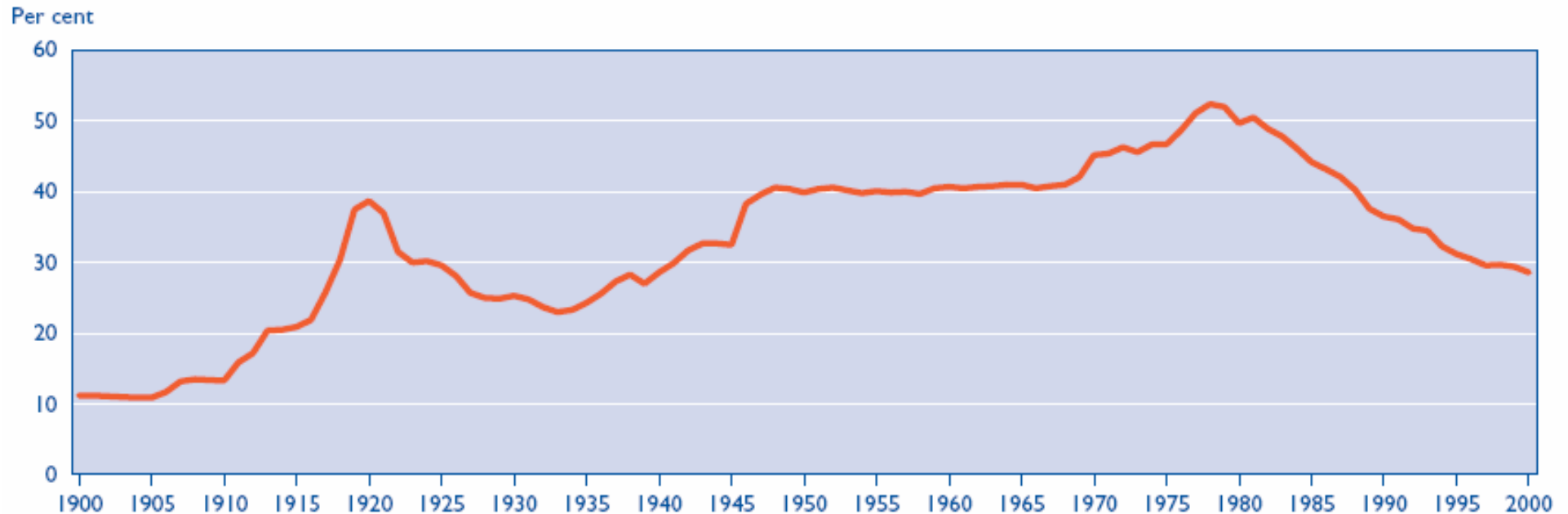


Proportion of people in employment who are members of a trade union; United Kingdom 1900 to 2000



Sources: Trade union membership levels: *British Labour Statistics Historical Abstract 1886-1968*; Department of Employment; Certification Officer's Annual Reports. Employment levels: *One Hundred Years of Economic Statistics*; Labour Force Survey

The data on trade union membership levels are drawn from three different sources. For the period 1900-1968 figures come from the *British Labour Statistics Historical Abstract 1886-1968* and are on a UK basis. From 1968-74, the figures are from the former Department of Employment, and are also on a UK basis. Data from 1975 are taken from Certification Officer's Annual Reports and are for Great Britain (GB). Trade union membership rates are then calculated as a proportion of the employment series outlined earlier. The switch from UK to GB does mean that there is an inconsistency in the series, but the impact appears to be small and does not detract from the overall message of union membership.

Source: Labour Market Trends, March 2003

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