

The occupational classification for full-fashioned and for seamless hosiery manufacture has been kept separate even for plants where both types of hosiery were manufactured. The occupational classification varied most in the knitting processes, as the finishing processes are similar for both types of hosiery. The occupations peculiar to full-fashioned hosiery manufacture are the knitting processes, footing, legging, and the so-called knitting helpers. Occupations found exclusively in seamless hosiery manufacture are rib knitting, string knitting, pressing, raveling, separating tops, and splice cutting. The occupational classifications common to both types of hosiery manufacture are boarding, dyeing, examining, looping, machine fixing, maintenance, mending, packing, pairing, seaming, sorting, topping, winding, and other. In "other" are included miscellaneous occupations such as shipping and floor help.

Geographical distribution

The manufacture of hosiery, carried on for the most part in the eastern section of the state, tends to concentrate in Philadelphia county where 36 per cent of all hosiery plants in the state and 45 per cent of the workers are located. Berks county is the next most important center, with 23 per cent of the plants and 28 per cent of the employes. The county areas, used in this study as a basis for geographical classification, were selected because of their importance both as manufacturing and as market centers. Table 3 shows the proportion of plants and employes studied in each district.*

Table 3. Hosiery Plants and Employes by Geographical District

Geographical district	Number of plants		Number of employes	
	In state**	In study	In state**	In study
Philadelphia county -----	112	14	20,568	4,196
Berks county -----	71	4	12,515	3,304
Northampton county -----	9	3	2,427	1,436
Other counties -----	119	15	9,915	1,761
Total -----	311	36	45,425	10,687

The full-fashioned hosiery industry is centered in Philadelphia, and more than one-half of the full-fashioned hosiery plants considered in this study were located in this area. Table 4 gives the distribution of the hosiery plants studied by type of product and geographical location.

*The Industrial Directory does not classify hosiery plants by type of product. It is impossible, therefore, to show the proportion of full-fashioned and seamless hosiery plants studied to the number of full-fashioned and seamless hosiery plants in the state.

**Pennsylvania Industrial Directory, 1928.