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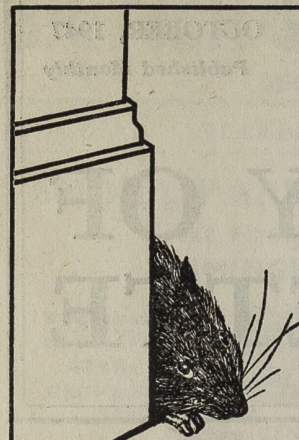
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## SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL STATISTICS.

### EMPLOYMENT.

The following is a summary of the employment statistics for Great Britain for August, 1947, and for mid-1939, mid-1945, March, 1947, and July, 1947:—

	Males aged 14-64.		Females aged 14-59.		(Thousands)
	Mid-1939.	Mid-1945.	March, 1947.	July, 1947.	
Numbers employed in Industry:—					
Manufacture for Export ..	990	410	1,468	1,518	1,580
Other Manufactures:—					
Metal and Chemical Industries					
Equipment, etc., for the Forces ..	1,070	3,132	340		
Manufacture for Home Market ..	1,586	1,014	2,496	2,848*	2,817
Other Industries:—					
Equipment, etc., for the Forces ..	200	698	100		
Manufacture for Home Market ..	2,969	1,566	2,570	2,688	2,669
Basic Industries and Services	4,683	5,191	5,583	5,618	5,622
Building and Civil Engineering ..	1,310	722	1,210	1,306	1,321
Distributive Trades ..	2,887	1,958	2,297	2,329	2,333
Other Services ..	2,225	1,598	1,979	2,086	2,094
Total ..	17,920	16,289	18,043	18,393*	18,436
Civil Defence, N.F.S. and Police ..	80	127	91	90	91
Armed Forces and Auxiliary Services ..	480	5,090	1,401	1,259*	1,242
Ex-H.M. Forces who have not yet taken up Employment ..	—	40	105	160	135
Insured persons registered as Unemployed ..	1,270	103	560	252†	242†
Total Working Population (excluding Indoor Private Domestic Service)	19,750	21,649	20,200	20,154*	20,146

The total number employed in industry in August, 1947, included 12,844,000 males and 5,592,000 females. Compared with mid-1939, the number of males showed a decrease of 239,000 and the number of females an increase of 755,000.

The above figures are analysed in greater detail on pages 340 and 341.

### UNEMPLOYMENT.

The numbers of insured persons registered as unemployed in Great Britain at 15th September, 1947, are given below, together with the corresponding figures for August and for mid-1939.

	Mid-1939.	11th Aug., 1947.	15th Sept., 1947.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) at September compared with August.
Men (18 and under 65)	992,000	181,042	171,484	— 9,558
Boys (14 to 17)	20,000	5,162	5,327	+ 165
Women (18 and under 60)	239,000	59,815	58,910	— 905
Girls (14 to 17)	19,000	3,672	4,191	+ 519

The numbers unemployed at 15th September, 1947, represented 1½ per cent. of the estimated total number of insured persons, the corresponding percentages for males and females separately being the same.

Of the total of 239,912 persons unemployed, 233,249 were wholly unemployed and 6,663 were temporarily stopped. Of the former, 64,421 had been out of work for not more than two weeks, 54,058 for more than two but not more than eight weeks, and 114,770 for more than eight weeks.

\* Revised figures.  
† Estimate for end of month.

The figures for September, 1947, are analysed in greater detail on pages 343 to 346, on which statistics are given for each of the Regions and for a number of the larger towns and also for the separate industries.

### WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR.

In the industries covered by the Department's statistics, the changes in rates of wages reported to have come into operation in September resulted in an aggregate increase estimated at £33,000 in the weekly full-time wages of about 243,000 workpeople. In addition, a number of workpeople had their hourly rates increased so as to give approximately the same weekly wages as before for a shorter working week.

The principal groups of workpeople affected by increases in wage rates were those employed in the iron and steel industry, the baking industry in Scotland, the retail grocery trade in Scotland, the furniture manufacturing industry (timeworkers only) and by the Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd. in England and Wales.

It is estimated that the weekly wage rates at the end of September, 1947, were about 69 per cent. higher than in September, 1939, about the same as at the end of August, 1947.

The number of workpeople whose hours were reduced in September was about 41,000, the average reduction being about 2¼ hours a week. The principal reductions affected workpeople employed in the fur trade, in leather goods, saddlery and harness manufacture, in the retail grocery trade in Scotland, and in the baking industry in Scotland.

Full particulars of the changes in rates of wages and hours of labour in September are given on pages 349 to 352.

### TRADE DISPUTES.

The number of industrial disputes involving stoppages of work, reported to the Department as beginning in September, was 104. In addition, 10 stoppages which began before September were still in progress at the beginning of that month. The approximate number of workers involved, during September, in these 114 stoppages (including also workers thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred though not themselves parties to the disputes) was about 85,000 and the aggregate number of working days lost at the establishments concerned, during September, was about 354,000.

Further particulars of disputes involving stoppages of work during September are given on page 353.

### RETAIL PRICES.

At 16th September the official index figure, which measures changes in the average level of retail prices compared with the level at the base date, 17th June, 1947 (taken as 100), was 101. The corresponding figure at 12th August was 100.

The rise in the index during the month under review was mainly due to increased prices for coal and household soap.

Further details of changes in retail prices during the month under review are given on page 354.



























NUMBERS EMPLOYED : INDUSTRIAL ANALYSIS—continued. (Thousands)

Main table showing numbers employed in various industries from 1939 to 1947, categorized by sex and age groups.

\* Excluding agriculture, mining and quarrying (other than coal), National and Local Government service, railways, shipping, dock and harbour service. † Excluding professional and personal services.

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG INSURED PERSONS AT 15th SEPTEMBER, 1947. SUMMARY FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

The number of insured persons registered as unemployed\* in Great Britain at 11th August and 15th September, 1947, were as follows :—

Table showing the number of insured persons registered as unemployed in Great Britain at 11th August and 15th September, 1947, broken down by sex and age group.

In addition, there were on the registers at 15th September 14,097† uninsured persons, including 4,370 boys and girls under 18 who had not yet entered industry.

The figures for 15th September are analysed below :—

Table analyzing the figures for 15th September, showing categories like Wholly Unemployed (including Casuals), Unemployed for not more than 2 weeks, etc., with sub-totals for men, women, and children.

The total of 239,912 includes 30,823 married women, and ex-Servicemen numbering 8,684 who had had no employment since leaving the Forces.

The changes between 11th August and 15th September, 1947, in each administrative Region were as follows :—

Table showing the changes between 11th August and 15th September, 1947, in each administrative region, including London & South-Eastern, Eastern, Southern, South-Western, Midland, North-Midland, East and West Ridings, North-Western, Northern, Scotland, and Wales.

\* See footnote \* in the next column. † See footnote † in the next column.

The following Table gives the numbers unemployed and the approximate percentage rates of unemployment at 15th September among insured males and females in each Region :—

Table showing the numbers unemployed and approximate percentage rates of unemployment at 15th September among insured males and females in each region.

NUMBERS UNEMPLOYED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM : REGIONAL ANALYSIS.

The total number of insured persons registered as unemployed\* in the United Kingdom at 15th September, 1947, was 262,148, including 196,063 men and boys and 66,085 women and girls. In addition, there were on the registers in the United Kingdom at 15th September 14,517† uninsured persons, including 4,509 boys and girls under 18 who had not yet entered industry.

The numbers of insured unemployed persons on the registers in each Region are shown below.

Table showing the numbers of insured unemployed persons on the registers in each region, including London and South-Eastern, Eastern, Southern, South-Western, Midland, North-Midland, East and West Ridings, North-Western, Northern, Scotland, and Wales.

\* The figures exclude 17,333 insured men and 626 insured women on the registers in Great Britain who had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary employment. † This figure excludes 1,081 uninsured persons on the registers in Great Britain who had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary employment.

















## WAGES COUNCILS ACT, 1945.

## NOTICES OF PROPOSAL.

During September, 1947, notices of intention to submit to the Minister of Labour and National Service wages regulation proposals were issued by the following Wages Councils:—

*Brush and Broom Wages Council (Great Britain).*—(1) Proposal M. (62), dated 12th September, 1947; relating to the fixing of revised general minimum time rates, piece work basis time rates, guaranteed time rates and overtime rates. (2) Proposal M. (63), dated 12th September, 1947; for requiring annual holidays and certain customary holidays to be allowed to workers (other than outworkers) and fixing payment for such holidays.

*Pin, Hook and Eye, and Snap Fastener Wages Council (Great Britain).*—Proposal O. (37), dated 16th September, 1947; relating to the fixing of revised general minimum time rates, piece work basis time rates and overtime rates, for workers other than home-workers.

*Baking Wages Council (England and Wales).*—Proposal B.K. (32), dated 30th September, 1947; relating to the fixing of revised general minimum time rates and overtime rates.

*Ostrich and Fancy Feather and Artificial Flower Wages Council (Great Britain).*—(1) Proposal O.F. (13), dated 30th September, 1947; relating to the fixing of revised general minimum time rates, piece work basis time rates and overtime rates. (2) Proposal O.F. (14), dated 30th September, 1947; for requiring annual holidays and certain customary holidays to be allowed to workers and fixing payment for such holidays.

Further information concerning any of the proposals listed above may be obtained by persons engaged in the trade affected by application to the Secretary of the Council in question at Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, London, S.W.1.

## WAGES REGULATION ORDERS.

During September, 1947, no Wages Regulation Orders were made by the Minister of Labour and National Service.

WAGES COUNCILS ACT  
(NORTHERN IRELAND), 1945.

## NOTICES OF PROPOSAL.

There were no notices of proposal issued during September, 1947.

## WAGES REGULATION ORDERS.

During September, 1947, the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance made the following Wages Regulation Orders giving effect to proposals made by the Wages Councils concerned:—

*The Retail Bespoke Tailoring Wages Council (Northern Ireland) Wages Regulation Order, 1947 (N.I.T.R.B. (66)),* dated 17th September, and effective from 24th September, 1947.—This Order prescribes increased general minimum time rates, piece work basis time rates, general minimum piece rates and overtime rates for male and female workers in the trade, and provides for a reduction of the normal weekly hours of work from 48 to 44.—See page 350.

*The Boot and Shoe Repairing Wages Council (Northern Ireland) Wages Regulation (No. 2) Order, 1947 (N.I.B.S. (57)),* dated 25th September, and effective from 1st October, 1947.—This Order prescribes increased general minimum time rates, piece work basis time rates, general minimum piece rates and overtime rates for male and female workers in the trade.

## FACTORY ACTS.

## FACTORY FORMS.

The undermentioned Factory Forms have been issued or reprinted since the previous list was published in the August, 1947, issue of this GAZETTE (page 282) and may be purchased at the prices shown.\* The prices in brackets include postage.

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675	Factories Act, 1937. Certificate of Exemption No. 23 (General) Air Receivers—Monotype Machines. July, 1947. Price 1d. (2d.).
944	Factories Act, 1937. Locomotives, etc., Regulations. The Use of Locomotives and Waggon on Lines and Sidings in or used in connection with Premises under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901. (Reprinted 1947). Revised price 3d. (4d.).
1022	The Factories (Luminising) Special Regulations. June, 1947. Price 3d. (4d.).
1030	The Magnesium (Grinding of Castings and Other Articles) Special Regulations, 1946. August, 1947. Price 2d. (3d.).
1032	Patent Fuel Manufacture (Health and Welfare) Special Regulations, 1946. June, 1947. Price 3d. (4d.).
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