

THA Quarterly Statistical Reporting Program
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INSTRUCTIONS

Here is your **Report Form** for the THA Quarterly Statistics Program (make copies for each quarter). The report form is a single page. Submit one form for each quarter. After completing each report, make a copy and retain it for your records. This will save you time and effort if your original submission is lost.

In the THA statistical program, we only gather data on shipments. At the end of the form, please report the source of your products by country or state for the major categories only. The data covers five distinct segments of the industry: Socks; Sheer Hosiery; Trouser Socks; Tights/Opaques; and Compression Hosiery. Socks and Sheer Hosiery are divided based on needle count. All goods of less than 300 needles are considered SOCKS and all goods of 300 needles or more are considered SHEER HOSIERY.

Shipments are net of returns, and should be reported between "Shipments to Retailers and Distributors," versus "Shipments to Other Hosiery Manufacturers." All data should be reported in dozens of pairs. **Good estimates are acceptable.**

The primary definition for each category, for reporting purposes, is the intended consumer. For further clarification, see the Definitions page, which shows comparative size ranges for sock and shoe sizes, plus other definitions. For socks, with the exception of Infants', the data gathered is further divided by lifestyle categories. Please review these definitions carefully.

Under the Sheer Hosiery section, categories are divided between Pantyhose and Other Sheers. The Pantyhose category is further divided between All Nylon and Spandex Leg products. All Nylon Pantyhose with a control top should be placed in the control top category, and All Nylon Pantyhose without a control top should be placed in the non-control top category. The Spandex Leg Sheer Pantyhose category is further divided based on the percent of Spandex used in the garment.

Trouser Socks have their own separate category and all these products should be reported here. Study the definitions carefully and note that the needle count is 288 needles or more.

All tights and opaques should be reported under the section Tights/Opaques. Subcategories are available for Infants', Girls' and Women's.

The reporting form does not show totals, unless totals are the only item to be reported for a particular category (as in the case of Infants' Socks, Trouser Socks and Compression Hosiery). Code numbers have been assigned to each category.

Reporters are urged to **carefully review** definitions before submitting reports. For clarification of any definitions or assistance in reporting, please contact THA at 704-365-0913.

Due Date: Report forms are due ***in the THA office on the 15th day after the end of each quarter,*** or the first working day thereafter.

Return To: The Hosiery Association
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DEFINITIONS

Following are the definitions that you should refer to when filling out your quarterly report forms. Please note that the primary definition is the intended consumer; the possible comparative size ranges are to be used for clarification purposes.

Term	Primary Definition For Reporting Purposes Is The Intended Consumer	Possible Comparative Size Ranges:	
		In SOCK Sizes	In SHOE Sizes
		The single size or the mid-point of the size range is:	
Infants'	Male or female under 3 years	Less than 6	Less than Children's 6 ½
Girls'	Female, age 4 through 13	At least 6, but less than 9	At least Children's 6 ½ but less than ladies' 4
Women's	Female, age 14 and over	9 or larger	Ladies' 4 or larger
Boys'	Male, age 4 through 16	At least 6, but less than 11	At least Children's 6 ½ but less than Men's 6
Men's	Male, age 17 and over	11 or larger	Men's 6 or larger
Shipments (Net)	Report shipments net of returns broken out by net shipments to retailers and distributors versus net shipments to host manufacturers.		

SOCKS

Socks	Hosiery knit on circular knitting machinery with less than 300 needles.
Everyday Comfort: Basics	"No-Frills", <u>cushioned</u> socks for everyday use. Typically coarse greige construction for sport or casual shoes. The socks are usually white and packed 6+ per bag.
Everyday Comfort: Added Value	White socks that offer added value due to specific feature or features (i.e.: double cushion, reinforced sole, arch support, pom, appliqué, color-tip, branded logo). Usually 1-4 pairs of socks per package.
Coordinate: Basics	"No-Frills" <u>non-cushioned</u> socks offered in limited colors, textures, and basic appliqués. Usually packed 6+ per bag.
Coordinate: Fashion	Coordinate socks that are offered 1-3 pairs per package and are available in a full range of fashion colors and textures. Color palette is often tied to brand or designer label so socks can coordinate with apparel. (Includes Pima, Combed & Mercerized Cotton, Spun Rayon, Microfiber and other fiber enhancements).
Performance	Socks containing technical yarns or finishes that add a specific benefit or enhance performance in an athletic activity (Antibacterial, Coolmax, Duraspun, Teflon, Thermax, Medical). Usually packaged in 1-3 pair packs.
Novelty/Dressy	Fancy socks purchased for a specific occasion, season, or for novelty purposes. Includes specialty fibers (i.e. chenille, mohair, angora, Anton nylon, filament rayon), and/or specialty units (i.e. jacquard). Also includes novelty, cartoon, and character licenses. Almost packaged in single pair packs.

SHEER HOSIERY

Women's Sheer Hosiery	Hosiery knit on circular machinery with 300 needles or more.
Pantyhose	Hosiery knit on circular knitting machinery which extends above the hips but not above the waist and includes hosiery made with all nylon leg and/or spandex leg but are not tights.
All Nylon: Control Top	Pantyhose that are non-support but are control top and contain no spandex in the leg. Has 100% nylon sub-break.
All Nylon: Non-Control Top	Pantyhose that are neither support nor control top and contain no spandex in the leg.
Spandex Leg: 18% or Less: Control Top	Pantyhose that contain up to and including 18% spandex, are non-support with control top, with or without spandex in the leg.

Spandex Leg: 18% or Less: Non-Control Top	Pantyhose that contain up to and including 18% spandex, are non-support, without control top, often called spandex sheers.
Spandex Leg: 19% or More	Pantyhose that are support or contain spandex of 19% or greater, often called support leg.
Stockings	Hosiery extending above the knee but not above the crotch.
Below-the-Knee	All women's sheer hosiery that does not extend above the knee, except trouser socks.

Trouser Socks	Below-the-knee hosiery knit on circular machinery with 288 needles or more. Generally patterned or textured design.
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Tights/Opaques	Hosiery knit on circular knitting machinery which extends from the waist to the ankles over the foot and are manufactured with yarns in which the total of all yarns is generally of total combined denier of 40 or greater.
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COMPRESSION HOSIERY

Compression Hosiery	Anti-embolism; Surgical Weight; High Compression; Graduated in variations of tightness with the greatest amount at the ankle and slowly decreases up the leg, with a minimum 15 millimeters of mercury (mmhg) as measured in the ankle. This accelerates the movement of blood back up through the veins and to the heart, thus assisting circulation. This includes those items sold with or without a prescription and includes those items dispensed through medical institutions, medical supply houses, doctors' offices, and normal retail channels of distribution. Includes ankle, mid-calf, knee, thigh-high and waist-high garments.
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A Glossary of all Hosiery Terms is available from THA. Contact the office for more details, 704-365-0913 or find it on THA's Website at: www.hosieryassociation.com