

Background Notes

Scope and Coverage This inquiry covers industrial local units 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 local unit 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;
- Imputed employment estimates for non-respondent establishments based on trends in employment for respondents to the quarterly inquiry of a similar size and activity.

Changes from Previous Series:

Some methodological changes from the previous series to the new series have resulted in differences in estimates for retrospective periods. The methodological changes are:-

Sectoral Classification

The sectoral classification used in this series is NACE Rev 1 which is already being used for the Industrial Earnings & Hours Worked series, the Census of Industrial Production and the Monthly Production Index.

Employment Adjustment

In the previous series, adjustments were carried out at the level of the reporting unit in order to align employment estimates with those reported in the Census of Industrial Production. For the new series, this practice has been discontinued.

Definitions **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.

Managerial Workers: Administrative, managerial and technical workers are included in this category.

Clerical Workers: This employment category includes clerical and other office staff and sales representatives.