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PREFACE

Like the first two issues of Labour Statistics, this publication brings together statistics covering most of the subjects, except retail and wholesale prices and price indexes, formerly included in the Labour Report, which is no longer published.

The statistics generally relate to collections undertaken during or relating to 1977, but in some cases statistics are given for earlier periods. Because of limitations of space only a summary of the principal statistics is shown in the tables, but reference to other publications which contain more detailed statistics are given where appropriate. The principal publications are listed on pages 3 and 23.

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