

122 Corsets and miscellaneous dress industries

This Report on the Corsets and Miscellaneous Dress Industries relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in manufacturing corsets, suspender belts, brassieres, etc; women's and girls' swimsuits and men's and boys' swimtrunks, neckties, scarves, belts and braces (not leather), garters, suspenders, cloth leggings and gaiters; wigs, theatrical costumes, artificial flowers, feather ornaments, etc; making and covering umbrellas and sunshades and manufacturing walking sticks. The making up of garments cut from purchased knitted material is included, but not the manufacture of knitted goods by establishments classified to the Hosiery and Other Knitted Goods Industry (Part 104). Workrooms attached to retail shops are also excluded.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 449(1), (3) and (4) 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 99).

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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(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 1 Industry summary, 1963 and 1968  
United Kingdom (a) (b)

	Unit	All establishments		
		1963	1968	
Number of enterprises	No.	594	483	
Number of establishments	"	680	597	
Gross output	£'000	59,367	79,752	
Net output	"	26,693	37,362	
Net output per head	£	863	1,252	
Sales and work done	£'000	goods produced and work done (c)	57,236	74,262
		merchanted goods and canteen takings	2,270	5,017
Purchases	"	materials for use in production and packaging and fuel	28,332	35,835
		goods for merchandising and canteen purchases	1,778	3,911
Payments to other organisations	"	for work done on materials given out	2,253	2,599
		for transport	342	278
		by road		234
		by rail and other means excluding postal services		
Stocks and work in progress	"	- 109	+ 941	
Total stocks and work in progress	"	change during year	13,888	19,078
		at end of year		
Goods on hand for sale	"	change during year	- 31	+ 261
		at end of year	4,927	7,663
Work in progress	"	change during year	- 107	+ 212
		at end of year	2,362	3,202
Materials, stores and fuel	"	change during year	+ 29	+ 468
		at end of year	6,599	8,213
Number employed on average during the year	Th.	total, including working proprietors	30.9	29.8
		operatives	24.9	23.7
		other employees (d)	5.3	5.6
Wages and salaries	£'000	of operatives	8,881	12,404
		of other employees (d)	4,117	5,713
Capital expenditure (e)	"	976	1,425	
Total	"	300	472	
New building work	"	90	88	
Land and existing buildings (f)	"	447	788	
Plant and machinery (f)	"	140	252	
Vehicles (f)	"			

(a) For 1968, estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns and for small establishments, from which only employment data were collected, accounted for 14 per cent. of the total figures in which they were incorporated: of this, unsatisfactory returns accounted for 3 per cent. For 1963 the comparable figures were 16 per cent. and 2 per cent. respectively.

(b) The following information relates to small establishments (employing fewer than 25 persons) in this industry. It includes an estimate for small establishments not making satisfactory returns.

	1963	1968
Number of establishments	462	382
Average number employed		
Working proprietors	632	412
Other persons employed	4,046	3,570

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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)	Establishments	Enterprises (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	85	84	255	..	..	..
6-10	82	82	649	..	..	..
11-24	145	139	2,556	..	..	..
25-49	61	51	2,217	6,637	3,067	1,384
50-99	66	59	4,602	13,040	5,734	1,246
100-199	51	28	7,323	17,451	8,338	1,139
200-299	13	7	2,947	5,529	2,661	903
300-399	5	4	1,750	3,842	1,960	1,120
400-499	5	5	2,186	7,410	2,639	1,207
500 and over	6	5	4,382	13,834	7,391	1,687
Unsatisfactory returns	78	75	976	..	..	..
Totals	597	483	29,843	79,752(c)	37,362(c)	1,252(c)

(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	
	Operatives	Others (d)	Operatives	Others (d)	Operatives	Others (d)
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£	£
1-5	..	..	..	..	..	..
6-10	..	..	..	..	..	..
11-24	..	..	..	..	..	..
25-49	1,854	313	1,072	378	578	1,207
50-99	3,739	810	2,058	834	551	1,029
100-199	6,222	1,072	3,152	1,125	507	1,050
200-299	2,212	731	1,097	667	496	913
300-399	1,441	308	776	425	538	1,381
400-499	1,368	816	642	659	469	808
500 and over	3,615	765	1,889	837	523	1,094
Unsatisfactory returns	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	23,708(c)	5,576(c)	12,404(c)	5,713(c)	523(c)	1,025(c)

(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) Including estimates for establishments employing fewer than 25 persons and for establishments not making satisfactory returns.

(d) 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	1	12	13
18 and over	19	68	87
All ages	20	80	100

Source: Department of Employment

(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding working proprietors) in the dress industries not elsewhere specified - minimum list heading 449 - 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. For both 1968 and 1963 these amounted to 17 establishments.
- (b) The method of classifying returns to sub-divisions of the industry is explained in the notes; the characteristic products of each sub-division are identified in Table 5.
- (c) The sum of the figures for the sub-divisions exceeds the total for the industry to the extent that enterprises made returns for more than one sub-division.
- (d) 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).
- (e) Direct sales of goods (excluding canteen takings) made to, and work done for, the general public by larger establishments are included. These amounted to £1,268,000 in 1968. Similar information is not available for 1963.
- (f) Characteristic products relate only to sub-divisions of the industry.
- (g) For sub-divisions of the industry, this is the ratio of sales of characteristic products to total sales of goods produced and work done. For the industry as a whole, this is the ratio of total sales of principal products by the industry to total sales of goods produced and work done.
- (h) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.
- (i) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.



TABLE 4 Analysis of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

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

	Unit	Sub-divisions of the industry (b)		Sub-divisions of the industry (b)				Total	
		Corsetry and swimwear 10		Umbrellas and walking sticks 30		Other 40			
		1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968
Number of enterprises (c)	No.	73	61	14	12	53	55	137	126
Number of establishments	"	135	131	19	15	66	78	220	224
Gross output	£'000	38,714	49,668	2,468	3,339	8,623	15,620	49,806	68,627
Net output	"	17,644	23,951	873	1,017	3,876	7,183	22,394	32,151
Net output per head	£	868	1,217	917	1,136	829	1,405	863	1,252
Sales and work done	£'000	37,896	47,891	2,453	3,112	7,668	12,900	48,017	63,903
	{ goods produced and work done (d) (e)								
	{ merchanted goods and canteen takings	848	1,746	69	130	987	2,441	1,904	4,317
Sales of characteristic products	"	36,828	45,223	2,368	2,923	7,062	10,868	(f)	(f)
Index of specialisation (g)	Per cent.	97	94	97	94	92	84	97	94
Purchases	£'000	18,507	22,671	1,409	2,159	3,854	6,007	23,769	30,837
	{ materials for use in production and packaging, and fuel								
	{ goods for merchenting and canteen purchases	787	1,563	59	102	646	1,701	1,491	3,365
Payments to other organisations	"	1,521	1,432	126	47	243	758	1,890	2,237
	{ for work done on materials given out for transport								
	{ by road		186		20		34		240
	{ by rail and other means excluding postal services	225	146	15	6	47	49	286	201
Stocks and work in progress									
Goods on hand for sale	{ change during year	+ 44	- 105	48	+ 89	- 22	+ 240	- 26	+ 224
	{ at end of year	3,396	4,987	107	398	631	1,209	4,133	6,594
Work in progress	{ change during year	- 74	+ 136	5	+ 9	- 10	+ 38	- 90	+ 183
	{ at end of year	1,729	2,330	77	83	176	342	1,982	2,755
Materials, stores and fuel	{ change during year	- 31	+ 281	13	+ 11	+ 42	+ 111	+ 25	+ 403
	{ at end of year	4,212	5,164	273	320	1,052	1,584	5,536	7,067
Number employed on average during the year	No.	20,335	19,674	952	895	4,674	5,111	25,961	25,680
	{ total including working proprietors								
	{ operatives	16,754	15,967	796	782	3,740	3,925	21,290	20,674
	{ other employees (h)	3,518	3,645	148	100	869	1,117	4,535	4,862
Wages and salaries	£'000	5,987	8,089	319	483	1,304	2,244	7,610	10,816
	{ of operatives								
	{ of other employees (h)	2,640	3,705	125	113	757	1,164	3,522	4,981
Wages and salaries per head	£	357	507	400	617	349	572	357	523
	{ operatives								
	{ other employees (h)	750	1,016	848	1,126	871	1,042	777	1,025
Capital expenditure (i)									
New building work	£'000	238	256	-	*	14	*	251	406
Land and existing buildings	{ acquisitions	113	42	-	-	21	8	134	50
	{ disposals	46	44	-	49	13	33	59	126
Plant and machinery	{ acquisitions	341	581	4	28	63	121	408	729
	{ disposals	30	50	-	-	3	1	33	51
Vehicles	{ acquisitions	127	219	19	24	69	130	215	373
	{ disposals	62	103	8	12	27	42	98	156

For notes to this table - see page 122/5.







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

	1963		1968			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Entries	Principal industries in which produced (a)
	Thousands	£'000	Thousands	£'000	Number	
Corsetry						
Corselettes and corsets other than roll-ons (circular knitted) and rubber corsets	2,479	957	327	320	12	42,120
Brassieres			651	279	6	120
Swimwear						
Women's swimsuits (including bikinis)	798	610	292	402	12	116,120
Maids' and young girls' swimsuits (including bikinis)			546	295	9	116,118,120
Men's, youths' and boys' swimtrunks			464	218	14	116,118,119,120
Neckties	2,233	540	2,038	351	19	100,104,118,119
			..	96		
Scarves and head squares	..	602	201	59	20	100,101,119,120
			..	78		
Braces, suspenders, belts, etc (other than corset belts)	..	411	7,357	437	9	42,97,107
			..	232		
Other products and work done for the trade on making-up of corsets and brassieres	..	574	..	372	19	97,118,119,120
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,693</b>		<b>3,139</b>		

(a) The references given are to the list of industries at the front of this report.

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
Industrial overalls, men's, youths' and boys' shirts, underwear and nightwear and shorts made on 2 or 3 needle machines (a)	176	233
Women's and girls' light outerwear	171	95
Lingerie and infants' wear	329	1,885
Other clothing not elsewhere specified	287	229
Other goods	345	844
Work done for the trade or on private customers' materials and goods		
Making-up of clothing (other than corsetry)	18	80
Repairing	159	130
Services rendered to other organisations (b)	90	204
Total value of goods sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process (merchanted or factored)	1,790	4,138
Canteen takings	114	178
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>8,016</b>

(a) For 1963, described as overalls and men's and boys' shirts, underwear and nightwear.

(b) 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
Materials for use in production	Th.sq.yds.	£'000	Th.sq.yds.	£'000
Piece goods				
Interlinings of all materials	..	423	..	299
Linings				
Wholly or mainly of cotton	..	264	1,889	312
Wholly or mainly of cellulosic man-made fibres (rayon, etc) but excluding synthetic (nylon, etc) lining cloths	261	46	..	69
Other linings	..	38	204	47
Other woven piece goods (other than narrow fabrics) not proofed or backed with foam				
Wholly or mainly of cotton	..	86	..	132
Wholly or mainly of wool or other fine animal hair (mohair, cashmere, alpaca, etc)	6,762	1,426	5,241	1,274
Wholly or mainly of man-made fibres (nylon, rayon, etc)	..	..	..	284
Synthetic fibres (nylon, etc)				
Corset cloth	4,511	1,873	4,693	2,052
Umbrella cloth	..	887	..	593
Other	1,102	340	..	583
Other fibres (rayon, etc)	3,167	871	2,798	1,027
Corset cloth	..	..	..	334
Umbrella cloth	1,802	626	1,282	445
Other	..	197	..	58
Wholly or mainly of silk	..	424	..	170
Knitted fabric not proofed or backed with foam, wholly or mainly of	..	..	..	307
Cotton	567	690	327	526
Wool or other fine animal hair (mohair, cashmere, alpaca, etc)	..	..	..	139
Man-made fibres				
Synthetic fibres (nylon, etc)	..	1,446	..	2,935
Other fibres (rayon, etc)	..	296	..	24
Foam-backed and fabric to fabric bonded piece goods of all descriptions (a)	..	250	..	596
Proofed piece goods and leathercloth, including supported and unsupported decorative plastic sheeting and other plastic sheeting, except for use in packaging	..	175	..	283
Lace and net	..	476	..	1,021
Elastic webs and braids, covered rubber thread, elastic fabrics, etc, and roll-on blanks, and non-elastic narrow fabrics, including braids, tapes, webs, ribbons, bindings, petershams, woven labels, etc	..	6,819	..	8,150

TABLE 10 (continued)

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Materials for use in production (continued)		£'000		£'000
Sewing and embroidery thread, not elastic	..	390	..	605
Zip and other slide fasteners	..	210	..	309
Buttons, other than of metal	..	5	..	15
Other hard haberdashery, including metal buttons, hooks and eyes, press studs, corset busks, buckles, belts, eyelets, fittings for braces, suspenders, garters, corsetry, etc, hand needles, pins, etc	..	1,714	..	2,056
Umbrella and sunshade parts	..	856	..	1,243
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	..	132	..	14
Other	..	..	..	151
All other materials for use in production	..	1,019	..	2,466
Packaging materials				
Paper and board				
Boxes, cartons, drums and canisters (with or without metal ends) of paper and cardboard	..	694	..	817
Fibreboard packing cases	..	..	..	54
Wrapping and packing paper (including paper coated with plastics and any laminates incorporating paper but not metal)	..	113	..	90
Other packaging materials of paper and paperboard (including moulded pulp units and labels but excluding bags and multiwall paper sacks and paper and board for converting into packaging materials) (b)	..	..	..	66
Transparent regenerated cellulose film (including bags)	..	64	..	33
Plastics materials	..	64	..	103
All other packaging materials	..	24	..	59
Fuel and electricity (c)	Th.tons		Th.tons	
Coal	3.5	22	2.0	13
Coke (including screenings) and manufactured fuel	1.2	12	..	4
Derv fuel and motor spirit for use in road vehicles	..	6	..	6
Other liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures, etc, and liquefied petroleum gases)	Th.gals.		Th.gals.	
Gas	150	35	232	68
Other	..	7	..	27
Other	711	36	829	41
Other	..	28	..	8
Gas	Th.therms		Th.therms	
Gas	231	18	252	22
Other	..	11	..	17

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TABLE 10 (continued)

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Fuel and electricity (c) (continued)	Th.kWh.	£'000	Th.kWh.	£'000
Electricity	12,960	100	21,386	190
	..	66	..	77
All other fuels	..	(d)	..	36
Total cost of materials and fuel		23,769		30,837
Goods purchased for merchanting		1,379		3,184
Canteen purchases		113		182
Total cost of purchases		25,260		34,202

(a) For 1963 described as 'Foam-backed piece goods of all descriptions'.

(b) For 1963 'Bags and paper and board for converting into packaging materials' were not specifically excluded.

(c) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms the quantity of electricity generated in firms' own establishments in this industry for 1968 cannot be given. None was recorded for 1963.

(d) Not recorded separately for 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.	111	136
Transport costs			
Wages and salaries	£'000	75	125
Derv fuel and motor spirit	"	42	96
Tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles	"	..	14
Payments to other organisations for transport	by road	286	240
	by rail and other means excluding postal services		201
Costs of operating road goods vehicles			
Insurance	"	7	13
Vehicle licences	"	5	11
Depreciation	"	33	60
Payments to other organisations for repairs and maintenance	"	13	34
Total	"	461(a)	794

(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	85	98
Road goods vehicles	13	34
Plant, machinery and other capital equipment	75	221
Insurance, licensing and depreciation of road goods vehicles (b)	45	84
Rates, excluding water rates	216	395
Hire of plant and machinery	54	86
Postage, telephone, telegrams, cables and telex (c)	251	456
Total	739	1,375

(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)	1.2	0.6
May	2.5	1.0
June	10.6	10.3
July	1.2	0.8
August	1.2	0.7
September	5.0	2.7
October	2.5	3.2
November	5.0	6.0
December	42.2	55.7
1969		
January	8.1	6.2
February	5.6	1.7
March	13.7	10.8
April (b)	1.2	0.3
	100	100

(a) From 6 April.

(b) To 5 April.