

This Report on the Fur Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in sorting, dressing and dyeing furs and in manufacturing fur apparel, fur muffs, fur trimmings, fur mats and rugs and hatters' fur. Workrooms attached to retail shops are excluded.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 433 in the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) which has been used for the first time as a basis of classification in the 1968 Census. The definition of this industry however is unchanged from the last detailed Census of Production for 1963 in which it was reported (Part 92).

In this industry, where small establishments account for a relatively large proportion of employment and output, establishments employing fewer than twenty-five persons were asked to complete a simplified version of the full census form.

In interpreting the data in the tables it is essential to bear in mind the notes and definitions which appear on pages (i) to (iv).

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TABLE 1 Industry summary, 1963 and 1968  
United Kingdom

	Unit	All establishments (a)		Small establishments (b)		
		1963	1968	1963	1968	
Number of enterprises	No.	494	427	436	380	
Number of establishments	"	513	438	441	382	
Gross output	£'000	27,050	27,289	9,955	10,948	
Net output	"	11,174	10,850	3,925	4,661	
Net output per head	£	1,257	1,599	1,123	1,574	
Sales and work done	goods produced and work done (c)	£'000	25,216	25,152	9,223	10,045
	merchanted goods and canteen takings	"	1,400	1,796	621	780
Purchases	materials for use in production and packaging, and fuel	"	13,900	13,141	5,746	4,912
	goods for merchandising and canteen purchases	"	1,097	1,582		642
Payments to other organisations	for work done on materials given out for transport	"	1,238	1,777	383	729
	by road	"	88	35	23	11
	by rail and other means excluding postal services	"		106		24
Stocks and work in progress						
Total stocks and work in progress	change during year	"	+ 880	+ 543	+ 233	+ 154
	at end of year	"	7,108	6,017	2,376	2,649
Goods on hand for sale	change during year	"	+ 325	+ 220	+ 82	+ 126
	at end of year	"	2,908	2,474	1,076	1,351
Work in progress	change during year	"	+ 109	+ 121	+ 29	- 4
	at end of year	"	1,053	703	223	212
Materials, stores and fuel	change during year	"	+ 447	+ 202	+ 122	+ 31
	at end of year	"	3,147	2,841	1,076	1,086
Number employed on average during the year	total, including working proprietors	Th.	8.9	6.8	3.5	3.0
	operatives	"	7.0	5.4	2.5	2.1
	other employees (d)	"	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.3
Wages and salaries	of operatives	£'000	4,488	4,541	1,588	1,591
	of other employees (d)	"	1,187	1,022	420	352
Capital expenditure (e)						
Total	"	409	263	89	88	
New building work	"	112	38	4	2	
Land and existing buildings (f)	"	9	6	3	-	
Plant and machinery (f)	"	191	124	18	24	
Vehicles (f)	"	98	95	65	63	

(a) For 1968 estimates are based on returns covering 76 per cent. of the employment shown. For 1963, the comparable figure was 81 per cent.

(b) For 1968 estimates are based on returns covering 55 per cent. of the employment shown. For 1963, the corresponding figure was 66 per cent.

(c) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered).

(d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

(e) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

(f) Acquisitions less disposals.

TABLE 2 Analysis by size of establishment within the industry, 1968

(i) Output and employment

All establishments: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the establishment (a)	Estab-lish-ments	Enter-prises (b)	Total number employed on average during the year (a)	Gross output	Net output	Net output per head
	Number	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£
1-5	167	166	528	10,948(c)	4,661(c)	1,574(c)
6-10	123	123	962			
11-24	92	91	1,472			
25-49	25	25	937			
50 and over	25	21	2,601	7,832	4,122	1,585
Unsatisfactory returns	6	6	285	1,226(d)	466(d)	1,634(d)
Total	438	427	6,785	27,289	10,850	1,599

(ii) Employees, wages and salaries

All establishments: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the establishment (a)	Employees		Wages and salaries		Wages and salaries per head	
	Oper-atives	Others (e)	Oper-atives	Others (e)	Oper-atives	Others (e)
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£	£
1-5	2,126(c)	325(c)	1,591(c)	352(c)	748(c)	1,082(c)
6-10						
11-24						
25-49						
50 and over	2,263	314	2,101	422	928	1,343
Unsatisfactory returns	241(d)	40(d)	218(d)	52(d)	904(d)	1,304(d)
Total	5,382	838	4,541	1,022	844	1,220

(a) Including working proprietors.

(b) The sum of the figures for the size groups exceeds the total for the industry to the extent that enterprises made returns for establishments in more than one size group.

(c) Estimates for all small establishments based upon returns received.

(d) Estimates for unsatisfactory returns in respect of larger establishments based on returns received.

(e) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

TABLE 3 Percentage analysis of employees, by age and sex, 1969 (a)

All establishments: United Kingdom

Ages	Males	Females	All employees
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Under 18	3	4	7
18 and over	49	44	93
All ages	52	48	100

Source: Department of Employment

(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding working proprietors) at June 1969, the earliest date for which the information is available on the basis of the Standard Industrial Classification, (Revised 1968).

## Footnotes to Table 4.

(a) Some establishments employing fewer than 25 persons were included in returns for larger establishments. These amounted to 5 establishments in 1968 and 5 in 1963.

(b) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered).

(c) Direct sales of goods (excluding canteen takings) made to and work done for, the general public by larger establishments are included. These amounted to £415,000 in 1968. Similar information is not available for 1963.

(d) This is the ratio of total sales of principal products by the industry to total sales of goods produced and work done.

(e) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

(f) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

(g) Acquisitions less disposals.

TABLE 4 Analysis of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom (a)

	Unit	1963	1968	
Number of enterprises	No.	53	46	
Number of establishments	"	65	55	
Gross output	£'000	15,531	15,509	
Net output	"	6,583	5,892	
Net output per head	£	1,342	1,634	
Sales and work done	{ goods produced and work done (b) (c)	£'000	14,529	14,335
	{ merchanted goods and canteen takings	"	710	967
Index of specialisation (d)	Per cent.	88	97	
Purchases	{ materials for processing and packaging, and fuel	£'000	7,793	7,788
	{ goods for merchenting and canteen purchases	"	615	893
Payments to other organisations	{ for work done on materials given out	"	775	996
	{ for transport	"	59	23
	{ by road	"		
	{ by rail and other means excluding postal services	"		77
Stocks and work in progress				
Goods on hand for sale	{ change during year	"	+ 220	+ 91
	{ at end of year	"	1,664	1,086
Work in progress	{ change during year	"	+ 73	+ 116
	{ at end of year	"	751	462
Materials, stores and fuel	{ change during year	"	+ 294	+ 159
	{ at end of year	"	1,881	1,663
Number employed on average during the year	{ total, including working proprietors	No.	4,905	3,605
	{ operatives	"	4,082	3,054
	{ other employees (e)	"	745	501
Wages and salaries	{ of operatives	£'000	2,634	2,761
	{ of other employees (e)	"	696	653
Wages and salaries per head	{ operatives	£	645	904
	{ other employees (e)	"	934	1,304
Capital expenditure (f)				
New building work	£'000	98	34	
Land and existing buildings	{ acquisitions	"	6(g)	62
	{ disposals	"		56
Plant and machinery	{ acquisitions	"	161	102
	{ disposals	"	5	9
Vehicles	{ acquisitions	"	51	48
	{ disposals	"	21	16

For notes to this table - see page 115/5.

TABLE 5(i) Estimates of total sales of principal products of the industry, 1963 and 1968

All establishments: United Kingdom (a)

	All establishments (b)		Small establishments in the industry (c)	
	1963	1968	1963	1968
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Skins and furs, dyed and/or dressed	3,211	2,221	969	345
Manufactures of skins and furs (including fur garments and other made-up fur goods such as sacs, strips, plates, shells and the like, ie fur skins sewn together for use as linings, trimmings, etc, but excluding sheep or lamb skin rugs and mats and fur gloves)	13,983	15,956	5,597	6,797
Other products including Hatters' fur (d)	1,353	1,012	332	506
Work done				
Skins and furs, dyed and/or dressed for the trade	3,191	3,654	329	272
Other work done including cutting and making-up furs for the trade (e)	2,037	2,112	1,881	1,737
Total	23,775	24,955	9,108	9,657

(a) Including estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns.

(b) Including sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments, but not by small establishments, classified to other industries. For a detailed analysis of sales by larger establishments see Table 5(ii).

(c) Excluding small establishments included in returns made by larger establishments.

(d) Including any sales by small establishments of goods other than principal products of the industry but excluding merchanted goods, canteen takings and the value of services rendered to other organisations.

(e) Including amounts received by small firms for remodelling, alteration and repair of fur goods.

TABLE 5(ii) Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments, including sales by establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:  
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	1963	1968		
	Value	Value	Enter-prises	Entries
Skins and furs, dressed, etc	£'000	£'000	Number	Number
Dressed only	442	159	8	9
Dressed and dyed and dyed only				
Sheep skins	900	1,107	*	6
Other skins and furs (including lamb)	711	474	8	8
Manufactures of skins and furs				
Coats (of all lengths)	3,070	4,379	29	29
Hats	1,652	119	16	16
Other fur garments (capotes, stoles, muffs and the like) and made-up fur goods (excluding sheep or lamb skin rugs and mats and fur gloves)		721	23	23
Sacs, strips, plates, shells and the like (ie fur skins sewn together for use as linings, trimmings, etc)	2,859	3,293	7	7
Other products including Hatters' fur	551	417	9	9
Waste products	371	52	14	15
Work done				
Skins and furs, dyed and/or dressed, etc for the trade				
Sheep skins	584	643	6	7
Other skins and furs (including lamb)	1,999	2,491	14	16
Cutting and making-up of furs for the trade	51	102	6	6
Other work done, except remodelling, alteration and repair of fur goods	90	245	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,279</b>	<b>14,202</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
Sales in other industries (see Table 6)	432	347	..	..
Principal products of this industry sold by establishments in the industry	12,847	13,855	46	51(a)

(a) This figure represents the total number of returns made for larger establishments in this industry which is less than the total number of establishments shown in Table 4 on account of combined returns covering more than one establishment.

TABLE 6 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:  
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

Sales of principal products by larger establishments classified to other industries amounted to £347,000 in 1968 and £432,000 in 1963. Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars cannot be given.

TABLE 7 Sales of other than principal products by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:  
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	1963	1968
	Value	Value
	£'000	£'000
Sales of goods (other than principal products)	1,457	333
Remodelling, alteration and repair of fur goods	198	138
Services rendered to other organisations (a)	27	9
Total value of goods sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process (merchanted or factored)	691	954
Canteen takings	19	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>1,447</b>

(a) Amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered to other organisations.

TABLE 8 Production of certain principal products of the industry by larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

TABLE 9 Purchases by larger establishments of selected principal products of the industry, 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

TABLE 10 Purchases by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968  
Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
		£'000		£'000
Materials for use in production				
Skins and furs				
Raw or undressed				
Sheep skins	..	1,583	..	684
Rabbit and hare skins	..	300	..	80
Other skins and furs (including lamb)	..	2,574	..	3,563
Dressed or dressed and dyed				
Sheep skins	..	454	..	903
Other skins and furs (including lamb, rabbit and hare)	..	1,293	..	1,032
Sacs, strips, plates and the like (ie fur skins sewn together for use as linings, trimmings, etc)	..	75	..	156
Woven piece goods (other than narrow fabrics) wholly or mainly of				
Synthetic fibres (nylon, etc)	..	137	..	74
Other man-made fibres (rayon, etc)	..	249	Th.sq.yds. 190 ..	52 48
Dyestuffs	..	381	..	491
Replacement parts for firms' own machinery, plant and vehicles, and accessories and consumable tools bought as replacement				
Tyres and other spare parts for firms' own road goods vehicles	..	(a)	..	10
Other	..		..	54
All other materials for use in production	..	486	..	433
Packaging materials	..	29	..	26
Fuel and electricity (c)	Th.tons		Th.tons	
Coal	4.4	27	3.5	22
Coke (including screenings) and manufactured fuel	0.8	8	..	5
Derv fuel and motor spirit for use in road vehicles	Th.gal. 55.7 ..	13 3	Th.gal. 42.3 ..	13 6
Other liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures, etc and liquefied petroleum gases)	951 ..	38 30	445 ..	19 19(b)

TABLE 10 (continued)

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th.therms	£'000	Th.therms	£'000
Fuel and electricity (c) (continued)				
Gas	180 ..	15 5	156 ..	13 3
Electricity (c)	Th.kWh 7,966 ..	66 28	Th.kWh 6,493 ..	58 25
Total cost of materials and fuel		7,793		7,788
Goods purchased for merchandising		598		874
Canteen purchases		18		19
Total cost of purchases		8,408		8,681

(a) Not recorded separately for 1963.

(b) For 1968 may include a small amount of fuels not covered by specific headings.

(c) There were no entries recorded for electricity generated in establishments employing 25 or more persons in this industry in 1968 and 1963.

TABLE 11 Transport costs and employment of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	Unit	1963	1968
Average number mainly employed on transport	No.	82	67
Transport costs			
Wages and salaries	£'000	64	60
Derv fuel and motor spirit	"	16	19
Tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles	"	..	10
Payments to other organisations for transport	"	59	23
by road	"		23
by rail and other means excluding postal services	"		77
Costs of operating road goods vehicles			
Insurance	"	5	5
Vehicle licences	"	3	4
Depreciation	"	19	18
Payments to other organisations for repairs and maintenance	"	10	18
Total	"	175(a)	233

(a) Excluding tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles, not collected separately for 1963.

TABLE 12 Payments for certain services, etc by larger establishments, 1963 and 1968 (a)

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:  
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	Amounts payable	
	1963	1968
Repairs and maintenance to	£'000	£'000
Buildings	19	16
Road goods vehicles	10	18
Plant, machinery and other capital equipment	46	58
Insurance, licensing and depreciation of road goods vehicles (b)	27	27
Rates, excluding water rates	90	123
Hire of plant and machinery	22	11
Postage, telephone, telegrams, cables and telex (c)	47	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>311</b>

(a) No deduction is made for these payments to arrive at the figures of net output given in this report.

(b) For details see Table 11.

(c) Excluding Telex for 1963.

TABLE 13 Percentage analysis of twelve-month periods covered by returns from larger establishments, 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:  
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

Year ended	Percentage of total returns received	Percentage of total number employed
1968	Per cent.	Per cent.
April (a)	2.0	1.5
May	5.9	3.6
June	9.8	19.3
July	2.0	2.5
August	5.9	3.2
September	3.9	2.2
October	2.0	0.8
November	0.0	0.0
December	31.4	33.2
1969		
January	7.8	3.9
February	7.8	8.6
March	19.6	19.6
April (b)	2.0	1.6
	100	100

(a) From 6 April.

(b) To 5 April.