

## THE HOSIERY TRADE

## INTRODUCTORY

This trade comprises firms that were engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of stockings and socks, knitted underwear, fancy hosiery, knitted gloves, knitted neckties and knitted fabric. Firms making-up clothing from purchased knitted fabric were classified in the Clothing Trades (*see* the Tailoring, Dressmaking, etc., Trades (page 402) and the Glove Trade (page 473)).

Table I A.—General summary

Particulars	1935	1934	1933	1930	1924*
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Value of products (Gross output)...	39,486	39,528	38,831	39,563	42,495
Cost of materials, fuel and electricity used ... ..	21,054	21,591	21,265	22,275	25,151
Amount paid for work given out ...	1,170	1,015	955	889	2,116
Net output ... ..	17,262	16,922	16,611	16,399	15,228
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Average number of persons employed (excluding outworkers) ... ..	115,273	114,294	110,867	105,836	95,529
	£	£	£	£	£
Net output per person employed (excluding outworkers) ... ..	150	148	150	155	159
	No.			No.	No.
Number of returns ... ..	831	} †	† {	808	795
Number of establishments... ..	939			934	†

\* The figures relate to Great Britain only, particulars of the small production in Northern Ireland not being available. They also exclude particulars in respect of certain firms engaged in the manufacture of silk and artificial silk hosiery whose returns were classified in the Silk and Artificial Silk Trade; the value of the output of these firms was about £700,000 and the average number of persons employed about 1,700.

† Not available.

Table I B.—Firms employing not more than ten persons on the average

Particulars	1935	1930	1924
	No.	No.	No.
Number of returns received ... ..	361	458	296
Average number of persons employed :—			
Males ... ..	603	552	322
Females ... ..	1,383	1,780	1,043
Total ... ..	1,986	2,332	1,365
Number of firms not making returns ... ..	5	96	220

In 1924 the value of the gross output of the small firms making returns was 0.9 per cent. of the total.

Table II.—Size of establishments in 1935

Size of establishment (average number employed)	Number of estab- lish- ments	Gross output	Net output	Number of persons employed (excluding outworkers)	Net output per person em- ployed
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£
11- 24 ... ..	181	959	429	3,088	139
25- 49 ... ..	242	2,861	1,207	8,486	142
50- 99 ... ..	216	5,690	2,307	15,561	148
100-199 ... ..	162	7,550	3,272	22,346	146
200-299 ... ..	50	4,114	1,831	12,136	151
300-399 ... ..	30	3,706	1,595	10,603	150
400-499 ... ..	20	2,908	1,288	8,933	144
500-749 ... ..	23	4,715	2,015	13,941	145
750-999 ... ..	9	2,474	1,231	7,018	162
1,000 and over ... ..	6	4,509	2,087	12,561	166
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>939</b>	<b>39,486</b>	<b>17,262</b>	<b>115,273</b>	<b>150</b>

Table III.—Particulars of output, etc., in each of the principal areas of the United Kingdom

Area*	Number of estab- lish- ments†	Gross output	Net output	Average number of persons employed (excluding outworkers)	Net output per person em- ployed
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£
1 ... ..	1935 78 1930 53	2,107 1,111	986 475	6,230 3,709	158 128
2 ... ..	1935 70 1930 52	3,146 2,334	1,307 926	9,544 6,926	137 134
3 ... ..	1935 15 1930 13	537 153	176 54	1,160 450	152 122
5 ... ..	1935 41 1930 35	1,253 1,545	527 683	4,503 5,010	117 136
6 and 7 ... ..	1935 524	27,714	11,805	74,079	159
8 ... ..	1935 10	72	40	319	125
9 ... ..	1935 8	107	65	537	120
10 and 11 ... ..	1935 17	575	269	1,673	161
<b>Total 6-11</b> ... ..	1935 559 1930 493	28,468 30,072	12,179 12,112	76,608 71,910	159 168
4 ... ..	1935 3	20	7	66	100
12 and 13 ... ..	1935 3	30	13	119	114
<b>Total 4, 12 and 13</b> ... ..	1935 6 1930 6	50 43	20 16	185 211	109 75
14 ... ..	1935 79 1930 49	1,651 1,272	807 576	7,334 5,526	110 104
15 ... ..	1935 25	599	335	2,687	125
16 ... ..	1935 49	1,322	772	5,135	150
17 ... ..	1935 12	241	122	1,550	78
<b>Total 15-17</b> ... ..	1935 86 1930 103	2,162 2,914	1,229 1,512	9,372 11,668	131 130
18 ... ..	1935 5 1930 4	112 119	31 45	337 426	91 106
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	1935 939 1930 808	39,486 39,563	17,262 16,399	115,273 105,836	150 155

\* For particulars see page xviii.  
† Number of returns for 1930.

Table IV.—No sub-divisions of this trade have been distinguished.

## PRODUCTION

Table V A.—Output of principal products

Hosiery (knitted, netted or crocheted goods)	1935			1934	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz. prs.	£'000	No.	Th. doz. prs.	£'000
Stockings and hose, including half hose and children's socks :—					
Of cotton ... ..	4,168	1,332	139	4,251	1,466
Of wool ... ..	12,495	6,167	267	12,412	6,290
Of silk ... ..	4,838	4,542	112	3,549	3,762
Of artificial silk ... ..	9,675	4,025	157	9,072	4,228
TOTAL—Stockings and hose	31,176	16,066	...	29,284	15,746
Underwear :—	Th. doz.			Th. doz.	
Of cotton ... ..	6,852	4,322	147	7,462	5,014
Of wool ... ..	2,383	3,726	159	2,630	4,138
Of silk ... ..	49	165	30	33	135
Of artificial silk ... ..	2,343	2,530	152	1,945	2,246
TOTAL—Underwear	11,627	10,743	...	12,070	11,533
Fancy hosiery* :—					
Of cotton ... ..	554	553	139	623	590
Of wool ... ..	4,203	8,684	455	4,492	8,646
Of silk ... ..	13	30	23	2	16
Of artificial silk ... ..	294	454	97	165	316
TOTAL—Fancy hosiery	5,064	9,721	...	5,282	9,568
Gloves of textile materials, other than fabric gloves :—	Th. doz. prs.			Th. doz. prs.	
Of wool ... ..	558	274	24	596	291
Of other textile materials ...	27	23	9	10	8
Neckties, cravats, etc. (knitted)	Th. doz.			Th. doz.	
	291	166	66	321	227
Knitted fabric, sold as such or added to stock :—	Th. lbs.			Th. lbs.	
Wholly or mainly of cotton :—					
For hosiery and knitwear	2,156	228	62	6,161	470
For meat wraps and covers	3,780	199	4		
For other purposes ...	960	57	12		
Wholly or mainly of wool ...	2,390	529	57	2,231	505
Wholly or mainly of silk ...	7	9	10	4	6
Wholly or mainly of artificial silk§ ... ..	16,083	4,391	72	5,217†	1,374
TOTAL—Knitted fabric	25,376	5,413	...	13,613†	2,355
Knitting done for the trade...	...	31†	51	...	32†
TOTAL—PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS	...	42,437	...	...	39,760

\* Including such goods as cardigans, fancy vests, jerseys, sweaters, knitted shawls, ladies' and children's knitted goods not being underwear, etc.

† Corrected figure.

‡ Amount received.

§ Excluding in 1934 the output of firms whose returns were made on schedules for other trades, such fabric not being recorded separately in that year.

The figures shown in the preceding table include the following output recorded by firms whose returns were made on schedules for other trades and are not, therefore, included in Table I A.

Hosiery	1935			1934	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz. prs.	£'000	No.	Th. doz. prs.	£'000
Stockings and hose, including half hose and children's socks :—					
Of wool ... ..	5	2	2	—	—
Of silk ... ..	98	76	3	122	80
Of artificial silk ... ..	20	13	1	14	11
Total—Stockings and hose	123	91	...	136	91
Underwear of artificial silk ...	Th. doz.			Th. doz.	
	336	427	3	371	532
Fancy hosiery :—					
Of cotton ... ..	21	16	4	21	15
Of wool ... ..	29	47	9	32	52
Of silk ... ..	5	11	2	31	46
Of artificial silk ... ..	13	15	4		
Total—Fancy hosiery	68	89	...	84	113
Gloves of textile materials, other than fabric gloves ...	Th. doz. prs.			Th. doz. prs.	
	18	10	3	23	12
Neckties, cravats, etc., knitted	Th. doz.			Th. doz.	
	50	32	14	47	58
Knitted fabric :—	Th. lbs.				
Of cotton :—					
For hosiery and knitwear	35	14	2	—	—
For other purposes ...	181	8	2	—	—
Of wool ... ..	248	41	7	—	—
Of silk ... ..	1	2	1	—	—
Of artificial silk ... ..	9,798	2,826	18	*	*
Knitting done for the trade ...	...	9†	1	...	10†
TOTAL	...	3,549	...	...	816

\* See footnote (§) to Table V A.

† Amount received.

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Table V B.—Output of certain principal products, 1924-1935

Hosiery	1924*	1930	1933	1934	1935
Stockings and hose :—					
Of cotton ... { Th. doz. prs. ...	4,387	3,429	4,403	4,251	4,168
... { £'000 ...	2,535	1,545	1,437	1,466	1,332
Of wool ... { Th. doz. prs. ...	15,478	12,461	13,178	12,412	12,495
... { £'000 ...	12,698	8,558	6,642	6,290	6,167
Of silk ... { Th. doz. prs. ...	5,535	1,192	2,894	3,549	4,838
... { £'000 ...		2,184	3,404	3,762	4,542
Of artificial silk ... { Th. doz. prs. ...	4,634	6,947	8,883	9,072	9,675
... { £'000 ...		4,745	4,659	4,228	4,025
TOTAL—Stockings and hose { Th. doz. prs. ...	25,400	24,029	29,358	29,284	31,176
... { £'000 ...	19,867	17,032	16,142	15,746	16,066
Underwear :—					
Of cotton ... { Th. doz. ...	3,941	5,664	6,912	7,462	6,852
... { £'000 ...	4,430	5,053	4,585	5,014	4,322
Of wool ... { Th. doz. ...	2,374	2,073	2,856	2,630	2,383
... { £'000 ...	5,852	4,626	4,154	4,138	3,726
Of silk ... { Th. doz. ...	199	24	36	33	49
... { £'000 ...		111	144	135	165
Of artificial silk ... { Th. doz. ...	542	748	1,594	1,945	2,343
... { £'000 ...		1,294	1,998	2,246	2,530
TOTAL—Underwear { Th. doz. ...	6,514	8,509	11,398	12,070	11,627
... { £'000 ...	10,824	11,084	10,881	11,533	10,743
Fancy hosiery :—					
Of cotton ... { Th. doz. ...	460	516	810	623	554
... { £'000 ...	544	660	803	590	553
Of wool ... { Th. doz. ...	3,279	3,537	4,265	4,492	4,203
... { £'000 ...	9,005	8,228	8,386	8,646	8,684
Of silk ... { Th. doz. ...	328	39	172	2	13
... { £'000 ...		91		16	30
Of artificial silk ... { Th. doz. ...	1,497	300	247	165	294
... { £'000 ...		772		316	454
TOTAL—Fancy hosiery { Th. doz. ...	4,067	4,392	5,247	5,282	5,064
... { £'000 ...	11,046	9,751	9,436	9,568	9,721
Gloves of textile materials, other than fabric gloves { Th. doz. prs. ...	754	425	417	606	585
... { £'000 ...	554	290	226	299	297
All other principal products and work done... £'000	2,105	1,661†	2,531	2,614	5,610
TOTAL—PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS ... £'000	44,396	39,818	39,216	39,760	42,437

\* Great Britain only.

† Including the output in Northern Ireland (£119,000) for which separate particulars cannot be published.

Table VI.—Average values of goods produced, exported and imported

Hosiery	Production (at factory)		Exports (f.o.b.)		Imports (c.i.f.)		
	Average value		Average value		Average value		
	1935	1934	1935	1934	1935	1934	
	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.	Per cent.	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.
Stockings and hose :—							
Of cotton ...	6.39	6.89	92.8	8.03	7.97	4.32	4.65
Of wool ...	9.87	10.14	97.4	11.20	11.84	13.84	9.44
Of silk ...	18.78	21.20	88.6	20.84	23.05	23.19	29.89
Of artificial silk ...	8.32	9.32	89.3	7.39	7.99	10.07	10.85
	s. per doz.	s. per doz.		s. per doz.	s. per doz.	s. per doz.	s. per doz.
Underwear :—							
Of cotton ...	12.62	13.44	93.9	11.49	12.30	5.10	5.90
Of wool ...	31.27	31.47	99.4	26.18	29.42	13.51	22.22
Of silk ...	67.20	82.10	81.9	58.74	75.91	48.16	45.64
Of artificial silk ...	21.59	23.09	93.5	15.20	15.19	21.46	20.70
Fancy hosiery* :—							
Of cotton ...	19.96	18.94	105.4	15.07	16.37	6.73	8.17
Of wool ...	41.32	38.50	107.3	40.03	38.99	25.45	33.05
Of silk and artificial silk†	31.46	39.68	79.3	27.58	25.33	11.78	16.63
Neckties, cravats, etc. (knitted) ...	11.45	13.61	84.2	†	†	†	†
	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.		s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.
Gloves of wool, other than fabric gloves ...	9.82	9.77	100.5	12.49	13.47	3.80	6.27
	s. per lb.	s. per lb.					
Knitted fabric :—							
Wholly or mainly of cotton ...	1.40	1.52	92.1	†	†	†	†
Wholly or mainly of wool ...	4.43	4.53	97.9				
Wholly or mainly of artificial silk ...	5.46	5.27	103.6				

\* Knitted neckties are excluded from production but included in oversea trade figures.

† The oversea trade figures relate to fancy hosiery of "other materials".

‡ Not recorded separately.

Table VII.—Volume of Production, 1924-1935

Kind of output	Total production			Production index (1935 = 100)			
	1935 as returned	1934		1924	1930	1933	1934
		As returned	At 1935 average values				
	£'000	£'000	£'000	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Stockings and hose :—							
Of cotton ...	1,332	1,466	1,360	104	79	105	102
Of wool ...	6,167	6,290	6,123	124	96	106	99
Of silk ...	4,542	3,762	3,332	35	24	60	73
Of artificial silk ...	4,025	4,228	3,775				
Total—Stockings and hose	16,066	15,746	14,590	75	67	89	91
Underwear :—							
Of cotton ...	4,322	5,014	4,706	57	76	101	109
Of wool ...	3,726	4,138	4,112	99	80	119	110
Of silk ...	165	135	111	10	50	75	67
Of artificial silk ...	2,530	2,246	2,100				
Total—Underwear	10,743	11,533	11,029	60	66	100	103
Fancy hosiery* :—							
Of cotton ...	553	590	622	80	88	144	112
Of wool ...	8,684	8,646	9,277	77	80	100	107
Of silk and artificial silk ...	484	332	264	101	104	55	55
Total—Fancy hosiery	9,721	9,568	10,163	78	82	100	105
Gloves of textile materials, other than fabric gloves	297	299	302	132	74	72	102
Neckties, cravats, etc. (knitted)	166	227	191	231	135	157	115
TOTAL of the above	36,993	37,373	36,275	73	71	96	98
Knitted fabric, sold as such or added to stock :—							
Wholly or mainly of cotton ...	484	470	427	22†	74	83‡	92‡
Wholly or mainly of wool ...	529	505	508				
Wholly or mainly of silk or artificial silk†	4,400	1,380	1,301				
Total—Knitted fabric	5,413	2,355	2,236	22‡	34‡	77‡	89‡
Knitting done for the trade	31	32	32	402	172	124	100
TOTAL	42,437	39,760	38,543	70‡	69‡	94‡	97‡

\* The index numbers for the separate descriptions for 1933 and 1930 are not precise, since part of the output was not classified separately in those years.

† See note (§) to Table V A.

‡ The aggregate for the base year has been adjusted.

Table VIII.—Production in relation to Exports and Imports

Kind of goods	Pro- duction	Exports	Pro- portion of pro- duction exported	Retained imports	Avail- able for use in the United Kingdom	Share of home market held by British goods
Stockings and hose, in- cluding half hose and children's socks :—	Th. doz. prs.	Th. doz. prs.	Per cent.	Th. doz. prs.	Th. doz. prs.	Per cent.
Of cotton ...	{ 1935 4,168 1934 4,251	273 343	6.6 8.1	1,261 1,346	5,156 5,254	75.5 74.4
Of wool... ..	{ 1935 12,495 1934 12,412	1,177 1,175	9.4 9.5	14 39	11,332 11,276	99.8 99.7
Of silk ... ..	{ 1935 4,838 1934 3,549	111 124	2.3 3.5	167 73	4,894 3,498	96.6 97.9
Of artificial silk	{ 1935 9,675 1934 9,072	410 589	4.2 6.5	1,380 1,202	10,645 9,685	87.0 87.6
Total—Stockings and hose ...	{ 1935 31,176 1934 29,284	1,971 2,231	6.3 7.6	2,822 2,660	32,027 29,713	91.2 91.0
Underwear :—	Th. doz.	Th. doz.		Th. doz.	Th. doz.	
Of cotton ...	{ 1935 6,852 1934 7,462	443 405	6.5 5.4	640 715	7,049 7,772	90.9 90.8
Of wool... ..	{ 1935 2,383 1934 2,630	142 136	6.0 5.2	7 4	2,248 2,498	99.7 99.8
Of silk ... ..	{ 1935 49 1934 33	2 2	3.0 4.6	2 3	49 34	96.6 91.1
Of artificial silk	{ 1935 2,343 1934 1,945	195 209	8.3 10.8	2 7	2,150 1,743	99.9 99.6
Total — Under- wear ...	{ 1935 11,627 1934 12,070	782 752	6.7 6.2	651 729	11,496 12,047	94.3 94.0
Fancy hosiery* :—						
Of cotton ...	{ 1935 554 1934 623	36 36	6.5 5.8	99 171	617 758	84.0 77.5
Of wool... ..	{ 1935 4,203 1934 4,492	314 323	7.5 7.2	115 63	4,004 4,232	97.1 98.5
Of other textile materials ...	{ 1935 307 1934 167	18 17	6.0 10.2	6 9	295 159	98.1 94.0
Total — Fancy hosiery ...	{ 1935 5,064 1934 5,282	368 376	7.3 7.1	220 243	4,916 5,149	95.5 95.3
Gloves of textile materials, other than fabric gloves ...	Th. doz. prs.	Th. doz. prs.		Th. doz. prs.	Th. doz. prs.	
... ..	{ 1935 585 1934 606	160 143	27.4 23.6	307 146	732 609	58.0 76.1

\*Knitted neckties are excluded from production but included in oversea trade figures.

**Table IX.—Other output of the Hosiery Trade**

The value of the gross output of the firms whose returns were made on schedules for the Hosiery Trade was £39,486,000 in 1935 and £39,528,000 in 1934, of which £38,888,000 in 1935 and £38,944,000 in 1934 consisted of products included in Table V A. Particulars of the remaining items are shown below.

Kind of output	1935		1934	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz. prs.	£'000	Th. doz. prs.	£'000
Fabric gloves ... ..	30	16	27	15
Silk and artificial silk manufactures ... ..	...	46	...	43
Other textile manufactures ... ..	...	40	...	26
Articles of apparel, unclassified ... ..	...	100	...	108
Other goods made ... ..	...	2	...	...
Waste sold :—	Th. lbs.		Th. lbs.	
Cotton ... ..	5,239	53	6,001	51
Wool ... ..	6,122	206	6,015	197
Silk ... ..	105	2	42	1
Artificial silk ... ..	1,131	14	1,013	27
Unclassified ... ..	4,850	76	5,391	88
Work done :—				
Finishing ... ..	...	24*	...	28*
Other work ... ..	...	19*	...	
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	...	598	...	584

\* Amount received.

**MATERIALS AND FUEL****Table X A.—Materials, fuel and electricity purchased and used**

Kind of materials, etc.	1935		1934	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	Th. lbs.	£'000	Th. lbs.	£'000
Cotton yarn ... ..	62,345	4,062	62,559	3,997
Woollen and worsted yarns ... ..	60,630	8,479	62,057	8,795
Silk yarn ... ..	2,665	1,483	2,231	1,295
Artificial silk yarn ... ..	21,346	3,197	19,513	3,215
Fuel and electricity used for all purposes :—	Th. tons			
Coal ... ..	125.4	112	...	4,289
Coke ... ..	14.3	18		
Heavy fuel oil ... ..	505	11		
Purchased electricity* ... ..	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)	198		
All other purchased materials and fuel... ..	...	3,494		
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	...	21,054	...	21,591

\* Including electricity generated in other works under the same ownership.

**Table X B.—Consumption of coal, coke and electricity in 1935 and 1930**

Kind of fuel	1935	1930*
	Th. tons	Th. tons
Coal ... ..	125.4	96.5
Coke ... ..	14.3	9.1
Electricity :—	Th.B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)	Th.B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)
Generated in same works ... ..	4,031	5,686
Generated in other works under same ownership ... ..	691	†
Purchased ... ..	46,011	23,988
<b>Total electricity consumed</b> ... ..	50,733	29,674

\* Great Britain only.

† Not recorded.

**EMPLOYMENT****Table XI A.—Average numbers employed in 1935 and 1934**

Persons employed	Males		Females		Total	
	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages
	Operatives (average for the year) { 1935 2,701 20,700 19,759 84,922 22,460 105,622 1934 2,543 20,354 18,329 84,647 20,872 105,001					
Administrative, technical and clerical staff* { 1935 450 5,653 688 3,998 1,138 9,651 1934 428 5,468 567 3,825 995 9,293						
<b>TOTAL</b> ... { 1935 3,151 26,353 20,447 88,920 23,598 115,273 1934 2,971 25,822 18,896 88,472 21,867 114,294						
Average number of outworkers ... { 1935 57 964 1,021 1934 64 900 964						

\* As at 12th October, 1935, and 13th October, 1934.

**Table XI B.—Operatives employed in one week in each month of 1934 and 1935 by firms furnishing returns in respect of the twelve months ended December**

Mid week of*	Operatives employed		Monthly index†		
	1934	1935	1933	1934	1935
January ... ..	68,812	64,742	91.6	100.1	95.9
February ... ..	68,138	64,627	92.5	99.1	95.7
March ... ..	67,701	64,069	92.4	98.5	94.9
April ... ..	67,184	63,919	89.9	97.8	94.7
May ... ..	66,793	64,434	89.7	97.1	95.4
June ... ..	67,008	65,367	92.2	97.5	96.8
July ... ..	67,147	67,241	94.3	97.7	99.6
August ... ..	66,236	68,005	97.2	96.4	100.7
September ... ..	68,582	70,057	99.5	99.8	103.8
October ... ..	70,520	72,468	103.1	102.6	107.4
November ... ..	71,590	73,776	105.1	104.2	109.3
December ... ..	70,333	71,447	104.1	102.3	105.8
Average for the twelve months ... ..	68,337	67,513	96.0	99.4	100.0
Proportion of total operatives represented... ..	65.08	63.93	...	...	...

\* For the ending date of each week see page xiv.

† Based on the estimated average for the year 1935.

**Table XI C.—Average numbers employed, 1924-1935**

Year	Operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical staff	Total (excluding outworkers)
1924*	88,448	7,081	95,529
1930	96,727	9,109	105,836
1933	101,367	9,500	110,867
1934	105,001	9,293	114,294
1935	105,622	9,651	115,273

\* Great Britain only.

## WAGES

**Table XII.—Wages paid by firms furnishing returns of wages in 1935 and 1930**

The aggregate amount of wages paid by firms furnishing returns of wages was £6,299,000 in 1935 representing 52.8 per cent. of the net output of these firms, the corresponding figures for 1930 being £5,760,000 and 49.5 per cent. The figures for these firms given below indicate the size of the sample and the extent to which it is representative.

Firms furnishing returns of wages	1935		1930*	
	Aggregate	Proportion of trade	Aggregate	Proportion of trade
	£'000	Per cent.	£'000	Per cent.
Gross output ... ..	27,148	68.8	27,745	70.3
Net output ... ..	11,942	69.2	11,644	71.1
Operative staff employed :—	No.		No.	
During mid-week of October :—				
Males ... ..	14,817	67.6	†	†
Females ... ..	60,585	67.4		
Total ... ..	75,402	67.5	66,098	67.4
Average for the year ... ..	70,986	67.2	64,390	66.8
Administrative, technical and clerical staff ... ..	6,134	63.6	†	†
Number of establishments ... ..	596	63.5	...	...

\* Great Britain only.

† Not recorded separately.

## COUNTRY TABLES (1935)

Note.—The figures given in the following tables relate only to firms whose returns were made on schedules for the Hosiery Trade. Owing to the possible disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars for Northern Ireland cannot be published in Tables II, III A and III B.

Table I.—General summary

Particulars	Unit	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	Northern Ireland
Value of products (Gross output)...	£'000	35,561	3,813	39,374	112
Cost of materials, fuel and electricity used ... ..	"	19,213	1,760	20,973	81
Amount paid for work given out	"	1,154	16	1,170	—
Net output ... ..	"	15,194	2,037	17,231	31
Average number of persons employed (excluding outworkers)	No.	98,230	16,706	114,936	337
Net output per person employed (excluding outworkers) ...	£	155	122	150	92
Number of returns... ..	No.	669	157	826	5
Number of establishments ...	"	769	165	934	5

Table II.—Output

Kind of output	Unit	England and Wales and Northern Ireland	Scotland	United Kingdom
Stockings and hose, including half-hose and children's socks :—				
Of cotton... ..	<i>Th. doz. prs.</i>	4,168	†	4,168
	£'000	1,332	†	1,332
Of wool ... ..	<i>Th. doz. prs.</i>	12,101	389	12,490
	£'000	5,827	338	6,165
Of silk ... ..	<i>Th. doz. prs.</i>	*	*	4,740
	£'000	*	*	4,466
Of artificial silk ... ..	<i>Th. doz. prs.</i>	*	*	9,655
	£'000	*	*	4,012
Total—Stockings and hose ...	<i>Th. doz. prs.</i>	30,656	397	31,053
	£'000	15,632	343	15,975
Underwear :—				
Of cotton... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	6,834	18	6,852
	£'000	4,299	23	4,322
Of wool ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	2,199	184	2,383
	£'000	3,320	406	3,726
Of silk ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	43	6	49
	£'000	117	48	165
Of artificial silk ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	1,950	57	2,007
	£'000	2,048	55	2,103
Total—Underwear... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	11,026	265	11,291
	£'000	9,784	532	10,316

Kind of output	Unit	England and Wales and Northern Ireland	Scotland	United Kingdom
Fancy hosiery† :—				
Of cotton ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	492	41	533
	£'000	452	85	537
Of wool ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	3,397	777	4,174
	£'000	6,095	2,542	8,637
Of silk ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	8	†	8
	£'000	14	5	19
Of artificial silk ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	265	16	281
	£'000	401	38	439
Total—Fancy hosiery ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	4,162	834	4,996
	£'000	6,962	2,670	9,632
Gloves of textile materials, other than fabric gloves :—				
Of wool ... ..	<i>Th. doz. prs.</i>	140	403	543
	£'000	77	189	266
Of other textile materials ... ..	<i>Th. doz. prs.</i>	16	8	24
	£'000	13	8	21
Neckties, cravats, etc. (knitted) ... ..	<i>Th. doz.</i>	235	6	241
	£'000	124	10	134
Knitted fabric, sold as such or added to stock :—				
Wholly or mainly of cotton :—				
For hosiery and knitwear ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	*	*	2,121
	£'000	*	*	214
For other purposes ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	4,559	—	4,559
	£'000	248	—	248
Wholly or mainly of wool ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	2,140	2	2,142
	£'000	487	1	488
Wholly or mainly of silk ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	*	*	6
	£'000	*	*	7
Wholly or mainly of artificial silk ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	6,285	—	6,285
	£'000	1,565	—	1,565
Total—Knitted fabric ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	15,109	4	15,113
	£'000	2,519	3	2,522
Fabric gloves ... ..	<i>Th. doz. prs.</i>	30	†	30
	£'000	16	†	16
Silk and artificial silk manufactures ... ..	£'000	46	—	46
Other textile manufactures ... ..	£'000	32	8	40
Articles of apparel, unclassified ... ..	£'000	95	5	100
Other goods made ... ..	£'000	2	†	2
TOTAL—GOODS MADE ... ..	£'000	35,302	3,768	39,070
Waste sold :—				
Cotton ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	5,181	58	5,239
	£'000	53	†	53
Wool ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	5,122	1,000	6,122
	£'000	169	37	206
Silk ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	103	2	105
	£'000	2	†	2
Artificial silk ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	1,131	36	1,167
	£'000	14	†	14
Unclassified ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	4,399	451	4,850
	£'000	68	8	76
TOTAL—WASTE SOLD ... ..	£'000	306	45	351



Kind of output	Unit	England and Wales and Northern Ireland	Scotland	United Kingdom
		Amount received	Amount received	Amount received
Work done for the trade:—				
Knitting ... ..	£'000	22	—	22
Finishing ... ..	£'000	24	—	24
Other work ... ..	£'000	19	—	19
<b>TOTAL—WORK DONE FOR THE TRADE ... ..</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>TOTAL—VALUE OF GOODS MADE AND WORK DONE ... ..</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>35,673</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>39,486</b>

\*Owing to the possible disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars cannot be given.

†Less than 500.

‡See footnote (\*) to Table V A (page 168).

**Table III A.—Materials, fuel and electricity purchased and used**

Kind of materials, etc.	Unit	England and Wales and Northern Ireland	Scotland	United Kingdom
Cotton yarn ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	61,600	745	62,345
	£'000	3,997	65	4,062
Woollen and worsted yarns ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	52,609	8,021	60,630
	£'000	7,131	1,348	8,479
Silk yarn ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	2,612	53	2,665
	£'000	1,457	26	1,483
Artificial silk yarn ... ..	<i>Th. lbs.</i>	21,153	193	21,346
	£'000	3,168	29	3,197
Fuel and electricity used for all purposes:—				
Coal ... ..	<i>Th. tons</i>	108.9	16.5	125.4
	£'000	97	15	112
Coke ... ..	<i>Th. tons</i>	13.1	1.2	14.3
	£'000	17	1	18
Heavy fuel oil ... ..	<i>Th. galls.</i>	490	15	505
	£'000	11	*	11
Purchased electricity† ... ..	<i>Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)</i>	40,685	6,017	46,702
	£'000	179	19	198
All other purchased materials and fuel ... ..	£'000	3,237	257	3,494
<b>TOTAL ... ..</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>19,294</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>21,054</b>

\* Less than £500.

† Including electricity generated in other works under the same ownership.

**Table III B.—Consumption of electricity**

Electricity consumed	England and Wales and Northern Ireland	Scotland	United Kingdom
	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)
Generated in same works ... ..	3,841	190	4,031
Generated in other works under same ownership	691	—	691
Purchased ... ..	39,994	6,017	46,011
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>44,526</b>	<b>6,207</b>	<b>50,733</b>

**Table IV A.—Numbers employed in week ended 12th October, 1935**

Persons employed	Males		Females		Total	
	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages
England and Wales:—						
Operatives ... ..	2,586	19,818	16,718	74,360	19,304	94,178
Administrative, etc.* ... ..	433	5,074	618	3,449	1,051	8,523
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>3,019</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>17,336</b>	<b>77,809</b>	<b>20,355</b>	<b>102,701</b>
Scotland:—						
Operatives ... ..	229	1,986	4,116	15,277	4,345	17,263
Administrative, etc.* ... ..	16	570	66	534	82	1,104
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>15,811</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>18,367</b>
Great Britain:—						
Operatives ... ..	2,815	21,804	20,834	89,637	23,649	111,441
Administrative, etc.* ... ..	449	5,644	684	3,983	1,133	9,627
<b>TOTAL ... ..</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>27,448</b>	<b>21,518</b>	<b>93,620</b>	<b>24,782</b>	<b>121,068</b>
Northern Ireland:—						
Operatives ... ..	46	106	79	241	125	347
Administrative, etc.* ... ..	1	9	4	15	5	24
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>371</b>

\* Administrative, technical and clerical staff.

**Table IV B.—Operatives employed in one week in each month of 1935**

Week ended	Males and females			
	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	Northern Ireland
January 19 ... ..	87,271	15,494	102,765	292
February 16 ... ..	87,007	15,327	102,334	287
March 16 ... ..	86,718	14,837	101,555	282
April 13 ... ..	86,299	14,341	100,640	288
May 18 ... ..	87,320	13,749	101,069	288
June 15 ... ..	87,296	14,800	102,096	304
July 13 ... ..	90,318	14,603	104,921	294
August 17 ... ..	89,700	15,833	105,533	311
September 14 ... ..	91,741	16,273	108,014	334
October 12 ... ..	94,178	17,263	111,441	347
November 16 ... ..	95,368	17,713	113,081	367
December 14 ... ..	93,271	16,988	110,259	366
Average for the twelve months ...	89,707	15,602	105,309	313

**Table IV C.—Numbers of outworkers at two specified periods in 1935**

Country	January			July		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
England and Wales ... ..	59	856	915	55	865	920
Scotland ... ..	—	107	107	—	98	98
Northern Ireland ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
United Kingdom ... ..	59	964	1,023	55	963	1,018

**Table V.—Firms employing not more than ten persons on the average**

Particulars	England and Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	Northern Ireland
Number of returns received ... ..	No. 318	No. 41	No. 359	No. 2
Average number of persons employed :—				
Males ... ..	549	51	600	3
Females ... ..	1,183	194	1,377	6
Total ... ..	1,732	245	1,977	9