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The information in this report relates to establishments classified to the Textile finishing industry, minimum list heading 423 in the Standard Industrial Classification (revised 1968). The activities of the industry include:—

Bleaching, dyeing, printing and finishing of yarns and fabrics (whether woven or knitted). Foam backing of textile materials, the bonding of fabric to fabric on commission, and the bleaching, dyeing and dressing of lace on commission, but the finishing of lace is excluded as is the scouring, carbonising and dyeing of wool and hair and wool and hair tops with sorting, blending and combing. The finishing of fabric when carried out of weaving establishments is excluded.

In interpreting the data in the tables it is essential to bear in mind the notes and definitions which commence on page (iii).

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TABLE 1

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Output and costs, 1974-1978
All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)

	Unit	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Enterprises	Number	548	569	581	586	579
Establishments	"	672	695	704	703	692
Value of work done on textiles on commission	£ thousand	214,076	255,462	333,461	361,464	407,184
Sales of waste products, residues etc. and receipts for other work done and industrial services rendered	"	4,371	4,240	5,633	5,608	6,104
Capital goods produced for establishments' own use	"	413	477	465	473	810
Non-industrial services rendered	"	544	790	1,163	1,201	1,233
Goods merchanted or factored	"	7,466	1,898	8,803	10,664	11,257
Total sales and work done (b)	"	226,870	262,867	349,526	379,409	426,588
Increase during the year, work in progress and goods on hand for sale	"	1,811	1,624	2,393	3,194	1,510
Gross output	"	228,681	264,491	351,919	382,603	428,098
Purchases of materials for use in production, and packaging and fuel	"	85,910	103,416	139,929	154,350	171,355
Purchases of goods for merchenting or factoring	"	7,004	1,813	7,074	9,509	9,650
Increase during the year, stocks of materials, stores and fuel	"	4,010	1,544	3,635	852	2,210
Cost of industrial services received	"	8,585	11,359	13,548	15,547	15,995
Net output	"	131,192	149,447	195,002	204,049	233,309
Total employment (c)	Thousands	45.0	44.1	43.8	42.5	40.5
Net output per head	£	2,916	3,386	4,450	4,802	5,756
Payments for non-industrial services						
Hire of vehicles, plant and machinery	£ thousand	1,394	1,386	598	660	1,052
Rents of industrial and commercial buildings	"	(d)	(d)	1,390	1,961	1,686
Commercial insurance premiums	"	2,227	2,711	3,399	3,529	3,831
Bank charges	"	180	290	289	235	239
Other non-industrial services	"	5,974	6,900	9,372	9,780	11,034
Licensing of motor vehicles	"	128	166	181	200	233
Rates, excluding water rates	"	2,340	2,911	3,479	3,655	4,023
Gross value added at factor cost	"	118,949	135,083	176,294	184,029	211,211
Gross value added at factor cost per head	£	2,644	3,060	4,023	4,331	5,211

(a) Including estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns, non-response and establishments not selected for the Census. Satisfactory returns accounted for 79 per cent of employment within the industry.

(b) Details of manufacturers' quarterly sales of principal products are published regularly in Business Monitor PQ423.

(c) Average number employed, including full and part-time employees (see table 7) and working proprietors.

(d) For 1974 and 1975 rents of industrial and commercial buildings were not recorded separately, but included in hire of vehicles, plant and machinery.

TABLE 2

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Capital expenditure, 1974-1978
All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)(b)

	£ thousand				
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Land and buildings					
New building work	3,306	1,971	2,377	1,837	2,436
Land and existing buildings					
Acquisitions	1,315	525	185	340	1,714
Disposals	363	179	355	237	102
Vehicles					
Acquisitions	1,018	1,019	1,743	2,173	2,795
Disposals	305	332	509	554	658
Plant and machinery					
Acquisitions	15,248	12,692	17,007	16,523	19,152
Disposals	802	532	1,361	784	1,162
Total net capital expenditure	19,417	15,164	19,086	19,298	24,176

(a) Including estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns, non-response and establishments not selected for the Census.

(b) Capital expenditure in respect of manufacturing establishments where production had not commenced before the end of the year, is included.

TABLE 3

Stocks and work in progress, 1974-1978
All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)

	£ thousand				
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
	Increase				Value at end of year
Materials, stores and fuel	4,010	1,544	3,635	852	2,210
Work in progress	1,526	1,050	1,558	2,424	788
Goods on hand for sale	284	574	835	770	722
Total	5,821	3,169	6,028	4,046	3,721
					44,876

(a) Including estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns, non-response and establishments not selected for the Census.

TABLE 4

Analysis of establishments by size, 1978
All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)

Size group (b)	Estab-lish-ments	Enter-prises (c)	Employment			Wages and salaries (f)			
			Total (d)	Opera-tives	Others (e)	Operatives		Others (e)	
						Total	per head	Total	per head
Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	£ thousand	£	£ thousand	£
1-10	280	277	1,331						
11-19	115	113	1,700						
20-49	95	91	3,126	8,824	2,160	25,725	2,915	8,333	3,858
50-99	72	63	5,153						
100-199	80	56	10,975	8,616	2,353	26,538	3,080	9,336	3,968
200-299	26	14	6,523	5,118	1,397	15,979	3,122	5,638	4,036
300-399	11	10	3,715	2,871	844	8,921	3,107	3,334	3,951
400-499	6	4	2,707	2,238	469	6,764	3,022	1,921	4,096
500-749	4	4	2,303	1,715	588	4,935	2,878	2,147	3,651
750 and over	3	3	2,999	2,384	615	7,730	3,242	2,209	3,592
Total	692	579	40,532	31,766	8,426	96,593	3,041	32,918	3,907

(a) Including estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns, non-response and establishments not selected for the Census.

(b) Average number employed, including full and part-time employees (see table 7) and working proprietors.

(c) The sum of the figures for the size groups may exceed the total for the industry because some enterprises control establishments in more than one size group.

(d) Including working proprietors.

(e) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

Total sales and work done (g)	Gross output	Net output		Gross value added at factor cost		Net capital expenditure (h)	Total stocks and work in progress at end of year
		Total	per head	Total	per head		
122,043	122,480	68,081	6,020	(j)	(j)	7,491	10,107
109,947	109,771	61,169	5,573	116,269(j)	5,217(j)	7,847	11,502
66,114	66,412	35,902	5,504	32,438	4,973	3,482	4,881
34,381	34,880	17,804	4,793	15,525	4,179	860	6,898
27,675	28,095	16,275	6,012	14,769	5,456	1,889	2,465
30,140	30,167	16,480	7,156	15,394	6,684	1,625	7,644
36,287	36,293	17,598	5,868	16,817	5,608	982	1,378
426,588	428,098	233,309	5,756	211,211	5,211	24,176	44,876

(f) The cost of employers' contributions to national insurance, pensions and welfare schemes and the running costs of canteens, is estimated for the industry at £18,761 thousand.

(g) Sales of goods produced, capital goods manufactured and buildings constructed by establishments for their own use, work done, industrial and non-industrial services rendered and merchant goods.

(h) New building work plus acquisitions less disposals of land and existing buildings, vehicles and plant and machinery.

(j) Gross value added data relate to establishments employing 1-199.

TABLE 5

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Regional distribution of employment, net capital expenditure, net output and gross value added at factor cost, 1978
All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)

Area	Total employment (b)		Net capital expenditure (c)		Net output (d)	Gross value added at factor cost (d)	Gross value added at factor cost returned by establishments with 80 per cent or more of their employment in the region as a proportion of total gross value added at factor cost in the region
	Thousands	per cent of United Kingdom	£ thousand	per cent of United Kingdom	£ thousand	£ thousand	percentage
Standard regions of England							
North	0.9	2.2	377	1.6	5,372	4,881	97.0
Yorkshire and Humberside	7.3	18.0	4,866	20.1	43,406	39,509	57.0
East Midlands	9.7	24.0	5,676	23.5	52,277	47,480	88.8
East Anglia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
South East	2.2	5.3	983	4.1	18,051	16,899	77.0
South West	0.2	0.6	159	0.7	1,429	1,288	—
West Midlands	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North West	13.1	32.3	8,014	33.2	75,985	68,988	79.7
England	*	*	*	*	*	*	/
Wales	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Scotland	3.8	9.4	1,852	7.7	19,727	17,089	86.1
Great Britain	38.6	95.1	22,971	95.0	223,484	202,662	/
Northern Ireland	2.0	4.9	1,205	5.0	9,825	8,549	83.1
United Kingdom	40.5	100.0	24,176	100.0	233,309	211,211	/

(a) Including estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns, non-response and establishments not selected for the Census.

(b) Average number employed, including full and part-time employees (see table 7) and working proprietors.

(c) New building work plus acquisitions less disposals of land and existing buildings, vehicles and plant and machinery.

(d) Where a census return covered addresses in two or more regions, an estimate of the net output attributable to each address was made by assuming that net output was proportionate to employment. An estimate for each region was obtained by aggregating estimates of net output for addresses located in that region. Gross value added at factor cost is treated similarly.

TABLE 6

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Percentage analysis of twelve-month periods covered by returns received from United Kingdom establishments, 1978

Accounting year ended	Percentage of total returns received	Percentage of total number employed
	per cent	per cent
1978 April (a)	1.9	1.0
May	0.5	0.2
June	3.4	2.4
July	2.9	1.7
August	—	—
September	6.8	6.4
October	2.4	2.4
November	1.4	0.6
December	38.6	44.0
1979 January	2.9	3.1
February	4.4	8.1
March (b)	34.8	30.1

(a) From 6th April.

(b) Including returns made for twelve-month period ended 1st to 5th April 1979.

TABLE 7

Percentage analysis of employees, by full and part-time employment and sex, 1977(a)

Sex	Full-time	Part-time	All employees
	per cent	per cent	per cent
Male	67	2	69
Female	24	7	31

Source: Department of Employment

(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding working proprietors) in the United Kingdom at mid-June, 1977.

TABLE 8

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Operating ratios, 1977-1978
All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)

	Unit	1977	1978
Gross output per head	£	9,003	10,562
Net output per head	£	4,802	5,756
Gross value added per head	£	4,331	5,211
Gross value added as a percentage of gross output	%	48	49
Ratio of gross output to stocks		9.3	9.5
Wages and salaries as a percentage of gross value added	%	65	61
Ratio of operatives to administrative, technical and clerical employees		3.8	3.8
Wages and salaries per administrative, technical and clerical employee	£	3,325	3,907
Wages and salaries per operative	£	2,705	3,041
Net capital expenditure per head	£	454	596
Net capital expenditure as a percentage of gross value added	%	10	11

(a) Including estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns, non-response and establishments not selected for the Census.

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Notes

These notes give the main information needed for interpreting the figures in the Industry Business Monitors: more detailed information about the census is given in a separate Business Monitor - PA 1001 (Introductory Notes) of the Report on the Census of Production, 1978.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Changes made for 1978

The Census for 1978 is in line with similar inquiries being conducted in other member countries of the European Economic Communities. The census differed from earlier censuses in three respects. Sampling was introduced for establishments employing 20 to 49 and a sample of smaller units was selected. A new question on the leasing of capital assets was included for 1978 only. This will provide register information for use in related inquiries into leasing.

Suppression of information relating to individual undertakings

Section 9(5)(b) of the Statistics of Trade Act 1947 states - "The following provisions shall have effect with respect to any report, summary or other communication to the public of information obtained under the foregoing provisions of this Act -

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Industrial classification

The United Kingdom Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) was first issued in 1948 and was subsequently revised in 1958 and 1968. It exists to promote uniformity and comparability in the official statistics of the United Kingdom.

The general principles followed are those of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities of the United Nations Statistical Office but the United Kingdom SIC reflects the organisation and structure of industry and trade as it exists in the United Kingdom. The SIC is a classification by activity and is not a commodity classification. However, an index of all commodity headings for which sales data are provided in the Quarterly Business Monitors, is published in Business Monitor PQ 1000.

Statistical units

The statistical unit for the purpose of the Census is the establishment which is defined in the SIC as the smallest unit which can provide the information normally required for an economic census, for example, employment, expenses, turnover, capital formation. Usually the principal activities carried on in an establishment fall within a single heading of the classification (eg steel making or sugar refining). Typically the establishment embraces all the activities carried on at a single address eg a mine or a factory, including those which are ancillary to the principal activities. Frequently distinct activities characteristic of different industries are carried on at one address, but normally these are not classified separately and the whole establishment is classified according to the main activity. If, however, the required range of data can be provided for each activity, each is taken to constitute a separate establishment. Sometimes activities which are conducted as a single business are carried on at a number of addresses. Where this is so, businesses are asked to provide the full range of information in respect of each address, whether or not the activities are different. Their activities may, however, be integrated to such an extent that they constitute a single establishment. In the latter case the establishment is defined to cover the combined activities at these addresses (termed local units). Separate figures are obtained of employment and net capital expenditure at each unit in order to compile regional tables.

Efforts are made by the Business Statistics Office (BSO) to ensure, by negotiating with respondents, that the return from an establishment does not cover local units in more than one of the countries of the United Kingdom.

Establishments are asked to exclude from their returns particulars relating to any department not engaged in production eg merchanting, transport, warehousing, for which they keep a separate set of accounts. Transfers of goods produced to such departments are treated as sales and respondents are asked to value them as far as possible as if sold to an independent purchaser. Where separate accounts are not kept they are asked to include details of all these activities in their return. Particulars relating to head offices mainly engaged in the administration of the production units within the scope of the census were included. Where more than one return was made the information in respect of the head office was apportioned among them.

For certain purposes in the annual censuses of production (especially the enterprise analyses of Business Monitor PA 1002) related establishments are combined. An enterprise group is defined as a business consisting of either a single establishment or two or more establishments under common ownership or control. Bringing together establishments into enterprise groups is also necessary for the purpose of ensuring that there will be no disclosure of the activities of any one enterprise group. Information about the relationship of establishments, the changing structure of groups of companies and about common ownership links is

obtained from many sources, including the Stock Exchange Year Book, company reports, press reports and information supplied by individual establishments.

THE REGISTER

The register permits a questionnaire to be sent direct to the reporting establishment on which the latter can include information relating to all the manufacturing (or local) units which it comprises. The inquiries provide a major source of information for keeping the register continuously up-to-date and act as a check on its detail and structure. For the establishments on the register making returns to the quarterly inquiries, the industrial classification is derived from an analysis of their sales of commodities and is reviewed annually. Employment data are entered on the register from returns to the annual census of production. In cases where an establishment does not make a return to these inquiries the employment data are based on information provided by the Department of Employment from the annual censuses of employment. New additions to the register are obtained from various sources including the Department of Employment and HM Customs and Excise. The 1973 Finance Act allows the latter to pass lists of businesses registered for VAT to the BSO. Where necessary details are sought directly from new businesses. Units which cease to trade are removed from the live register.

Coverage

In recent censuses returns have been required from all establishments employing 20 or more. For the 1978 Census in 68 selected manufacturing industries coverage of establishments in the 20 to 49 employment size band has been reduced to a 1 in 2 sample. This change has relieved some 5,800 firms of the need to complete a census return. The Census has included for the first time a small sample (around 10 per cent) of units employing 11 to 19 to meet an EEC requirement to collect a limited range of data from smaller units every 5 years.

Regions

The regions defined in Table 5 take account of the boundary changes arising out of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government Act (Scotland) 1973. These changes came into effect in April 1974 in England and Wales and May 1975 in Scotland.

TERMS USED IN THE CENSUS REPORT

Average number employed

Establishments were required to state the average number of persons on the payroll during the year of return. Separate figures were required for:

- (a) administrative, technical and clerical employees
- (b) all other employees (operatives)

Averages could be calculated from the figures relating to the last week of each calendar month. Establishments were also required to state the number of working proprietors where appropriate and these are included in total employment figures. The figures include persons engaged on merchanting or factoring and canteen workers where particulars in respect of these activities could not be excluded from the return.

Working proprietors

These include all persons regarded as "self-employed" for national insurance purposes and members of their families who worked in the business without receiving a wage or salary; but such persons who worked less than half the normal number of working hours are excluded. Directors working in the business but not in receipt of a definite wage, salary or commission are included

under this heading: directors paid by fee only are not included.

Employees

Administrative, technical and clerical employees include directors in receipt of a definite wage, salary or commission, managers and works foremen; research and design employees (other than operatives); draughtsmen, editorial staff, advertising staff, travellers and all office employees. Operatives include all other classes of employees, that is, broadly speaking, all manual wage earners. They include operatives employed in power stations, transport, warehouses, stores, shops and canteens, inspectors, maintenance workers and cleaners.

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure during the year in respect of manufacturing units where production had not started before the end of the year is included. Establishments were asked not to deduct from the value of capital expenditure amounts received or expected to be received in grants or allowances from the Government or any statutory body or local authority. Establishments with 100 or more employees were asked to include a total net capital expenditure figure for each calendar year and to state whether any of the investment shown in cost of new building work, vehicles or plant and machinery included goods for letting out on hire or leasing.

(a) New building work

This represents the cost incurred during the year of new building and other constructional work to be used in connection with the business covered by the return. The value is that charged to capital account during the year of return; it includes expenditure on new buildings and on the extension or reconstruction of old buildings, the value of works of a capital nature carried out by the establishment's own staff and the cost of any newly constructed buildings purchased. Figures shown include legal charges, stamp duties, agents' commissions, etc.

(b) Land and existing buildings

The items shown are the capital cost of freeholds purchased and the capital cost or premium payable for leaseholds acquired (excluding the value of assets acquired in taking over an existing business), and the amounts receivable for freeholds or leaseholds disposed of. The value is that charged to capital account during the year of return.

(c) Plant, machinery and vehicles

The items shown are the value of plant and machinery and of vehicles acquired, both new and second-hand, and the amount received for items disposed of during the year. The value of plant and machinery acquired includes plant, etc which firms produced for their own use in connection with the business covered by the return. The value of plant, etc acquired is the expenditure charged to capital account during the year of return less any discounts received, but including the cost of transport and installation. Deductible value added tax is excluded but non-deductible value added tax on motor cars acquired is included. No deduction is made for depreciation, amortization or obsolescence. The proceeds of items disposed of during the year exclude amounts written-off for items scrapped.

Cost of industrial services

This includes amounts payable to other firms for work done on materials supplied by the establishment, payments for repairs and maintenance (including those in respect of rented buildings)

and amounts paid to other firms for contracts which have been sublet.

Cost of non-industrial services

This includes rents of industrial and commercial buildings, hire of plant, machinery and vehicles (excluding vehicles hired with drivers), commercial insurance premiums, bank charges and amounts paid for professional services, post office services, transport (within the United Kingdom), advertising etc. Amounts payable on royalties for the right to use patents, trademarks, copyrights etc, manufacturing and quarrying rights and technical "know-how" are also included.

Gross output

In the calculation of gross output the value of total sales and work done is increased by the rise (or reduced by the fall) during the year in the value of work in progress and goods on hand for sale.

Net output

Net output, a customary census measure, is calculated by deducting from gross output the cost of purchases (reduced by the rise, or increased by the fall, during the year of stocks of materials etc.) and the cost of industrial services received, and where applicable, duties etc.

Net output per head

The figures of net output per head are derived by dividing the net output by the average number of persons employed (full and part-time) on all activities covered by the returns, including operatives, administrative, technical and clerical employees and working proprietors.

Gross value added at factor cost

Gross value added at factor cost is calculated by deducting from net output the cost of non-industrial services eg rent of buildings, hire of plant, machinery and vehicles (excluding vehicles hired with drivers), commercial insurance premiums, bank charges and amounts paid for professional services, post office services, transport (within the United Kingdom) and advertising, rates (excluding water rates) and the cost of licensing motor vehicles. This estimate of gross value added approaches more closely than census net output to the definition of net output or value added in national accounts statistics.

Gross value added at factor cost per head

The figures of gross value added at factor cost per head are derived by dividing the gross value added by the average number of persons employed (full and part-time) on all activities covered by the returns, including operatives, administrative, technical and clerical employees and working proprietors.

Purchases

Purchases include the cost of raw materials, components, semi-manufactured goods and workshop materials; of replacement parts and consumable tools not charged to capital account; of packaging materials of all types; of stationery and printed matter; of fuel, electricity and water; of materials to be used by the establishment or given out to other establishments for the production of machinery or other capital items for the establishment's own use; of materials for use by the establishment when working on goods supplied by customers; and of food, etc for any canteen covered by the establishment's return. Transfers of goods to the establishment from another department of the same firm not covered by the establishment's return are included at a cost corresponding to the estimated selling value recorded by the other

department. Amounts payable to transport firms credited to the firm's own transport department for delivery of materials are excluded, as are all purchases of machinery and plant charged to capital account. Purchases of goods for merchanting or factoring have been collected separately since 1973. The values shown exclude VAT. They include in addition to the actual purchase price, the value of packaging material charged to the establishment. The value of returned goods or packaging material returned to suppliers and any trade discounts are excluded. Materials purchased duty-paid are included at their duty-paid value, less any drawback, rebate, etc. The cost of transport is included only if it is included with the purchase price in the firm's accounts. Imported goods are included at their full delivered cost. If in the firm's accounts the transport from docks or airport is not included in the cost of goods purchased, the cost is entered at cif plus duty (if applicable). Leasing, renting and hire purchase charges are excluded as are textile fibres, yarns and fabrics purchased for finishing and all processing of textiles, treated as if done on commission.

Sales

Sales in the Textile finishing industry for the purpose of the annual censuses are confined to sales of waste products, residues, etc, and goods merchanting or factored. The value shown for sales is the "net selling value" defined as the amount (excluding VAT) charged to customers whether on an ex-works or delivered basis, after any trade discounts and agents' commissions have been deducted. The cost of packing materials less allowance for returnable cases is included.

Receipts for work done and industrial services rendered

For work done on textiles finished on commission the value shown is the total amount charged for the work, including the value of any materials bought and used for such work. Where the establishment purchased textiles and processed them for sale, the value adopted is the amount that would have been charged had the work been done on commission. Any value for work done on commission is the net amount the establishment charged during the year, after deducting trade discounts, allowances for returnable cases, etc. Work done for these establishments by other establishments from materials given out to them is included. Industrial services rendered include repairs and maintenance, installation work, and technical research and studies for other organisations.

Capital goods produced for establishments' own use
This includes all work of a capital nature carried out during the year by the establishments' own staff for their own use.

Non-industrial services rendered

This includes rents received for commercial and industrial buildings, amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery and vehicles and other goods and amounts charged to other organisations for the provision of transport. It also includes amounts received for the right to use patents, trademarks, copyrights etc, manufacturing and quarrying rights and technical "know-how" and revenue from such staff facilities as canteens.

Goods merchanting or factored

Merchanting goods are those (excluding canteen sales) sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process by the seller.

Stocks and work in progress

Values are given of stocks of goods on hand for

sale and of materials, stores and fuel, at the end of the year of return and of the change during the year, including any stocks of goods held for merchanting or factoring. Work in progress is defined as materials which have been partially processed by the establishment but which are not usually sold or transferred to another establishment without further processing. The values include the cost of materials consumed and labour used. Progress payments made to sub-contractors are excluded and progress payments received from other organisations are not deducted.

Wages and salaries

These are amounts paid during the year to operatives and to administrative, technical and clerical employees. Payments to working proprietors, whether called salaries or not, are excluded. The values shown include all overtime payments, bonuses and commissions, whether paid regularly or not, and no deduction is made for income tax, insurances, contributory pensions etc. The value of redundancy payments less any amounts reimbursed from Government sources is included. The value of any payments in kind, travelling expenses etc is excluded.

Employers' insurance and welfare contributions

This item includes employers' contributions to national insurance under the Social Security Pensions Act, 1975 as well as commercial insurance premiums to provide pensions, superannuation or other retirement benefits, sickness benefits, personal accident benefits, disability or death benefits for employees or former employees or their dependants. Contributions to the running costs of canteens, social centres, children's and holiday homes, etc for employees, former employees and their dependants are also included.

Operating ratios

The operating ratios shown were obtained by dividing the estimate of the industry total for the quantity shown in the numerator by the corresponding estimate for the quantity shown in the denominator. These estimates cover all establishments classified to each industry, including not selected establishments and non-respondents. Within an industry, it is possible to compare ratios for an individual firm with the ratios shown for the relevant industry. However, it is important to bear in mind that various factors may affect the results - for example, differences in definitions, treatment of depreciation (which is not identified in the census data) and varying practice with regard to stock valuation, may affect comparability in some respects.

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