9-3 Employment in Canada, 2013

Data updated to 2015

Sector and sub-sector	Number of workers (thousands)	Percentage of workforce (%)
Primary industry	604.8	3.6
agriculture	249.9	1.6
forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil, and gas	354.9	2.0
Secondary industry	3220.6	17.9
utilities	137.0	0.8
construction	1371.2	7.6
manufacturing	1712.4	9.5
Tertiary industry	14076.2	78.4
trade	2732.7	15.2
transportation and warehousing	917.2	5.1
finance, insurance, real estate, and leasing	1102.9	6.1
professional, scientific, and technical service	1365.8	7.6
business, building, and other support services	760.6	4.2
health care and social assistance	2292.3	7.1
information, culture, and recreation	750.6	4.2
accommodation and food services	1210.6	6.7
public administration	907.4	5.1
other services	761.8	4.2
Total	17 946.6	100.0

Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada, Employment by industry and sex, 15 Mar 2016. This does not constitute an endorsement by Statistics Canada of this product.

Caption: Compare the importance of goods-producing (primary and secondary) sector with the services-producing sector of the economy. Do you find this distribution of jobs surprising or not? Explain your answer.