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Subject: Proportion of the UK population supplied by gangmasters	
Question(s) asked and answer(s): Do you know how many/what proportion of all UK employees are under 'gangmasters' and can this figure be broken down by area of employment i.e. farming, construction, fisheries etc. Or can you refer me to a source for this information? GLAA response The GLAA's role is to protect vulnerable and exploited workers. Our gangmasters licensing scheme regulates businesses who provide workers to the agriculture, horticulture, shellfish gathering and associated processing and packaging sectors. We do not routinely collect data regarding the number of UK workers supplied by gangmasters, as this is not a requirement of the licence application or its renewal. The term 'gangmaster' only has a legal meaning in relation to our licensing remit. Companies who are required to have a licence also provide workers into other sectors, so any data we have is incomplete (it is at a point in time) and imprecise because it does not cover all the workers a company supplies across the UK economy. Under our duty to assist it may be helpful for you to know that the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are responsible for collecting and publishing statistics related to the economy, population and society at national, regional and local levels. This includes employment sector and employee types.	