

This Report on the Water Supply Industry relates to the establishments of public authorities and companies engaged wholly or mainly in purifying and distributing water and supplying hydraulic power. Construction work carried out by employees of water undertakings is included. Private water works maintained by establishments primarily for their own use are excluded.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 603 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 129).

In most of the tables in this Report the industry has been sub-divided between the public sector 'Public Authorities' and the private sector 'Water Companies'.

METHOD OF CLASSIFICATION

The classification of returns to this industry followed the standard procedure. Classification to the two sub-divisions of the industry shown in Table 4, was, as mentioned above, between the public and private sectors of the industry.

In interpreting the data in the tables it is essential to bear in mind the notes and definitions which appear on pages (i) to (iii).

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

	Unit	All undertakings	
		1963	1968
Number of undertakings	No.	577	333
Gross output (c)	£'000	123,875	179,423
Net output	"	95,858	141,274
Net output per head	£	2,093	3,096
Sales and work done	£'000	123,870	179,397
	{		
	water supplied and work done (c) (d)		
	canteen takings	5	26
Purchases	"	27,819	37,958
	{		
	materials and fuel used		
	canteen purchases	12	28
Payments to other organisations for transport (e)	"	187	155
	{		
	by road		
	by rail and other means excluding postal services		8
Number employed on average during the year	Th.	45.8	45.6
	{		
	operatives	34.5	32.3
	other employees (f)	11.2	13.4
Wages and salaries	£'000	24,830	31,643
	{		
	of operatives		
	of other employees (f)	11,006	17,232
Capital expenditure (g)	"	46,935	67,264
Total	"	25,020	57,099
New building work (h)	"	778	635
Land and existing buildings (i)	"	20,277	8,384
Plant and machinery (h) (i)	"	860	1,146
Vehicles (i)	"		

(a) For 1968, estimates for undertakings not making satisfactory returns and for small undertakings from which only employment data were collected, accounted for 2 per cent. of the total figures in which they were incorporated: of this, unsatisfactory returns accounted for less than 1 per cent. For 1963 the comparable figures were 7 per cent. and 2 per cent. respectively.

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

	1963	1968
Number of undertakings	368	142
Average number employed		
Working proprietors	30	4
Other persons employed	2,800	950

(c) Comprises value of water supplied, work done for which a direct charge was made and work of new construction.

(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) Inwards transport on materials and fuel purchased and transport services in connection with output.

(f) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

(g) Excluding expenditure for undertakings not yet in production.

(h) For 1963 capital expenditure on new construction work on trunk, distributive and service mains was included with plant and machinery instead of with new building work as for 1968.

(i) Acquisitions less disposals.

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

TABLE 2(A) Analysis by size of undertaking within the industry, 1968

(i) Output and employment

All undertakings: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the undertaking	Undertakings	Total number employed on average during the year	Gross output (a)	Net output	Net output per head
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£
1-5	77	203	..	..	..
6-10	26	198	..	..	..
11-24	24	430	..	..	..
25-99	58	3,511	14,390	10,923	3,111
100-199	51	6,908	30,012	23,306	3,374
200-299	16	3,834	15,316	11,662	3,042
300-499	21	8,377	31,613	24,421	2,915
500 and over	9	12,409	45,403	38,655	3,115
Unsatisfactory returns	4	27	..	..	..
Total	286	35,897	140,093(b)	111,629(b)	3,110(b)

(ii) Employees, wages and salaries

All undertakings: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the undertaking	Employees		Wages and salaries		Wages and salaries per head	
	Operatives	Others (c)	Operatives	Others (c)	Operatives	Others (c)
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£	£
1-5	..	..	..	..	..	..
6-10	..	..	..	..	..	..
11-24	..	..	..	..	..	..
25-99	2,338	1,173	2,215	1,550	947	1,321
100-199	4,801	2,107	4,358	2,709	908	1,286
200-299	2,805	1,029	2,585	1,315	922	1,278
300-499	6,145	2,232	5,778	2,802	940	1,255
500 and over	9,140	3,269	9,707	4,384	1,062	1,340
Unsatisfactory returns
Total	25,842(b)	10,055(b)	25,240(b)	13,077(b)	977(b)	1,301(b)

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TABLE 2(B) Analysis by size of undertaking within the industry, 1968

(i) Output and employment

All undertakings: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the undertaking (d)	Undertakings	Total number employed on average during the year (d)	Gross output (a)	Net output	Net output per head
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£
1-5	6	15	..	..	..
11-24	4	77	..	..	..
25-99	8	620	2,744	1,806	2,913
100-199	13	2,045	7,737	5,850	2,861
200-299	3	660	2,873	2,156	3,266
300-499	6	2,279	9,557	7,461	3,274
500 and over	6	4,038	16,028	12,082	2,992
Unsatisfactory returns	1	4	..	..	..
Total	47	9,738	39,330(b)	29,645(b)	3,044(b)

(ii) Employees, wages and salaries

All undertakings: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the undertaking (d)	Employees		Wages and salaries		Wages and salaries per head	
	Operatives	Others (c)	Operatives	Others (c)	Operatives	Others (c)
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£	£
1-5	..	..	..	..	..	..
11-24	..	..	..	..	..	..
25-99	379	241	394	314	1,039	1,302
100-199	1,368	677	1,331	823	973	1,216
200-299	427	233	409	300	959	1,286
300-499	1,407	872	1,480	1,125	1,052	1,290
500 and over	2,798	1,240	2,726	1,552	974	1,252
Unsatisfactory returns
Total	6,438(b)	3,296(b)	6,402(b)	4,155(b)	994(b)	1,261(b)

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TABLE 2(c) Analysis by size of undertaking within the industry, 1968

(i) Output and employment

All undertakings: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the undertaking (d)	Undertakings		Gross output (a)	Net output	Net output per head
	Number	Total number employed on average during the year (d)			
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£
1-5	83	218	..	..	..
6-10	26	198	..	..	..
11-24	28	507	..	..	..
25-49	18	688	2,713	2,099	3,050
50-99	48	3,443	14,422	10,631	3,088
100-199	64	8,953	37,749	29,156	3,257
200-299	19	4,494	18,188	13,817	3,075
300-399	13	4,408	18,544	14,650	3,324
400-499	14	6,248	22,626	17,231	2,758
500-749	7	3,896	15,404	12,118	3,110
750-999	5	4,610	18,100	14,590	3,165
1,000 and over	3	7,941	27,927	24,028	3,026
Unsatisfactory returns	5	31	..	..	..
Total	333	45,635	179,423(b)	141,274(b)	3,096(b)

(ii) Employees, wages and salaries

All undertakings: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the undertaking (d)	Employees		Wages and salaries		Wages and salaries per head	
	Operatives	Others (c)	Operatives	Others (c)	Operatives	Others (c)
1-5	..	..	..	..	..	..
6-10	..	..	..	..	..	..
11-24	..	..	..	..	..	..
25-49	446	242	437	303	979	1,252
50-99	2,271	1,172	2,172	1,561	956	1,332
100-199	6,169	2,784	5,689	3,532	922	1,269
200-299	3,232	1,262	2,995	1,615	927	1,280
300-399	3,076	1,332	3,135	1,709	1,019	1,283
400-499	4,476	1,772	4,123	2,218	921	1,251
500-749	2,851	1,045	2,575	1,253	903	1,199
750-999	3,289	1,321	3,344	1,694	1,017	1,282
1,000 and over	5,798	2,143	6,515	2,989	1,124	1,395
Unsatisfactory returns	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	32,280(b)	13,351(b)	31,643(b)	17,232(b)	980(b)	1,291(b)

(a) Comprises value of water supplied, work done for which a direct charge was made and work of new construction.

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

(c) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

(d) Including working proprietors.

TABLE 3 Percentage analysis of employees, by age and sex, 1969 (a)

All undertakings: United Kingdom

Ages	Males	Females	All employees
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Under 18	1	-	1
18 and over	90	9	99
All ages	91	9	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).

TABLE 4 Analysis of larger undertakings within the industry, 1963 and 1968

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

	Unit	Sub-divisions of the industry					
		Public Authorities		Water Companies		Total	
		1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968
Number of undertakings	No.	168	155	36	36	204	191
Gross output (a)	£'000	91,105	136,733	24,495	38,939	115,600	175,672
Net output	"	71,218	108,966	18,237	29,354	89,455	138,320
Net output per head	£	2,142	3,110	1,923	3,044	2,093	3,096
Sales and work done	£'000	91,105	136,730	24,491	38,917	115,595	175,647
water supplied and work done (a) (b)							
canteen takings	"	-	3	4	23	5	25
Purchases	"	19,747	27,654	6,214	9,511	25,961	37,165
materials and fuel used							
canteen purchases	"	-	2	11	25	11	28
Payments to other organisations for transport (c)	"	141	104	34	47	174	151
by road							
by rail and other means excluding postal services							
Number employed on average during the year	No.	33,250	35,039	9,485	9,642	42,735	44,681
operatives	"	25,607	25,229	6,662	6,379	32,269	31,608
other employees (d)	"	7,643	9,810	2,823	3,263	10,466	13,073
Wages and salaries	£'000	18,188	24,644	5,004	6,340	23,192	30,984
of operatives							
of other employees (d)	"	7,620	12,760	2,660	4,114	10,280	16,874
Wages and salaries per head	£	710	977	751	994	719	980
operatives							
of other employees (d)	"	997	1,301	942	1,261	982	1,291
Capital expenditure (e)							
New building work (f)	£'000	19,252	46,680	4,096	9,226	23,349	55,906
Land and existing buildings	"	1,327	838	291	359	1,618	1,197
acquisitions							
disposals	"	547	453	345	122	892	575
Plant and machinery	"	13,911	4,574	5,309	3,712	19,220	8,285
acquisitions (f)							
disposals	"	279	56	19	22	298	77
Vehicles	"	593	861	373	436	966	1,296
acquisitions							
disposals	"	53	72	111	102	164	174

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TABLE 5(A) Quantity of water supplied by larger undertakings within the industry, 1963 and 1968

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

	Public Authorities			Water Companies			Total		
	1963	1968		1963	1968		1963	1968	
	Quantity	Quantity	Under-takings	Quantity	Quantity	Under-takings	Quantity	Quantity	Under-takings
Water supplied	Mn.gal.	Mn.gal.	Number	Mn.gal.	Mn.gal.	Number	Mn.gal.	Mn.gal.	Number
To other water undertakings	72,881	65,560	110	4,383	3,801	18	77,264	69,361	128
To other consumers									
By meter	281,644	356,704	154	70,379	84,694	36	352,023	441,398	190
Un-metered	482,517	585,900	153	120,256	142,821	35	602,772	728,721	188
Total water supplied (a)	837,042	1,008,164	155	195,017	231,316	36	1,032,058	1,239,480	191

(a) These figures include duplication to the extent that water was sold to other undertakings employing an average of 25 or more persons and was distributed by them.

Footnotes to Table 4

- (a) Comprises value of water supplied, work done for which a direct charge was made and work of new construction. For details see Table 5(B).
 (b) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery and other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered).
 (c) Inwards transport on materials and fuel purchased and transport services in connection with output.
 (d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.
 (e) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.
 (f) For 1963 capital expenditure on new construction work on trunk, distributive and service mains was included with plant and machinery instead of with new building work as for 1968.

TABLE 5(B) Value of water supplied and work done by employees of larger undertakings within the industry, 1963 and 1968

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

	Public Authorities			Water Companies			Total		
	1963	1968		1963	1968		1963	1968	
	Value	Value	Under-takings	Value	Value	Under-takings	Value	Value	Under-takings
Water supplied (a)	£'000	£'000	Number	£'000	£'000	Number	£'000	£'000	Number
To other water undertakings	3,898	4,493	110	408	434	18	4,306	4,927	128
To other consumers									
By meter	29,095	45,493	154	8,404	13,064	36	37,499	58,557	190
Un-metered	41,639	64,685	153	12,352	20,366	35	53,991	85,050	188
Total value of water supplied (b)	74,633	114,670	155	21,163	33,863	36	95,796	148,534	191
Work done for which a direct charge was made	Amount charged	Amount charged		Amount charged	Amount charged		Amount charged	Amount charged	
	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	
Laying and fixing pipes, fixing meters and fittings	3,100	5,460	153	1,052	1,750	36	4,152	7,210	189
Other work for which a direct charge was made	693	1,368	104	385	473	23	1,077	1,841	127
Total work done for which a direct charge was made	3,793	6,828	..	1,436	2,223	..	5,229	9,051	..
Work done for which a direct charge was not made (c)	Value	Value		Value	Value		Value	Value	
	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	
New construction (including enlargement of existing buildings etc)									
Of reservoirs, wells, aqueducts and conduits	2,230	2,608	78	126	137	22	2,357	2,745	100
Of buildings	853	462	74	138	79	25	992	540	99
Of trunk, distributing and service mains	9,057	11,439	141	1,479	2,232	31	10,536	13,671	172
Of machinery and plant	438	503	72	139	345	25	577	848	97
Total value of new construction	12,579	15,012	..	1,883	2,793	..	14,462	17,805	..
Repair and maintenance									
Of buildings, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts and conduits	2,599	3,664	147	657	777	36	3,256	4,441	183
Of trunk, distributing and service mains	5,224	7,529	151	1,491	1,946	36	6,714	9,475	187

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TABLE 5(B) (continued)

	Public Authorities			Water Companies			Total		
	1963		1968	1963		1968	1963		1968
	Value	Value	Under-takings	Value	Value	Under-takings	Value	Value	Under-takings
Work done for which a direct charge was not made (c) (continued)	£'000	£'000	Number	£'000	£'000	Number	£'000	£'000	Number
Repair and maintenance (continued)									
Of machinery and plant	1,562	1,842	136	544	827	35	2,107	2,669	171
Other work for which a direct charge was not made	1,843	2,106	68	349	629	20	2,192	2,734	88
Total repair and maintenance etc	11,228	15,141	..	3,041	4,179	..	14,269	19,320	..
Total value of water supplied and work done, including that for which a direct charge was not made	102,233	151,651	..	27,523	43,059	..	129,756	194,710	..
Less repair and maintenance etc, for which a direct charge was not made	11,228	15,141	..	3,041	4,179	..	14,269	19,320	..
Total value of water supplied and work done, for which a direct charge was made and work of new construction	91,005	136,510	155	24,482	38,880	36	115,487	175,390	191

- (a) Net amount charged, less discounts, whether the charge was levied by rate or as rent, or in any other way; transfers from local rates to meet deficiencies in the income of the undertakings are excluded. Meter rents are included.
- (b) These figures include duplication to the extent that water was sold to other undertakings employing an average of 25 or more persons and was distributed by them.
- (c) Covers wages, salaries and cost of materials used, together with an allowance for general establishment charges.

TABLE 6 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

TABLE 7 Sales of other than principal products by larger undertakings in the industry, 1963 and 1968

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

No sales other than principal products were recorded, except for canteen takings, which amounted to £5,000 for 1963 and £25,000 for 1968. Services rendered to other organisations, eg amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery and other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered was recorded as £109,000 for 1963 and £257,000 for 1968.

TABLE 8 Production of certain principal products of the industry by larger undertakings, 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 Materials and fuel purchased and used, 1963 and 1968

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

	Public Authorities				Water Companies				Total			
	1963		1968		1963		1968		1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Materials	Mn. gal.	£'000	Mn. gal.	£'000	Mn. gal.	£'000	Mn. gal.	£'000	Mn. gal.	£'000	Mn. gal.	£'000
Water purchased from other undertakings	56,733	3,197	57,708	4,921	15,221	729	21,570	1,685	71,954	3,927	79,278	6,606
Purifying or softening agents	..	795	..	1,543	..	279	..	427	..	1,074	..	1,970
Materials for building and civil engineering work (including repair and maintenance)	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Cast iron pipes and valves (including fittings)	91.3	4,226	..	6,377	25.7	1,147	..	1,882	117	5,373	..	8,260
Iron and steel in other forms except finished parts, wire and scrap	2.8	244	1.5	136	0.5	47	..	129	3.3	291	1.5	136
Light metals and non-ferrous metals in all forms except finished parts, wire and scrap	1.1	195	0.6	152	0.4	81	0.1	38	1.5	276	0.7	190
Lubricating oils and greases	148	46	125	47	60.7	21	51	20	209	67	177	66
Replacement parts for undertakings' own machinery, plant and vehicles, and accessories and consumable tools bought as replacement	0.3	2	0.4	3	..	..	..	..	0.3	2	0.4	3
Tyres and other spare parts for undertakings' own road goods vehicles	..	751	..	289	..	331	..	103	..	1,082	..	392
Other	..	..	..	686	..	..	..	311	..	..	..	997
All other materials purchased and used	..	3,903	..	4,771	..	864	..	1,530	..	4,768	..	6,302
Fuel and electricity (a)												
Coal	Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons		Th. tons	
Coke (including screenings) and manufactured fuel	114	706	91.9	679	40.9	220	20.9	128	155	926	113	807
Derv fuel and motor spirit for use in road vehicles	14.9	128	8.6	98	4.8	36	2.2	26	19.7	164	10.8	125
Other liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures, etc, and liquefied petroleum gases)	Th. gal.		Th. gal.		Th. gal.		Th. gal.		Th. gal.		Th. gal.	
Gas	2,079	387	3,002	760	802	160	1,003	256	2,881	547	4,005	1,016
Electricity	4,321	255	3,497	190	4,321	255	3,497	190	8,339	487	7,211	396
All other fuels	Th. therms		Th. therms		Th. therms		Th. therms		Th. therms		Th. therms	
	119	12	173	16	119	12	173	16	412	38	661	60
	..	5	..	3	..	2	..	4	..	7	..	7
	Th. kWh		Th. kWh		Th. kWh		Th. kWh		Th. kWh		Th. kWh	
	757,654	3,901	1,102,318	6,488	356,431	1,785	471,323	2,613	1,114,085	5,685	1,573,641	9,101
	..	(b)	..	84	..	(b)	..	4	..	(b)	..	88
Total cost of materials and fuel used		19,747		27,654		6,214		9,511		25,961		37,165
Canteen purchases		-		2		11		25		11		28
Total cost of materials and fuel purchased and used		19,747		27,656		6,224		9,536		25,971		37,192

(a) The total quantity of electricity generated in undertakings' own establishments in this industry was as follows:

Public Authorities		Water Companies		Total	
1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968
Th. kWh	Th. kWh	Th. kWh	Th. kWh	Th. kWh	Th. kWh
43,912	54,610	13,423	11,679	57,335	66,289

(b) Not recorded separately for 1963.

TABLE 11 Transport costs and employment of larger undertakings, 1963 and 1968

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

	Unit	Public Authorities		Water Companies		Total	
		1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968
Average number mainly employed on transport	No.	928	1,339	261	303	1,189	1,642
Transport costs							
Wages and salaries	£'000	712	1,371	193	316	904	1,686
Derv fuel and motor spirit	"	387	760	160	256	547	1,016
Tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles	"	..	289	..	103	..	392
Payments to other organisations for transport	" { by road by rail and other means excluding postal services	141	104	34	47	174	151
			6		2		8
Costs of operating road goods vehicles							
Insurance	"	48	93	32	38	80	131
Vehicle licences	"	94	292	38	81	131	373
Depreciation	"	348	446	186	243	534	689
Payments to other organisations for repairs and maintenance	"	123	213	41	88	164	301
Total	"	1,852(a)	3,575	683(a)	1,174	2,535(a)	4,749

(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 undertakings, 1963 and 1968 (a)

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

	Public Authorities		Water Companies		Total	
	1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968
Repairs and maintenance to	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Buildings	301	356	125	132	426	488
Road goods vehicles	123	213	41	88	164	301
Plant, machinery and other capital equipment	1,253	1,588	313	308	1,566	1,897
Insurance, licensing and depreciation of road goods vehicles (b)	490	832	256	362	745	1,194
Rates, excluding water rates	7,458	10,562	1,562	2,234	9,020	12,796
Hire of plant and machinery	340	734	84	161	425	895
Postage, telephone, telegrams, cables and telex (c)	364	533	191	253	555	786
Total	10,328	14,818	2,572	3,539	12,900	18,356

(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 undertakings, 1968

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

Year ended	Public Authorities		Water Companies		Total	
	Percentage of total returns received	Percentage of total number employed	Percentage of total returns received	Percentage of total number employed	Percentage of total returns received	Percentage of total number employed
1968	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
April (a)	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3
May	1.9	2.7	0.0	0.0	1.6	2.1
June	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
July	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
August	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
September	0.0	0.0	5.6	5.2	1.0	1.1
October	0.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.1
November	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
December	4.5	1.7	75.0	67.9	17.8	16.0
1969						
January	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.7	0.5	0.1
February	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
March	85.8	86.2	16.7	26.2	72.8	73.3
April (b)	6.6	7.6	0.0	0.0	5.3	6.0
	100	100	100	100	100	100

(a) From 6 April.

(b) To 5 April.