**6.1. Statistics of the Proceedings in County Courts in England and Wales, and Scotland, under the Workman’s Compensation Act.**

Note: The Workmen’s Compensation Act of 1897 established a statutory and compulsory system of compensation in various industries, including coal, that made employers liable to pay compensation to workers injured ‘arising out of and in the course of the employment’. In cases where the employer refused to accept liability, the injured workman, or, more likely, his trade union, could take the case to law and have it heard by a judge.

Arbitrations in County Courts in mines, 1898 and 1899: England and Wales

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| **Year** | **Nature of Injury** | **Total Number of Cases** | **How Settled** | | | | **Result (of cases in cols 4,5 and 6)** | | **Amount of Compensation Awarded (in cases in col 8)** | | | | **Solicitor’s Costs Awarded** | |
| **Lump Sum** | | **Weekly Payments** | |
| **Heard by Judge** | **Heard by Arbitrator** | **Settled by payment into court** | **Otherwise disposed of** | **For Plaintiff** | **For Defendant** | **Number of Cases** | **Total Amount (£.s.d.)** | **Number of Cases** | **Total of Weekly Amount (£.s.d.)** | **Number of Cases** | **Amount (£.s.d.)** |
| 1898 | Death | 7 | 6 | - | - | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 531.12.4 | - | - | 3 | 28.8.3 |
| Total Incapacity | 11 | 7 | - | 3 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1.12.0 | 8 | 4.17.6½ | 6 | 65.14.8 |
| Partial Incapacity | 8 | 6 | - | - | 2 | 6 | - | 3 | 43.0.0 | 3 | 2.0.3 | 5 | 55.12.2 |
| *Total* | *26* | *19* | *-* | *3* | *4* | *18* | *4* | *7* | *576.4.4* | *11* | *6.17.9½* | *14* | *149.15.1* |
| 1899 | Death: Leaving dependents | 102 | 61 | 8 | 16 | 17 | 75 | 10 | 75 | 12290.4.4 | - | - | 27 | 407.11.6 |
| Death: Not leaving dependents | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 15.5.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Total Incapacity | 70 | 43 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 45 | 9 | 5 | 82.2.4 | 40 | 20.13.9½ | 26 | 222.7.11 |
| Partial Incapacity | 58 | 39 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 30 | 14 | 7 | 209.0.0 | 23 | 10.11.8 | 22 | 254.19.3 |
| *Total* | *233* | *146* | *10* | *21* | *47* | *153* | *34* | *89* | *12395.11.8* | *63* | *31.7.5½* | *75* | *884.18.8* |

Arbitrations in Sheriff Courts in mines, 1898 and 1899: Scotland

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| **Year** | **Nature of Injury** | **Total Number of Cases** | **How Settled** | | | | **Result (of cases in cols 4,5 and 6)** | | **Amount of Compensation Awarded (in cases in col 8)** | | | | **Solicitor’s Costs Awarded** | |
| **Lump Sum** | | **Weekly Payments** | |
| **Heard by Judge** | **Heard by Arbitrator** | **Settled by payment into court** | **Otherwise disposed of** | **For Plaintiff** | **For Defendant** | **Number of Cases** | **Total Amount (£.s.d.)** | **Number of Cases** | **Total of Weekly Amount (£.s.d.)** | **Number of Cases** | **Amount (£.s.d.)** |
| 1898 | Death | 5 | 2 | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 150.0.0 | - | - | 1 | 16.0.8 |
| Total Incapacity | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Partial Incapacity | 6 | 2 | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | 1 | 100.0.0 | 2 | 1.8.6 | 2 | 30.6.10 |
| *Total* | *11* | *4* | *-* | *-* | *7* | *4* |  | *2* | *250.0.0* | *2* | *1.8.6* | *3* | *46.7.6* |
| 1898 | Death: Leaving dependents | 19 | 8 | - | - | 11 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1837.8.0 | - | - | 4 | 31.11.7 |
| Death: Not leaving dependents | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Incapacity | 15 | 8 | - | - | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 13.2.6 | 4 | 1.17.10½ | 2 | 21.4.7 |
| Partial Incapacity | 29 | 11 | - | - | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 11.18.0 | 8 | 4.1.6 | 7 | 52.11.7 |
| *Total* | *54* | *27* | *-* | *-* | *27* | *20* | *5* | *8* | *1052.8.6* | *12* | *5.18.4½* | *7* | *52.11.7* |

Source: Compiled from *Report of the Statistics of the Proceedings in County Courts in England and Wales* (annual).