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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 478 to 488, 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 1969 to 1979. Some of the tables include figures for the early months of 1980. 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 Trends* (formerly *Regional Statistics*) also prepared by the Central Statistical Office and published annually by HMSO.

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 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 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*, that has been published

annually in April since 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 7. Defence.* This chapter has been completely revised and a full list of the tables is given in the contents pages.

12. *New tables.* In addition to those in Chapter 7 (Defence) the following new tables have been introduced into this issue of the *Abstract*:

Table

- 10.18 Indices of stage bus service fares.
- 12.5 Import penetration and export sales.
- 17.26 Total consumer credit grantors' business.
- 18.9 Tax and price index.

13. *Extended series and revisions.* Other changes of contents in this 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

- 2.30 Deaths analysed by cause.
1979 data analysed according to the ninth revision of the *International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death*.
- 3.15 National insurance contributions.
Table revised substantially giving new data.
- 3.17 Unemployed claimants analysed by benefit entitlement.
Data now shown on UK basis.
- 3.18 Sickness and invalidity benefit: claimants analysed by age and duration of spell.
Data now shown on UK basis.
- 3.19 Sickness and invalidity benefit: days of certified incapacity.
Data now shown on UK basis.
- 3.51 Notification of infectious diseases.
Measles and food poisoning added for Scotland.

- 3.65 Slum clearance: dwellings demolished or closed. Number of dwellings demolished now given instead of number of unfit dwellings.
- 4.3 Offenders found guilty: by offence group. New classification introduced by Criminal Law Act 1977.
- 4.4 Offenders cautioned: by offence group. New classification as for Table 4.3.
- 4.5 Offenders found guilty: by sex and age. New classification as for Table 4.3.
- 4.6 Offenders cautioned by police: by sex and age. New classification as for Table 4.3.
- 4.7 Sentence or order passed on offenders sentenced for indictable offences: by sex. New classification as for Table 4.3.
- 11.1 Retail trades by form of organisation and kind of business. Now rebased on 1976 = 100.
- 11.2 Retail trades: index numbers of value and volume. Now rebased on 1976 = 100.
- 16.20 Rates of income tax. 1970/71, 1971/72 and 1972/73 data discontinued.
- 17.27 Assets of investment trust companies and unit trusts. Property unit trusts added for 1979.

14. *Deletions.* The tables listed below appeared for the last time in the *Annual Abstract* No 116, 1980 edition.

Table

- 3.20 Sickness and invalidity benefit: days of certified incapacity 1962/63–1967/68.

- 7.1 Defence current expenditure on goods and services, at constant and current prices.
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- 7.13 Service aircraft: accidents and rates.
- 7.14 Service aircraft: fatal accidents and deaths.
- 11.15 Cost of research and development in industry, 1972.
- 15.2 Distribution of total net incomes before and after tax 1974/75 and 1975/76.
- 17.41 Ordinary long-term insurance business 1959–1968.
- 17.49 Insurance business other than life 1959–1968.

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

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