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Annual Business Inquiry 2003 provisional regional results

Provisional regional Annual Business Inquiry (ABI) results for 2003 for the English government office regions, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have been released today by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Revised regional results for 2002 are also being issued as part of this release.

These regional estimates are consistent with United Kingdom (UK) national results for the ABI released on 23 June 2005.

- In England, growth in approximate Gross Value Added (GVA) at basic prices was largest in the East of England region, showing a 9.2 per cent rise between 2002 and 2003. Within this region rises were seen in construction (division 45), wholesale (division 51) and retail trade (division 52).
- Every English region showed a rise in approximate GVA between 2002 and 2003, with the exception of the West Midlands region where approximate GVA fell by 0.5 per cent.
- Every English region also showed a rise in turnover between 2002 and 2003, with the largest growth in the East of England region where it increased 8.4 per cent between 2002 and 2003.

No commentary has been made on results for Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland as the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales will be publishing their own results and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland has already published its results.

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Revisions

In accordance with the usual revisions policy for ABI, the period 2002 was open for revision for this release. Table R1 shows the revisions for turnover, purchases and approximate gross value added by country and government office region.

The revised results for 2002 are based on a more complete set of data following receipt of additional data and further analysis.

BACKGROUND NOTES

Annual Business Inquiry

1. This first release covers information collected as part of the Annual Business Inquiry (ABI). The ABI collects both employment and accounting information. This more efficient use of the sample helps to reduce the compliance burden on businesses while at the same time ensuring that these two sets of data are consistent. This inquiry replaced the various annual inquiries sent to businesses for 1997 and earlier.
2. The publication of revised regional 2002 results removes the methodological discontinuity previously present between 2001 and 2002 results. This discontinuity arose following Northern Ireland moving to carrying out their own ABI from 2002.
3. The estimate for total Gross Value Added (GVA) for Wales has been revised to correct the misclassification present in the initial release of 2002 data on 28 September 2004. Statistics for Wales are available on the National Assembly for Wales website which can be found at:
<http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubstatisticsforwales/economy.htm>
4. The Scottish Executive publishes additional analyses for Scotland based on these ABI estimates. These will be available on 25 October 2005 on the Scottish Executive website at
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/ELLD/EI/00016170/Introduction.aspx>.
5. Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Northern Ireland - DETI(NI) - estimates for Northern Ireland are available on the DETI(NI) website. These estimates will differ from ONS Northern Ireland estimates due to differences in the methodology. The DETI(NI) methodology, while broadly comparable with that of the UK, is designed to give the best Northern Ireland estimate rather than an estimate which is consistent with the rest of the UK. Users who want to look at trends in results for Northern Ireland for 2001 to 2003 are advised to look at the Northern Ireland website at http://www.detini.gov.uk/cgi-bin/get_builder_page?page=1243&site=4&parent=57&prevpage=732

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6. The results in this first release cover approximately two thirds of the UK economy and cover agriculture (part), fishing, production, construction, distribution and service industries. The presentation is in line with the Standard Industrial Classification SIC(2003). The sectors covered are:

Agriculture, hunting and forestry	Section A, (Groups 01.4 and 01.5 and Division 02)
Fishing	Section B from 2000
Production Industries	Sections C-E
Construction Industry	Section F
Distribution Industries	Section G
Service Industries	Section H, Section I, Section K, Section M, Section N (except Industries 85.111, 85.12, 85.13 85.311 and 85.321) and Section O.

The main areas excluded are part of agriculture (Groups 01.1, 01.2 and 01.3), financial intermediation, public administration and defence.

Definitions

7. Approximate gross value added at basic prices represents the wealth created by businesses and is essentially the difference between income and expenditure on goods and services. Adjustments are made, where data is available, for changes in stock levels, own account capital expenditure, local authority and excise duties.

Estimates of approximate GVA shown here for regional data will not be exactly the same as Regional GVA published by ONS Regional Accounts. More information can be obtained from www.statistics.gov.uk/abi/variable_info.asp.

Further information

8. Revised 2003 UK national results at SIC(2003) 4 digit class level, together with results for 1995-2002, giving both analysis and tabular detail are available free of charge from the National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/abi>.

Additional standard extracts are available on request. Bespoke analyses are also available but there will be a charge for these. For more information about either of these services please e-mail abi2@ons.gov.uk or telephone +44(0)1633 812435 for standard extracts or +44(0)1633 812674 for bespoke analyses.

Articles describing the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR), which provides the sampling frame, appeared in the November 1995 and February 1998 editions of *Economic Trends*, explaining the move of business surveys to the IDBR in more detail. The November 2000 edition of *Economic Trends* (no 564) contained an article detailing the development of the Annual Business Inquiry, together with methodological information. Further information on the IDBR can be found at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/idbr>.

Information on SIC(92) is contained in the October 1992 and February 1993 editions of *Economic Trends* (nos 468, 472). Further information on SIC(92) and SIC (2003) can be found at http://www.statistics.gov.uk/methods_quality/sic/contents.asp

9. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office.
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1 Whole Economy (Sections A-O) by Country and Government Office Region, 2002-2003

Government Office Region or Country	Year	Total turnover	Approximate gross value added at basic prices	Total purchases of goods, materials and services	Total employment costs	Total net capital expenditure
		£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million
North East	2002	64,513	20,044	43,493	11,997	3,098
	2003	66,800	20,724	45,502	12,288	2,610
North West	2002	203,976	65,451	134,722	37,711	8,468
	2003	216,793	68,500	144,758	39,422	8,344
Yorkshire and The Humber	2002	139,498	45,072	93,961	26,146	6,303
	2003	148,849	47,706	101,156	27,910	6,242
East Midlands	2002	121,970	38,649	81,208	22,191	3,948
	2003	126,346	41,578	82,272	23,571	4,009
West Midlands	2002	167,985	51,083	116,107	29,834	6,090
	2003	174,367	50,832	122,568	31,509	5,434
East of England	2002	186,073	58,156	124,998	32,857	6,276
	2003	201,775	63,525	135,440	34,758	6,720
London	2002	462,460	141,767	316,884	77,835	13,133
	2003	498,268	146,120	349,046	81,209	15,246
South East	2002	337,404	105,862	226,229	59,781	13,607
	2003	344,350	108,312	232,778	61,557	12,277
South West	2002	131,312	44,737	85,202	25,163	6,541
	2003	137,666	47,954	88,966	26,157	5,440
England	2002	1,815,191	570,822	1,222,803	323,515	67,464
	2003	1,915,214	595,249	1,302,486	338,380	66,321
Wales	2002*	64,680	19,193	44,103	11,289	2,802
	2003	66,987	19,671	46,321	11,863	2,772
Scotland	2002	149,914	55,864	94,246	27,702	8,874
	2003	152,587	57,892	94,444	29,086	8,951
Great Britain	2002	2,029,785	645,879	1,361,152	362,506	79,140
	2003	2,134,788	672,813	1,443,251	379,329	78,044
Northern Ireland	2002	41,140	12,374	26,532	6,712	1,699
	2003	45,391	14,201	28,748	6,853	1,823
United Kingdom	2002	2,070,925	658,253	1,387,504	369,218	80,839
	2003	2,180,179	687,014	1,471,999	386,182	79,867

* See background note 3

R1 Whole Economy (Sections A-O) by Country and Government Office Region, 2002
Revisions to Data

Government Office Region or Country	Year	Total turnover	Approximate gross value added at basic prices	Total purchases of goods, materials and services	Total employment costs	Total net capital expenditure
		£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million
North East	2002	-99	-18	-136	-13	-199
North West	2002	-1,794	-1,268	-539	-254	-109
Yorkshire and The Humber	2002	-425	-3	-420	-5	-117
East Midlands	2002	-2,068	-516	-1,612	-253	-61
West Midlands	2002	-611	717	-1,371	-37	-116
East of England	2002	-239	-20	-438	-42	-84
London	2002	2,089	-2,218	3,891	-1,071	985
South East	2002	-3,912	-426	-2,797	-242	-408
South West	2002	-905	-183	-822	-166	-42
England	2002	-7,964	-3,933	-4,245	-2,084	-152
Wales	2002 [*]	-510	128	-835	-92	-7
Scotland	2002	478	961	-542	174	-90
Great Britain	2002	-7,996	-2,844	-5,622	-2,002	-249
Northern Ireland	2002	-1,145	-821	-517	545	-66
United Kingdom	2002	-9,141	-3,665	-6,138	-1,457	-315