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15-second facts

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### EMPLOYMENT AND THE BRITISH

You know your patients best, not as statistics, but as human beings. But how do they live when compared to the population as a whole? We thought you might be interested in some broad statistical facts about how people are living in Britain to-day. *Let's look at the jobs they do.*

- A** According to the 1968 figures, 23,125,000 people in the U.K. were employed. Of these, 14,445,000 were men, 8,680,000 women.
- B** The largest employers are the manufacturing industries, with a payroll of 8,790,000 people. The distributive trades muster 2,832,000 and professional and scientific services occupy 2,753,000.
- C** Though the majority work in factories, offices, and shops, more than 4 million do not. Agriculture, forestry, and fishing occupy 423,000; mining and quarrying 489,000; construction 1,554,000; and transport 1,610,000.
- D** Not everyone who wants a job can find one: unemployment figures fluctuate, but the monthly average for 1968 was just over half a million: 456,300 were men, 88,600 women. This included school leavers.

Nearly 1½ million people are employed by taxpayers and ratepayers. National Government has a payroll 607,000 strong, whilst Local Government employs 834,000.

Source: H.M.S.O. Publications

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Volidan 21 has the lowest oestrogenic activity of any combined oral contraceptive. A product of original British research, Volidan 21 contains megestrol acetate—a pure progestogen closely related to the naturally occurring female hormone. Unlike other progestogens derived from 19-nortestosterone it is *not* partially metabolised to oestrogen, and has neither androgenic nor anabolic effect. Volidan 21 is available to patients at an acceptably low price.

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