

Table 6. Size of Establishment by Type of Hosiery

Number of employes	Total	Type of hosiery		
		Full-fashioned	Full-fashioned and seamless	Seamless
Under 50 -----	8	2		6
50 and under 100 -----	5		1	4
100 and under 500 -----	18	8	3	7
500 and under 1000 -----	4	3	1	
1000 and over -----	1	1		
Total -----	36	14	5	17

Pay roll period selected

The pay roll period ending nearest to June 15, 1928, was selected for study. An analysis of the hours and earnings data collected by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia since 1923 and published by the Department of Labor and Industry* showed the month of June to be a nearly average period for both earnings and employment in the hosiery industry for the five years previous to 1928. Figures for earnings and employment for the whole of 1928 showed the June period to be well chosen, as the employment and earnings index numbers for June varied only slightly from the index number for the average of the entire year. (Chart 1). It seemed advisable to use a full calendar year as the basis for calculating annual earnings so that all data on annual earnings were taken for the year 1927.

Method of collecting data

Data on schedule plant hours, lunch period and work shift were obtained from the employers or their representatives. The figures for hours of work and weekly and annual earnings were copied from the plant pay rolls by representatives of the Bureau of Women and Children. Data on annual earnings were taken only for employes who had been on the pay roll for the full year of 1927, and who had received a pay envelope for not less than 44 weekly or 22 two-week pays.**

The employes

Hours of work and earnings were tabulated separately for men, women, and minors under 16 years of age. Information regarding minors under 16 has not been included in this report which is based

*"Employment Fluctuations in Pennsylvania," J. Frederick Dewhurst, Special Bulletin No. 24, Department of Labor and Industry, pp. 142 and 171; and "Labor and Industry," Department of Labor and Industry, March, 1928 to February, 1929.

**The majority of the hosiery plants paid their employes weekly, 22 of the 36 plants having a weekly pay period. There were 13 plants with a two-week pay period and one plant in which the employes were paid semi-monthly.