

White-Collar Workers in Britain 1945-95

Table 1: The occupied population of Britain by occupational groups, Great Britain 1951-81 (percentage of total occupied population)

Occupational groups	1951	1961	1971	1981
Managers	5.5	5.4	9.8	13.7
Higher professionals	1.9	3.0	3.8	4.8
Lower professionals and technicians	4.7	6.0	7.7	10.6
Supervisors and inspectors	2.6	2.9	3.0	4.1
Clerical and related	10.4	12.7	14.2	14.5
Sales	5.7	5.9	5.7	4.6
Non manual total	30.9	35.9	44.3	52.3
Manual	64.2	59.3	55.7	47.7
(adopted from Bain and Price 1983: 164)				

Table 2 Membership of selected white-collar unions (1000s) 1964 and 1975

	1964	1975	% change
AUEW (TASS)	65.9	125.6	+ 90.7
APECCS	79.2	132.0	+ 73.0
ASTMS*	(72.8)	325.1	+346.8

CPSA	146.3	214.4	+ 46.5
NUBE	56.2	100.2	+ 78.3
NALGO	338.3	541.9	+ 60.2
NUT	249.0	266.7	+ 7.7

*1964 figures include membership of the Association of Scientific Workers, the Association of Supervisory Staffs, Executives and Technicians, and the Guild of Insurance Officials.

Source: Carter 1985

Table 3: Strikes 1964-78

	Annual average			
	1964-8	1969-74	1975-6	1977-8
Number of stoppages	2,262	2,924	2,149	2,526
Workers per strike	465	540	338	414
Days lost per striker	2.9	5.4	6.6	9.3

Source Carter 1985

Table 4: Number of Unions 1977-92

Year	Total Number	TUC unions
1979	453	109
1980	438	108
1981	414	105
1982	408	102
1983	394	98
1984	375	91
1985	370	88
1986	335	87
1987	330	83
1988	314	83
1989	309	78

1990	287	74
1991	275	70
1992	268	69

Source: McIlroy 1995: 121