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Census of Production for 1954


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## VOLUME 1, INDUSTRY A

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THIS REPORT on the Coal Mines Industry relates to all establishments of the National Coal Board engaged in the extraction of coal from deep mines and quarries and to other undertakings, no operated by the National Coal Board, wholly or mainly engaged in the mining or quarrying of coal Persons associated with coal production employed by the National Coal Board elsewhere than at the mines (i.e. by Area Boards and in Divisional and Yeadquarters are in general includ but artain Divisistat oal production are excluded from this report.

The extraction of coal from open cast workings so far as recorded separately is excluded from this industry and has been included in the report on the Building and Contracting Industry (Volume 12 Industry A).

In this report the figures for the larger undertakings include all colliery units, regardless of ize, of the National Coal Board together with the larger non-nationalised undertakings employing more than 10 persons on the average. The figures for small undertakings relate only to those non nationalised undertakings which employed 10 or fewer persons on the average.

Establishments in this industry were excluded from the censuses for 1951 and 1954 taken in Northern Ireland, and no census was taken there for 1948.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 10 in the Standard Industrial Classification.
The figures in this report are based on returns made to the Ministry of Fuel and Power

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ate booklet entitled The Report on the Census of Pro ate booklet entitled 'The Report on the Census of
duction for 1954/- Introductory Notes' (price 1s. 6 d .

Industrial Classification: Establishments are classif ied to industries
 are identified as the principal products or individual
industries. the principal products for a given industry
 duction. The principle of classification normaliy
followed is that an astablishent is classified to an
industry if its output of the principal producte of that foldowed is that output of the principal producte of the that
industry if its out
industry accounted for a qreater proportion
of the industry accounted for a grea
of its output than did ite o out
ducts of any other industry.
Special ist producers normally comprise those establish-
ments 50 per cent. or more of whose total output by ents is per cent. .or more of whose total output
value iscounted for by characteristic products of Intemediate products Intermediate products: For some industries figures are
given shoring the total
guantities made during the year af intermediate products. i.e. products which may be
orther processed in the estabishments in which they further proce
are produced.
 port reiates mainy io larirns employing on the average more than 10 persons. Of in most cases an es tablishment com-
prises the whole of the premises under the same ownern

 Small firms are those employing on the average 10 or Small firms a
The estimates for the industry as a whole given in
Table are normally obtained by increasing the other Table 1 are nornally obtained by increasing the other
itens shown in the same proportion as total employment. Gross output (production) is the total value of goods
made and other work done during the year: it is obtainmade and other work done during the year: it is obtain-
ed by adjusting the value of sales and work done e uring the yara for changes in the value of.
on hand for sale and work in progreas.
Net output is the amount le ft after deducting from the
value of gross output the cagrequate of the cost of mat.
orials and fuel used. the amount paid for work given out, orials and fuel used. the amount paid for work given out,
and. for 191 and 1954 any tranport payments made.
This rep

 Sales means sales during the year of goods made in the
ostablishent covered by the return or made on conmis.



Materials and fuel. The total cost of materials and
fuel purchased Inciudes all purchases during the yara
of matorials for uso in production, and of fuel (includ-
ing oil, gas and olectricity) for all purposes: packing when first purchased: workshop and office materials;
 people inction in their returns; consumable tools
and parts for inery purhased as replacements
Purchases of goods for merchanting are excluded. The Purchases of gods for merchanting are excluded. The
cost foraterials and fuel used, given in Table ${ }^{2}$. is
cotained by adusting purchases for changes during the Obtained by adjusting purch.
year in the value of stocks. Stodss. Firms were required to give stocks of materials
and fuel products on hand for sale, and work in pro-
gress, at income tax values. Customs and Excise Duty paid on materials purchased is
no rmally included in the cost of materials. Finished noods are similarly valued as of they were solid. duty-paid
or duty-free. The net amount of any duty paid is deor duty-free. The net amount
ducted in arriving at net output.
Employment: Total employment includes working propriet. ors. administrative, technical and cherical employee
and operatives, but excludes outworkers. canteen employ

 sons on the pay-roli (i.e. persons whose National In-
surance cards were held by employers). whe ther employed surance cards wer he
full $-t$ ime or part-time.
Working proprietors are proprietors of businesses other
than limited companies, together with members of their than limited companies, toge ther with members of their
families who worked in the business without receiving
fixed wase in sing fixed wages or sclaries. Any persons working less than
half the normal hours are excluded. For Northern Ireland directors) of timimed ocmpaniis (other than those
paid by fee only) are also included.
Administrative, tectnical and clerical employees include
directors. other than those paid by fee only Northern Ireland): managers, superintendents and works foremen: research, experimental, development, technical and design employees (other than operatives): draughs-
men and tracers: travellers: and office (including men and tracers: tray
works office) employees
Operatives include all other classes of employees. i.e. Outworkers are persons employed by the firm who work on
materials supplied by the firm in their own homes. Wages and salaries include all overtime payments, bonusWas and commissions rithout any deductions for income tax
insurances contributory pensions etc. They exclude insurances. contributory pens
payments to working propitotors
Capital expenditure includes expenditure on new building capital account during the year. including any transport
 ture in respect of ostablishments in Great Britain which
had not be gun production before the end of the year
( $\mathbf{y}$ hich has not previously been included in the Census of production reporte for Individual industries).
Symbols used:
for not avallable
for nil or negligible (less than half the final
digit shown).
Where figures are rounded, e.g.. given to the nearest $\varepsilon$ thousand. there may be apparent slight discrepan-
cies between the sume of constituent items and the tot als shown. In some cases, figures have been combined
ith others of a similar nature where publication of "itth others of aimilar nature where publication of
soparate detail míht disclose information relating to
an individual undertaking.

Estimates for the industry as a whol
TABLE 1

|  | Great Britain. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Scotland } \\ 1954 \end{gathered}$ | Wales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1948 | 1951 | 1954 |  |  |
|  | Emillion | ¢ million | £ million | £ million | £ million |
| Gross output (production) | 447.5 | 519.9 | 658.6 | 69.93 | 94.48 |
| Net output | 365.0 | 419.3 | 513.4 | 54.44 | 72.89 |
| Total stocks of saleable coal At beginning of year Change during year | $\begin{array}{r}2.4 \\ +\quad 0.8 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2.8 \\ +\quad 0.5 \\ \hline 2.8\end{array}$ | 3.9 $+\quad 0.1$ | $\begin{array}{r}0.25 \\ -\quad 0.02 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 0.86 $+\quad 0.21$ |
| Capital expenditure less disposals (a) | 20.8 | 27.6 | 70.5 | 8.30 | 12.31 |
| Wages and salaries | 300.4 | 343.8 | 429.4 | 52.13 | 65.27 |
|  | Thousands | Thousands | Thousands | Thousands | Thousands |
| -orking proprietors) | 763.8 | 740.8 | 766.1 | 91.70 | 121.20 |

(a) Capital expenditure on new building work and new and secondhand plant, machinery and vehicles (including
that incurred for colliery units or mines not yet in production), less amounts received for plant.
machinery and vehicles disposed of.

Summary of returns received
Larger undertakings (a)

|  | Unit | Great Britain |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1948 | 1951 | 1954 |
| Number of colliery units or mines (b) | No. | 1.181 | 1.062 | 1.091 |
| Total value of net disposals of coal, other sales and work done (c) | £. 000 | 446.250 | 518.915 | 657.766 |
| Stocks of saleable coal $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { at beginning of year } \\ \text { change during year }\end{array}\right.$ | ... | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 2. } \\ \hline 812\end{array}$ | 2, 794 $+\quad 534$ | 3.884 $+\quad 84$ |
| Gross output (production) (d) \{change during year | .." | 447.062 | 519.449 | 657.850 |
| Cost of materials and fuel used (d) | " | 82.432 (e) | 100, 567 | 145.083 |
| Net output |  | 364.630 | 418.882 | ${ }^{512.767}$ |
| Average number of employees $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { operatives } \\ \text { others }\end{array}\right.$ | $\stackrel{\text { No. }}{ }$ | 729.021 33.868 (f) | 702.978 73.855 | 723.293 41.683 |
| Total employment ( g ) <br> Net output per person employed (g) | $\ddot{\varepsilon}$ | 763.025 478 | ${ }^{739} .95868$ (h) | 765.108 670 |
| Wages and salaries $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { of operatives } \\ \text { of others }\end{array}\right.$ | ${ }^{\text {\& }}$. 000 | 283.962 15.619 | 324.174 18.435 | 404.376 24.629 |
| Capital expenditure on New building work (i) |  | 4.438 | 10.407(j) | 26.212(j) |
| Plant and machinery $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { acquisitions (i) } \\ \text { disposals }\end{array}\right.$ | ". | 16.352 | 16.941 ${ }_{5}$ | 44.251 ${ }_{\substack{377 \\ 3}}$ |
|  | ". | 597 92 | 813 40 | ${ }_{41} 395$ |

(a) All colliery units, regardless of size, of the Nate aleal
(b) The number of colliiery units for administrative the averañting purposes. exclusive of any mines not in
(c) Fortive detailsuction. In some cases these units comprise

(e) Ine same ing payment for For subsequent done on materisicls given out.
(f) Number in veek ended September 25, 1948.
(g) Including vorking propiriemors. 22,1951 for National Coall Board: average number employed during the year
(h) Numer in
(for
for other undertakings.
(i) Including expenditure for colliery units or mines not yet in production.
(j) Including $£ 3.857 .000$ in 1951 and $\varepsilon 8,412.000$ in 1954 in respect of work other than at mines.
(60416)

|  | Unit | Great Britain |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1948 | 1951 | 1954 |
| Number of mines | No. | 139 | 167 | 180 |
| Gross output (sales) | £. 000 | 399 | 446 | 708 |
| Cost of materials and fuel used | .. | 30 | 38 | 55 |
| Net output | .. | 369 | 408 | 653 |
| Average employment (b) | No. | 774 | 866 | 1.017 |
| Males | .. | 765 | 853 | 1,006 |
| Females | . | 9 | 13 | 11 |

(a) Small non-nationalised undertak
(b) Including working propriecors.

Analysis by size, 1954
Larger undertakings in Great Britain (a)

| Size of colliery units or mines Average number of wage earners employed | Colliery units or mines | Saleable output (b) | Wage earners <br> on colliery books | Wages paid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Th.tons | Number | £. 000 |
| 1-24 | 148 | 592 | 1.844 | 1.022 |
| 25-49 | 83 | 884 | 2.864 | 1.714 |
| 50-99 | 52 | 1.266 | 3,872 | 2.272 |
| 100-199 | 79 | 3.243 | 11,597 | 6.675 |
| 200-299 | 84 | 5.556 | 20.129 | 11.350 |
| 300-399 | 57 | 5.954 | 20,395 | 11.443 |
| 400-499 | 59 | 7.563 | 26.512 | 15,098 |
| 500-749 | 143 | 25.617 | 89.820 | 50.208 |
| 750-999 | 132 | 33.454 | 114,589 | 63.797 |
| 1,000-1.499 | 126 | 48.717 | 153.410 | 85.715 |
| 1.500 and over | 128 | 80,455 | 254.361 | 144,369 |
| Total | 1.091 | 213.301 | 699.393 | ${ }^{393} .662$ |

TABLE 4 - Analysis according to specialisation within the industry, 1954
Larger undertakings in Great Britain
This table is not applicable to the industry

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Total sales by small undertakings in Great Britain (a)

| TABLE 5 (ii) |
| :--- |

(a) Small non-nationalised undertakings (employing on the average 10 or fever persons).

ABLE 6 - Sales of principal products of the industry by establishments classified to other industries
Larger undertakings in' Great Britai
This table is not applicable to the industry, Open crist coal production is recorded in the Building
and Contracting Industry (Volume 12. Industry A).

Sales in the industry of other than principal products Larger undertakings in Great Britain (a)

|  | 1954 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value |
|  | Th.tons | ع 000 |
| Minerals other than coal | 2.103 | 349 |
|  | Th. kWh . |  |
| Electricity sold | 165.042 | 906 |
| Electricity transferred to other establishments under the same ownership | 120.005 | 548 |
| Gas. steam and compressed air sold | .. | 513 |
| Other goods sold and work done | .. | 1.990 |
| Total |  | 4.306 |

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## National Coal Board

Materiale
Timber
Mining timber (props, pitwod, shoring timber, etc.)
other
Iron and steel
Arches and cambered girders
Roof bars and props
Straight joists and sections (including roof girders)
(all unmachined)
(all unmachined)
Wire ropes
Other
belting
Explosives
Insulated wires and cables
spares
Water consumed
All other purchased material
Fuel and electricity
Coke and coke breeze
Liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures)
For use in internal combustion engines
Motor spirit (petrol) for use in road vehicles and
derv fuel other
For burning in furnaces, boilers, kilns, etc.
Gas purchasea (b)
From Gas Boards
From other sources, including other works under the
From other sour
same ownership
Electricity purchased (c)
From Electricity Boards
From other sources, including other works under the
same ownership
11 other purchased fuel (including open-cast coal)
Total
Other undertakings
All purchased materials and fue 1 used
Total National Coal Board and other undertakings

| Quantity | Cost |
| :---: | :---: |
| Th.stds. | £. 000 |
| 672.8 | 22.011 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Th.cu.ft. } \\ 2.622 \end{gathered}$ | 1.513 |
| Th.tons |  |
| 360 | 12.263 |
| 168 | 6.899 |
| 90 | 2.852 |
| 25 | 2.599 |
| 126 | 5.739 |
| . | 16,056 |
| .. | 6.780 |
| .. | 4.395 |
| . | 18,808 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Th.gal. } \\ & 4,309.983 \end{aligned}$ | 259 |
| .. | 29.665 |
| Th.tons |  |
| ${ }^{41}$ | 182 |
| Th.gal. |  |
| 2.868 | 515 |
| 1.945 | 155 |
| 191 | 21 |
| Th.therms | 36 |
|  |  |
| 17.285 | 185 |
| Th. kWh . <br> 3.180 .810 | 13.139 |
| 50,182 | 212 |
|  | 350 |
|  | 144.634 |
|  | 449 |
|  | 145.083 |

(a) The total cost of materials and fuel purchased and used by small undertakings in Great Britain amounted
(b) The total quantity of gas produced amounted to 4.629 Th . therms (including 4.488 Th . therms of methane gas)


TABLE 8 - Total make of intermediate products
Larger undertakings in Great Britain
This table is not applicable to the industry

|  | 1951 | 1954 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Number |
| Average number of employees |  |  |
| Operatives Administrative, technical and clerical | $\begin{array}{r} 702,978 \\ 36,855 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 723.293 \\ 41.683 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 739, 833 (b) | 764.976(c) |
| Wages and salaries (d) paid to | $\varepsilon^{\prime} 000$ | ¢. 000 |
| (ectical and clerical employees | $\begin{gathered} 324.174 \\ 18.435 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 404.376 \\ 24.629 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 342.609 | 429,005 |
| Wages and salaries per head | $\varepsilon$ | $\varepsilon$ |
| Operatives <br> Administrative, technical and clerical employees | 461 502 | $\begin{array}{r} 559 \\ \\ £ 5001 \end{array}$ |
| Superannuation and other pension funds for employees and dependents (e) |  |  |
| Employers* contributions | .. | 11.555 |
| Employees covered |  | ${ }_{\text {c }}$ |
| Pension, etc. payments to former employees and dependents |  | (f) |

(a) For employment in small undertakings (employing on the average 10 or fewer persons) that made satisfactory (b) Number in eeek ended September 22, 1951 for the National Coal Board; average number employed during the (c) Excluding canteen workers is in the week ended October 2, 1954 the number of canteen workers employed by
(d) Including bonua and commission payments.
(e) Nationac Coal Board only. No information was collected from the non-nationalised undertakings.
(f) No information collected.

Employment in a specified week (a)
larger undertakings in Great Britain

|  | 1951 |  |  | 1954 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females | Total |
| Working proprietors | 124 | 1 | 125 | 130 | 2 | 132 |
| Operatives <br> Administrative. technical and clerical employees | $\begin{array}{r} 700,986 \\ 29.106 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.011 \\ & 7.744 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 702,997 \\ 36,850 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 720.622 \\ 32.867 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 674 <br> $9.552(b)$ | $\begin{array}{r} 721.296 \\ 42.419 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Total employees | 730.092 | 9.755 | 739,847 | 753.489 | 10.226 | 763.715 |

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[^0]:    (a) For sales by small undertakings see Table 5(ii).

[^1]:    (a) Week ended September 22, 1951, or October 2, 1954

