

Table 4: Adult male skill differentials, 1880-1950

<i>Year</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Shipbuilding</i>	<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Railways</i>	<i>Police</i>
1880	63.9	54	60	50.5*	81.6*
1890	65.6	51	59	-	-
1900	66.7	52	58	-	-
1910	65.2	-	-	-	-
1920	81.0	77.2	78.9	81.2	70
1930	74.5	68.5	71.2	63.9	70
1940	77.9	75.3	77.2	64.7	67.3
1950	84.1	81.7	84.7	77.4	75.6

Source: Knowles, K.G. J.C., and Robertson, D.J., 'Differences between the wages of skilled and unskilled workers, 1880-1950' *The Bulletin of the Oxford University Institute of Statistics* (1951), April, Table 1, p.11. Figures for 1880 marked * are for 1886