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Industrial Employment December 1998 (Final)

March 1999 (Provisional)

	Seasonally Unadjusted	All Industries Seasonally Adjusted
March 1998	253,700	256,200
December 1998	261,100	260,600
March 1999 ¹	256,300	258,900
Quarterly change	-4,800	-1,700
Annual change	+2,600	+2,700

¹ Provisional

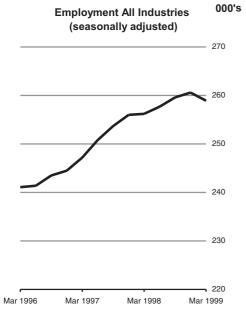
Industrial employment up 2,600 in year to March 1999

Industrial employment was 256,300 in March 1999, an increase of 2,600 on the March 1998 figure. However, the seasonally adjusted figure fell by 1,700 between December 1998 and March 1999. This was the first fall, albeit a small one, since 1992.

The decrease of 4,800 in the unadjusted total between December 1998 and March 1999 included *(See Table 2):*

- a fall of 1,400 in the Food sector.
- a fall of 700 in the Textile sector.
- a fall of 700 in the Clothing, Footwear and Leather sector.
- a fall of 500 in the Metals and Engineering sector.

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		Manufact Industri		Transportable Industri		All Indus	tries
		Unadjusted for seasonality	Seasonally Adjusted ²	Unadjusted for seasonality	Seasonally Adjusted ²	Unadjusted for seasonality	Seasonally Adjusted ²
1990	June	190.8	191.7	196.6	196.9	210.7	210.9
	September					213.7	211.8
	December	193.8	192.8	198.6	197.9	212.6	212.1
	Average	191.9		197.1		211.2	
1991	March	190.8	192.7	196.1	198.1	209.5	211.6
	June	192.6	193.3	197.8	198.0	211.7	211.8
	September	196.9	195.4	201.9	200.4	215.9	214.2
	December	199.9	198.9	204.7	204.0	218.4	218.0
	Average	195.1		200.1		213.9	
1992	March	196.1	197.9	200.8	202.8	214.5	216.5
	June					217.2	217.1
1992	September					218.0	216.5
	December	198.9	197.8	203.3	202.5	216.2	210.5
	Average	198.0		202.8		216.5	
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1993	March					215.2	217.1
	June					218.1	217.8
	September	200.4	199.5	205.6	204.6	219.6	218.4
	December	200.7	199.9	205.3	204.7	219.0	218.7
	Average	199.3		204.0		218.0	
1994	March	199.9	201.6	204.5	206.4	218.4	220.3
	June	203.3	203.2	208.6	208.1	222.4	221.9
	September	206.0	205.2	210.9	210.0	224.6	223.5
	December	210.1	209.3	214.6	214.0	227.9	227.6
	Average	204.8		209.7		223.3	
1995	March	211.8	213.6	216.1	218.2	229.4	231.4
	June	217.8	217.5	222.8	222.1	235.9	235.2
	September					238.3	237.3
	December	222.9	194.4192.7199.5197.8193.8192.8198.6197.9191.9197.1190.8192.7196.1198.1192.6193.3197.8198.0196.9195.4201.9200.4199.9198.9204.7204.0195.1200.8202.8197.9198.3203.3203.3199.0197.8203.8202.5198.9198.0203.3202.7198.0202.8196.8198.5201.2203.1199.1199.2203.9203.7200.4199.5205.6204.6200.7199.9201.6204.5204.7199.3201.6204.5206.4203.3203.2208.6208.1206.0205.2210.9210.0210.1209.3214.6214.0204.8213.6216.1218.2217.8213.6216.1218.2217.8217.5222.8222.1220.6219.9225.2224.4	240.3	239.9		
	Average	218.3		222.9		236.0	
1996	March	221.5	223.4	226.0	228.3	238.9	241.1
	June					242.3	241.4
	September					244.4	243.5
	December					245.0	244.5
	Average	225.4		230.0		242.7	
1997	March	228.2	230.3	232.7	235.1	244.8	247.2
	June					251.7	250.8
	September					254.6	253.7
	December					256.6	256.0
	Average	235.3		240.0		251.9	
1998	March	237 5	239.7	949 1	244 6	253.7	256.2
	June					258.7	257.7
	September					260.6	259.6
	December					260.6	260.6
			2 17.0		2 10.0	258.5	200.0
	Average						
1999	March ³	240.2	242.4	244.8	247.3	256.3	258.9

Table 1 Summary of Total Employment in Manufacturing, Transportable Goods and All Industries ('000)¹

The data in this and subsequent tables relate to a week in the middle of each month Based on seasonal patterns up to June 1998 Provisional

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Table 2 Total Persons engaged by Industrial Sector ('000)

Industrial Castor	NACE	1995		1996				
Industrial Sector	Code	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	24	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.4	10.3	10.4	
Chemicals (incl. Man-made fibres)	25-26	18.8	19.2	19.7	19.5	19.7	19.9	
Basic industrial chemicals (incl. fertilisers)	251	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	
Pharmaceuticals	257	10.1	10.4	11.0	10.8	11.0	11.0	
Chemicals, remainder (incl. Man-made fibres)	255,256 & 258-260	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.6	
Metals and Engineering	22,31-37	87.3	87.8	88.7	91.4	92.0	94.2	
Production and preliminary processing								
of metals Manufacture of metal articles	22 31	1.4 13.7	1.4 13.6	1.5 13.9	1.5 14.0	1.5 14.4	1.5 14.4	
Mechanical engineering	32	10.6	10.7	10.8	14.0	14.4	14.4	
Office and data processing machinery	33	13.4	14.5	14.4	14.8	15.3	16.6	
Electrical engineering	34	29.4	28.7	29.0	30.2	30.0	29.6	
Manufacture and assembly of motor vehicles	•	_0		2010	00.2	0010	2010	
(incl. parts)	35	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.3	
Manufacture of other means of transport	36	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	
Instrument engineering	37	10.7	10.8	11.0	11.7	11.7	12.5	
Food	411-423	40.0	39.0	39.2	40.0	40.6	39.4	
Slaughtering and preserving of meat	412	12.6	12.1	12.3	12.7	12.8	12.0	
Manufacture of dairy products	413	6.8	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.0	7.4	
Grain milling and manufacture of animal and poultry food	416,422	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	
Bread, biscuit and flour confectionery	410,422	2.9 5.5	5.3	2.0 5.5	5.7	2.8 5.8	2.8 5.7	
Manufacture of sugar and cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery	420-421	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.3	
Other foods	411,414,415	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.5	
	417/8 & 423	8.0	7.6	6.9	7.1	7.7	7.2	
Drink and Tobacco	424-429	6.1	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.3	
Drink	424-428	5.1	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.3	
Tobacco	429	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Textile Industry	43	9.5	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.8	8.7	
Wool industry	431	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	
Knitting industry	436	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	
Other textiles	432-434 437-439	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	
Clothing, Footwear and Leather	44-45	11.0	10.6	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.1	
Leather and footwear	44,451	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	
Clothing	453-456	9.7	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.9	
Timber and Wooden Furniture	46	8.6	8.9	9.4	9.3	9.0	9.0	
Paper and Printing	47	16.3	16.3	16.5	16.0	16.8	16.7	
Paper and paper products	471-472	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.1	
Printing and publishing	473-474	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.2	12.9	12.5	
Miscellaneous Industries	14,48-49	15.0	14.6	15.3	15.5	15.3	14.6	
Processing of rubber	481-482	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.1	
Processing of plastics Other manufacturing industries	483 49	8.3 3.5	8.3 3.4	8.6 3.6	8.7 3.6	8.8 3.4	8.9 3.3	
Total Manufacturing Industries		222.9	221.5	224.3	227.2	228.4	228.2	
Mining, Quarrying and Turf	111,21,23	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.5	
Total Transportable Goods Industries		227.4	226.0	229.3	231.9	232.8	232.7	
		221.4	220.0	223.3	201.3	202.0	252.1	
of which: Industries mainly or wholly								
producing:-		70.0	71.1	71.4	73.6	73.9	76.3	
Capital goods Intermediate products		70.0 65.9	71.1 66.2	71.4 68.0	73.6 67.3	73.9 67.1	76.3 67.2	
Consumer goods		91.5	88.7	89.9	90.9	91.8	89.3	
Electricity, Gas and Water	13,16 &17	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.6	12.2	12.1	
All Industries	1-4	240.3	238.9	242.3	244.4	245.0	244.8	
	11,13,14,16							
of which: Energy producing industries	&239	13.2	13.2	13.7	13.1	12.5	12.4	

Table 2	Total Persons engaged by Industrial Sector ('000) - continued
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1997				199	8		1999 NACE	Industrial Sector		
Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar ¹	Code	Industrial Sector	
10.7	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.9	10.9	24	Non-Metallic Mineral Products	
20.5	20.9	20.9	21.3	22.1	22.3	22.7	22.6	25-26	Chemicals (incl. Man-made fibres)	
2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	251	Basic industrial chemicals (incl. fertilisers)	
11.3	11.8	11.9	12.2	12.8	13.0	13.1	13.1	257 255,256 &	Pharmaceuticals Chemicals, remainder (incl. Man-made fibres)	
6.9	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.5	258-260		
98.6	99.8	101.3	99.9	102.2	102.8	102.1	101.6	22,31-37	Metals and Engineering Production and preliminary processing	
1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	22	of metals	
14.9 11.5	14.7 11.4	14.5 11.8	14.3 11.9	14.6 12.1	14.7 11.9	14.8 11.8	14.6 12.2	31 32	Manufacture of metal articles Mechanical engineering	
18.3	18.3	18.5	17.1	17.4	16.8	16.3	16.7	33	Office and data processing machinery	
31.2	32.5	33.1	32.7	33.9	34.6	34.2	32.9	34	Electrical engineering	
3.1	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	35	Manufacture and assembly of motor vehicles (incl. parts)	
5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.3	36	Manufacture of other means of transport	
13.0	13.1	13.5	13.9	14.3	14.5	14.6	14.6	37	Instrument engineering	
39.3	40.0	40.7	40.3	40.6	41.5	42.6	41.2	411-423	Food	
12.4 7.5	12.5 7.6	12.6 7.1	12.5 7.3	12.9 7.8	13.7 7.6	14.0 6.7	13.5 7.0	412 413	Slaughtering and preserving of meat Manufacture of dairy products	
7.5	7.0	7.1	7.5	7.0	7.0	0.7	7.0	415	Grain milling and manufacture of animal	
2.6	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.9	416,422	and poultry food	
5.8	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.0	419	Bread, biscuit and flour confectionery Manufacture of sugar and cocoa,	
4.4	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.3	420-421	chocolate and sugar confectionery	
6.6	7.4	8.0	7.8	7.4	7.8	8.9	8.5	411,414,415 417/8 & 423	Other foods	
5.6	6.3	6.2	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.8	424-429	Drink and Tobacco	
4.7	5.3	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.3	4.9	424-428	Drink	
1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	429	Tobacco	
8.8	8.5	8.3	8.1	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.0	43	Textile Industry	
1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	431	Wool industry	
4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.6	436 432-434	Knitting industry Other textiles	
3.3	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.4	437-439		
9.9	9.4	9.8	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.5	8.8	44-45	Clothing, Footwear and Leather	
1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1	44,451	Leather and footwear	
8.7	8.2	8.6	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.3	7.7	453-456	Clothing	
9.4	9.4	9.7	9.6	9.8	10.3	10.3	10.3	46	Timber and Wooden Furniture	
16.6	17.0	17.2	16.8	17.2	17.6	17.9	17.5	47	Paper and Printing	
4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	471-472	Paper and paper products	
12.5	12.9	13.0	12.7	12.9	13.1	13.6	13.2	473-474	Printing and publishing	
15.3	15.9	15.8	15.6	15.8	15.3	15.2	14.6	14,48-49	Miscellaneous Industries	
2.3 9.2	2.1 9.5	2.2 9.5	2.2 9.6	2.1 9.6	2.1 9.0	2.0 9.2	2.0 9.1	481-482 483	Processing of rubber	
9.2 3.5	9.5 3.9	9.5 3.7	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.1	483 49	Processing of plastics Other manufacturing industries	
234.6	237.9	240.4	237.5	241.9	244.1	245.0	240.2		Total Manufacturing Industries	
5.0	4.8	4.5	4.6	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.6	111,21,23	Mining, Quarrying and Turf	
239.6	242.7	244.9	242.1	247.0	249.1	249.6	244.8		Total Transportable Goods Industries	
									of which: Industries mainly or wholly producing:-	
80.2	81.3	82.8	81.7	83.9	83.4	83.1	83.1		Capital goods	
69.3 90.1	69.4 92.1	69.3 92 8	69.6 90.8	71.0 92.1	71.0 94.6	70.8 95.7	70.0 91.7		Intermediate products	
90.1 12.1	92.1 11.8	92.8 11.7	90.8 11.6	92.7 11.6	94.6 11.5	95.7 11.5	91.7 11.5	13,16 &17	Consumer goods Electricity, Gas and Water	
251.7	254.6	256.6	253.7		260.6	261.1	256.3	1-4	All Industries	
LU I./	204.0	200.0	200.1	230./	200.0	201.1	200.3	1-4		

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Table 3 Details of Persons engaged in each Industrial Sector in December 1998 ('000)

		Inc	dustrial Work	ers	Other Persons Engaged			Total	Persons Er	igaged
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Tota
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	24	7.4	0.7	8.2	1.9	0.9	2.7	9.3	1.6	10.9
Chemicals (incl. Man-made fibres) Basic industrial chemicals	25-26	9.3	3.9	13.3	5.2	4.2	9.4	14.5	8.1	22.7
(inc. Fertilisers) Pharmaceuticals	251 257	1.3 4.9	0.0 2.3	1.3 7.2	0.5 3.0	0.1 2.9	0.7 5.9	1.8 7.9	0.1 5.2	2.(13.1
Chemicals, remainder (incl. Man-made fibres)	255, 256 258-260	3.2	1.6	4.8	1.7	1.2	2.8	4.8	2.8	7.6
Metals and Engineering Production and	22,31-37	44.5	25.4	69.9	21.0	11.2	32.2	65.5	36.6	102.
preliminary processing of metals Manufacture of metal	22	1.3	0.0	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.7	0.2	1.8
articles Mechanical engineering Office and data	31 32	10.3 7.7	1.2 1.0	11.5 8.7	2.1 2.2	1.2 0.9	3.2 3.1	12.4 9.8	2.4 1.9	14.8 11.8
processing machinery Electrical engineering Manufacture and	33 34	4.7 10.2	3.7 12.0	8.3 22.2	5.3 7.8	2.7 4.2	8.0 12.0	10.0 18.0	6.3 16.2	16.3 34.2
assembly of motor vehicles (incl. Parts) Manufacture of other	35	2.5	0.3	2.7	0.4	0.2	0.6	2.9	0.5	3.3
means of transport Instrument engineering	36 37	3.9 3.9	0.2 7.0	4.1 10.9	0.9 2.1	0.3 1.6	1.2 3.7	4.8 6.0	0.5 8.6	5.3 14.6
Food	411-423	24.9	8.0	32.9	5.7	4.0	9.7	30.6	12.0	42.
Slaughtering and preserving of meat Manufacture of dairy	412	9.7	2.3	12.0	1.1	0.9	2.0	10.8	3.2	14.0
products Grain milling and manufacture of animal	413	4.0	0.4	4.4	1.5	0.9	2.3	5.5	1.2	6.7
and poultry food Bread, biscuit and flour	416,422	1.8	0.2	2.0	0.6	0.3	1.0	2.5	0.5	3.
confectionery Manufacture of sugar and cocoa, chocolate	419	3.2	1.3	4.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	3.7	1.8	5.
and sugar confectionery Other foods	420-421 411,414, 415,417/	2.2	1.3	3.4	0.6	0.4	1.1	2.8	1.7	4.
	8 & 423	4.1	2.5	6.6	1.3	1.0	2.3	5.4	3.5	8.
Drink and Tobacco Drink Tobacco	424-429 424-428 429	2.8 2.5 0.3	0.5 0.2 0.3	3.3 2.8 0.6	1.9 1.7 0.2	0.9 0.9 0.1	2.9 2.6 0.3	4.7 4.2 0.5	1.5 1.1 0.4	6. 5. 0.
Fextile Industry Nool industry	43 431	3.5 0.6	2.9 0.3	6.3 0.9	0.8 0.1	0.6 0.1	1.3 0.2	4.2 0.7	3.4 0.4	7. 1.
Knitting industry Other textiles	436 432-434 437 430	1.3	2.0	3.2	0.3 0.4	0.3	0.6	1.6	2.2	3.
Clathing Eastwart and	437-439	1.6	0.6	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	2.0	0.8	2.
Clothing, Footwear and Leather Leather and footwear Clothing	44-45 44,451 453-456	2.1 0.6 1.5	5.9 0.4 5.5	8.0 1.0 7.1	0.7 0.1 0.6	0.7 0.1 0.6	1.4 0.2 1.2	2.9 0.7 2.1	6.6 0.5 6.2	9. 1. 8.
Timber and Wooden Furniture	46	7.3	0.7	8.0	1.5	0.8	2.3	8.8	1.5	10.3
Paper and Printing Paper and paper products Printing and publishing	47 471-472 473-474	8.7 2.6 6.0	3.1 0.6 2.6	11.8 3.2 8.6	3.6 0.7 2.9	2.5 0.4 2.1	6.1 1.1 5.0	12.2 3.3 8.9	5.7 1.0 4.7	17. 4.3 13.0

Table 3 Details of Persons engaged in each Industrial Sector in December 1998 ('000) - continued

			Industrial Workers			Other I	Persons Eng	aged	Total Persons Engaged			
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Miscellan	eous											
Industrie	-	14,48/9	8.1	4.0	12.1	1.9	1.2	3.1	10.1	5.1	15.2	
Processing	g of rubber	481-482	1.0	0.7	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.2	0.8	2.0	
Processing Other mar	g of plastics Jufacturing	483	5.6	1.8	7.4	1.2	0.7	1.9	6.8	2.4	9.2	
industries		49	1.3	1.5	2.8	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.7	1.9	3.6	
Total Man	ufacturing											
Industries			118.8	55.1	173.9	44.1	27.0	71.1	162.9	82.1	245.0	
Minina. Q	uarrying and	111,21,										
Turf		23	3.3	0.1	3.4	0.9	0.3	1.2	4.1	0.4	4.6	
	nsportable											
Goods Inc	dustries		122.1	55.3	177.3	45.0	27.3	72.3	167.0	82.6	249.6	
Of which:												
	tal goods mediate		33.9	20.8	54.8	18.6	9.7	28.3	52.5	30.6	83.1	
	oducts		41.7	8.9	50.6	12.5	7.7	20.2	54.2	16.6	70.8	
Cons	sumer goods		46.5	25.5	72.0	13.8	9.9	23.7	60.3	35.4	95.7	
Electricity	, Gas and	13,16,										
Water	,	17	6.6	0.2	6.8	3.2	1.5	4.7	9.8	1.7	11.5	
All Indust	ries	1-4	128.6	55.5	184.1	48.2	28.8	77.0	176.8	84.3	261.1	
Of which:	Energy	11,13,										
	producing industries	14, 16 & 239	6.9	0.2	7.2	3.3	1.5	4.8	10.2	1.7	11.9	

Background Notes

Scope and Coverage The latest quarterly industrial employment estimates are given in Tables 1 and 2. These cover industrial establishments (e.g. factories) in the State with 3 or more persons engaged. Persons engaged in non-industrial activities conducted by parent undertakings at the same location or any own account workers engaged by them on a contract or fee basis are not included (see definitions below). These estimates are not directly comparable with the industrial employment estimates obtained from household surveys (such as the quarterly National Household Survey or periodic Census of Population) which include own account workers, cover very small establishments and are classified by sector on the basis of respondents' descriptions of the main activity conducted at their place of work.

- **Methodology** Employment information for every industrial establishment known to be operating in the relevant reference week is used in compiling these estimates. The information is comprised of:
 - A full breakdown of employment from completed quarterly inquiry questionnaires;
 - Total employment of respondent establishments in the monthly industrial inquiry or from special annual supplementary enquiries;
 - Imputed employment estimates for non-respondent establishments based on trends in employment for respondents to the quarterly inquiry of a similar size and activity.

A full description of the methodology used in compiling the quarterly estimates of industrial employment is given in a special publication entitled *Industrial employment, earnings and hours worked - Updated quarterly series 1980-1986* available from the Government Publication Sale Office (Price £2.60).

Definitions Industrial establishment: This is defined as a specific industrial activity at a particular location. It covers only those persons directly engaged in the particular industrial activity and those providing support services relating to that activity (i.e. managerial, clerical, transport, maintenance, sales, etc. staff). Persons engaged in non-industrial activities conducted by the enterprise at the same location (e.g. resale of goods purchased from another enterprise) and any own account workers employed on a contract or fee basis are excluded.

Total persons engaged: All persons engaged in the industrial establishment as defined above are in this category. It includes:

- full-time and part-time employees;
- proprietors and family members not paid a definite wage or salary;
- persons on holidays or temporarily out sick.

Industrial workers: This employment category includes operatives, maintenance workers, storekeepers, packers, cleaners, basic supervisory staff and apprentices.

Other workers: this employment category includes managerial, technical, clerical and sales staff.