

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.

Year	Number of Persons Employed			Accidents				Disease				Total Compensation (£)
				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

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