

Subsection 2.—The Fur Processing Industry

The rather general term "fur processing" includes the fur dressing and dyeing industry and the fur goods industry. The former is concerned with the dressing or dyeing of pelts on a custom basis and the latter is a manufacturing industry that makes up fur goods such as coats, scarves and gloves.

In the 1962 survey, as fully explained in Chapter XVI on Manufactures, a change was made in the "total activity" approach and this new concept was also reflected in the 1961 data. Tables 7 and 8 give selected statistics on the new basis for 1961 and 1962. In 1962, the number of skins treated was 6,229,747, of which muskrat comprised 34 p.c., mink 20 p.c., Persian and other types of lamb 14 p.c., raccoon 5 p.c., and squirrel 4 p.c.

7.—Principal Statistics of the Fur Dressing and Dyeing Industry, 1961 and 1962

Item		1961	1962
Establishments.....	No.	15	19
Administrative and Other Salaried Employees—			
Male.....	No.	102	92
Female.....	"	17	25
Salaries paid.....	\$	651,685	739,276
Production and Related Employees—			
Male.....	No.	747	781
Female.....	"	131	137
Wages paid.....	\$	3,178,219	3,209,152
Cost of materials used in manufacturing.....	\$	1,265,565	1,586,469
Pelts treated.....	No.	6,740,325	6,229,747
Amount received for treatment of furs and other manufacturing revenue.....	\$	6,833,867	7,143,496
Total revenue.....	\$	6,833,867	7,147,196

The shipments of ladies' fur coats, including boleros and jackets, by all industries, in 1962 numbered 138,860 and were valued at \$37,862,266.

8.—Principal Statistics of the Fur Goods Industry, 1961 and 1962

Item		1961	1962
Establishments.....	No.	444	429
Administrative and Other Salaried Employees—			
Male.....	No.	598	496
Female.....	"	204	179
Salaries paid.....	\$	3,544,888	3,310,355
Production and Related Employees—			
Male.....	No.	1,800	1,712
Female.....	"	1,133	928
Wages paid.....	\$	9,759,310	9,342,619
Cost of materials used in manufacturing.....	\$	37,261,574	36,369,045
Value of factory shipments and other manufacturing revenue.....	\$	60,118,411	58,089,700
Total revenue.....	\$	63,439,305	61,114,712