

3.1. Cases of beat disease, United Kingdom, 1908 to 1938.

Note: 'Beat' conditions, more usually known as bursitis today, involve inflammation in an affected body part caused as a result of constant pressure (such as when kneeling), repeated impact (as when using a pick), or an injury. Such beat conditions, at least as far as they affected miners, were added to the Workmen's Compensation system, in addition to other occupational diseases, by an Act passed in 1906.

Year	Beat Hand		Beat Knee		Beat Elbow	
	Continued from previous year	New cases	Continued from previous year	New cases	Continued from previous year	New cases
1908	27	459	28	537	8	67
1909	20	570	29	880	6	63
1910	30	766	33	1,135	2	80
1911	37	726	56	1,402	6	130
1912	45	1,070	67	1,259	10	114
1913	42	831	64	1,630	2	136
1914	59	806	88	1,609	7	165
1915						
1916						
1917						
1918						
1919	63	1,086	64	1,221	17	152
1920	44	718	67	1,320	14	123
1921	52	785	72	895	11	100
1922	79	1,135	94	1,721	13	200
1923	103	1,175	147	2,638	26	299
1924	100	1,060	169	2,740	19	308
1925	79	1,122	140	2,593	15	299
1926	104	1,102	160	1,379	30	202
1927	290	2,333	105	2,197	9	338
1928	112	1,349	174	2,644	17	392
1929	134	1,708	175	3,406	35	458
1930	138	1,448	228	3,554	32	441
1931	129	1,289	278	3,147	35	451
1932	132	1,266	231	3,076	24	405
1933	112	1,238	297	3,111	34	438
1934	112	1,200	219	3,686	45	554
1935	120	1,189	225	4,149	40	581
1936	101	1,197	315	4,523	54	628
1937	99	1,212	254	4,548	44	700
1938	90	999	341	4,505	54	723

Source: Statistics of compensation and proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, and the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, in Great Britain (annual series).