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*Weaving fabrics, other than narrow fabrics, from yarns of cotton, silk and linen, and from man-made fibres (including glass fibre). Establishments both weaving and finishing cloth are included as well as such establishments also producing made-up household textiles: sales of finished cloth are included in this industry but sales of made-up household textiles are included in the report on the Made-up household textiles industry. (part PA422.1).*

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TABLE 1

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Input and output, 1970, 1971 and 1972

All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)

	Unit	1970	1971	1972
Enterprises	Number	359	342	300
Establishments	"	431	427	358
Sales of goods produced and work done	£'000	254,226	263,844	266,248
Services rendered to other organisations (b)	"	1,656	1,615	359
Goods merchanted or factored	"	10,287	10,004	9,617
Canteen takings	"	347	408	430
<b>Total sales and work done</b>	"	266,516	275,871	276,654
Increase during the year, work in progress and goods on hand for sale	"	4,403	5,098	-1,020
<b>Gross output</b>	"	270,919	280,969	275,635
Cost of purchases	"	172,220	176,408	172,969
Increase during the year, stocks of materials, stores and fuel	"	-231	-143	3,054
Payments to other organisations for work done on materials given out	"	12,219	11,909	14,423
for transport by road	"	1,433	1,535	1,525
for transport by rail, water, air and Post Office parcel services	"	520	345	376
<b>Total costs</b>	"	186,623	190,340	186,239
<b>Net output</b>	"	84,295	90,629	89,396
Total employment (including working proprietors) (c)	Thousands	61.2	56.3	46.5
<b>Net output per head</b>	£	1,378	1,610	1,925

(a) For 1972, estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns and for establishments employing less than 25 persons, accounted for 9 per cent of the total figures in which they were incorporated: of this unsatisfactory returns accounted for 6 per cent.

(b) Amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for any technical or other services rendered.

(c) Average number employed (full and part time; see table 6) during the year (including working proprietors) by the establishment.

TABLE 2

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Capital expenditure and stocks, 1970, 1971 and 1972

All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)

	£'000			
	1970	1971	1972	
Capital expenditure (b)				
New building work	1,059	649	556	
Land and existing buildings				
Acquisitions	216	168	32	
Disposals	317	1,692	482	
Plant and machinery				
Acquisitions	7,110	9,021	6,939	
Disposals	507	771	1,119	
Vehicles				
Acquisitions	478	558	669	
Disposals	185	278	319	
<b>Total net capital expenditure (c)</b>	7,853	7,654	6,276	
Increase in stocks and work in progress, 1970, 1971 and 1972 and value of stocks and work in progress at end of 1972	Increase	Increase	Increase	Value at end of year
Materials, stores and fuel	-231	-143	3,054	19,509
Work in progress	989	1,486	609	17,799
Goods on hand for sale	3,414	3,612	-1,629	30,647
<b>Total</b>	4,172	4,955	2,034	67,955

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

(b) Capital expenditure in respect of manufacturing establishments where production had not commenced before the end of the year, is included.

(c) Acquisitions less disposals.

TABLE 3

## Analysis of establishments by size, 1972

All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry (a)

Size group (b)	Estab-lish-ments (b)	Enter-prises (c)	Total employment (b)	Employees		Wages and salaries		Wages and salaries per head		Total sales and work done (e)	Gross output (£'000)	Net output (£'000)	Net output per head (£)	Capital expenditure (net) (£'000) (f)	Total stocks and work in progress at end of year (£'000)
				Operatives	Others (d)	Operatives	Others (d)	Operatives	Others (d)						
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£	£	£'000	£'000	£'000	£	£'000	£'000
1- 10	63	62	329	} 6,483	975	6,412	1,705	989	1,749	38,741	38,704	13,781	1,812	946	9,159
11- 24	68	67	1,197												
25- 49	35	35	1,316												
50- 99	66	63	4,764												
100-199	63	54	8,666	7,610	1,042	7,369	1,776	968	1,704	47,144	46,564	13,904	1,604	866	9,581
200-299	29	25	7,372	6,398	971	6,891	1,647	1,077	1,696	43,347	42,862	13,689	1,857	708	8,691
300-399	11	11	3,697	3,025	672	3,077	962	1,017	1,432	22,225	22,497	6,533	1,767	622	7,111
400-499	12	11	5,330	4,581	749	5,172	1,304	1,129	1,741	31,811	31,660	9,505	1,783	827	6,713
500 and over	11	7	13,779	11,640	2,139	14,439	3,751	1,240	1,754	93,386	93,348	31,984	2,321	2,307	26,700
<b>Total</b>	358	300	46,450	39,737	6,548	43,360	11,145	1,091	1,702	276,654	275,635	89,936	1,925	6,276	67,955

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

(b) Average number employed (full and part time; see table 6) during the year (including working proprietors) by the establishment.

(c) Some enterprises control establishments in more than one size group: the sum of the figures for the size groups will therefore exceed the total for the industry.

(d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

(e) Including sales of goods merchanted or factored, canteen takings and services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for any technical or other services rendered).

(f) Acquisitions less disposals.

TABLE 4

Regional distribution of employment, net capital expenditure and net output, 1972  
All United Kingdom establishments classified to the industry

Area	Average number employed (a)		Net capital expenditure (b)		Net output and employment in the region of establishments with more than 80 per cent of their employment in the region (c)		
	Thousands	per cent of United Kingdom	£'000	per cent of United Kingdom	Estimated net output £'000	Average number employed as a percentage of total average number employed in the industry in the region	Net output as percentage of total of the industry in the United Kingdom
Standard regions of England							
North	1.9	4.2	139	2.2	1,630	35.2	1.8
Yorkshire and Humberside	4.8	10.3	665	10.6	7,133	77.9	8.0
East Midlands	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
East Anglia	0.8	1.8	112	1.8	788	47.6	0.9
South East	1.7	3.7	1,190	19.0	*	*	*
South West	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
West Midlands	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North West	29.0	62.8	3,346	53.3	39,843	75.8	44.6
England	39.4	84.8	5,580	88.9	52,618	70.7	58.9
Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scotland	2.8	5.9	263	4.2	3,720	93.7	4.1
Great Britain	42.2	90.7	5,843	93.1	56,338	72.2	63.0
Northern Ireland	4.3	9.3	433	6.9	5,442	92.7	6.1
Unallocated (d)	-	-	-	-	27,616	-	30.9
United Kingdom	46.5	100.0	6,276	100.0	89,396		100.0

- (a) Average number employed (full and part time; see table 6) during the year (including working proprietors) by the establishment.
- (b) New building work plus acquisitions less disposals of land and existing buildings, plant and machinery and vehicles.
- (c) Where a census return covered addresses in two or more regions an estimate was made of the net output attributable to the region only where more than 80 per cent of the establishment's employees were located in the region. The estimate was made by assuming that net output at each address covered by a return was proportionate to employment at the address. The establishment's residual net output was included in unallocated net output.
- (d) Includes estimates of net output for establishments not making satisfactory returns and establishments employing less than 25 employees, and unallocated net output of establishments covering addresses in two or more regions.

TABLE 5

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Percentage analysis of twelve-month periods covered by returns received from United Kingdom establishments employing 25 or more persons, 1972

Accounting year ended	Percentage of total returns received	Percentage of total number employed
	per cent	per cent
1972 April (a)	2.4	2.7
May	1.0	0.5
June	2.4	1.6
July	3.4	1.9
August	1.0	0.2
September	2.4	2.3
October	4.9	3.2
November	3.9	4.5
December	35.4	34.8
1973 January	7.3	8.0
February	3.9	3.8
March(b)	32.0	36.5
	100.0	100.0

(a) From 6th April

(b) Including returns made for twelve-month period ended 1st to 5th April 1973

TABLE 6

Percentage analysis of employees, by full and part time employment and sex, 1972 (a)

Sex	Full time	Part time	All employees
	per cent	per cent	per cent
Male	55	1	56
Female	38	6	44
	93	7	100

Source: Department of Employment

(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding working proprietors) in the United Kingdom at mid-June, 1972

TABLE 7

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Sales of principal products of the industry by establishments employing 25 or more persons, including sales by establishments classified to other industries: Great Britain, 1972 (a)

		1972
COTTON CLOTH WEIGHING NOT MORE THAN 68 GRAMS PER SQ METRE:		
IN THE LOOM STATE	TH M £ THOUS	115,355
FINISHED	TH M £ THOUS	4,927
OTHER CLOTH WHOLLY OF COTTON:		
IN THE LOOM STATE	TH M £ THOUS	197,490 42,946
FINISHED	TH M £ THOUS	40,590 14,110
CLOTH WHOLLY OF SPUN MAN-MADE FIBRE YARN OR MIXTURE CLOTH OF SPUN MAN-MADE FIBRE YARN AND COTTON OR CONTINUOUS FILAMENT YARN, OR MIXTURES OF COTTON AND CONTINUOUS FILAMENT YARN:		
IN THE LOOM STATE	TH M £ THOUS	123,546 38,080
FINISHED	TH M £ THOUS	47,959 26,801
CLOTH OF COTTON OR MAN-MADE FIBRES OR MIXTURES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED		
	TH M £ THOUS	6,407 5,369
MAN-MADE FIBRE TYRE CORD AND TYRE FABRICS		
	TH M £ THOUS	34,410 13,791
OTHER CLOTH WHOLLY OF MAN-MADE CONTINUOUS FILAMENT YARN:		
IN THE LOOM STATE	TH M £ THOUS	161,852 27,853
FINISHED	TH M £ THOUS	61,188 17,370
WOVEN CLOTH OF FLAX OR HEMP OR MIXTURES OF FLAX AND OTHER FIBRES:		
SAILCLOTH OR CANVAS NOT UNDER 407 GRAMS PER SQ METRE	TH SQ M £ THOUS	8,964 3,875
CLOTH FOR HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES OR HANDKERCHIEFS	TH SQ M £ THOUS	11,863 3,819
CLOTH FOR FURNISHING FABRICS	TH SQ M £ THOUS	
CLOTH FOR APPAREL, INCLUDING INTERLININGS	TH SQ M £ THOUS	1,982 731
OTHER	TH SQ M £ THOUS	





#### Gross output

Gross output measures the total value of production (including work done) by establishments during the year. It is calculated as follows:—

Value of sales and work done  
Plus/Less: Increase/decrease in value of stocks of goods on hand for sale  
Plus/Less: Increase/decrease in value of work in progress  
= Gross output.

#### Net output

Net output represents the value added to materials by the process of production (including the margin on selling any merchanted or factored goods). It is calculated as follows:—

Gross output  
Less: Purchases adjusted for change in value of stocks of fuel and raw materials  
Less: Payments for work given to other establishments  
Less: Payments for transport  
Less: Net amount of any duties, subsidies, allowances and levies payable  
= Net output.

#### Net output per person employed

The figures of net output per person employed are derived by dividing the net output by the average number of persons employed (full time and part time) on all activities covered by the returns, including operatives, administrative, technical and clerical employees and working proprietors, but excluding outworkers.

#### Purchases

Purchases include the cost of materials and components bought for use in production; of fuel and electricity for all purposes; of packaging materials including the cost of returnable cases and containers when first purchased; of workshop materials, office materials and materials for repairs to establishment's own buildings, plants and vehicles when carried out by their own work people included in the returns; of consumable tools; and of parts for machinery purchased during the year as replacements. Water charges are also included. In general, purchases of goods for merchanting or factoring and canteen supplies are included. Materials supplied by customers for processing are excluded, as are all purchases charged to capital account.

The values shown include any duty paid (less rebate, etc.) but exclude trade discounts allowed. The cost of transport is included only if included in the cost of materials as invoiced: amounts paid to transport organisations, including an establishment's own separate transport organisations for delivery of materials and fuel are, therefore, excluded. Materials purchased overseas are included at the c.i.f. cost plus any duty payable if the cost of transport from the docks was not included in the invoiced price, but at their full delivery cost if invoiced "carriage paid home". Materials and fuel transferred from another department of the establishment not covered by the same return are included at the estimated selling value recorded by the other department.

#### Sales

Sales are in respect of goods made by the business covered by the return, goods made for it by outworkers or by other establishments from materials given out to them (sometimes described as goods made on commission) and waste products. Any machinery or other capital items produced for use in the business covered by the return are included, the value being that adopted in the establishment's asset accounts. Goods sold without being subjected to any manufacturing process (i.e. merchanted or factored) and canteen takings are included.

The value shown for sales is the net selling value, defined as the amount charged to customers whether on an ex-works or delivered basis excluding any trade discounts, agents' commissions, allowances for returnable cases, purchase tax, etc.: the net amount charged for packaging materials is included. Goods charged on a delivered basis to customers overseas are included at the f.o.b. value.

Goods produced in one establishment and transferred to another establishment of the same firm not covered by the return were treated as sales by the producing establishment and valued as far as possible as if they had been sold to an independent purchaser. Goods transferred to wholesale or retail selling organisations for which separate accounts were kept were valued on the same basis.

To the extent that sales of finished products of one establishment constitute the materials purchased by another, total figures of

the value of sales (and of materials and fuel purchased) include an element of duplication. In some industries, e.g. motor vehicle manufacturing, and woollen and worsted, this duplication is substantial; and aggregates for a number of industries contain significant amounts of duplication. For work done on commission, sub-contract work, etc., the value shown is the total amount charged for the work, including the value of any materials bought and used in such work.

#### Services rendered

This represents the amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery and other goods, providing transport, or for any technical or other services rendered to other organisations. It includes amounts credited for similar services rendered to other establishments of the same enterprise not covered by the return.

#### Standard Industrial Classification

Industry classification is based on the Standard Industrial Classification (revised 1968). It is published by HM Stationery Office together with a separate index in the form of an alphabetical list of industries.

#### Stocks and work in progress

Values are given of stocks of goods on hand for sale, and of materials and fuel, at the end of the year of return, including any stocks of goods held for merchanting or factoring. Values of the change during the year are also shown. The values include duty in the case of dutiable goods held out of bond.

The value of work in progress at the end of, and the change during the year are also usually shown. This excludes any progress payments made to sub-contractors, and no deduction is made on account of progress payments received.

#### Transport payments

These represent the total amount paid or credited during the year for both outwards transport of finished goods sold and inwards transport of materials and fuel purchased. They include payment to other establishments, and to any separate transport organisation of the same establishment not covered by the return, but exclude the value of transport services provided by the business covered by the return. The items included are payments for hired cartage and for inwards and outwards carriage by all forms of inland transport, i.e. railways, road haulage, canals, coastwise shipping, air, etc. Payments made for sea and air freight on goods sold to customers overseas and on materials and fuel purchased from overseas suppliers are excluded.

#### Wages and salaries

These are amounts paid during the year to operatives and to administrative, technical and clerical employees. Payments to working proprietors, whether called salaries or not, are excluded. 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. and employers' contributions to national insurances and pension schemes is excluded.

#### Work given out

The figures shown represent the total amount paid for work done by other establishments (whether part of the same enterprise or not) on materials supplied to them. They do not include payments to individual outworkers or payments for business and other services.

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