

## Annual Business Inquiry (Employment by industry)

<b>General details</b>	The ABI is an annual survey of businesses which collects employment and accounting information
<b>Area output</b>	Flexible area outputs down to ward and postcode sector, although there are confidentiality restrictions attached to the small area data.
<b>Time period</b>	Data collected for mid December each year
<b>Source</b>	Office for National Statistics
<b>Provider</b>	NOMIS (Graham Lindsay Kirklees MC EDS)
<b>Comments</b>	

### 1 Introduction

1.1 The Annual Business Inquiry (ABI) is a survey of about 76,000 businesses from the Office for National Statistics' Interdepartmental Business Register. The survey sample is stratified in order to obtain representative returns from businesses in all sectors of the economy, although some agricultural data is excluded.

1.2 The ABI replaced a number of other business surveys in 1998 including the Annual Employment Survey.

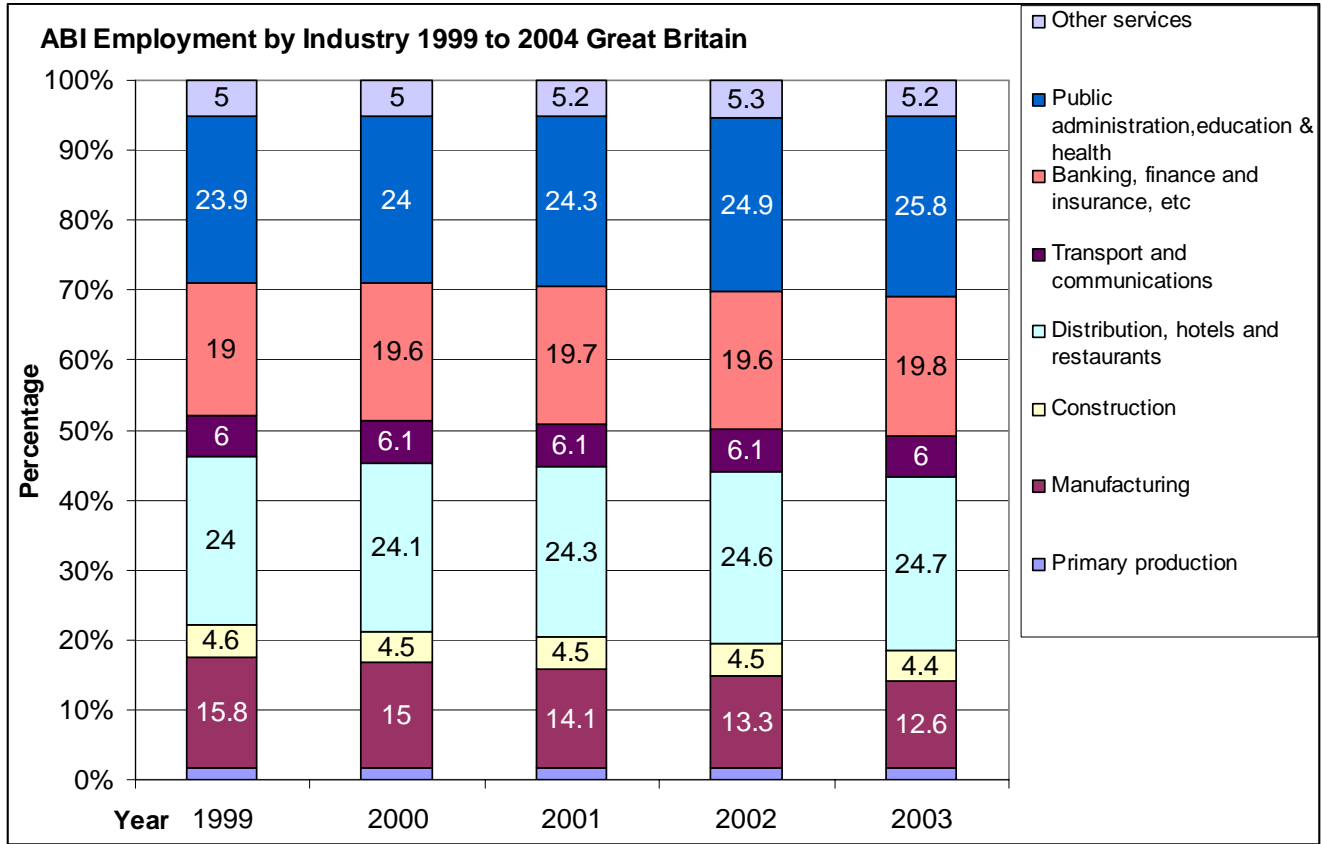
1.3 The survey obtains returns from over 80% of the sample and grosses up responses to the equivalent of the register population.

1.4 Information about employment by industry is available from other sources. The 2001 Census is probably the most reliable as the sample size (of employees) was almost 100%, however, data from this source is already four years old however. The Labour Force Survey also measures employment by industry but from a relatively small sample.

### 2 National and Regional Figures

2.1 Employment by industry data from the Annual Business Inquiry shows the long term decline of manufacturing employment in GB, down to 12.6% of all employees in employment by 2003 and the growth of the service sector, including public administration; health and education, up to 25.8% of totals.

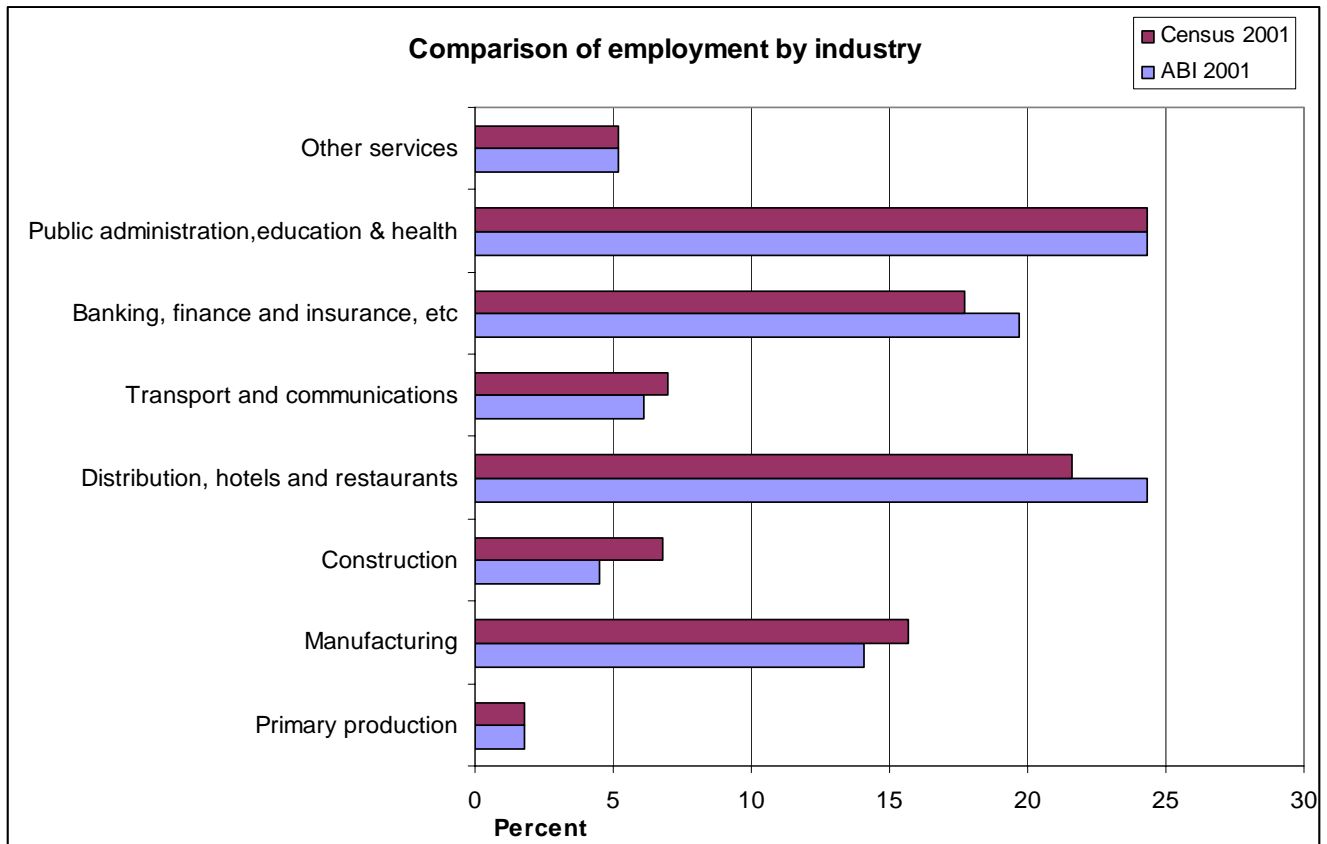
Figure 1: ABI Employment by Industry Great Britain



2.2 When the ABI figures for 2001 are compared with the figures from the 2001 Census there are some differences. The Census records greater numbers in manufacturing, construction and transport and communications and fewer numbers in finance and distribution and catering.

2.3 This may be due to the different ways in which the information was collected. The ABI survey was completed by a representative of the company to which the survey was sent and the Census was completed by a householder.

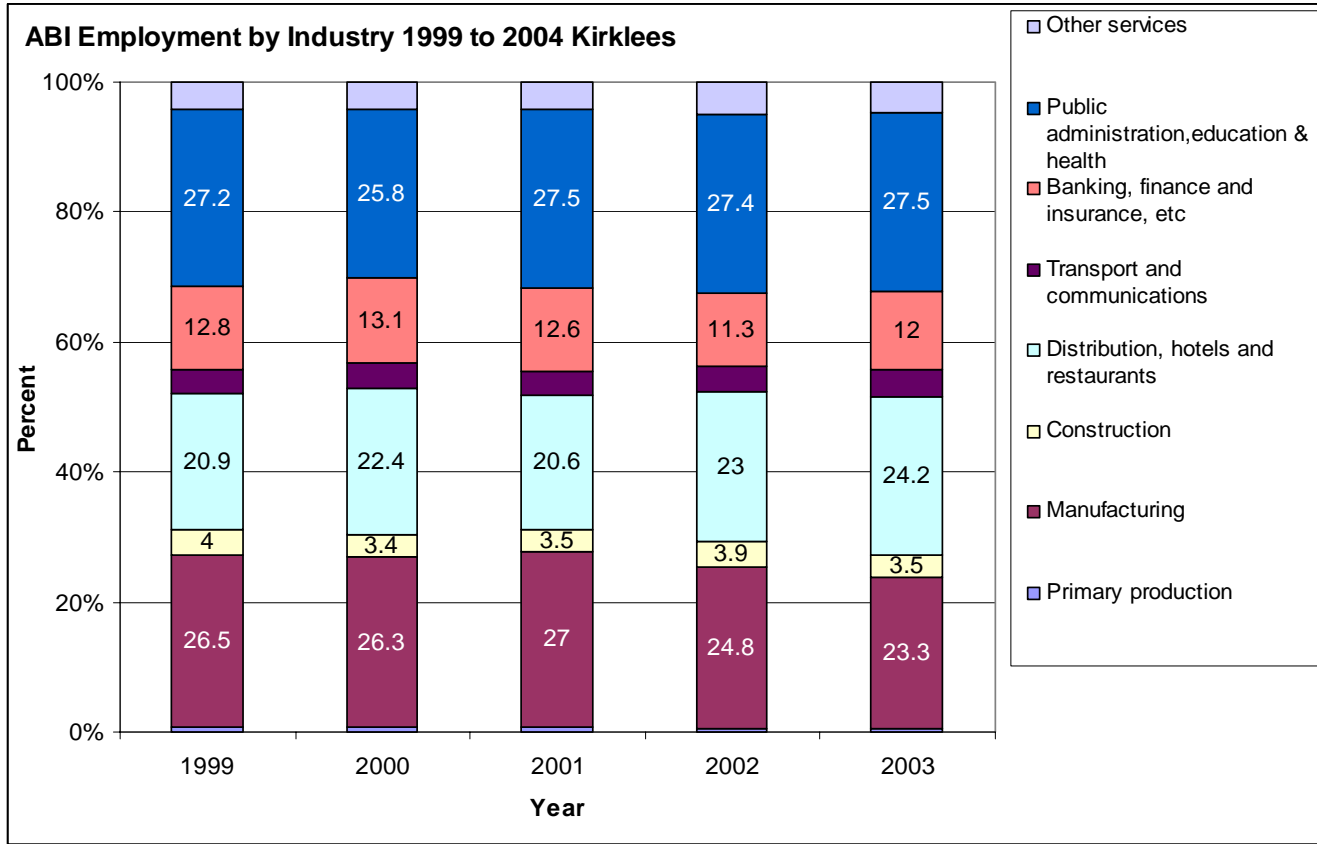
Figure 2: Comparison of Census and ABI Employment by Industry



### 3 Kirklees Figures

3.1 In Kirklees, there was continuing slow decline in employment in manufacturing between 1999 and 2003, offset by overall service sector growth, in particular distribution; hotels and catering.

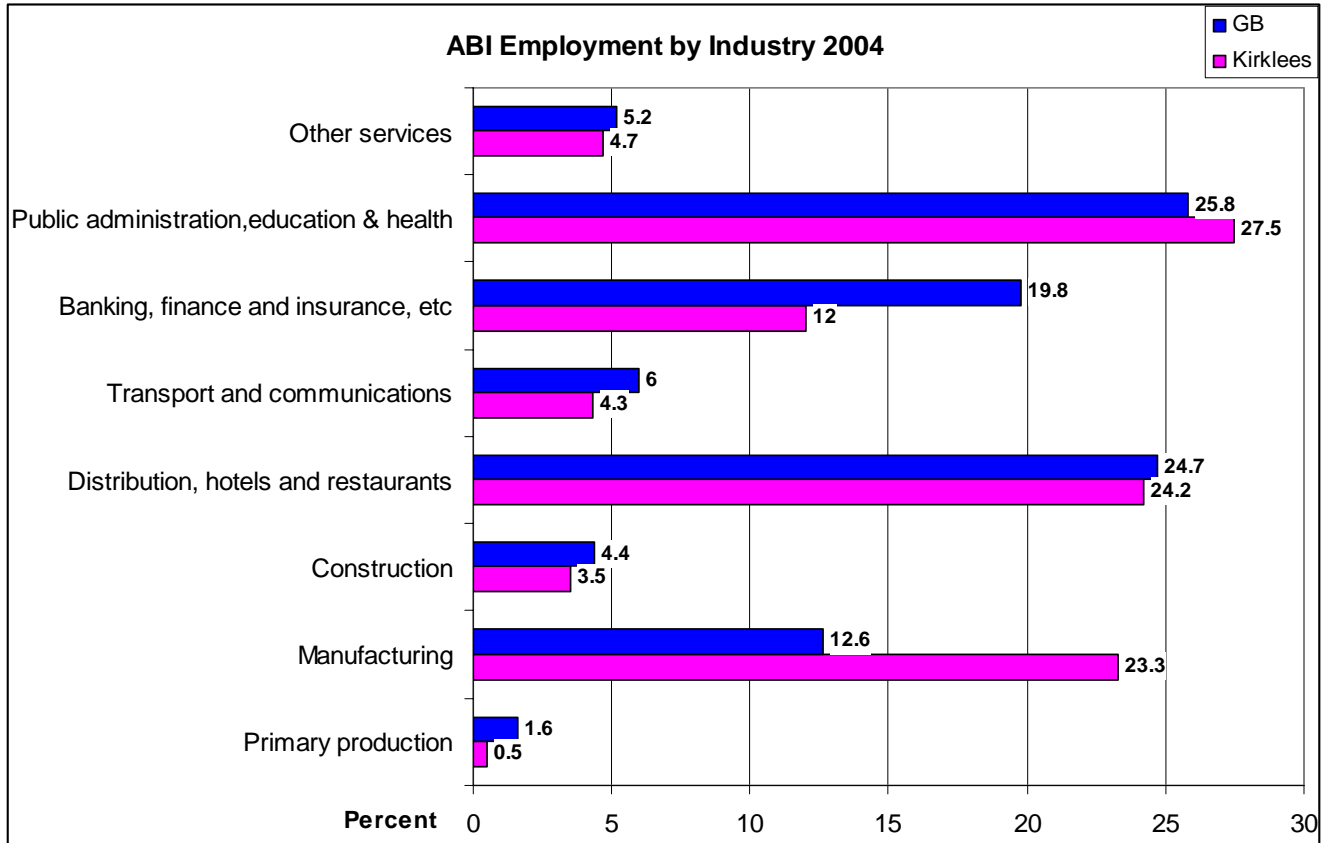
Figure 3: ABI Employment by Industry, Kirklees



3.2 The ABI survey highlights the reliance on manufacturing jobs in Kirklees compared with the Great Britain. Almost double the proportion of Kirklees employees work in manufacturing.

3.3 In most other industries, Kirklees is close to the Great Britain proportions, with the exception of banking; finance, insurance and business services, where the proportion of jobs is around half the national rate.

Figure 4: Comparison of ABI employment Kirklees with Great Britain



#### 4 Links and further information

Office for National Statistics

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp>

#### 5 Indicator archive

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