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NOTES

These notes give only the main information which is needed for interpreting the census figures. Fuller explanations are given in a separate booklet of Introductory Notes (Part 1 of the Report on the Census of Production for 1958).

CHANGES IN THE 1958 CENSUS

Some changes were introduced in the 1958 census, which affect the comparability between 1954 and 1958 figures.

Returns in full detail were required only from firms employing 25 or more persons, instead of, as previously, from firms employing 11 or more persons.

The coverage of firms' returns for 1958 was in many cases rather wider than for 1954. For 1958, but not for 1954, undertakings were asked to include, in all sections of their returns, particulars relating to offices, laboratories,

canteens operated by them, and other ancillary activities, whether or not these activities were carried on at the same address as the works, unless they were conducted by a separate company, or by a separate department with a separate set of accounts; building and engineering maintenance departments were treated similarly. Selling and transport departments were treated in this way both for 1954 and 1958. The effect of including these further ancillary activities was generally to produce higher figures for employment, etc.

TERMS USED IN THE CENSUS REPORTS

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The expenditure on new building work shown excludes the cost of land and existing buildings purchased; for plant, machinery and vehicles both new and second-hand items are included. The value is that charged to capital account during the year, including any transport and installation cost involved. Capital expenditure in respect of establishments in Great Britain where production had not started before the end of the year is included in Table 1.

EMPLOYMENT

Employees are classified under the two main headings of (a) administrative, technical and clerical employees and (b) operatives. The figures relate to persons on the pay-roll (i.e. whose National Insurance cards were held by employers), whether full-time or part-time employees; they include canteen workers for 1958 but not for 1954.

Administrative, technical and clerical employees include managers, superintendents, and works foremen; research, experimental, development, technical and design employees (other than operatives); draughtsmen and tracers; and office (including works office) employees.

Operatives include all other classes of employees, that is, broadly speaking, all manual wage earners. They include those employed in and about the works; operatives employed in power houses, transport work, stores and, for 1958, canteens; inspectors, viewers and similar workers; maintenance workers; and cleaners. Operatives engaged in outside work of erection, fitting, etc. are also included.

MATERIALS AND FUEL

The totals shown include the cost of all purchased materials and components used in production, and of fuel (including oil, gas and electricity) for all purposes including heating, lighting and transport (where carried out by undertakings' own staff included in the return); workshop materials; office materials; materials

for repairs to undertakings' own buildings, plant and vehicles when carried out by their own workpeople included in the return; consumable tools; and parts for machinery purchased during the year as replacements. Purchases of canteen supplies are included for 1958 but not for 1954.

The values shown include any duty paid (less rebate, etc.) but exclude trade discounts allowed. The cost of transport was included only if included in the cost of materials as invoiced; amounts paid to transport organisations, including undertakings' own separate transport organisations, for delivery of materials and fuel are therefore excluded. Materials purchased overseas were entered at their c.i.f. cost plus any duty if the cost of transport from the docks was not included in the invoiced price, and at their full delivered cost if invoiced 'carriage paid home'.

NET OUTPUT

The net output of an industry represents the value added to materials by the process of production and includes for 1958 the gross margin on any merchanted or factored goods sold; it constitutes the fund from which wages, salaries, rents, rates and taxes, advertising and other selling expenses, and all other similar charges have to be met, as well as depreciation and profits. There is no appreciable duplication in net output.

Net output was obtained by taking the total value of sales and work done (including, for 1958, the value of canteen takings) and deducting the cost of purchased materials and fuel used (including, for 1958, the value of goods purchased for canteen supplies), and payments for transport. The net amount of duty paid was deducted, and the net amount of subsidy received was added.

NET OUTPUT PER PERSON EMPLOYED

The figures for net output per person employed are derived by dividing net output by total employment (see above).

SALES

Sales comprise water supplied and work done by the undertaking covered by the return. Any machinery or other capital items produced for use in the undertaking covered by the return are also included, the value being that adopted in the undertaking's capital account for income tax purposes. Canteen takings are included for 1958 but not for 1954.

The value shown for sales is the net selling value, defined as the amount charged to customers, net of any trade discounts, agents' commissions, etc. With a few exceptions, receipts for business and other services are not included.

TRANSPORT PAYMENTS

These represent the total amount paid or credited during the year for transport including payments to other firms, and to any separate transport organisation of the same undertaking, not covered by the return, but excluding the value of transport services provided by the undertaking covered by the return. The items included are payments for hired cartage and for

SYMBOLS USED

The following symbols are used throughout the reports:

- .. for not available
- for nil or negligible (less than half the final digit shown)

inwards and outwards carriage by all forms of inland transport, that is railways, road haulage, canals, coast-wise shipping, air, etc. Payments made for sea freight on materials and fuel purchased from overseas suppliers are excluded.

WAGES AND SALARIES

These are the amounts paid during the year to operatives and to administrative, technical and clerical employees. 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 any payments in kind, travelling expenses, lodging allowances, etc. is excluded.

Figures are also shown for average salaries, etc. paid per head for the week ended 25th October, 1958. For staff paid monthly, the figures are based on payments made in October, 1958. Where payments related to periods other than a week or month, an appropriate proportion was returned. Only those bonuses and commissions actually paid in the period are included.

ROUNDING OF FIGURES

The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded to the nearest final digit. There may, therefore, be apparent slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

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Part 131. WATER SUPPLY

This report on the Water Supply Industry relates to the establishments of public authorities and companies engaged in purifying and distributing water and supplying hydraulic power. It does not include private water works maintained by establishments primarily for their own use. The industry corresponds to minimum list heading 603 of the second (1958) edition of the Standard Industrial Classification, which has been used for the first time in the 1958 Census.

The definition of this industry is unchanged from the last detailed Census of Production, for 1954, in which it was reported on as Industry 12H (Water Undertakings).

The value of sales (water supplied and work done) in this industry, shown in Tables 1 and 2, relates to the total amount received for water supplied and work charged for, and the value of new constructional work carried out by employees of water undertakings. In this industry, the value of repair and maintenance work, etc. carried out by undertakings' own employees is shown separately in Table 4(B).

For 1958, returns in full detail were required only from undertakings employing twenty-five or more persons and most of the tables in this report relate only to these larger undertakings. This is an important change from previous censuses when returns in full detail were required from undertakings employing eleven or more persons on productive work. Estimates for the industry as a whole are given in Table 1.

The figures given for 1954 do not correspond in every respect with those collected for 1958. The changes introduced in the 1958 Census are explained in the notes prefacing this report.

In most of the tables in this report the industry has been sub-divided between local authorities and water companies; the latter sub-division includes water boards as well as water companies, but the Metropolitan Water Board is treated as a local authority for the purposes of this report.

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Industry summary: United Kingdom

TABLE 1 Estimates for all undertakings (a)

	Unit	1954	1958
Number of undertakings	No.	..	980
Sales	£'000	69,099	86,926
{ water supplied and work done (b)			
{ canteen takings	..	..	10
Cost of materials and fuel used (c)	..	16,148	18,807
Payments for transport (d)	..	406	388
Net output	..	52,546	67,740
Average number employed (e)	Th.	32.0	32.4
{ operatives			
{ other employees			
{ total	..	41.3	42.2
Wages and salaries	£'000	14,003	18,180
{ of operatives			
{ of other employees	..	5,470	7,485
Capital expenditure (f)			
New building work	..	11,785	12,676
Plant and machinery	..	13,355	15,411
{ acquisitions			
{ disposals	..	45	84
Vehicles	..	251	385
{ acquisitions			
{ disposals	..	31	97

- (a) For 1958, estimates in respect of returns from small undertakings and unsatisfactory returns accounted for about 13 per cent. of the total figures in which they were incorporated. A summary of the detailed returns received is given in Table 2.
- (b) Comprises value of water supplied, work done for which a direct charge was made and work of new construction.
- (c) Canteen supplies are included for 1958 but excluded for 1954.
- (d) Inwards transport on materials and fuel purchased and transport services in connection with output.
- (e) Canteen workers are included for 1958 but excluded for 1954.
- (f) Including expenditure in Great Britain for establishments not yet in production.

Analysis by sub-divisions of the industry

TABLE 2 Undertakings employing 25 or more persons: United Kingdom (a)

	Unit	Sub-divisions of the industry				Total		
		Local Authorities		Water Companies		1954	1958	
		1954	1958	1954	1958			
Number of undertakings	No.	139	128	94	91	233	219	
Sales	£'000	water supplied and work done (b)	38,705	46,593	21,476	29,114	60,181	75,707
		canteen takings	..	-	..	8	..	9
Cost of materials and fuel used (c)	..	8,051	9,386	6,013	6,994	14,063	16,380	
Payments for transport (d)	..	282	274	71	64	353	338	
Net output	..	30,372	36,934	15,392	22,063	45,764	58,997	
Average number employed (e)	No.	17,822	17,871	10,064	10,328	27,886	28,199	
	operatives	..	..	..	..	..	..
	other employees	..	..	..	..	..	..
Net output per person employed	£	1,348	1,628	1,145	1,569	1,272	1,605	
Wages and salaries	£'000	of operatives	7,804	10,123	4,392	5,711	12,196	15,834
		of other employees	..	2,842	3,750	1,923	2,769	4,764	6,519
Wages and salaries per head	£	operatives	438	566	436	553	437	562
		other employees	..	604	779	570	742	590	762
Capital expenditure (f)								
New building work	£'000	4,807	5,899	4,135	5,131	8,942	11,030	
Plant and machinery	..	acquisitions	6,944	7,729	4,623	5,693	11,567	13,422
		disposals	..	23	53	16	20	39	73
Vehicles	..	acquisitions	104	108	115	228	219	335
		disposals	..	11	16	15	68	27	84

(a) The following information relates to small undertakings (employing fewer than 25 persons) in this industry:

Number of returns	1958
Average number of persons employed including working proprietors	723
Males	4,794
Females	249

(b) Comprises value of water supplied, work done for which a direct charge was made and work of new construction. For details see Table 4(B).

(c) Canteen supplies are included for 1958 but excluded for 1954.

(d) Inwards transport on materials and fuel purchased and transport services in connection with output.

(e) Canteen workers are included for 1958 but excluded for 1954.

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

Analysis by size of undertaking within the industry, 1958

TABLE 3 Undertakings employing 25 or more persons: United Kingdom

Average number employed by the undertaking in this industry	Undertakings	Total sales (a)	Net output	Employees		Wages and salaries		Capital expenditure (b)	Net output per person employed
				Operatives	Others	Operatives	Others		
	Number	£'000	£'000	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£'000	£
25 - 49	66	4,946	3,660	1,669	566	910	406	1,322	1,638
50 - 99	69	10,530	8,164	3,715	1,193	1,936	883	4,266	1,663
100 - 199	43	12,810	9,664	4,645	1,347	2,441	980	3,821	1,613
200 - 299	15	8,318	5,822	2,935	817	1,632	593	4,005	1,552
300 - 399	9	5,987	4,778	2,409	797	1,310	583	1,484	1,490
400 - 499	7	6,619	4,908	2,354	743	1,277	563	3,159	1,585
500 - 749	4	3,894	3,162	1,688	484	907	349	722	1,456
750 - 7,499	6	22,611	18,839	8,784	2,603	5,419	2,162	6,009	1,654
Total	219	75,715	58,997	28,199	8,550	15,834	6,519	24,788	1,605

(a) Comprises value of water supplied, work done for which a charge was made, work of new construction and canteen takings.

(b) Capital expenditure on new building work and on acquisition of plant, machinery and vehicles. Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

Quantity of water supplied

TABLE 4(A) Undertakings employing 25 or more persons: United Kingdom

	Local Authorities			Water Companies			Total		
	1954	1958		1954	1958		1954	1958	
	Quantity	Quantity	Undertakings	Quantity	Quantity	Undertakings	Quantity	Quantity	Undertakings
Water supplied	Mn.gal.	Mn.gal.	Number	Mn.gal.	Mn.gal.	Number	Mn.gal.	Mn.gal.	Number
To other water undertakings	38,772	38,111	94	32,260	35,751	63	71,032	73,862	157
To other consumers									
By meter	184,472	212,088	128	84,204	137,554	90	268,676	349,642	218
Un-metered	281,052	503,224	127	138,431	424,629	88	419,483	927,853	215
Total water supplied (a)	504,296	753,423	128	254,895	597,934	91	759,191	1,351,358	219

(a) These figures include duplication to the extent that water was sold to other undertakings employing an average of 25 or more persons and was distributed by them. The quantity of water so included in 1954 was 45,037 million gallons; particulars of the quantity so included in 1958 are not available.

Value of water supplied and work done by employees of water undertakings

TABLE 4(B)

Undertakings employing 25 or more persons: United Kingdom

	Local Authorities			Water Companies			Total		
	1954		1958	1954		1958	1954		1958
	Value	Value	Under-takings	Value	Value	Under-takings	Value	Value	Under-takings
Water supplied (a)	£'000	£'000	Number	£'000	£'000	Number	£'000	£'000	Number
To other water undertakings	1,886	2,394	94	1,209	1,544	63	3,094	3,938	157
To other consumers									
By meter	12,006	14,829	128	6,566	9,041	90	18,571	23,870	218
Un-metered	18,781	22,523	127	10,057	14,080	88	28,838	36,603	215
Total value of water supplied	32,673	39,746	..	17,831	24,665	..	50,504	64,411	..
	Amount charged	Amount charged		Amount charged	Amount charged		Amount charged	Amount charged	
Work done for which a direct charge was made	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	
Laying and fixing pipes, fixing meters and fittings	663	1,231	116	637	1,082	85	1,300	2,313	201
Other work	211	250	74	216	250	58	428	500	132
Total work done for which a direct charge was made	874	1,481	..	854	1,332	..	1,728	2,813	..
	Value	Value		Value	Value		Value	Value	
Work done for which a direct charge was not made (b)	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	
New construction (including enlargement of existing buildings, etc.)									
Of reservoirs, wells, aqueducts and conduits	940	1,422	53	351	254	41	1,291	1,677	94
Of buildings	224	323	47	78	146	47	302	469	94
Of trunk, distributing and service mains	3,854	3,397	115	2,185	2,482	82	6,039	5,878	197
Of plant and machinery	140	225	53	177	234	49	317	459	102
Total value of new construction	5,158	5,366	..	2,792	3,117	..	7,950	8,483	..

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TABLE 4(B) (contd.)

	Local Authorities			Water Companies			Total		
	1954		1958	1954		1958	1954		1958
	Value	Value	Under-takings	Value	Value	Under-takings	Value	Value	Under-takings
Work done for which a direct charge was not made (b) (contd.)	£'000	£'000	Number	£'000	£'000	Number	£'000	£'000	Number
Repair and maintenance, etc.									
Of buildings, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts and conduits	1,298	1,925	118	768	1,041	85	2,066	2,966	203
Of trunk, distributing and service mains	2,117	2,713	123	1,742	1,562	90	4,643	4,276	213
Of machinery and plant	785	1,014	107	665	89	89	1,678	196	
Work done for consumers for which a direct charge was not made	207	193	46	135	157	39	343	350	85
Other work done	207	592	47	10	458	26	217	1,051	73
Total repair and maintenance, etc.	4,614	6,437	..	2,654	3,883	..	7,269	10,321	..
Total value of water supplied and work done, including that for which a direct charge was not made	43,319	53,031	..	24,131	32,997	..	67,450	86,028	..
Less repair and maintenance, etc. for which a direct charge was not made	4,614	6,437	..	2,654	3,883	..	7,269	10,321	..
Total value of water supplied and work done (as in Table 2)	38,705	46,593	128	21,476	29,114	91	60,181	75,707	219

(a) Net amount charged, less discounts, whether the charge was levied by rate or rent, or in any other way; transfers from local rates to meet deficiencies in the income of the undertakings are excluded. Meter rents are included.

(b) Covers wages, salaries and cost of materials used, together with an allowance for general establishment charges.

TABLE 5 - Sales of principal products of the industry by establishments classified to other industries

This table is not applicable to the industry.

TABLE 6 - Sales of other than principal products by larger undertakings in the industry

No sales other than principal products were recorded.

TABLE 7 - Total make of intermediate products, 1958

This table is not applicable to the industry.

Employment and salaries, etc. for the week ended October 25, 1958

TABLE 8 Undertakings employing 25 or more persons: United Kingdom

	Local Authorities			Water Companies			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Operatives	17,437	226	17,663	10,049	207	10,256	27,486	433	27,919
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	4,056	779	4,835	2,803	958	3,761	6,859	1,737	8,596
Total employees	21,493	1,005	22,498	12,852	1,165	14,017	34,345	2,170	36,515
Average salaries, etc. paid per head for the week to administrative, technical and clerical employees	£ 15.9	£ 9.3	£ 14.8	£ 16.3	£ 7.7	£ 14.1	£ 16.1	£ 8.5	£ 14.6

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Census of Production for 1951: Summary Tables, Part I (H.M.S.O., 1956. Price 6s. net).

No important items which do not appear in the 1958 Reports.

Census of Production for 1951: Summary Tables, Part II (H.M.S.O., 1956. Price 6s. net).

Channels of sales, 1948

Payments for services, 1948

Shift working, 1951

Power equipment, 1951

Prime movers, 1951

Analysis of periods covered by census returns, 1948 and 1951.

The Report on the Censuses of Production for 1952 and 1953. Introductory Notes and 5 volumes. (These volumes are now out of print.)

No important items which do not appear in the 1958 Reports.

The Report on the Census of Production for 1954. Introductory Notes, Index of Products, and 154 booklets relating to individual industries (H.M.S.O., 1956-59. Prices vary, usually from 1s. 6d. to 2s. net for each booklet).

Detailed information about materials and fuel purchased.

Census of Production for 1954: Summary Tables, Part I (H.M.S.O., 1958. Price 9s. net).

Fuel purchased

Gas produced in certain industries

Electricity generated, purchased and sold

Materials purchased: iron and steel; non-

ferrous metals; paint; plastics materials;

cotton and rayon, nylon, etc. textiles; timber;

packing materials; replacement parts for plant

etc. (Information about purchases of other

materials is given in The Report on the Census

of Production for 1954.)

Census of Production for 1954: Summary Tables, Part II (H.M.S.O., 1959. Price 7s. net).

Regional analyses of gross output, net output and capital expenditure.

Census of Production for 1954: Summary Tables, Part III (H.M.S.O., 1959. Price 8s. net).

Sales of particular products by certain industries in Scotland and Wales.

The Report on the Censuses of Production for 1955, 1956 and 1957. Introductory Notes and 5 volumes (H.M.S.O., 1959. Prices 1s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. net according to size of volume).

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