

# Special Feature: Home-Working

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- **Of those in employment 11% work mainly at or from home.**

The LFS can provide information on the number of people that work at or from their own home. In October - December 2008, 80,000 persons, or 11% of those in employment, worked mainly at or from home in their main job. This proportion has varied very little over the preceding two years. The majority of the 80,000 persons were self-employed (59,000 or 74%) with the remainder mainly being employees (21,000). Three quarters (74% or 60,000) of those who worked at home were male, with the remaining 21,000 female home workers. This is as expected, because the self-employed are mainly male. Indeed, the characteristics of those working at home are influenced mainly by those of the self-employed. Over four fifths (83% or 67,000) of those working at home were in full-time employment, with 13,000 working part-time.

## Place Of Work For Those In Employment, October - December 2008

Table 17

	Number
Own Home	16,000
Same grounds or building	19,000
Different place using home as base	46,000
Separate from home	680,000
All in Employment*	760,000

\*Total includes a small number for whom the question did not apply

Table 17 shows in further detail exactly where these persons worked. 34,000 worked in their own home or in the same grounds or buildings, with the remaining 46,000 working in a different place but using their home as a base.

- **14% of those who work from home were aged 60+.**

Figure 19 shows that the majority of those working at home were in the two middle age groups, with 77% of those working at home aged 30-59. However, 14% of home workers (11,000 persons) were aged 60 or over. In comparison just 6% of all persons in employment were aged 60 and over.

## Distribution Of Those Working At Home By Age, October - December 2008

Figure 19

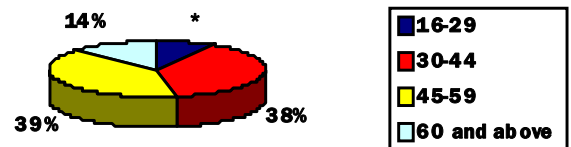


Table 18 shows the occupational distribution of those working at home. The largest group were Skilled trades occupations (43% or 35,000). Just over a third of those working from home were managers and senior officials, or were involved in professional or associate professional occupations.

## Occupation Of Those Working At Home, October - December 2008

Table 18

	Number /%
Managers and/or Senior officials	10,000 (12%)
Professional and Assoc Prof and Technical	18,000 (22%)
Skilled trades occupations	35,000 (43%)
All other occupations*	18,000 (22%)
All working at home	80,000 (100%)

\* These comprise Administrative and secretarial, Personal service occupations, Sales and customer service occupations, Plant, process and machine operatives and Elementary occupations.

- **Agriculture and fishing accounts for just over one fifth of persons who work at home.**

Table 19 shows the distribution by industrial sector of those working at home. Service industries accounted for 46% (37,000) of those working at home. There were a further 17,000 persons (21%), working from home, employed in each of the Agriculture & fishing and Construction sectors, corresponding to the high proportion of self-employed in these sectors.

**Industry Sector Of Those Working At Home,  
October - December 2008**

**Table 19**

	<b>Number/%</b>
Agriculture and fishing	17,000 (21%)
Construction	17,000 (21%)
All other non-service sectors*	9,000 (11%)
Total services	37,000 (46%)
All working at home	80,000 (100%)

\* These comprise Manufacturing and Energy and water supply.