

Regional employment update – September 2008

The concentration of the film production and distribution sectors in London and the South East was demonstrated in Table 19.14 of the UK Film Council Statistical Yearbook 2008 (<http://www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/yearbook>).

The South East referred to in Table 19.14 of the UKFC Yearbook 2008 was defined differently to the Government Office Region used elsewhere in the publication. The South East in Table 19.14 included areas that were defined as the ‘rest of’ South East (see definition of the variable ‘REGWRK’ in *Labour Force Survey User Guide – Volume 3: Details of LFS variables*). The net effect of including the rest of South East in the figures presented in Table 19.14 was an overstatement of the employment figures for London and South East.

Table 1 South East employment under different definitions of place of work in the Labour Force Survey, 2007

Sector	SIC	Definitions of ‘South East’				Total UK employment ²
		South East ¹	% of UK total	Rest of South East ¹	% of UK total	
UK all industries	All	3,936,482	13.5%	5,354,767	18.4%	29,052,285
Film and video production	9211	3,244	14.4%	4,134	18.3%	22,597
Film and video distribution	9212	280	6.2%	280	6.2%	4,521
Film projection	9213	826	7.2%	2,010	17.5%	11,516

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS.

Notes: 1. ‘South East’ is as defined in the ‘region of place of work’ variable, GORWKR; the ‘Rest of South East’ is as defined in the variable REGWKR in the Labour Force Survey. GORWKR is the preferred variable to use as it is based on Government Office Regions. 2. Totals shown in this table are averages of the four calendar quarters from October 2006 to September 2007.

Table 1 shows that the figures for the film projection sector in South East were much higher when the rest of South East was included. The effect was less pronounced in the film and video production sector and there was no effect to the film and video distribution sector.

The London and South East employment figures based on Government Office Regions are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 (Revised) London and South East employment as percentage of total, 2007

Sector	SIC	Total UK employment	London and South East employment	London & SE as % of UK total
UK all industries	All	29,052,285	7,992,757	28%
Film and video production	9211	22,597	16,903	75%
Film and video distribution	9212	4,521	3,864	85%

Film exhibition	9213	11,516	2,077	18%
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Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS.

Note: Totals shown in this table are averages of the four calendar quarters from October 2006 to September 2007.

Using the definition of South East as defined in Government Office Regions (GOR), the proportion of people in employment working in London and South East was 28% (rather than 32% as reported in Yearbook 2008) in the year to September 2007. The London and South East share of the film and video production workforce (SIC 9211) was 75% (rather than 79% as reported in Yearbook 2008). There is no difference in the film and video distribution sector under the two definitions of South East. However, there was larger difference in the figures for the film exhibition sector - 18% rather than 28% as reported in Yearbook 2008.

Despite the slight differences due to different definitions of the coverage of South East, the concentration of the film production and distribution sectors in London and South East remains clear.

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