

INNOVATION RELATED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE

THE CASE OF KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE BUSINESS SERVICES*

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Abstract

Knowledge-intensive business services (KIBS) are undergoing rapid change in terms of employment growth and employment structure as well as contribution to real GDP. These changes are partly due to new forms of organisation in the economy, for example outsourcing. Despite an almost zero-growth in the service sector as a whole, KIBS in Sweden grew rapidly in terms of employment over the last decade. This growth has also affected the employment structure of KIBS. This paper focuses on some specific aspects of changes in the structure of employment and also attempts to connect these changes to innovation.

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