

2.3 Number of Persons Killed and Injured and Number of Persons Employed at Mines under the Coal Mines Acts, in Great Britain and Ireland, during the years 1904 to 1908, 1910 to 1918 and 1920 to 1925, so far as particulars are available.

Note: this return was presented in response to a question in Parliament, asking for these statistics in relation to a debate about the Seven Hours Act.

Hours of Work below Ground, and Year.	Number of Persons...			Number of Persons Employed.
	Killed.	Seriously Injured.*	Injured.†	
Nine-hours average.				
1904	1,055	—	Particular were not collected prior to 1908.	847,553
1905	1,159	—	Particular were not collected prior to 1908.	858,373
1906	1,142	—	Particular were not collected prior to 1908.	882,345
1907	1,245	—	Particular were not collected prior to 1908.	940,618
1908.	1,308	5,860	141,851	987,813
Eight-Hours Act.				
1910	1,775	5,737	159,042	1,049,407
1911	1,265	5,858	166,616	1,067,213
1912	1,276	5,331	150,652	1,089,090
1913	1,753	5,675	177,189	1,127,890
1914	1,219	5,084	158,862	Up to July, 1,133,746 End of Dec., 981,264
1915	1,297	4,751	Particulars were not collected	953,642

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			during the war	
1916	1,313	4,499	Particulars were not collected during the war	998,063
1917	1,370	4,632	Particulars were not collected during the war	1,021,340
1918	1,401	4,300	Particulars were not collected during the war	1,008,867
1920	1,103	4,287	117,302	1,248,224
1921‡	756	3,039	86,352	1,144,311
1922	1,105	4,739	185,497	1,162,754
1923	1,297	5,200	212,256	1,220,431
1924	1,201	4,808	195,423	1,230,248
1925	1,135	4,336	180,000§	1,119,000§

* The following classes of accidents which are reported at the time of their occurrence to H.M. Divisional Inspectors of Mines, are included, viz.: (a) Accidents causing fracture of head or limb, or dislocation of limb, or any other serious personal injury; (b) Accidents caused by explosion of gas or dust, or any explosive, or by electricity, or by overwinding, and causing any personal injury whatever. The majority of these accidents involve a period of disablement extending to at least one week and are included in the next column.

†In 1924 and 1925 accidents which disabled the person injured for more than three days were reportable, the limit in earlier years being seven days.

‡In consequence of the national stop, age of work at coal mines, almost all the mines were idle for about three months in 1921.

§ Provisional figure.

[...] Great Britain only.

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