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Introduction

This *Annual Abstract of Statistics* for the United Kingdom has been prepared by the Central Statistical Office in collaboration with the statistics divisions of government departments.

2. The name of the department or organisation providing the statistics is shown under each table. Some of the statistics provided by government departments are actually collected by other organisations such as the national associations. The assistance provided by these organisations is gratefully acknowledged.

3. In addition, an Index of Sources is given on pages 479 to 489, which sets out the official publications or other sources from which the statistics are taken or to which reference can be made. The tables in this issue contain the latest statistics available, even though they may not yet have appeared in departmental publications.

4. Most of the tables in this *Abstract of Statistics* give annual figures, so far as they are available, for each of the years 1968 to 1978. Some of the tables include figures for the early months of 1979. Current data for many of the series appearing in the *Abstract* are contained in *Economic Trends*, the *Monthly Digest of Statistics* and in *Financial Statistics*, prepared by the Central Statistical Office and published monthly by Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Information on regional detail, supplementary to the national figures in this *Abstract*, is published in *Regional Statistics* also prepared by the Central Statistical Office and published annually by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

Definitions

5. *Area covered.* Except where otherwise stated all statistics relate to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

6. *Time series.* So far as possible annual totals are given throughout, but quarterly or monthly figures are given where these are more suitable to the type of series. Except where it is stated to the contrary all statistics are for calendar years ended 31 December.

For some series, weekly data are collected and not figures for calendar years. In such cases the figures appearing in the columns for particular years are cumulative totals for 52 or 53 weeks and, where this is so, attention is drawn to the footnotes to the tables. Since the series have not been adjusted to make them equivalent to a calendar year, care must be taken in making comparisons between figures for periods of different numbers of weeks.

7. *Explanatory notes.* Several sections of the *Abstract* are preceded by pages of explanatory notes which should be read in conjunction with the tables. Additional notes appear before Chapters 8, 11, 15 and 18. Definitions of many of the terms occurring in both the *Abstract* and the *Monthly Digest of Statistics* are given in detail in the *Supplement of Definitions and Explanatory Notes to the Monthly Digest of Statistics*, published annually by Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Detailed notes on items which appear in both the *Abstract* and *Financial Statistics* are given in a Supplement to the latter entitled *Financial Statistics:*

Explanatory handbook, first published in October 1977. The original sources listed in the Index of Sources may also be consulted.

8. *Consumption and stocks.* Statistics of consumption and stocks should be used with care. The terms 'consumption', 'disposals' and 'stocks' are normally defined in detail in the *Supplement to the Monthly Digest of Statistics*. The stocks figures given may often relate to only part of the total stocks in the country.

Revisions and changes in content

9. *Revisions.* The scope of the *Abstract* is revised from time to time to include new statistical information as it becomes available. Some of the figures in this *Abstract* are regarded as provisional only and may be revised subsequently. This applies particularly to the latest year shown.

10. *Numbering.* Tables were re-numbered within sections from the 1977 issue and a reconciliation of the new table numbering with the old was shown.

11. *Chapter 5. Education.* This chapter has been completely recast on a United Kingdom basis and a full list of the tables is given in the Contents pages.

12. *New tables.* In addition to those in Chapter 5 (Education) the following new tables have been introduced into this issue of the *Abstract*:

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|-------|---|
| 7.13 | Service aircraft: accidents and rates. |
| 11.1 | Retail trades by form of organisation and kind of business. |
| 11.12 | Gross central government expenditure on research and development. |
| 11.13 | Net central government expenditure on research and development. |
| 11.14 | Intra-mural expenditure on research and development at 1975 prices. |
| 18.6 | Index of producer prices of agricultural products. |
| 18.7 | Index of purchase prices of the means of agricultural production. |

13. *Extended series and revisions.* Other changes in the contents of this issue as compared with the previous issue involve the addition of new series to existing tables and some substantial revisions. The following are the tables principally affected by these alterations:

Table

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Amended to conform with statistics shown in <i>Health and Safety statistics</i> . |
| 6.11 | Employment vacancies unfilled in Great Britain. No breakdown now given to show males and females. |
| 6.17 | Size of manufacturing units 1976.
Extra column showing unit of employment size group (1-10) |

Table

- 7.17 Selected qualifications obtained under Service Sponsorship.
The range of qualifications covered has been extended.
- 8.54 Minerals: production.
Now given in two parts, one showing Great Britain data and the other Northern Ireland data
- 9.34 Self sufficiency in food and the cost of food processing and distribution in the UK.
This table combines the former Tables 9.34 and 9.35 and provides information on a calendar year basis.

14. *Deletions.* The tables listed below appeared for the last time in the *Annual Abstract* No 115, 1979 edition.

Tables

- 11.1 Retail and allied service trade establishments.
- 17.3 Currency circulation.
- 18.6 Wholesale prices: annual average prices for selected commodities imported into the United Kingdom.

- 18.7 Index numbers of agricultural prices. Average of 1968/69–1971/72 = 100.

Symbols and conventions used

15. *Change of basis.* Where consecutive figures have been compiled on different bases and are not strictly comparable, a footnote is added indicating the nature of the difference.

16. *Units of measurement.* A table showing the various units of measurement used in this *Abstract* and, where appropriate, their metric equivalents, is given on page xiv.

17. *Rounding of figures.* In tables where figures have been rounded to the nearest final digit, there may be an apparent slight discrepancy between the sums of the constituent items and the total as shown.

18. *Symbols.* The following symbols have been used throughout the *Abstract*:

.. = not available

— = nil or negligible (less than half the final digit shown)

n.e.i. = not elsewhere included

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I. Area and Climate

Area of the United Kingdom [1]

TABLE 1.1

	Total	Land	Inland water [2]	Total	Land	Inland water [2]
Metric measure	Thousand hectares			Square kilometres		
United Kingdom	24,411	24,100	311	244,108	241,001	3,107
Great Britain	22,999	22,752	247	229,988	227,518	2,470
England and Wales	15,121	15,034	87	151,207	150,342	865
England	13,044	12,970	74	130,438	129,702	736
Wales	2,077	2,064	13	20,769	20,640	129
Scotland	7,878	7,718	160	78,781	77,176	1,605
Northern Ireland [3]	1,412	1,348	64	14,120	13,483	637
Imperial measure	Thousand acres			Square miles		
United Kingdom	60,320	59,552	768	94,251	93,051	1,200
Great Britain	56,831	56,220	611	88,799	87,845	954
England and Wales	37,364	37,150	214	58,381	58,047	334
England	32,232	32,050	182	50,362	50,078	284
Wales	5,132	5,100	32	8,019	7,969	50
Scotland	19,467	19,070	397	30,418	29,798	620
Northern Ireland [3]	3,489	3,332	157	5,452	5,206	246

[1] Figures compiled at 31 March 1979. [2] Excluding tidal water. [3] Excluding certain tidal waters that are parts of statutory areas in Northern Ireland.

Source: Ordnance Survey, Southampton; Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland, Belfast

Mean daily air temperature at sea level

TABLE 1.2

Degrees centigrade [1]

	Average 1941-70	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
England and Wales												
Annual mean	10.0	9.9	10.1	10.4	9.8	10.2	10.0	10.4	10.5	10.0	9.8	
January	4.0	6.2	4.4	5.2	4.5	5.2	6.5	7.2	6.2	3.5	3.9	0.9
February	4.2	1.7	3.8	5.4	5.0	5.0	6.1	5.2	5.0	5.7	3.1	1.9
March	6.2	4.1	4.3	5.7	7.0	6.9	6.2	5.3	5.4	7.5	7.2	5.3
April	8.8	7.9	7.1	8.1	8.8	7.6	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	6.8	8.1
May	11.6	11.6	13.0	12.0	11.1	11.8	11.3	10.1	12.2	10.8	11.5	10.3
June	14.7	14.3	16.4	13.0	12.4	15.3	14.1	14.8	17.1	12.8	14.0	14.3
July	16.3	17.0	15.6	17.0	15.7	15.9	15.5	17.5	18.5	16.2	15.1	
August	16.1	16.6	16.4	16.2	15.6	16.9	15.7	18.7	17.6	15.7	15.4	
September	14.3	14.6	14.9	14.8	12.4	14.8	12.6	13.9	13.8	13.7	14.5	
October	11.2	13.3	11.3	12.1	11.2	9.8	8.2	10.5	11.2	12.2	12.4	
November	7.2	6.2	8.4	6.8	6.9	6.7	7.2	6.7	6.8	7.0	9.0	
December	5.1	4.2	5.1	7.3	6.6	5.7	8.3	5.6	2.8	6.6	4.8	

See footnote on page 2.

Source: Meteorological Office

CLIMATE

Mean daily air temperature at sea level

TABLE 1.2 (continued)

Degrees centigrade [1]

	Average 1941-70	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Scotland												
Annual mean	8.7	8.3	8.3	9.1	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.0	9.1	8.6	8.6	
January	3.5	4.7	3.4	4.8	4.1	4.9	5.9	5.3	5.0	2.8	2.8	0.8
February	3.7	1.1	2.1	5.3	4.3	4.0	5.4	4.8	5.2	3.6	1.9	1.9
March	5.4	3.1	3.9	5.4	5.7	6.4	5.4	4.5	4.9	6.3	5.9	3.6
April	7.5	6.6	5.9	7.4	7.8	6.2	7.6	7.3	7.8	6.4	6.1	6.7
May	9.9	9.5	10.9	10.9	10.2	9.7	10.3	8.6	10.2	9.5	10.9	8.3
June	12.7	13.2	14.4	11.4	11.3	13.3	12.3	12.6	13.9	11.5	12.5	12.9
July	14.1	15.0	13.1	14.6	14.2	14.4	13.4	14.9	16.1	14.7	13.2	
August	14.0	15.3	14.6	13.9	13.3	14.2	13.9	16.2	15.3	13.9	13.9	
September	12.5	12.7	12.5	13.2	11.0	12.3	11.0	11.6	12.2	11.7	12.6	
October	9.9	11.7	9.5	10.5	10.1	8.4	7.7	10.2	9.8	11.2	11.0	
November	6.3	3.6	5.9	5.7	5.3	5.0	6.1	6.4	6.2	5.4	7.6	
December	4.6	3.7	4.6	7.1	5.4	4.0	6.5	6.1	2.2	5.8	4.2	
Northern Ireland												
Annual mean	9.3	8.6	9.1	9.5	8.6	9.1	9.1	9.8	9.5	9.1	9.3	
January	4.0	4.5	3.7	4.8	3.4	5.3	6.2	6.1	5.8	2.9	3.6	0.9
February	4.3	1.2	2.7	5.4	4.3	4.3	5.6	5.5	5.3	4.3	3.4	2.6
March	6.2	3.3	4.5	5.5	5.3	5.9	5.8	5.3	5.7	7.0	6.3	4.3
April	8.2	7.1	6.7	7.5	8.0	6.9	8.3	8.4	8.3	7.3	6.7	6.9
May	10.8	10.0	12.0	10.5	9.5	10.2	10.4	9.9	10.6	10.0	11.4	8.6
June	13.5	13.0	15.4	11.9	10.7	13.8	12.6	13.8	15.3	12.4	12.7	13.1
July	14.7	15.4	13.7	15.2	14.6	14.9	14.0	16.1	16.2	15.8	14.1	
August	14.6	15.1	14.9	14.3	13.3	15.1	14.4	16.6	16.1	14.6	14.4	
September	13.0	12.8	12.9	13.4	11.2	12.9	10.9	12.3	12.6	12.2	13.6	
October	10.4	12.5	10.3	11.2	10.1	8.9	7.9	10.7	9.2	11.6	11.9	
November	6.7	4.3	6.6	6.7	5.6	6.0	5.7	6.7	5.8	5.1	8.4	
December	5.0	4.0	4.7	6.5	5.5	4.9	7.4	6.0	2.4	6.2	4.5	

[1] To convert degrees centigrade into degrees fahrenheit: multiply by 9, divide by 5, and add 32

Source: Meteorological Office

Number of days with frost [1] at selected stations
Monthly and annual averages for standard period

TABLE 1.3

Days

	Aberdeen (Craibstone)	Glasgow (Abbotsinch)	Cambridge	Birmingham	Kew Observatory	Preston	Falmouth	Armagh
	1969-78	1969-78	1969-78	1969-78	1969-78	1969-78	1969-78	1969-78
Annual	53.3	57.6	44.0	31.1	48.7	39.7	10.7	45.3
January	10.7	9.0	8.2	6.3	8.7	6.9	2.1	8.2
February	12.1	9.6	9.4	8.3	10.2	7.8	3.2	9.3
March	8.7	9.3	7.7	6.4	8.6	6.8	2.0	7.3
April	5.1	5.8	3.9	1.6	4.0	3.5	0.2	4.4
May	0.2	1.2	0.3	—	0.9	0.1	—	0.3
June	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
July	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
August	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
September	0.2	1.3	0.1	—	0.1	0.1	—	0.1
October	0.7	2.2	0.6	—	1.0	0.7	—	0.9
November	7.6	8.9	5.6	3.1	7.0	6.4	0.8	7.3
December	8.0	10.3	8.2	5.4	8.2	7.4	2.4	7.5

Annual totals for each of the years 1957 to 1978

Days

	Aberdeen (Craibstone)	Glasgow (Abbotsinch) [2]	Cambridge	Birmingham	Kew Observatory	Preston	Falmouth	Armagh
1957	48	44	43	19	13	36	7	30
1958	74	69	65	45	31	64	13	47
1959	46	52	58	31	29	43	8	40
1960	53	63	55	27	20	54	16	55
1961	55	53	56	27	22	41	6	41
1962	64	59	86	58	44	57	17	55
1963	70	76	81	69	61	73	33	75
1964	33	42	60	40	26	51	16	35
1965	61	73	60	41	31	60	26	49
1966	61	63	41	27	17	38	5	30
1967	38	52	48	26	26	35	10	32
1968	63	79	57	46	33	60	14	62
1969	64	77	49	59	61	64	13	69
1970	59	66	56	49	62	57	21	60
1971	43	50	35	23	46	41	9	36
1972	48	53	24	16	44	22	4	47
1973	71	56	63	29	61	39	9	48
1974	31	37	24	11	29	18	1	25
1975	47	57	45	23	45	31	5	38
1976	54	56	48	58	50	42	15	44
1977	56	55	41	27	35	34	12	45
1978	63	69	55	47	54	49	19	46

[1] The criterion used to the end of 1962 was of screen temperature, measured at 4 feet above ground level, 0°C (32°F) or lower, from the beginning of 1963 the criterion has been of the screen temperature below 0°C (32°F). [2] Data up to April 1966 are for Renfrew.

Source: Meteorological Office