

133 Bedding and soft furnishings

This Report on the Bedding and Soft Furnishings Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in making up curtains, blinds (other than shop blinds) and loose covers, and manufacturing cushions, feather beds and pillows, mattresses (not wire mattresses), divan beds and similar goods, but not quilts. Covered rubber or plastics foam mattresses, pillows and cushions are also included.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 473 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 industry corresponds to the Bedding and Soft Furnishings Industry (Part 110) in the reports on the last detailed Census of Production for 1963, except that fully finished mattresses, bolsters and pillows, and cushions of rubber and plastics foams formerly included in the reports on the Rubber Industry (Part 119) and the Plastics Moulding and Fabricating Industry (Part 124) respectively, are now included in this industry.

Throughout this Report, the figures given for 1963 have been reclassified, as far as possible, according to the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) so that data for 1963 and 1968 are on the same industrial basis. However the reclassification of small firms, which provided limited information only, has been arbitrary.

In this industry, where small establishments account for a relatively large proportion of employment and output, establishments employing fewer than 25 persons were asked to complete a simplified version of the full census form for 1968. For 1963 a sample of small firms was asked to complete the simplified census form, the remainder being required only to give information on employment and description of business.

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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TABLE 1 Industry summary, 1963 and 1968
United Kingdom

	Unit	All establishments (a)		Small establishments (b)		
		1963	1968	1963	1968	
Number of enterprises	No.	388	340	315	250	
Number of establishments	"	438	404	315	253	
Gross output	£'000	45,399	81,234	7,512	7,602	
Net output	"	17,489	30,938	2,816	3,378	
Net output per head	£	1,154	1,749	868	1,335	
Sales and work done	{ goods produced and work done (c)	£'000	40,467	73,056	6,658	6,922
	{ merchanted goods and canteen takings	"	4,818	7,279	858	638
Purchases	{ materials for use in production and packaging and fuel	"	23,328	43,962	4,699	3,601
	{ goods for merchanding and canteen purchases	"	3,796	5,916			493
Payments to other organisations	{ for work done on materials given out	"	352	556	61	95
	{ for transport	"	510	782	32	43
	{ by road	"				
{ by rail and other means excluding postal services	"	209	19			
Stocks and work in progress						
Total stocks and work in progress	{ change during year	"	+ 190	+ 2,028	+ 92	+ 68
	{ at end of year	"	5,255	10,183	853	837
Goods on hand for sale	{ change during year	"	+ 93	+ 767	- 5	+ 26
	{ at end of year	"	1,245	3,096	118	141
Work in progress	{ change during year	"	+ 21	+ 131	+ 2	+ 16
	{ at end of year	"	659	1,208	161	169
Materials, stores and fuel	{ change during year	"	+ 76	+ 1,130	+ 96	+ 26
	{ at end of year	"	3,351	5,879	574	526
Number employed on average during the year	{ total, including working proprietors	Th.	15.2	17.7	3.2	2.5
	{ operatives	"	11.1	13.2	2.2	1.9
	{ other employees (d)	"	3.6	4.0	0.7	0.4
Wages and salaries	{ of operatives	£'000	6,404	10,462	1,237	1,277
	{ of other employees (d)	"	2,773	4,320	536	333
Capital expenditure (e)						
Total	"	843	1,953	147	181	
New building work	"	200	700	16	82	
Land and existing buildings (f)	"	14	- 14	4	- 13	
Plant and machinery (f)	"	358	936	47	55	
Vehicles (f)	"	270	331	80	57	

(a) For 1968 estimates are based on returns covering 96 per cent. of the employment shown. For 1963 where only a sample of small establishments were asked to supply the full range of information, the figures, except for employment, were estimated on the basis of the full returns made which accounted for 84 per cent. of the employment shown.

(b) For 1968 estimates are based on returns covering 71 per cent. of the employment shown. For 1963, where only a sample of small establishments were asked to supply the full range of information, the corresponding figure was 30 per cent.

(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 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)	Estab-lish-ments	Enter-prises (b)	Total number employed on average during the year (a)	Gross output	Net output	Net output per head
1-5	92	92	320	7,602(c)	3,378(c)	1,335(c)
6-10	53	51	406			
11-24	108	108	1,805			
25-49	65	54	2,490	8,976	3,702	1,487
50-99	50	40	3,501	16,665	5,829	1,665
100-199	19	16	2,847	15,461	5,363	1,884
200-299	10	9	2,397	12,294	4,374	1,825
300-499	4	3	1,470	7,571	3,089	2,101
500 and over	3	3	2,456	12,664	5,203	2,119
Total	404	340	17,692	81,234	30,938	1,749

(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	
	Oper-atives	Others (d)	Oper-atives	Others (d)	Oper-atives	Others (d)
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£	£
1-5	1,863(c)	354(c)	1,277(c)	333(c)	685(c)	941(c)
6-10						
11-24						
25-49	1,967	472	1,464	501	745	1,061
50-99	2,752	716	1,992	784	724	1,095
100-199	2,109	733	1,741	813	826	1,109
200-299	1,877	516	1,648	546	878	1,057
300-499	1,029	439	888	380	863	867
500 and over	1,639	816	1,453	963	886	1,181
Total	13,236	4,046	10,462	4,320	790	1,068

(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) Estimates for all small establishments based upon returns received.

(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	3	4	7
18 and over	50	43	93
All ages	53	47	100

Source: Department of Employment

(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding working proprietors) 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. These amounted to 7 establishments in 1968 and 19 in 1963.
- (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 exceed 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 £2,909,000 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.
- (j) Acquisitions less disposals.

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)				Total	
		Bedding		Other		1963	1968
		01	02	1963	1968		
Number of enterprises (c)	No.	55	53	33	48	88	98
Number of establishments	"	90	90	48	68	138	158
Gross output	£'000	30,111	52,320	7,508	21,696	37,619	74,016
Net output	"	11,351	19,868	3,212	7,872	14,563	27,740
Net output per head	£	1,258	1,826	1,124	1,796	1,226	1,817
Sales and work done	£'000	27,568	46,224	6,000	20,259	33,568	66,483
Sales of characteristic products	"	2,464	5,788	1,472	888	3,936	6,678
Index of specialisation (g)	Per cent.	82	78	68	88	84	84
Purchases	£'000	16,170	27,398	2,945	13,135	19,115	40,533
Payments to other organisations	"	2,200	4,668	967	781	3,167	5,449
			77		389	289	466
		416	626	345	115	471	741
			122		70		192
Stocks and work in progress							
Goods on hand for sale	"	+ 51	+ 199	+ 46	+ 543	+ 96	+ 742
	"	747	1,232	365	1,730	1,113	2,962
Work in progress	"	+ 29	+ 108	- 10	+ 7	+ 19	+ 115
	"	385	776	113	272	498	1,048
Materials, stores and fuel	"	+ 25	+ 440	- 40	+ 666	- 14	+ 1,105
	"	2,193	3,227	566	2,154	2,759	5,381
Number employed on average during the year	No.	9,022	10,883	2,857	4,384	11,879	15,267
	"	7,020	8,205	1,926	3,250	8,946	11,455
	"	1,966	2,629	904	1,086	2,870	3,715
Wages and salaries	£'000	4,288	7,010	858	2,242	5,145	9,252
	"	1,592	2,908	636	1,099	2,228	4,007
Wages and salaries per head	£	611	854	445	690	575	808
	"	810	1,106	704	1,012	776	1,079
Capital expenditure (i)							
New building work	£'000	153	553	29	69	181	622
Land and existing buildings	"	22(j)	- 40(j)	- 11(j)	38(j)	27	74
	"					17	76
Plant and machinery	"	272	646	57	279	329	925
	"	17	36	5	5	21	41
Vehicles	"	217	334	55	126	272	460
	"	58	119	22	64	80	182

For notes to this table - see page 133/5.

TABLE 5(i) Estimates of total sales of principal products of the industry, 1963 and 1968 (a)

All establishments: United Kingdom

	All establishments (b)		Small establishments in the industry (c)	
	1963	1968	1963	1968
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Upholstered divan beds and bases for interior spring mattresses (excluding mattresses)	10,212	14,339	634	700
Upholstered mattresses (other than of rubber or of plastic foams)	15,465	20,889	1,382	1,252
Other fully finished mattresses of rubber or of plastic foams	2,161(d)	3,243	(e)	255
Bolsters and pillows (other than of uncovered rubber and plastic foams) (f)		2,741		395
Cushions (other than of uncovered rubber and plastic foams) (f)	10,478	3,171	3,190	632
Curtains and blinds, domestic (excluding commercial blinds, and other blinds for shops and offices etc) (f)		12,224		1,604
Made-up covers and carry cots (f)		8,823		358
Other products (g)	1,512	796	535	308
Making up loose covers, pelmets, curtains etc, from customers' own materials, and other work done (excluding repair work)	778	1,556	325	884
Total	40,606	67,782	6,065	6,388

(a) Including estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns.

(b) Including sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments, but not by small establishments, classified to other industries. For a detailed analysis of sales by larger establishments see Table 5(ii).

(c) Excluding small establishments included in returns made by larger establishments.

(d) Relates only to large establishments for 1963.

(e) Not recorded separately for 1963.

(f) For 1963 described as 'All other bedding and soft furnishings'.

(g) Including any sales by small establishments of goods other than principal products of the industry but excluding merchanted goods, canteen takings and the value of services rendered to other organisations.

TABLE 5(ii) Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments, including sales by establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968

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

Industry sub-division (a)	1963		1968			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Enter-prises	Entries
	Thousands	£'000	Thousands	£'000	Number	Number
01 Upholstered divan beds and bases for interior spring mattresses (excluding mattresses)	1,295	8,369	1,932	13,639	65	86
01 Upholstered mattresses (other than of rubber or plastic foams)						
Mattresses 4 foot width and over						
Interior spring	874	6,898	1,182	10,529	63	80
Other	13.9	64	4.4	24	18	19
	..	36	..	114		
Mattresses under 4 foot width (excluding cot mattresses)						
Interior spring	1,238	6,399	1,463	8,487	63	81
Other	26.5	84	15.3	54	21	22
	..	59	..	96		
Cot mattresses	173	317	134	236	40	44
			..	96		
01 Other fully finished mattresses of rubber or of plastic foams						
Mattresses 4 foot width and over	..	600	..	835	17	19
Mattresses under 4 foot width (including cot mattresses)	..	1,561	..	2,154	36	38
Total upholstered and other fully finished mattresses		16,018		22,625	..	..
01 Bolsters and pillows (other than of uncovered rubber and plastic foams) (b)						
Of rubber or of plastic foams (c)	..	1,474	..	864	28	29
Of other materials	1,550	781	1,494	739	30	35
	..	296	..	743		
02 Cushions (other than of uncovered rubber and plastic foams) (c)						
Of rubber		(d)	..	870	9	9
Of plastic foams			..	1,021	25	27
Of other materials	291	180	743	441	24	24
	..	210	..	207		
02 Curtains (e)						
Of plastic materials			..	9	6	7
Of glass fibre	..	276	..	1,869	5	5
Other			175	439	46	50
			..	4,048		
02 Carry cots	91.5	239	..	373	8	9
02 Made up covers (stretch or other) (f)	..	1,112	..	8,092	36	39

TABLE 5(ii) (continued)

Industry sub-division (a)	1963		1968			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Enter-prises	Entries
		£'000		£'000	Number	Number
02 Blinds, domestic (excluding outside commercial blinds and other blinds for shops and offices, etc)	..	2,615	..	4,255	26	30
Other products	..	896	..	478	13	16
Waste products	..	39	..	10	13	18
Work done						
02 Making-up loose covers, pelmets, curtains, etc from customers' own materials		328		487	27	33
Other work done excluding repair work		119		185	10	12
Total		34,002		61,394	..	..
Sales in other industries (see Table 6)		5,938		5,531	..	..
Principal products of this industry sold by establishments in the industry		28,063		55,863	98	127(g)

(a) The number given is that of the sub-division of which the item is a characteristic product. The sales are total sales by larger establishments, not merely sales by establishments classified to the sub-division.

(b) Uncovered mattresses, bolsters, pillows and cushions of rubber and of plastic foams are included in the Rubber Industry (Part 144) and Plastics products Industry (Part 149) respectively.

(c) For 1963 described as 'Bolsters, pillows, upholstery and cushioning of rubber and of plastic foams'.

(d) Not recorded separately for 1963.

(e) In addition sales of curtains other than of plastics materials or of glass fibre were collected under the Inquiry into the Textile Converting Industry. Sales by firms who delivered more than 500,000 sq. yards of finished cloth during the year were recorded as 98,000 curtains valued at £262,000 for 1968. Similar information is not available for 1963.

(f) For 1963 described as 'Loose covers'.

(g) This figure represents the total number of returns made for larger establishments in this industry which is less than the total number of establishments shown in Table 4 on account of combined returns covering more than one establishment.

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	
Upholstered divan beds and bases for interior spring mattresses (excluding mattresses)	180	1,062	69	522	19	132
Upholstered mattresses	..	232	..	..	..	..
Interior spring mattresses 4 foot width and over	133	977	20	200	17	132
Interior spring mattresses under 4 foot width (excluding cot mattresses)	191	965	37	253	17	132
Mattresses other than interior spring (excluding cot mattresses other than of rubber or of plastic foams)	..	955	..	1,126	18	132, 149
Cot mattresses (other than of rubber and plastic foams)	53.2	133	..	15	9	132
Carry cots	..	..	..	194	6	114, 132, 147
Bolsters and pillows (other than of uncovered rubber and plastic foams)	..	744	..	223	11	132, 144, 149
Of rubber and plastic foams	6.5	29	..	229	7	108, 117, 150
Of other materials	..	69	..	..	..	..
Cushions (other than of uncovered rubber and plastic foams)	..	(b)	..	914	18	112, 132, 144, 149
Of rubber and plastic foams	8.3	88	..	268	11	108, 112, 150
Of other materials	..	24	..	..	..	..
Curtains	..	215	15	49	29	100, 105, 108, 134
Of other materials	..	..	..	800	..	..
Made up covers (stretch or other)	..	86	..	193	11	108, 132
Blinds, domestic (excluding outside commercial blinds and other blinds for shops and offices, etc)	..	281	..	448	13	97, 130, 134
Making-up loose covers, pelmets, curtains, from customers' own materials	..	79	..	99	12	..
Total		5,938		5,531	..	

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

(b) Not recorded separately for 1963.

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
Metal furniture	577	1,320
Spring and wire base mattresses	310	680
Furniture wholly or mainly of wood		
Bedroom	879	1,443
Living room, dining room, kitchen, nursery etc. (excluding fireside and easy chairs, settees, studio couches etc)	319	632
Upholstered	1,082	2,056
Other furniture and component parts	149	110
Fittings for shops, offices and ships	323	427
Household textiles	544	1,296
Other products	1,005	2,168
Work done		
Work done for the trade other than repair work (for example polishing, machining, veneering and other fabrication, upholstery work, etc) site fixing of shop and office fittings and built-in domestic furniture, and services rendered to other organisations (a)	174	287
Repair work	141	200
Total value of goods sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process, (merchanted or factored)	3,877	6,576
Canteen takings	59	99
Total	9,441	17,295

(a) Services rendered comprises 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		£'000		£'000
Timber				
Softwood				
Round or unsawn	}	552	..	245
Sawn or planed, but not further prepared or manufactured			Th.stds.	552
Hardwood	Th.cu.ft.			
Round or roughly squared	}	163	..	96
Sawn of planed, but not further prepared or manufactured			Th.cu.ft.	226
Softwood and hardwood, manufactured or semi-manufactured (ie further prepared than sawn or planed)	..	62	70	917
Plywood, including blockboard, laminboard and battenboard	..	143	Th.sq.ft.	130
Veneers and panelwood	Th.sq.ft.	105	..	105
Chipboard	}	41	..	63
Flaxboard			..	63
Manufactures of wood				
Furniture in the white, unpolished, for further processing	..	37	..	175
Component parts of furniture	..	953	..	1,248
Other descriptions	..	85	..	113
Glues and adhesives (including formulated adhesives but excluding unformulated synthetic resins bought as such) (a)	..	21	..	64
Wax and other polishes		(b)	..	5
Paint and varnish (including lacquers and stains)				
Ready-mixed paints (including those containing synthetic resins)			Th.gal.	
Cellulose based paints	}	85	11.8	16
Other ready-mixed paints			33.2	37
Varnishes and lacquers (not pigmented)	..	..	..	38
Cellulose ester and cellulose ether varnishes, lacquers and clear solutions	}	..	..	14
Other			..	14
Other paints not elsewhere specified				
Steel				
Bars and rods (including wire rods) angles, shapes and sections, girders, beams, joists and pillars rolled (not fabricated) including tube rounds and squares, sheets under 3 mm. thick (including electrical sheets)	..	317	..	810

TABLE 10 (continued)

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Materials for use in production (continued)		£'000		£'000
Light metals and non-ferrous metals in all forms except finished parts, wire and scrap				
Aluminium and aluminium alloys, brass and other copper alloys (including nickel silver and cupro-nickel, but excluding all other nickel alloys including cadmium copper)	Th.tons			
Wire and wire mesh	0.6	240	..	769
Springs	..	318	..	1,410
Metal frames	..	586	..	2,046
Wire mattresses, bed irons and other metal fittings for beds, etc	..	1,426	..	87
Other metal hardware and fittings, including door bolts, hasps, staples, hinges and metal cabinet handles	..	268	..	320
Furniture of metal, and parts thereof, not elsewhere specified	..	200	..	357
Bolts, rivets, nuts and washers, screws, nails, tacks, etc	..	303	..	98
Narrow fabrics (including calico and hessian)	..	78	..	459
Webbing	..	329	..	376
Other narrow fabrics (braids, bindings, tapes, etc)	..	197	..	695
Woven piece goods (other than narrow fabrics) wholly or mainly of				
Cotton	Th.sq.yds.		Th.sq.yds.	
Wool	20,198	2,638	25,933	4,353
Jute	673	252	..	791
Synthetic fibres (nylon, etc)	..	134	..	131
Other man-made fibres (rayon, etc)	4,929	319	5,460	350
Other (linen, etc)	..	251	..	111
Stuffing and padding materials (including uncovered mattresses)	712	132	6,459	3,177
Hair (except rubberised hair), fibre, feathers, down, kapok, etc, pads and paddings of these materials (backed or not) and hair felt (including mixture of hair with other materials)	..	138	..	2,961
Wool felt and wool flocks	6,246	1,090	9,179	2,060
Cotton flocks, cotton waste (including mill puffs), cotton linters and cotton felt	1,291	182	..	2,146
Rubber, including rubberised hair (other than cellular rubber)	..	29	..	273
Cellular rubber	..	63	..	575
Plastic foam	..	226	..	1,040
Other	..	63	..	448

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TABLE 10 (continued)

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Materials for use in production (continued)		£'000		£'000
Thermoplastic sheet				
Decorative and supported non-decorative			..	389
Plastic goods, moulded and fabricated (including components and fittings)	..	212	..	175
Leathercloth whether or not supported	..	69	..	189
	Th.gal.		Th.gal.	
Lubricating oils and greases	7.2	3	13.2	5
	..	2	..	7
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 goods vehicles	..	151	..	144
Other			..	160
All other materials for use in production	..	2,030	..	3,260
Packaging materials				
Paper and board				
Boxes, cartons, drums and canisters (with or without metal ends) of paper and cardboard	..	84	..	277
Fibreboard packing cases			..	27
Wrapping and packing paper (including paper coated with plastics and any laminates incorporating paper but not metal)			..	180
Paper and board for converting into packaging materials	..	149	..	10
Other packaging materials of paper and paperboard (including moulded pulp units and labels, but excluding bags and multiwall sacks) (c)			..	58
Plastics (other than transparent regenerated cellulose film) (d)				
Film (up to 0.01 inches thick)				
Of polyethylene			..	220
Of other plastic materials	..	115	..	69
Sheets and sheeting (thicker than 0.01 inches)			..	42
All other packaging materials	..	127	..	77
Fuel and electricity (e)				
	Th.tons		Th.tons	
Coal	2.4	16	1.6	12
			..	3
Coke (including screenings) and manufactured fuel	1.8	17	0.8	10
	..	6	..	6
	Th.gal.		Th.gal.	
Derv fuel and motor spirit for use in road vehicles	764	155	1,154	298
	..	35	..	84
Other liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures, etc. and liquefied petroleum gases)	1,557	64	2,370	108
	..	5	..	15

TABLE 10 (continued)

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Fuel and electricity (e) (continued)	Th.therms	£'000	Th.therms	£'000
Gas	171	16	207	18
	..	7	..	11
	Th.kWh		Th.kWh	
Electricity	33,561	203	27,713	189
	..	45	..	114
All other fuels		(b)	..	30
Total cost of materials and fuel		19,115		40,533
Goods purchased for merchanting		3,110		5,345
Canteen purchases		57		104
Total cost of purchases		22,282		45,982

(a) For 1963 described as 'Glues and adhesives (including compound synthetic resin adhesives, but excluding synthetic resins bought as suchy).

(b) Not recorded separately for 1963.

(c) Multiwall sacks only were specifically excluded for 1963.

(d) For 1963 described as 'Sheet, film, foams, etc. wholly or mainly of polyethylene (including bags and lay flat tubing).

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

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.	619	778
Transport costs			
Wages and salaries	£'000	466	841
Derv fuel and motor spirit	"	190	381
Tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles	"	..	144
Payments to other organisations for transport	"	471	741
	{ by road		
	{ by rail and other means excluding postal services		192
Costs of operating road goods vehicles			
Insurance	"	33	54
Vehicle licences	"	33	72
Depreciation	"	145	221
Payments to other organisations for repairs and maintenance	"	116	152
Total	"	1,454(a)	2,798

(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	48	112
Road goods vehicles	116	152
Plant, machinery and other capital equipment	79	231
Insurance, licensing and depreciation of road goods vehicles (b)	211	347
Rates, excluding water rates	238	477
Hire of plant and machinery	8	40
Postage, telephone, telegrams, cables and telex (c)	183	365
Total	884	1,724

(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)	3.1	1.3
May	2.3	1.5
June	6.3	4.0
July	1.6	8.4
August	1.6	0.5
September	3.9	1.7
October	1.6	0.6
November	3.1	3.1
December	37.4	38.8
1969		
January	14.8	22.9
February	1.6	1.3
March	21.1	15.2
April (b)	1.6	0.7
	100	100

(a) From 6 April.

(b) To 5 April.