

ABS coverage, 2012 onwards

The ABS results for 2012 represent approximately two thirds of the UK economy in terms of Gross Value Added. This represents the **UK Non-Financial Business Economy** and differs from the previous **UK Business Economy** by the exclusion of Insurance and Reinsurance (SIC 65.1 and 65.2 - the only part of Section K covered by the ABS) from the Service industries.

The industries covered by the results 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
- Non-Financial Service industries - Sections H, I, J, 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 and insurance (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)

Data for a small part of the Financial and insurance sector (Insurance and reinsurance only (SIC 65.1 and 65.2) has been collected by the ABS since 2008 and was previously included in the results. However, following discussions with key users, ONS decided to remove this experimental series from ABS releases for the reference year 2012 onwards due to the continued volatility of the data.

A review of the questionnaire for Insurance and Reinsurance businesses will be undertaken, alongside continued validation of returns to the survey, with the aim of reintroducing them to the ABS publications when the quality of the data has improved. Updates on progress will be available on the ABS News Pages.