

### 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

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	
			Heard by Judge	Heard by Arbitrator	Settled by payment into court	Otherwise disposed of	For Plaintiff	For Defendant	Lump Sum		Weekly Payments		Number of Cases	Amount (£.s.d.)
									Number of Cases	Total Amount (£.s.d.)	Number of Cases	Total of Weekly 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
	<i>Total</i>	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
	<i>Total</i>	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

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	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>250.0.0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1.8.6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>46.7.6</i>	
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	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1052.8.6</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5.18.4½</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>52.11.7</i>	

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