

## Part VI HOURS

In spite of marked fluctuations in volume of work in the paper box industry, manufacturers must establish a basic number of weekly hours which they plan to work and upon which the rate of pay of time workers is based. These hours are important as showing the standard which firms in the industry set as their normal operating week. A consideration of these basic or scheduled hours will show the level at which firms aim to stabilize production and, in comparison with the actual number of hours worked, will indicate to what extent plants operated on a full time basis in the week for which records were secured.

### PLANT HOURS

The number of hours which workers in the paper box industry are scheduled to work are comparatively short. Hours were as high as 50 a week for only one firm of 32 workers. About one-third of the workers were on a 46 hour week. Another third had hours above this but less than 48, while the remaining third had hours of 48 or over. Only 10 per cent had hours beyond 48. The figures below show the plant hours of firms and workers included in the study.

SCHEDULED HOURS	NUMBER		PER CENT	
	Plants	Workers	Plants	Workers
Total.....	77	1845	100.0	100.0
44 and under 46.....	4	69	5.2	3.7
46.....	40	637	51.9	34.5
Over 46 and under 48.....	20	566	26.0	30.7
48.....	10	386	13.0	21.0
Over 48 and under 50.....	2	155	2.6	8.4
50.....	1	32	1.3	1.7

Short scheduled hours are apparently typical of the firms in the Wooster Street section, for only five of the 33 studied here had hours beyond 46, while 10 out of 15 in the Mid-East and West Side sections and 16 out of 22 in Brooklyn had the longer hours.

SCHEDULED HOURS	TOTAL	PLANTS WHICH WERE LOCATED IN —					
		Wooster Street Section	Mid-East and West Side	Lower East Side	Upper East Side	Brooklyn	Bronx
Total.....	77	33	15	4	1	22	2
46 and under.....	44	28	5	4	1	6	.....
Over 46 and under 48.....	20	4	6	.....	.....	8	2
48 and over.....	13	1	4	.....	.....	8	.....