**6.2. Summary of Payments for Compensation in Mines, United Kingdom, 1909-1938.**

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’. An amending Act passed in 1906 added various occupational diseases, including miners’ nystagmus, to the list of compensatable conditions while further Acts passed in the 1920s and 1930s also altered workers’ rights to compensation and added other miners’ occupational diseases, most notably silicosis and pneumoconiosis, to the schedule of conditions for which compensation was to be paid.

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| **Year** | **Number of Persons Employed** | | | **Accidents** | | | | **Disease** | | | | **Total Compen-sation (£)** |
| **Fatal Cases** | | **Disablement Cases** | | **Fatal Cases** | | **Disablement Cases** | |
| **Total** | **Males** | **Females** | **Number** | **Amount (£)** | **Number** | **Amount (£)** | **Number** | **Amount (£)** | **Number** | **Amount (£)** |
| 1909 | 984994 | 978719 | 6275 | 1456 | 237308 | 154798 | 724220 | 3 | 493 | 2730 | 26703 | 938865 |
| 1910 | 1072571 | 1068239 | 6332 | 1347 | 220973 | 166709 | 818302 | - | - | 3783 | 42507 | 1081782 |
| 1911 | 1059642 | 1058240 | 6402 | 1711 | 281183 | 178406 | 905929 | 1 | 24 | 5020 | 67617 | 1258233 |
| 1912 | 1086113 | 1079780 | 6333 | 1218 | 282367 | 167959 | 897990 | 2 | 439 | 5949 | 85831 | 1185727 |
| 1913 | 1114236 | 1107681 | 6519 | 1312 | 227413 | 195387 | 1010637 | - | - | 7478 | 113203 | 1351258 |
| 1914 | 1046357 | 1040058 | 6299 | 1748 | 307035 | 179890 | 1021051 | - | - | 8928 | 164833 | 1495922 |
| No statistics available 1915-1918 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1919 | 1184038 | 1174632 | 9406 | 1248 | 271051 | 134991 | 1250096 | 1 | 200 | 9174 | 225422 | 1746700 |
| 1920 | 1249864 | 1241721 | 8163 | 1231 | 247727 | 134738 | 1711664 | 1 | 79 | 9407 | 343094 | 2329574 |
| 1921 | 1109023 | 1100751 | 8272 | 833 | 184464 | 103784 | 1677110 | 1 | 300 | 8711 | 395637 | 2257511 |
| 1922 | 1122511 | 1116897 | 5614 | 1067 | 232069 | 201370 | 2605309 | - | - | 12583 | 887295 | 3424604 |
| 1923 | 1214660 | 1209158 | 5502 | 1282 | 280357 | 245479 | 2935172 | 1 | 189 | 15768 | 594943 | 3810661 |
| 1924 | 1202597 | 1197232 | 5465 | 1265 | 348830 | 214171 | 2352447 | 2 | 547 | 15504 | 674380 | 3376214 |
| 1925 | 1157085 | 1151135 | 5950 | 1235 | 375642 | 197888 | 2290134 | 3 | 115 | 15779 | 609656 | 3275547 |
| 1926 | 772883 | 768638 | 4245 | 787 | 228767 | 117252 | 1945489 | 5 | 1297 | 13187 | 540726 | 2716279 |
| 1927 | 1052216 | 1047539 | 4677 | 1129 | 354696 | 188978 | 2170878 | 2 | 249 | 15273 | 488338 | 3014161 |
| 1928 | 944666 | 940984 | 3682 | 1073 | 24211 | 185823 | 2199485 | 3 | 992 | 14772 | 501990 | 3026678 |
| 1929 | 930780 | 927548 | 3232 | 1161 | 333664 | 196851 | 2227126 | 3 | 829 | 16126 | 488207 | 3049826 |
| 1930 | 933813 | 930306 | 3507 | 1123 | 333188 | 190745 | 2162192 | 2 | 611 | 16847 | 505458 | 3001449 |
| 1931 | 862314 | 859172 | 3142 | 998 | 308512 | 170887 | 2092452 | 1 | 220 | 16828 | 540005 | 2941189 |
| 1932 | 807848 | 804776 | 3072 | 907 | 272232 | 154355 | 2007389 | 5 | 1049 | 16016 | 504549 | 2785219 |
| 1933 | 781361 | 778624 | 2737 | 901 | 278972 | 147441 | 1868117 | 1 | 300 | 15208 | 426307 | 2573696 |
| 1934 | 784643 | 781932 | 2711 | 906 | 276034 | 158852 | 1937489 | 3 | 1040 | 15184 | 445089 | 2659652 |
| 1935 | 770091 | 767463 | 2628 | 1235 | 376141 | 161509 | 2070726 | 2 | 516 | 15264 | 445050 | 2892433 |
| 1936 | 765733 | 763330 | 2403 | 888 | 273221 | 164905 | 2205679 | 2 | 643 | 15098 | 447647 | 2927190 |
| 1937 | 792744 | 790431 | 2313 | 914 | 274313 | 169250 | 2188109 | - | - | 13971 | 347529 | 2899951 |
| 1938 | 796382 | 794015 | 2367 | 983 | 310005 | 162094 | 2123086 | 3 | 1067 | 12534 | 304197 | 2738355 |

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