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List of Abbreviations

ANPE	Agence Nationale pour l'Emploi
BLS	Bureau of Labour Statistics
CPS	Current Population Survey
DGV	Directorate Generale V
EC	European Community
EEC	European Economic Community
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ILO	International Labour Office
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
LTU	Long-Term Unemployment
MSC	Manpower Services Commission
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ONEM	Office National pour l'Emploi
SOEC	Statistical Office of the European Communities
UK	United Kingdom
USA	United States of America
YTS	Youth Training Scheme

Preface

The purpose of this book is to examine the measurement, extent and potential solutions to long-term unemployment through the example of ten industrialised countries, Belgium, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. A fundamental objective has been to draw attention to the growing problems for labour markets posed by long-term unemployment and the effects these have.

The initial stimulus for the book arose out of my work at the Institute of Manpower Studies on the measurement of unemployment duration commissioned by the Statistical Office of the European Communities and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development over the period 1982–85. It has been strengthened by many local labour market studies in the UK in particular, where the extent and effects of concentrations of LTU can be clearly seen. However, to see the problem lucidly requires an understanding of what is actually measured and this is vitally important in international comparisons.

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