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This study will be of interest to economists, planners, regional scientists and geographers, as well as students in these fields.

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Preface

The work reported in this book started as a research project in which Professor Gordon Cameron, at the University of Glasgow, was closely involved. Indeed, he played a major part in setting up the enterprise and in arranging for data to be prepared for computer-based manipulation. Though it was not possible for him to maintain a close association with the work as it progressed, we are nevertheless very much in his debt. Mr Alan Ferguson, a graduate student at Bristol, also made numerous helpful suggestions and the illustrations were drawn by Mr Simon Godden, Department of Geography, University of Bristol. We also wish to acknowledge the generous grant made by the Nuffield Foundation to cover the salary of Mr Jim Oeppen for somewhat over a year while he worked full-time preparing and analysing data and also to cover incidental expenses. Without this grant, the work could not have been done.

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A note of explanation

In this study, we have used the 152 Minimum List industries defined for statistical purposes. These all have their own three-figure code number. For purposes of computation and analysis, we have assigned these industries our own code, ranging from 1 to 152 (see Appendix). In the text, where there is the possibility of confusing these two codes, the following convention has been used. Reference to industry *120* (MLH 701), for example, is a reference to MLH industry 701 to which we have assigned our own code of 120.

The correct description of these MLH classes is 'category of employment'. This is a clumsy phrase and we have frequently used the much briefer term 'industry'. When used without qualification, the term industry is synonymous with category of employment and carries no connotation regarding the nature of that employment.