

CHAPTER IX

BUILDING

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Tables 1 and 2 follow on directly from equivalent tables in the first *Abstract of British Historical Statistics*, and table 4 is a substitute covering the same topic - building costs. Table 3 gives a more detailed breakdown of the total houses built, according to whether local authority or private enterprise was responsible, and the only reason for not including it in the first volume was the short run of years which would have been covered then. None of these tables calls for any particular comment.

Building 1. Number of Houses at Censuses – United Kingdom 1931–66

NOTES

[1] SOURCE: *Abstract* based on the *Census Reports*.
 [2] The definition of the term 'house' has changed slightly from time to time. Details can be found in *Guides to Official*

Sources, no. 2, and in the 1961 Census Housing Tables Part I, general explanatory notes. The figures here relate to all houses, whether classed as occupied or unoccupied.

	(in thousands)		
	England & Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
1931	9,400	1,197	...
1937	322
1951	12,389	1,442	346
1961	14,646	1,627	387
1966	15,449	1,691	419

Building 2. Houses Built – Great Britain 1938–65

NOTE

SOURCE: *Abstract*.

		(in thousands)			
1938	359.1	1948	245.9	1958	273.7
1939	255.6	1949	197.7	1959	276.7
1940	95.1	1950	198.2	1960	297.8
1941	23.4	1951	194.8	1961	296.1
1942	12.9	1952	239.9	1962	305.4
1943	9.5	1953	318.8	1963	298.9
1944	8.1	1954	347.8	1964	373.7
1945	13.8	1955	317.4	1965	382.3
1946	138.5	1956	300.6		
1947	186.0	1957	301.1		

Building 3. Local Authority and Private House-Building - United Kingdom 1920-65

NOTES

[1] SOURCE: *Abstract*.

[2] The following categories of houses are not covered by this table: (i) Private houses having a rateable value exceeding £78 (£105 in the Metropolitan Police District) up to 1945; (ii) houses built for government departments; (iii) war-destroyed houses rebuilt; and (iv) temporary houses.

[3] In the *Abstract* before World War II the series were headed 'Built by Local Authorities' and 'Built by Private Enterprise'. These are apparently equivalent to the postwar headings used here.

1 April- 31 March	Houses Built in England & Wales		Houses Built in Scotland		Houses Built in Northern Ireland	
	For Local Authorities	For Private Owners	For Local Authorities	For Private Owners	For Local Authorities	For Private Owners
1919/20	576	...	—	...	—	...
1920/1	15,585	...	1,201	...	—	...
1921/2	80,783	...	5,796	...	—	...
1922/3	57,535	...	9,527	...	—	...
1923/4	14,353	71,857	5,233	...	—	...
1924/5	20,624	116,265	3,238	3,638	73	...
1925/6	44,218	129,208	5,290	5,639	882	...
1926/7	74,093	143,536	9,621	7,496	123	...
1927/8	104,034	134,880	16,460	6,137	91	...
1928/9	55,723	113,809	13,954	5,024	198	...
1929/30	60,245	141,815	13,023	5,011	300	...
1930/1	----- (a)					
1931/2	55,874	127,933	8,122	4,571	144	...
1932/3	70,061	130,751	8,952	4,766	37	...
1933/4	55,991	144,505	12,165	6,596	15	...
	55,840	210,782	16,503	10,760	20	...
1934/5	41,593	287,513	15,733	6,096	50	1,392
1935/6	52,357	272,503	18,814	7,086	20	4,132
1936/7	71,740	274,313	16,044	7,757	213	5,239
1937/8	77,970	259,632	13,341	8,187	350	355
1938/9	101,744	230,616	19,162	7,311	1,126	207
1939/40	50,452	145,510	19,118	6,411	(169) (c)	(96) (c)
1940/1	15,408	27,090	10,474	3,732	400	—
1941/2	2,913	5,601	4,714	692	206	—
1942/3	1,378	2,494	3,072	224	—	—
1943/4	2,539	1,079	2,717	92	—	—
1944/5	2,432	1,852	2,383	170	—	10

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Calendar Years	Houses Built in England & Wales		Houses Built in Scotland		Houses Built in Northern Ireland	
	For Local Authorities	For Private Owners	For Local Authorities	For Private Owners	For Local Authorities	For Private Owners
1945	(508) (d)	(937) (d)	1,428	141	—	21
1946	21,202	29,720	3,811	499	232	347
1947	86,567	39,626	10,773	1,354	688	507
1948	170,821	31,210	19,547	1,541	3,180	1,639
1949	141,766	24,688	24,180	1,102	4,860	2,667
1950	139,356	26,576	24,314	782	4,247	2,882
1951	141,587	21,406	20,997	1,145	3,899	2,934
1952	165,637	32,078	27,623	2,242	5,917	2,350
1953	202,891	60,528	35,992	2,393	6,033	1,946
1954	199,642	88,028	35,331	2,608	4,345	1,787
1955	162,525	109,934	29,278	3,523	4,221	2,636
1956	139,977	119,585	26,290	4,576	4,443	2,270
1957	137,584	122,942	28,326	3,513	3,719	2,329
1958	113,146	124,087	27,373	4,061	2,764	2,072
1959	99,456	146,476	22,709	4,232	2,380	2,458
1960	103,235	162,100	21,503	6,529	3,478	2,776
1961	92,880	170,366	19,541	7,147	3,697	3,214
1962	105,302	167,016	18,788	7,784	4,487	3,411
1963	97,015	168,242	21,164	6,622	5,724	2,923
1964	119,468	210,432	29,156	7,662	6,130	3,170
1965	133,024	206,246	26,584	7,553	5,349	3,363

(a) Figures up to this point exclude a small number of houses built by local authorities without state assistance.
 (b) Subsequent figures are for the calendar year indicated first in the stub.

(c) Houses built from 1 April to 31 December 1939.
 (d) Houses built from 1 April to 31 December 1945.

Building 4. Index of Building Costs – Great Britain 1939–66

NOTES

[1] SOURCE: Building Research Station, *Collection of Construction Statistics*.
 [2] This is the 'combined index', which is based on the average of the Venning index (published in *Building*), the

B.R.S. Measured Work index, and the Ministry of Public Building & Works Current Cost index since 1955 and the Board of Inland Revenue indices up to then.

Average of 1958–60 = 100					
1939	29	1949	67	1959	99
1940	33	1950	69	1960	101
1941	38	1951	80	1961	106
1942	41	1952	88	1962	110
1943	42	1953	86	1963	113
1944	44	1954	88	1964	117
1945	50	1955	92	1965	123
1946	56	1956	97	1966	128
1947	61	1957	99		
1948	65	1958	100		