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LABOUR COSTS IN INDUSTRY

1972 - 1975

Surveys on labour costs in industry have been carried out at three-yearly intervals in the member states of the European Community (1966, 1969, 1972, 1975). The 1972 survey was confined to the six original member countries; however, in the United Kingdom and Denmark a similar survey was carried out after their accession to the Communities, in respect of the year 1973.

Pending the appearance of the results of the 1975 survey, which are at present being processed, the Statistical Office of the European Communities has, with the collaboration of the national statistics services, calculated up-dated results for the years 1973-1975 from the returns of the 1972 survey (1).

Table 1 shows, in the different countries, the trend of hourly costs for the total of persons employed in industry. In order to compare the level of costs between countries, the data have been converted into common accounting units, viz. Eur (2).

From table 1 it can be seen that during the three years in question the comparative position of F.R. Germany improved in relation to the other five original Community member states, except for Italy, where the lowering of the exchange rate of the lira resulted in an appreciable diminution of relative export prices. In fact, the hourly cost in

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- (1) The detailed results of this survey are published in Eurostat, Social Statistics, no. 6/1975 "Labour costs in industry 1972-1975"
 - (2) The rates of exchange, national currencies into Eur, are published in Eurostat, General Statistics, table 853.

F.R. Germany, which remained the highest up to 1972 and 1973, was overtaken in April 1974 by the cost in the Netherlands, and in April 1975 by that in Belgium, Luxembourg and Denmark. The position of France also improved relative to several countries, notably the Benelux states.

In 1972, labour costs in the four of the six countries with the highest costs were close to each other (the greatest difference being 10 %); these differed considerably from France and Italy, where the costs were about 3/4 of those in F.R. Germany and the Netherlands. This situation was little changed in 1975: a fifth country (Denmark) joined those with "high" costs, and the greatest difference between them was still about 10 %. France and Italy still had costs appreciably lower, and in the United Kingdom the costs amounted to only 50 %, or even less, of those in F.R. Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium.

Table 2 shows the trend of costs in different industries for each country separately from 1972 (1973 for the United Kingdom and Denmark). Looking at the situation of the six original member countries between 1972 and 1975, it was in Belgium that the costs, in general, increased the most (75 % for all industries together) - i.e. an annual rate of increase of 21 % compared with 17 % in France and Luxembourg, 16 % in the Netherlands and 11 % in F.R. Germany. In 1974 the rate of increase in all the countries was comparatively greater except in F.R. Germany, where it was slightly less; in 1975 the rate of increase tended to slow down or to become stabilised except in the United Kingdom, where it continued to increase.

Table 3 compares the level of labour costs between countries, for different industries. Frequently this shows, for various industrial activities, the same relation as has been seen for all industries together (table 1).

Arranging countries in descending order of labour costs, in 1975 Belgium and the Netherlands took the highest place for about 2/3 of the industrial sectors, whereas in 1972 and 1973 this position was most frequently taken by F.R. Germany. Moreover, in every industrial sector the relative position of F.R. Germany underwent a net improvement; in 1975, German labour costs were the highest in only two industrial sectors (mechanical engineering and motor vehicle manufacture), while in many important sectors (notably chemicals, manufacture of metal articles, other transport material manufacture, processing of rubber and plastics, and building) F.R. Germany was in third or fourth place, below Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark; for all industries together the German costs fell to fifth place within the Community.

In 1974 the position of France in relation to all its Community partners improved for each industrial sector, although its position in 1975 worsened comparatively, especially in relation with F.R. Germany. Taking the position of France sector by sector, the level of costs was generally in 5th or 6th place, coming after those of the Benelux countries, F.R. Germany and Denmark; exceptionally, however, in the manufacture of office machines the costs in France were 25 % higher than in any other country.

In the case of Italy, for which the up-dated results for 1975 as well as in a certain number of industries for 1973 and 1974 are not available, it is not possible to establish the country's position exactly. However, it can be seen that since 1972, resulting from the fall in the exchange rate of the lira, the labour costs for Italy rose appreciably less, relatively, than those in the other countries.

Denmark is a country where the labour costs were classed as "high"; in four industrial sectors they were in fact the highest of the whole Community (food, shoes and clothing, paper and printing, miscellaneous).

The United Kingdom had the lowest labour costs of the whole Community; this was so, without exception, in each industrial sector. For 1975 the costs were at a level varying between 46 % and 60 % of those for F.R. Germany.

Table 1
LABOUR COSTS IN INDUSTRY 1966 - 1975 (1)

in Eur

	BR Deutsch- land	France	Italia	Neder- land	Belgique België	Luxem- bourg	United Kingdom (2)	Danmark (2)
1966	1,76	1,68	1,46	1,70	1,66	1,94	.	.
1969	2,26	2,10	1,84	2,30	2,18	2,34	.	.
1972	3,51	2,65	2,66	3,47	3,16	3,29	.	.
IV.1973	4,00	3,00	2,70	3,90	3,60	3,70	.	.
X.1973	4,40	3,10	2,70	4,30	3,80	3,80	.	.
1973	4,10	3,10	2,70	4,00	3,70	3,70	2,08	3,72
IV.1974	4,70	3,20	2,90	4,80	4,30	4,40	.	4,40
X.1974	4,80	3,50	3,00	5,10	4,80	4,70	2,60	4,70
1974	4,80	3,30	3,00	5,00	4,50	4,60	2,40	4,60
IV.1975	5,10	4,00	.	5,60	5,40	5,20	.	5,20
X.1975	5,20	4,40	.	5,90	5,70	5,30	3,10	5,40
1975	5,20	4,10	.	5,70	5,50	5,20	2,70	5,30

(1) The hourly cost is obtained by dividing the total labour costs (for manual and non-manual workers together) by the sum of the hours of work offered by manual workers and the contractual or actual hours of work of non-manual workers.

(2) Only manufacturing industries.

Table 2

LABOUR COSTS IN INDUSTRY 1972 - 1975 (1)

in national currencies

N A C E		BR	France	Italia	Neder-	Belgique	Luxem-	United	Danmark	
		Deutsch-			land	België	bourg	Kingdom		
		land								
		DM	Ffr	Lit	Fl	Fb	Flx	p	Dkr	
11	Extraction and briquetting of solid fuels	1972	16,37	19,74	4036	14,79	.	-	.	-
		1973	.	.	4860	-	.	-	.	-
		1974	.	.	5320	-	.	-	.	-
		1975	.	.	.	-	.	-	.	-
12	Coke ovens	1972	.	.	2534	-	192,93	-	.	-
		1973	.	.	.	-	230,00	-	.	-
		1974	.	.	.	-	278,00	-	.	-
		1975	.	.	.	-	339,00	-	.	-
13	Extraction of petroleum and natural gas	1972	15,60	32,09	3213	19,29	-	-	.	-
		1973	18,90	34,60	3630	.	-	-	.	-
		1974	19,60	40,60	4480	.	-	-	.	-
		1975	23,60	47,10	.	.	-	-	.	-
14	Mineral oil refining	1972	17,35	28,35	2999	17,99	272,51	-	.	.
		1973	20,00	30,70	3290	20,30	322,00	-	168,56	31,59
		1974	22,80	37,20	3840	24,30	382,00	-	211,00	37,80
		1975	25,00	42,40	.	28,40	474,00	-	275,00	42,90
21	Extraction and preparation of metalliferous ores	1972	13,96	22,22	2405	-	-	220,55	.	-
		1973	15,70	25,00	.	-	-	247,00	.	-
		1974	17,80	30,10	.	-	-	298,00	.	-
		1975	19,40	35,80	.	-	-	321,00	.	-

(1) The hourly cost is obtained by dividing the total labour costs (for manual and non-manual workers together) by the sum of the hours of work offered by manual workers and the contractual or actual hours of work of non-manual workers.

Table 2 (continued)

in national currencies

NACE		BR	France	Italia	Neder-	Belgique	Luxem-	United	Danmark	
		Deutsch- land			land	België	bourg	Kingdom		
		DM	Ffr	Lit	Fl	Fb	Flx	p	Dkr	
22	Production and preliminary processing of metals	1972	13,40	16,91	2065	.	191,52	195,34	.	.
		1973	14,90	19,10	.	.	227,00	223,00	122,83	30,88
		1974	16,80	22,90	.	.	277,00	274,00	146,00	38,50
		1975	17,90	27,50	.	.	323,00	298,00	191,00	45,80
23	Extraction of minerals other than metalliferous and energy-producing minerals; peat extraction	1972	11,69	14,75	1632	14,63	156,36	142,55	.	.
		1973	13,20	16,90	2000	.	181,00	155,00	.	26,69
		1974	14,70	19,80	2410	.	221,00	191,00	.	32,70
		1975	15,60	23,00	.	.	267,00	245,00	.	38,40
24	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products	1972	11,63	14,69	1504	11,87	153,37	.	.	.
		1973	13,00	16,90	.	13,40	179,00	.	104,29	28,91
		1974	14,40	20,10	.	15,90	218,00	.	124,00	33,90
		1975	15,50	23,50	.	18,30	266,00	.	160,00	38,70
25	Chemical industry	1972	14,64	19,43	2216	14,68	197,03	.	.	.
		1973	16,40	22,00	2570	17,20	234,00	.	124,03	32,09
		1974	18,50	25,90	3100	20,20	286,00	.	149,00	38,80
		1975	20,30	30,00	.	23,40	344,00	.	193,00	44,70
26	Man-made fibres industry	1972	13,03	19,03	1981	.	188,50	.	.	-
		1973	14,80	21,30	2430	.	212,00	.	124,63	-
		1974	16,60	25,40	2980	.	261,00	.	149,00	-
		1975	18,20	29,30	.	.	315,00	.	195,00	-
31	Manufacture of metal articles (except for mechanical, electrical and instrument engineering and vehicles)	1972	11,98	14,08	1622	11,14	153,32	123,89	.	.
		1973	13,70	16,10	.	12,70	182,00	140,00	96,97	27,24
		1974	15,20	19,00	.	15,50	220,00	169,00	117,00	33,60
		1975	16,60	22,30	.	17,60	266,00	204,00	151,00	38,60
32	Mechanical engineering	1972	13,04	15,85	1798	11,64	162,39	150,09	.	.
		1973	15,00	17,80	.	13,30	190,00	166,00	106,05	29,13*
		1974	16,80	21,00	.	16,00	228,00	199,00	127,00	35,50*
		1975	18,20	24,50	.	18,60	274,00	241,00	161,00	41,60*

* including NACE 33

Table 2 (continued)

in national currencies

N A C E		BR	France	Italia	Neder-	Belgique	Luxem-	United	Danmark	
		Deutsch- land			land	België	bourg	Kingdom		
		DM	Ffr	Lit	Fl	Fb	Flx	p	Dkr	
33	Manufacture of office machinery and data processing machinery	1972	15,18	29,29	2229	12,97	132,26	-	.	.
		1973	16,70	34,40	.	14,00	155,00	-	126,87	.
		1974	18,60	38,00	.	16,70	194,00	-	144,00	.
		1975	20,30	44,70	.	20,20	231,00	-	189,00	.
34	Electrical engineering	1972	12,61	15,33	1793	13,34	159,54	.	.	.
		1973	14,60	17,10	.	15,00	187,00	.	107,12	27,48
		1974	16,30	20,10	.	17,60	227,00	.	121,00	34,20
		1975	18,00	23,80	.	20,40	273,00	.	157,00	39,10
35	Manufacture of motor vehicles and of motor vehicle parts and accessories	1972	14,22	16,35	2027	11,84	171,53	.	.	.
		1973	16,00	18,70	.	13,90	201,00	.	128,39	28,02
		1974	17,80	22,30	.	16,90	238,00	.	147,00	34,00
		1975	19,70	25,80	.	19,10	291,00	.	180,00	39,20
36	Manufacture of other means of transport	1972	12,88	18,41	1904	12,79	175,01	-	.	.
		1973	14,80	20,80	.	15,20	205,00	-	115,67	30,77
		1974	16,70	24,80	.	18,10	250,00	-	139,00	37,40
		1975	18,10	29,40	.	20,40	305,00	-	180,00	43,30
37	Instrument engineering	1972	10,96	14,18	1623	12,26	154,78	-	.	.
		1973	12,60	16,30	.	14,20	182,00	-	111,84	27,30
		1974	14,00	19,30	.	16,70	220,00	-	134,00	33,20
		1975	15,40	22,40	.	19,10	264,00	-	173,00	37,10
41 42	Food, drink and tobacco industry	1972	10,52	13,54	1680	11,79	139,52	123,49	.	.
		1973	12,00	15,40	1850	13,40	162,00	154,00	101,10	29,29
		1974	13,30	18,40	2300	15,70	199,00	179,00	120,00	35,90
		1975	14,60	21,80	.	18,40	245,00	219,00	155,00	42,70
43	Textile industry	1972	9,63	11,46	1356	10,18	123,38	.	.	.
		1973	10,90	13,20	1640	11,80	145,00	.	81,43	23,86
		1974	12,10	15,70	2040	13,50	176,00	.	98,00	29,40
		1875	13,20	18,30	.	16,20	214,00	.	126,00	34,40

Table 2 (continued)

in national currencies

N A C E		BR	France	Italia	Neder-	Belgique	Luxem-	United	Danmark	
		Dutsch- land			land	België	bourg	Kingdom		
		DM	Ffr	Lit	Fl	Fb	Flx	p	Dkr	
44	Leather and leather goods industry (except footwear and clothing)	1972	8,87	10,77	1302	9,59	122,93	-	.	.
		1973	9,70	12,30	1540	11,20	147,00	-	81,72	23,38
		1974	10,60	14,60	1980	13,50	175,00	-	98,00	28,30
		1975	11,50	17,40	.	14,80	208,00	-	122,00	32,90
45	Footwear and clothing industry	1972	8,75	10,29	1170	7,71	96,43	76,81	.	.
		1973	9,80	11,80	1390	8,70	114,00	85,00	70,14	21,61
		1974	10,80	13,90	1700	10,60	140,00	99,00	86,00	26,20
		1975	11,80	16,60	.	12,80	174,00	119,00	109,00	31,60
46	Timber and wooden furniture industries	1972	10,79	11,03	1232	10,22	125,85	.	.	.
		1973	12,30	12,90	1520	11,70	146,00	.	98,56	23,96
		1974	13,70	15,20	1880	13,80	183,00	.	116,00	27,70
		1975	14,70	17,90	.	15,80	227,00	.	151,00	33,90
47	Manufacture of paper and paper products; printing and publishing	1972	11,56	16,73	2009	12,81	154,07	.	.	.
		1973	13,00	19,00	2320	14,60	183,00	.	114,23	31,34
		1974	14,50	22,50	2720	17,20	224,00	.	136,00	38,90
		1975	15,50	26,20	.	19,60	280,00	.	171,00	45,50
48	Processing of rubber and plastics	1972	11,42	13,72	1749	11,60	148,89	157,03	.	.
		1973	12,90	15,70	.	12,90	175,00	175,00	105,46	26,66
		1974	14,30	18,70	.	15,20	216,00	211,00	128,00	32,50
		1975	15,60	22,00	.	17,50	259,00	257,00	163,00	37,50
49	Other manufacturing industries	1972	9,69	12,50	1323	10,55	99,84	.	.	.
		1973	10,90	14,30	.	12,30	119,00	.	86,86	25,41
		1974	10,80	16,90	.	14,20	143,00	.	108,00	31,70
		1975	11,80	19,90	.	16,80	176,00	.	134,00	38,40
50	Building and civil engineering	1972	12,42	13,29	1457	12,43	154,38	113,51	.	.
		1973	14,40	15,20	1750	14,20	188,00	131,00	106,79	.
		1974	15,50	17,80	2150	16,90	229,00	164,00	124,00	.
		1975	16,50	20,80	.	19,60	280,00	195,00	160,00	.

Table 2 (continued)

in national currencies

N A C E			BR	France	Italia	Neder-	Belgique	Luxem-	United	Danmark
			Deutsch-			land	België	bourg	Kingdom	
			DM	Ffr	Lit	Fl	Fb	Flx	p	Dkr
A	Mining and quarrying	1972	15,27	19,32	1971	.	188,39	191,75	.	-
		1973	.	22,00	2290	.	223,00	215,00	143,09	-
		1974	.	26,10	2820	.	270,00	256,00	.	-
		1975	.	32,20	.	.	336,00	290,00	.	-
B	Total manufacturing industries	1972	12,16	14,96	1702	12,12	155,63	171,89	.	.
		1973	13,70	17,30	2020	13,80	179,00	194,00	106,45	28,16
		1974	15,30	20,40	2480	16,50	219,00	236,00	127,00	34,50
		1975	16,70	23,90	.	19,00	265,00	267,00	163,00	40,40
C	All industries (A + B + 50)	1972	12,29	14,73	1680	12,23	153,62	160,14	.	.
		1973	13,80	16,90	1980	14,00	181,00	182,00	107,94	.
		1974	15,30	20,00	2400	16,60	221,00	222,00	.	.
		1975	16,70	23,50	.	19,20	269,00	254,00	.	.

Table 3

LABOUR COSTS IN INDUSTRY 1972 - 1975 (1)

in Eur

N A C E			BR Deutsch- land	France	Italia	Neder- land	Belgique België	Luxem- bourg	United Kingdom	Danmark
11	Extraction and briquetting of solid fuels	1972	4,68	3,55	6,39	4,20	.	-	.	-
		1973	.	.	6,70	-	.	-	.	-
		1974	.	.	6,60	-	.	-	.	-
		1975	.	.	.	-	.	-	.	-
12	Coke ovens	1972	.	.	4,01	-	3,97	-	.	-
		1973	.	.	.	-	4,70	-	.	-
		1974	.	.	.	-	5,70	-	.	-
		1975	.	.	.	-	7,00	-	.	-
13	Extraction of petroleum and naturel gas	1972	4,46	5,78	5,09	5,48	-	-	.	-
		1973	5,70	6,20	5,00	.	-	-	.	-
		1974	6,10	6,80	5,50	.	-	-	.	-
		1975	7,30	8,30	.	.	-	-	.	-
14	Mineral oil refining	1972	4,96	5,10	4,75	5,11	5,60	-	.	.
		1973	6,00	5,50	4,50	5,90	6,60	-	3,30	4,17
		1974	7,10	6,20	4,70	7,30	7,90	-	3,90	5,00
		1975	7,80	7,50	.	8,50	9,70	-	4,60	5,70
21	Extraction and preparation of metalliferous ores	1972	3,99	4,00	3,81	-	-	4,53	.	-
		1973	4,70	4,50	.	-	-	5,10	.	-
		1974	5,50	5,00	.	-	-	6,10	.	-
		1975	6,00	6,30	.	-	-	6,60	.	-
22	Production and preliminary pro- cessing of metals.	1972	3,83	3,04	3,27	.	3,94	4,01	.	.
		1973	4,50	3,50	.	.	4,70	4,60	2,40	4,07
		1974	5,20	3,80	.	.	5,70	5,60	2,70	5,10
		1975	5,60	4,90	.	.	6,60	6,10	3,20	6,00

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Table 3 (continued)

in Eur

N A C E			BR Deutsch- land	France	Italia	Neder- land	Belgique België	Luxem- bourg	United Kingdom	Danmark
23	Extraction of minerals other than metalliferous and energy-producing minerals; peat extraction	1972	3,34	2,66	2,58	4,15	3,21	2,93	.	.
		1973	4,00	3,00	2,70	.	3,70	3,20	.	3,52
		1974	4,60	3,30	3,00	.	4,50	3,90	.	4,30
		1975	4,90	4,10	.	.	5,50	5,00	.	5,10
24	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products	1972	3,32	2,65	2,38	3,37	3,15	.	.	.
		1973	3,90	3,10	.	3,90	3,70	.	2,04	3,81
		1974	4,50	3,30	.	4,70	4,50	.	2,30	4,50
		1975	4,80	4,10	.	5,40	5,50	.	2,70	5,10
25	Chemical industry	1972	4,18	3,50	3,51	4,17	4,05	.	.	.
		1973	4,90	4,00	3,50	5,00	4,80	.	2,43	4,23
		1974	5,80	4,30	3,80	6,00	5,90	.	2,80	5,10
		1975	6,30	5,30	.	7,00	7,10	.	3,20	5,90
26	Man-made fibres industry	1972	3,72	3,43	3,14	.	3,87	.	.	-
		1973	4,40	3,80	3,30	.	4,40	.	2,44	-
		1974	5,20	4,20	3,70	.	5,40	.	2,80	-
		1975	5,60	5,20	.	.	6,50	.	3,30	-
31	Manufacture of metal articles (except for mechanical, electrical and instrument engineering and vehicles)	1972	3,42	2,54	2,57	3,16	3,15	2,55	.	.
		1973	4,10	2,90	.	3,70	3,70	2,90	1,90	3,59
		1974	4,70	3,20	.	4,60	4,50	3,50	2,20	4,40
		1975	5,10	3,90	.	5,20	5,50	4,20	2,50	5,10
32	Mechanical engineering	1972	3,73	2,85	2,85	3,30	3,34	3,08	.	.
		1973	4,50	3,20	.	3,80	3,90	3,40	2,08	3,84*
		1974	5,20	3,50	.	4,80	4,70	4,10	2,40	4,70*
		1975	5,70	4,30	.	5,50	5,60	5,00	2,70	5,50*
33	Manufacture of office machinery and data processing machinery	1972	4,34	5,27	3,53	3,68	2,72	-	.	.
		1973	5,00	6,20	.	4,00	3,20	-	2,48	.
		1974	5,80	6,30	.	5,00	4,00	-	2,70	.
		1975	6,30	7,90	.	6,00	4,70	-	3,20	.

* including NACE 33

Table 3 (continued)

in Eur

N A C E			BR Deutsch- land	France	Italia	Neder- land	Belgique België	Luxem- bourg	United Kingdom	Danmark
34	Electrical engineering	1972	3,60	2,76	2,84	3,79	3,28	.	.	.
		1973	4,40	3,10	.	4,30	3,80	.	2,02	3,63
		1974	5,10	3,40	.	5,20	4,70	.	2,30	4,50
		1975	5,60	4,20	.	6,10	5,60	.	2,60	5,20
35	Manufacture of motor vehicles and of motor vehicle parts and accessories	1972	4,06	2,94	3,21	3,36	3,53	.	.	.
		1973	4,80	3,40	.	4,00	4,10	.	2,50	3,70
		1974	5,50	3,70	.	5,00	4,90	.	2,80	4,50
		1975	6,10	4,50	.	5,70	6,00	.	3,00	5,20
36	Manufacture of other means of transport	1972	3,68	3,31	3,02	3,63	3,60	-	.	.
		1973	4,40	3,70	.	4,40	4,20	-	2,26	4,10
		1974	5,20	4,10	.	5,40	4,10	-	2,60	4,90
		1975	5,60	5,20	.	6,10	6,30	-	3,00	5,70
37	Instrument engineering	1972	3,13	2,55	2,57	3,48	3,18	-	.	.
		1973	3,80	2,90	.	4,10	3,70	-	2,19	3,60
		1974	4,30	3,20	.	5,00	4,50	-	2,50	4,40
		1975	4,80	3,90	.	5,70	5,40	-	2,90	4,90
41 42	Food, drink and tobacco industry	1972	3,01	2,44	2,66	3,35	2,87	2,54	.	.
1973		3,60	2,80	2,50	3,90	3,30	3,20	1,98	3,86	
1974		4,10	3,10	2,80	4,70	4,10	3,70	2,20	4,70	
1975		4,50	3,80	.	5,50	5,00	4,50	2,60	5,60	
43	Textile industry	1972	2,75	2,06	2,15	2,89	2,54	.	.	.
		1973	3,30	2,40	2,30	3,40	3,00	.	1,59	3,15
		1974	3,80	2,60	2,50	4,00	3,60	.	1,80	3,90
		1975	4,10	3,20	.	4,80	4,40	.	2,10	4,50
44	Leather and leather goods industry (except footwear and clothing)	1972	2,54	1,94	2,06	2,72	2,53	-	.	.
		1973	2,90	2,20	2,10	3,20	3,00	-	1,60	3,09
		1974	3,30	2,40	2,40	4,00	3,60	-	1,80	3,80
		1975	3,60	3,10	.	4,40	4,30	-	2,00	4,30

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45	Footwear and clothing industry	1972	2,50	1,85	1,85	2,19	1,98	1,58	.	.
		1973	3,00	2,10	1,90	2,50	2,40	1,80	1,37	2,85
		1974	3,30	2,30	2,10	3,20	2,90	2,00	1,60	3,50
		1975	3,70	2,90	.	3,80	3,60	2,50	1,80	4,20
46	Timber and wooden furniture industries	1972	3,09	1,99	1,95	2,90	2,59	.	.	.
		1973	3,70	2,30	2,10	3,40	3,00	.	1,93	3,16
		1974	4,30	2,50	2,30	4,10	3,80	.	2,20	3,70
		1975	4,60	3,20	.	4,70	4,70	.	2,50	4,50
47	Manufacture of paper and paper products; printing and publishing	1972	3,30	3,01	3,18	3,64	3,17	.	.	.
		1973	3,90	3,40	3,20	4,20	3,80	.	2,24	4,14
		1974	4,50	3,70	3,30	5,10	4,60	.	2,60	5,10
		1975	4,80	4,60	.	5,80	5,80	.	2,90	6,00
48	Processing of rubber and plastics	1972	3,26	2,47	2,77	3,29	3,06	3,23	.	.
		1973	3,90	2,80	.	3,70	3,60	3,60	2,06	3,52
		1974	4,40	3,10	.	4,50	4,50	4,30	2,40	4,30
		1975	4,80	3,90	.	5,20	5,30	5,30	2,70	4,90
49	Other manufacturing industries	1972	2,77	2,25	2,10	3,00	2,05	.	.	.
		1973	3,30	2,60	.	3,60	2,50	.	1,70	3,35
		1974	3,40	2,80	.	4,20	2,90	.	2,00	4,20
		1975	3,70	3,50	.	5,00	3,60	.	2,20	5,10
50	Building and civil engineering	1972	3,55	2,39	2,31	3,53	3,17	2,33	.	.
		1973	4,30	2,70	2,40	4,10	3,90	2,70	2,09	.
		1974	4,80	3,00	2,70	5,00	4,70	3,40	2,30	.
		1975	5,10	3,70	.	5,90	5,80	4,00	2,70	.
A	Mining and quarrying	1972	4,37	3,48	3,12	.	3,87	3,94	.	-
		1973	.	4,00	3,10	.	4,60	4,40	2,80	-
		1974	.	4,40	3,50	.	5,60	5,30	.	-
		1975	.	5,70	.	.	6,80	6,00	.	-



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B	Total manufacturing industries	1972	3,48	2,69	2,70	3,44	3,20	3,53	.	.
		1973	4,10	3,10	2,80	4,00	3,70	4,00	2,08	3,72
		1974	4,70	3,40	3,10	4,90	4,50	4,90	2,40	4,60
		1975	5,20	4,20	.	5,70	5,50	5,50	2,70	5,30
C	All industries (A+B+50)	1972	3,51	2,65	2,66	3,47	3,16	3,29	.	.
		1973	4,10	3,10	2,70	4,00	3,70	3,70	2,11	.
		1974	4,80	3,30	3,00	5,00	4,50	4,60	.	.
		1975	5,20	4,10	.	5,70	5,50	5,20	.	.

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