

ABS coverage, 2008-2011

The results for 2008-2011 represent approximately two thirds of the UK economy in terms of Gross Value Added. Before 2011 the **UK Business Economy** has been referred to as the Whole Economy in ABS releases.

The industries covered are:

- Agriculture (support activities SIC 01.6 only), forestry and fishing - Section A (part)
- Production industries - Sections B-E
- Construction industries - Section F
- Distribution industries - Section G
- Service industries - Sections H, I, J, K (SIC 65.1 and 65.2 only), L, M, N, P (private provision only), Q (private provision only in SIC 86.1 and 86.9), R and S

The main industries excluded are:

- Agriculture (SIC 01.1, 01.2, 01.3, 01.4 and 01.5 in Section A)
- Financial intermediation (SIC 64, 65.3, 66 in Section K)
- Public administration and defence (Section O)
- Education (public provision in Section P)
- Health (SIC 86.2, public provision in SIC 86.1 and 86.9 in Section Q)

Only part of the finance sector is covered by the ABS (Insurance and reinsurance only (SIC 65.1 and 65.2)) and this coverage is relatively new, beginning in 2008. Development work was undertaken to ensure the questionnaire was as relevant as possible for this sector. The ABS team will continue to monitor the data being collated to ensure it is as relevant and accurate as possible but until a longer time series is available results remain experimental.