

men working on full-fashioned hosiery had actual working hours of 48 or less as compared to 57 per cent of the men in the seamless hosiery plants working 48 hours or less. Exactly one-half of the women in the full-fashioned hosiery industry worked 48 hours or less as compared to more than three-fourths of the women in the seamless hosiery industry, whose working hours were 48 or less.

Table 11. Actual Weekly Hours of Men and Women

Actual weekly hours	Full-fashioned hosiery				Seamless hosiery			
	Men		Women		Men		Women	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Under 44 -----	280	11.1	598	24.2	25	14.6	256	53.7
44 -----	2	.1	8	.3	12	7.0	11	2.3
Over 44 and under 48 -----	114	4.5	344	13.9	11	6.4	56	11.7
48 -----	112	4.4	269	10.9	50	29.2	57	11.9
Over 48 and under 50 -----	73	2.9	127	5.1	9	5.3	14	2.9
50 -----	18	.7	8	.3	8	4.7	71	14.9
Over 50 and under 54 -----	427	16.9	1096	44.4	16	9.3	1	.2
54 -----	32	1.2	16	.6	11	6.4	11	2.3
Over 54 and under 60 -----	1372	54.3	3	.1	8	4.7		
60 and over -----	98	3.9			21	12.3		
Total reporting	2528	100.0	2469	100.0	171	100.0	477	100.0
No record of hours	1407		1850		234		1325	
Total -----	3935		4319		405		1802	

Weekly hours by geographical district

The actual hours of work varied so greatly in each geographical district that median weekly hours were computed to form a basis of comparison. In the full-fashioned industry both men and women in Berks County had the longest median hours of work. The median hours were shortest for men in Philadelphia County. Women employed in Philadelphia and Northampton Counties had the shortest median hours of work. As a result of slack work in the seamless hosiery industry, median hours tended to be short for both men and women in all areas (Table 12).

Weekly hours by individual plant

There was a wide range in the median hours of work for men and women in the various hosiery plants. The median hours for men varied from 43 to 56 hours a week in the full-fashioned hosiery plants, and from 44 to 50 hours in the seamless hosiery plants. Median weekly hours for women ranged from 34 to 53 hours a week in full-fashioned hosiery plants and from 28 to 48 hours a week in seamless hosiery plants (Appendix Table IV).