percent of the farms with related income, but accounted for less than 8 percent of the farm-related income (table 26).

Family Income From Off-Farm Sources

Data on off-farm income of farm operator families were obtained in the 1974 census for the first time since the 1964 census. In the absence of a sample follow-on survey such as was conducted for the last three censuses, these questions were added to the 1974 report form for farms with sales of $2,500 and over in order to provide a better understanding of income distribution and the relative importance of off-farm activities and other sources of income.

These data were not obtained for farms with sales of under $2,500 or for corporations or other types of organizations with sales of $2,500 and over. Thus these data represent off-farm income only for individual or family operated farms.