

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE HOSIERY INDUSTRY

INTRODUCTION

FOREWORD

This analysis of the hours and earnings of men and women in the hosiery industry in Pennsylvania is the second in a series of studies of hours of work and earnings in the textile industry.* In 1920 the hosiery industry ranked second in value of products among the textile industries of the state. The importance of the hosiery industry in the state and the high proportion of women employed in this industry make this study of hours and earnings particularly important.

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