

## 6 Prices, wages and employment

### 6.12 St Helenian contract workers employed overseas by country (1)

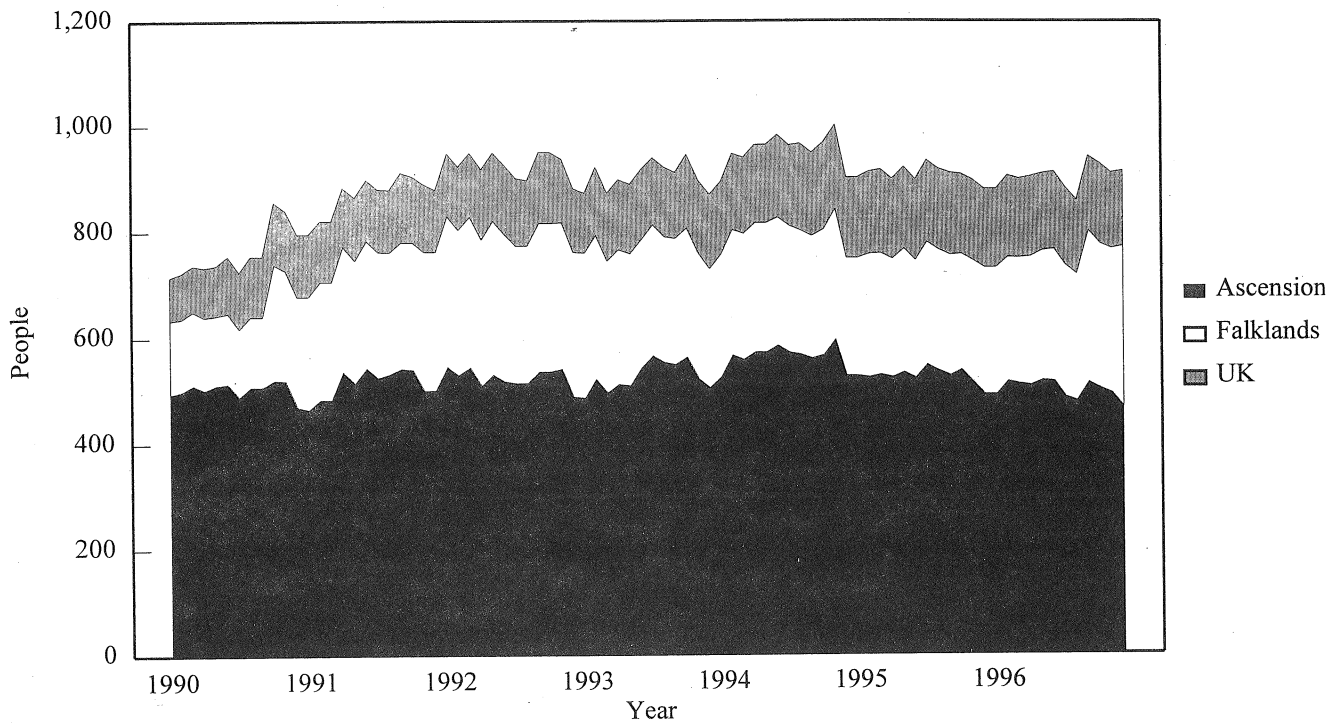
1991-1996					number
Year	Quarter	Ascension Island	Falkland Islands	United Kingdom	Total
1991	Qtr 1	478	220	116	814
	Qtr 2	531	237	115	883
	Qtr 3	533	236	122	891
	Qtr 4	514	255	123	892
1992	Qtr 1	540	281	119	940
	Qtr 2	519	282	131	932
	Qtr 3	521	267	129	917
	Qtr 4	539	279	127	945
1993	Qtr 1	501	266	123	890
	Qtr 2	521	249	132	902
	Qtr 3	556	242	128	925
	Qtr 4	530	236	139	905
1994	Qtr 1	550	237	142	928
	Qtr 2	576	244	151	971
	Qtr 3	566	236	158	960
	Qtr 4	563	236	158	957
1995	Qtr 1	527	229	155	911
	Qtr 2	526	227	152	906
	Qtr 3	537	230	154	921
	Qtr 4	514	230	151	895
1996	Qtr 1	506	238	151	895
	Qtr 2	513	247	148	908
	Qtr 3	492	259	143	894
	Qtr 4	487	284	146	917
1996	Jan	491	240	149	880
	Feb	515	236	154	905
	Mar	511	239	149	899
	Apr	508	244	151	903
	May	517	246	146	909
	Jun	515	251	146	912
	Jul	486	250	147	883
	Aug	478	240	140	858
	Sep	513	287	142	942
	Oct	502	274	152	928
	Nov	493	274	143	910
	Dec	467	304	143	914

1 Averages derived from monthly figures leading to 'rounding errors'.

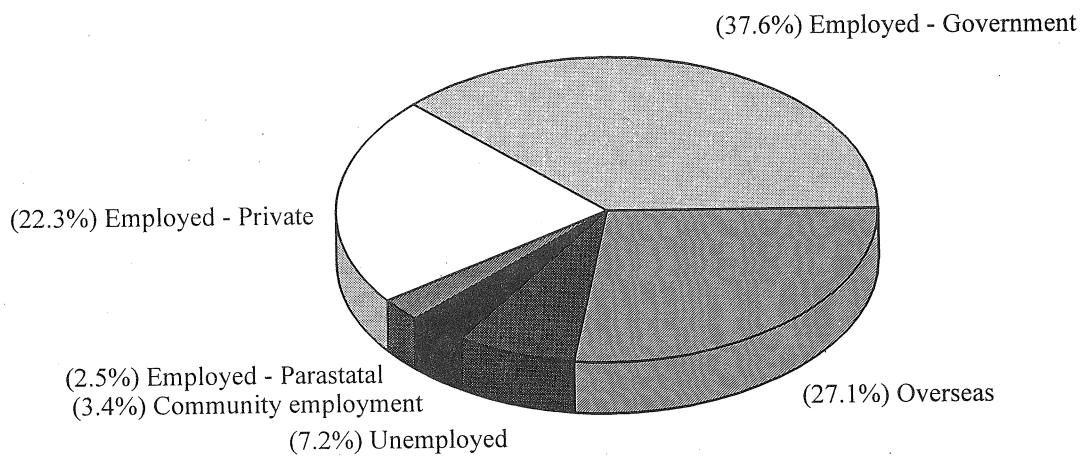
2 Numbers decreased in December of each year due to people returning home for Christmas.

Source: Department of  
Employment & Social Services

### 6.12 St Helenian overseas workers 1990 - 1996



### 6.13 Workforce distribution 1995/96

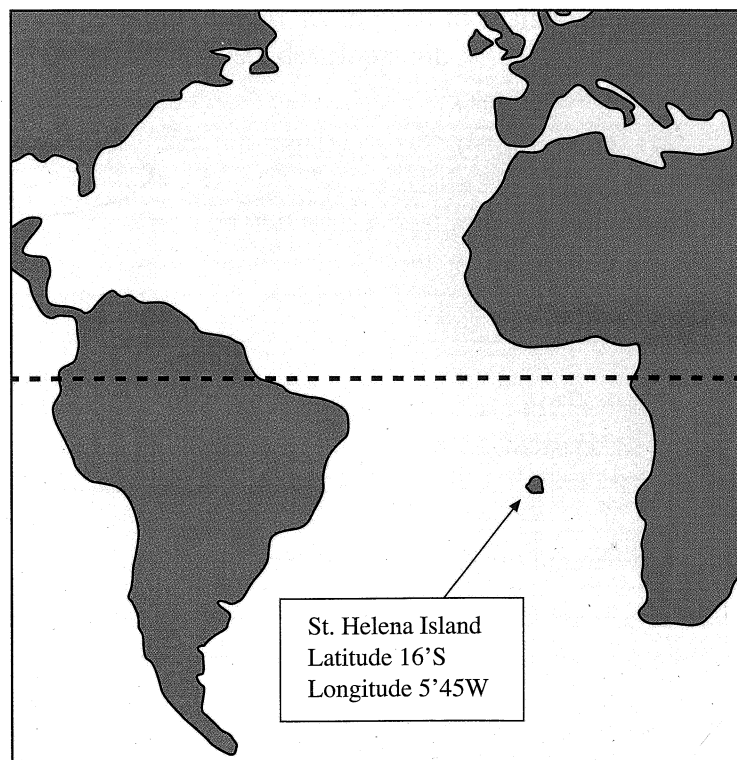
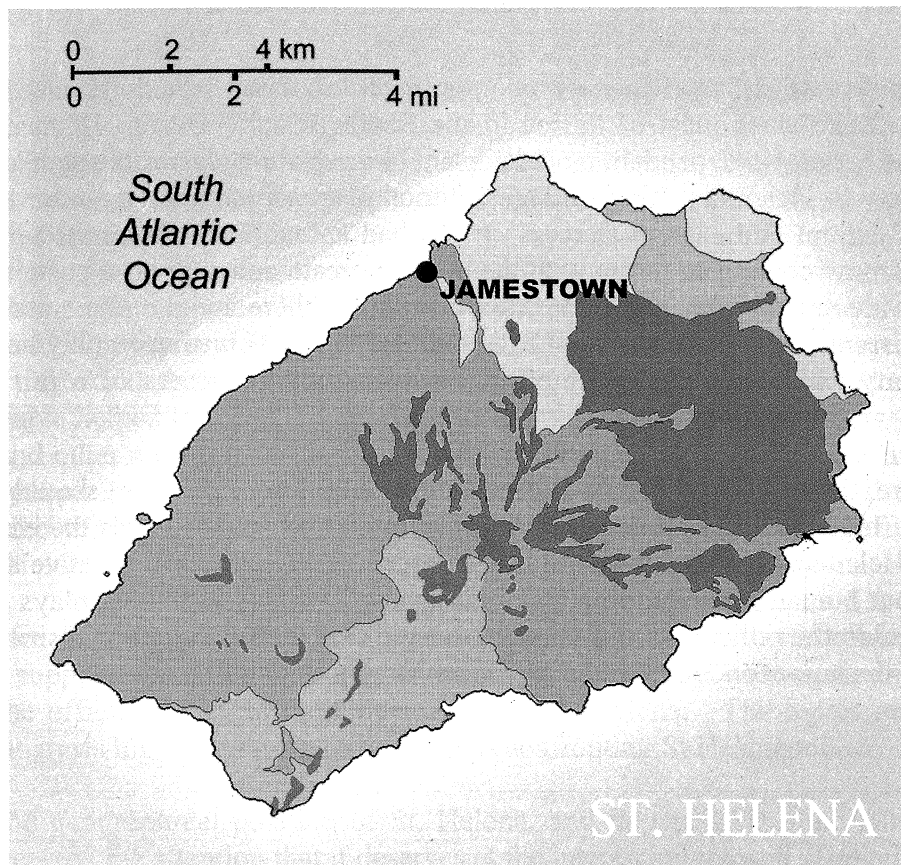


## 6.13 Distribution of the workforce

1991/92-1995/96					numbers
Category	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
Employed:					
Government (1)	1,620	1,586	1,520	1,455	1313
Private (p)	620	610	610	620	778
Parastatal	59	45	38	32	88
<b>Total employed</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>2,179</b>
Unemployed:					
Community employment	93	98	136	148	119
Receiving unemployment benefit	95	124	106	149	228
Other (2)	12	16	16	20	24
<b>Total unemployed</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>371</b>
Total workforce on St Helena	2,499	2,479	2,426	2,424	2,550
Unemployment rate on St Helena	4.3%	5.6%	5.0%	7.0%	9.9%
Offshore workers (3)	995	988	1,046	1,045	946
<b>Total St Helenian Workforce</b>	<b>3,494</b>	<b>3,467</b>	<b>3,472</b>	<b>3,469</b>	<b>3,496</b>

- 1 Includes Established, Unestablished, Temporary and Development Aid workers
- 2 Includes those registered as unemployed but not eligible for benefits
- 3 Includes RMS employees

*Source: Development and Economic Planning Department and Department of Employment and Social Services*



## COUNTRY INFORMATION AND MAPS

Legal name:	Saint Helena
Status :	United Kingdom Overseas Territory
Area:	121 km <sup>2</sup>
Location:	ST Helena is situated at latitude 15°56' south and longitude 5°42' west in the South Atlantic Ocean, 1,600 km from the west coast of Africa, 1,100 km southeast of Ascension Island, the nearest land mass and 2,700 km north-west of Cape Town. Volcanic in origin the island rises to a peak of 820 m. The interior is fertile and capable of sustaining a wide range of fauna and flora contrasting with a rugged and barren coastline. Although located within the tropics the climate is mild year-round due to the effect of the south east trade winds. Temperatures vary from 16 to 27 Celsius during the winter to 21 to 31 Celsius in the summer. Annual rainfall averages 15 centimetres on the coast to 100 centimetres in some inland areas.
Population:	5010 (1998)
Religion:	Anglican (85 %), Jehovah Witness (5 %),
Language:	English
Head of State	HM Queen Elizabeth II
Government	The legislature comprises a Legislative Council which consists of the Speaker, twelve elected members and three ex-officio members (Chief Secretary, Financial Secretary and Attorney General). All legislation passed by the Legislative Council has to be approved by the United Kingdom Government. Five committees of the Legislative Council are responsible for the general oversight of the activities of government departments and have in addition a wide range of statutory and administrative functions. An Executive Council consisting of the five chairmen of the council committees and the three ex-officio members of Legislative Council advise the Governor. The Governor of St Helena, who is appointed by HM the Queen on the advice of the United Kingdom Government, is also Governor of its dependencies, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha but the St Helena Government has no jurisdiction in either of these dependencies.
Capital:	<b>Jamestown</b>
Currency:	St Helena pound which is pegged to United Kingdom sterling at the rate of 1:1

**Table 15. Communication profil**

Radios (per 1,000 people)		<b>400</b>
Televisions (per 100 people)	1998	<b>22</b>
Book titles published (per 100,000 people)		<b>0</b>
Printing and writing paper consumed (metric tons per 1,000 people)		<b>..</b>
Post offices (per 100,000 people)		<b>20</b>
Main telephone lines (per 100 people)		<b>30</b>
International telephone calls (minutes per person per year)		<b>100</b>
Fax machines (per 100 people)		<b>5</b>
Mobile cellular telephone subscribers (per 100 people)		<b>0</b>
Internet users (per 10,000 people)	1998	<b>100</b>
Personal computers (per 100 people)	1998	<b>10</b>

**Table 16. Social investment**

Social security benefits expenditure (as per cent of GDP)	1998	<b>8</b>
Percentage of central government expenditure on social security and welfare	1997	<b>10.2</b>
Percentage of central government expenditure on housing and community amenities	1997	<b>13.4</b>
Percentage of central government expenditure on education	1997	<b>12.0</b>
Percentage of central government expenditure on health	1997	<b>15.9</b>

**Table 17. Military expenditure and resource use imbalances**

Defence expenditure	1998	<b>0</b>
Defence expenditure as per cent of GDP	1998	<b>0</b>
Defence expenditure per capita	1998	<b>0</b>
Military expenditure as per cent of combined education and health expenditure	1998	<b>0</b>
Imports of conventional weapons	1998	<b>0</b>
Total armed forces	1998	<b>0</b>

# Country Profile of St Helena

## Demographic Characteristics

### Enumerated Population of St Helena

8 <sup>th</sup> March, 1998	5,008
11 <sup>th</sup> February, 1987	5,644
31 <sup>st</sup> October, 1976	5,147
24 <sup>th</sup> July, 1966	4,649
21 <sup>st</sup> October, 1956	4,642
27 <sup>th</sup> October, 1946	4,748

### Land Area

47.1 sq miles      122 sq. kilometres

### Population 1998

De facto Population	St Helena	Ascension Island	Falkland Islands	All Islands
Total	5,157	719	314	6,190
Of which				
St Helena	5,008			
RMS St Helena	149			

### De jure Population

St Helena	Male	Female	Total
Resident Population	2,474	2,442	4,916
St Helenian Residents	2,444	2,414	4,858
Of which:      Jamestown (urban)	437	427	864

### Fertility and Mortality

Total Fertility Rate		1998		
		1.29		
		1987	1996	1997
Life Expectancy at Birth	Males:	..	68.8	69.7
(years)	Females:	..	76.9	77.0
Infant Mortality Rate	Per 1000	25.6	17.9	12.4
Crude Birth Rate	Per 1000	15.8	13.1	12.7
Crude Death Rate	Per 1000	8.5	8.9	8.5
		1976 - 87		1987-98
Average Annual Population	Resident population			
Growth Rates				
St Helena		0.64		-1.01
Ascension Island		0.04		-0.13

## Country Profile of St Helena

<b>Sex Ratio – Males per 100 Females</b>	94.3	101.3	104.3	110.3
<b>% of the Resident Population Under 15 Years of Age</b>	27.6	21.41	26.3	19.2
<b>% of Resident Population Aged 65 Years and Over</b>	8.9	11.4	7.9	9.4

### **Labour Force Participation**

	<b>St Helena</b>
Labour Force (persons aged 15 - 64 years)	3,342
Of which	
Economically active	2,455
Economically inactive	887

### **Social Characteristics**

		<b>St Helena</b>	<b>All Islands</b>
<b>Religion</b>	Anglican/Church of England	4,121	5,073
	Other religions	850	866

### **Education**

School leaving age	15 years
% of the population eligible for primary school (children aged 5 - 7 years)	4.2 %
% of the population eligible to attend middle school (children aged 8 – 11 years)	6.0 %
% of the population eligible to attend secondary school (children aged 12 – 15 years) compulsory	7.2%
% of the population eligible to attend secondary school (children aged 16 – 18 years) post compulsory	5.5%

### **Literacy**

Per cent of the population 12 years and over that can read and write:	<b>98%</b>
---	------------

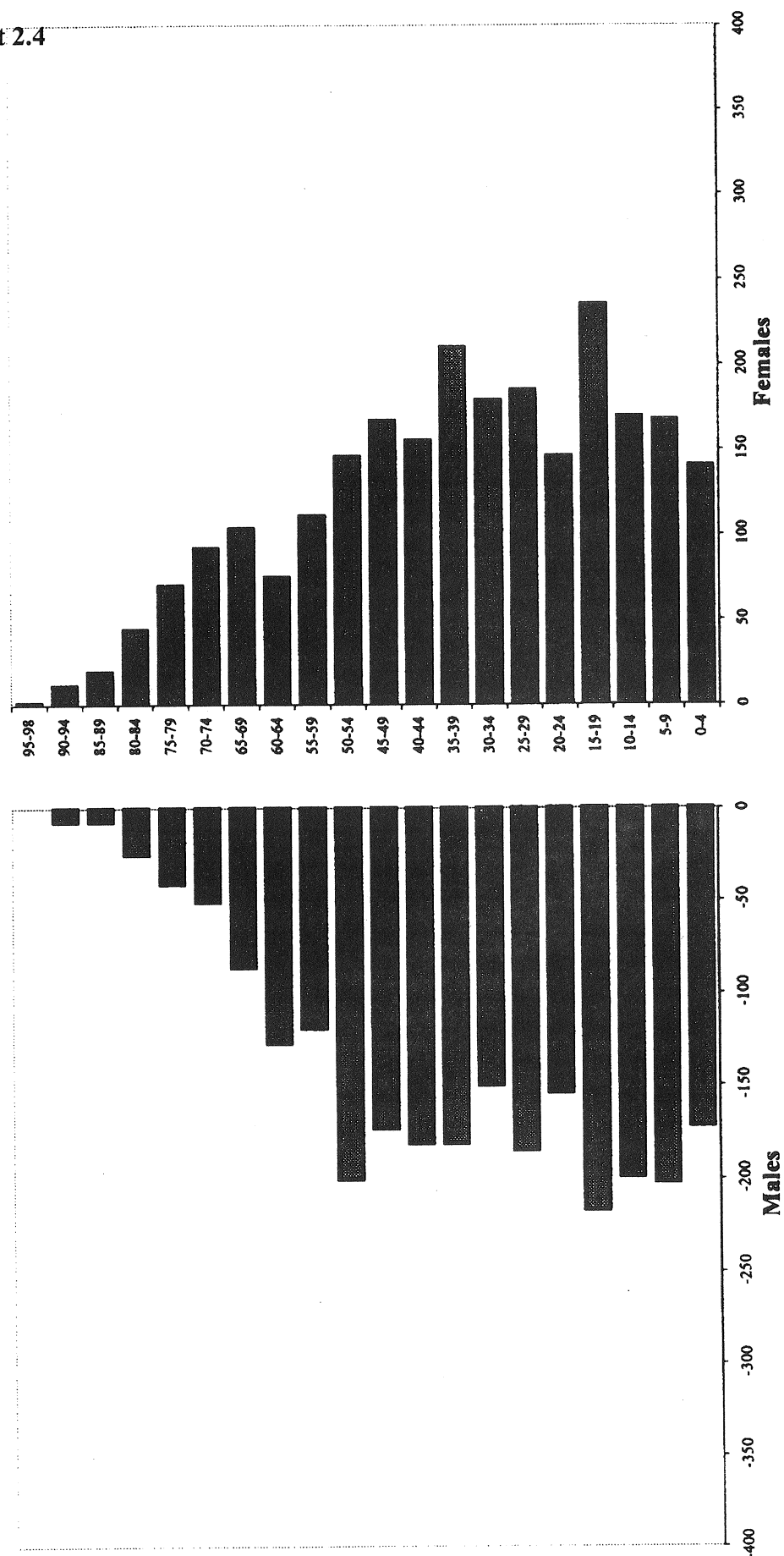
### **Housing**

		<b>St Helena</b>	<b>-----</b>
		<b>1987</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>Dwellings</b>			
Number of occupied dwellings		1,392	1,575
Institutions			7
Vacant dwellings:–	Habitable	..	213
	Uninhabitable	..	65
	Not known	139	48
<b>Households</b>			
Number of private households		1,429	1,610
<b>Persons</b>			
Number of persons in households		..	4,903
Number of persons in institutions		..	83
<b>Household Size</b>			
Average household size:		3.8	3.0



# **St Helenian resident population by age and sex 1998**

Chart 2.4



**Chart 2.5 Age Structure of St Helenian Residents 1976, 1987 and 1998**

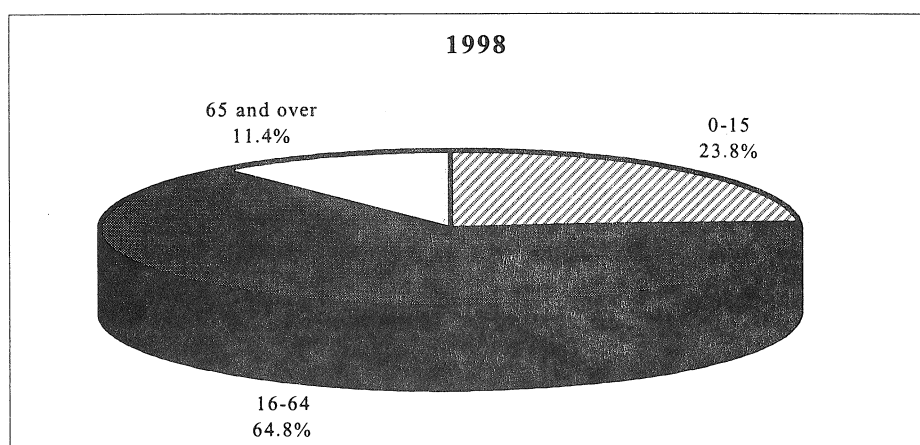
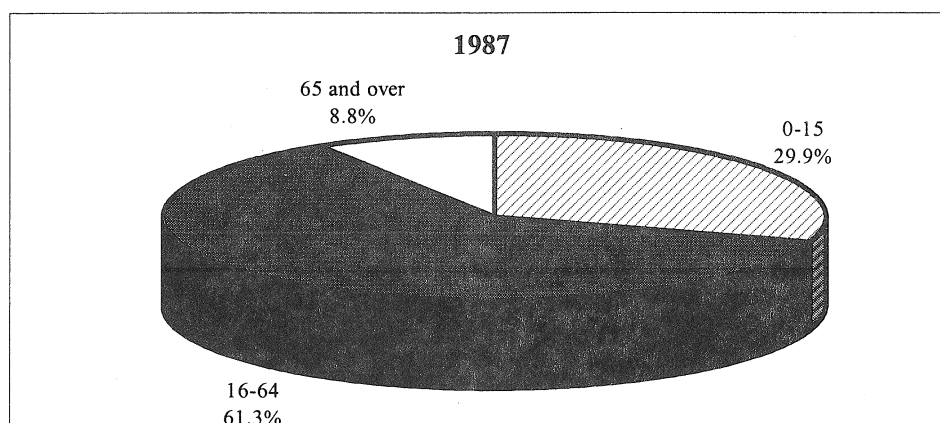
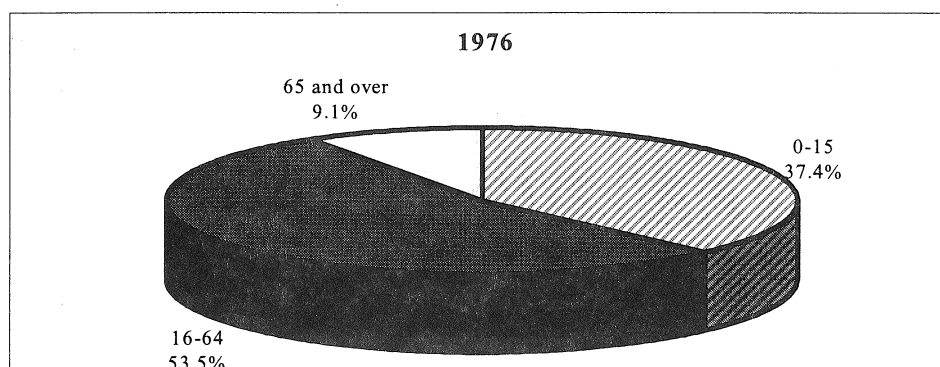


Table 25a

## Employment status of St Helenian residents by main occupation group and sex: 1998

*St Helena*

Main Occupation Group	Male	Female	Total	Percent
Legislators senior officials and managers	61	47	108	5.4
Professional and technical workers	33	61	94	4.7
Technicians and associate professionals	71	167	238	11.9
Clerical and secretarial occupations	69	205	274	13.7
Service, shop and sales workers	105	277	382	19.1
Skilled agriculture, forestry and fishery workers	81	3	84	4.2
Craftsmen & women, production workers etc	231	14	245	12.2
Plant and machine operators	103	5	108	5.4
Elementary occupations	365	100	465	23.2
Occupation not stated	4	3	7	0.3
<b>Total employed</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>3 day workers</b>				
Skilled agriculture, forestry and fishery workers	6	-	6	5.6
Elementary occupations	84	17	101	94.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 27

## Number of expatriates by occupation and sex: 1998

St Helena

	Male	Female	Total
Senior Government Officials, Legislators	4	-	4
Production managers and operations departmental managers	3	-	3
Managers, administrators and other senior officials not elsewhere stated	2	1	3
Physical scientists, statisticians, computing professionals	1	-	1
Biologists, ecologists, zoologists and other related natural science professionals	2	1	3
Health Professionals(except nursing), Doctors, Dentists, Veterinarians Pharmacists	4	-	4
Teaching professionals, secondary education	-	1	1
Legal professionals	1	-	1
Information professionals, Economists and social science professionals	1	1	2
Ministers of religion and other religious professionals	3	1	4
Draughtsmen and women, and other related technicians	1	-	1
Nursing and midwifery associate professionals	-	1	1
Teaching associate professionals, special needs associate teachers, trainee teachers	-	1	1
Business agents and brokers, Insurance, shipping forwarding and clearing agents	-	1	1
Ships stewards and attendants	-	1	1
Ambulance men & women, care workers and assistants, nannies	-	1	1
Police officers, fire fighters, prison guards etc.	1	-	1
Garbage collectors, street cleaners, odd job persons	-	-	-
Student	1	1	2
Retired	-	-	-
Unemployed	-	-	-
Housewife/Looking after Family	-	10	10
Other/Occupation not applicable	6	7	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>58</b>