

Table: plaw_c

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| Contents: | County-level data pauper statistics from the Poor Law Board/LGB's Annual Reports arranged by sex. |
| Number of rows: | 5806 |
| Geography: | Reporting units are identified by: Union (Poor Law) County |
| Chronology: | The data cover the period 1859 to 1919 . Dates and times are identified by: Year Month |

Notes:

1. This is a selective transcription, containing only some of the columns which appeared in the original reports; in general, our concern is with adult able-bodied paupers (a complete transcription for certain years is held in plaw_c_f); adults were defined as 16 or over.
2. The run of data begins in 1859 because the July 1859 report was the first to use a new standard format which was retained without any changes until January 1884. January 1859 is included to provide a complete run of years, but the only figures held for that month are the totals indoor, outdoor and overall. It may be possible to construct comparable data for the remainder of the 1850s, but earlier tabulations emphasise the marital status of adult paupers and the legitimacy of children.
3. For England, the data are always for counties. Welsh data was listed for three divisions - Monmouthshire, South and North Wales - for most of the period, data for the individual Welsh counties only appearing from January 1905.
4. From July 1884, the reports divide adult able-bodied males on outdoor relief into those 'relieved on account of their own sickness, accident or infirmity' and those 'relieved for other causes'.
5. From January 1891, the reports divide adult able-bodied males and females on indoor relief into those 'in health' and those 'temporarily disabled'.
6. From January 1907, the January reports divided adult able-bodied females on out-door relief into Wives, Widows and Others.
7. From January 1913, the division of those on outdoor relief into the able-bodied and not able-bodied was dropped, and the transcription of numbers on outdoor relief is therefore limited to an overall total.
8. See detailed note below for data available during WWI.
9. From 1920 to 1939, county-level statistics can be constructed using tables plaw_iw and plaw_20.
10. The overall total is not necessarily equal to the sum of indoor and outdoor pauperage. For example, in the January 1914 data the overall total also includes the number of lunatics in county and borough asylums and casual paupers, which are listed in the table, plus an adjustment for unspecified numbers who were counted in both the indoor and outdoor totals.

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| Column Name | Type | Comments |
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| YEAR | NUMBER | Year to which data refer. |
| MONTH | NUMBER | Month to which data refer (Jan or July). |
| PLU_CNTY | Text string (max. length=20 chars.) | County to which data refer. |
| POP | NUMBER | Population of county, usually at preceding census date. |
| I_AB_M_H | NUMBER | Indoor able-bodied men in health (only in dataset from Jan. 1891 onwards). |
| I_AB_M_D | NUMBER | Indoor able-bodied men temporarily disabled (only in dataset from Jan. 1891 onwards). |
| I_AB_MEN | NUMBER | Total of indoor able-bodied men (directly input up to 1890, computed as idab_men_h+idab_men_d from Jan. 1891). |
| I_AB_W_H | NUMBER | Indoor able-bodied women in health (only in dataset from Jan. 1891 onwards). |
| I_AB_W_D | NUMBER | Indoor able-bodied women temporarily disabled (only in dataset from Jan. 1891 onwards). |
| I_AB_WM | NUMBER | Total of indoor able-bodied women (directly input up to 1890, computed as idab_wm_h+idab_wm_d from 1891). |
| IN_TOT | NUMBER | Total of indoor paupers |
| O_AB_M_S | NUMBER | Outdoor able-bodied men relieved because of sickness, etc. (only in dataset from July 1884 onwards). |
| O_AB_M_O | NUMBER | Outdoor able-bodied men relieved for other causes. (only in dataset from July 1884 onwards). |
| O_AB_MEN | NUMBER | Outdoor able-bodied men relieved (directly input up to Jan. 1884, computed as odab_m_a+odab_m_b from July 1884). |
| O_AB_W_V | NUMBER | Outdoor able-bodied wives (only in dataset from Jan. 1907 onwards). |
| O_AB_W_I | NUMBER | Outdoor able-bodied widows (only in dataset from Jan. 1907 onwards). |

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| O_AB_W_O | NUMBER | Outdoor able-bodied women other than wives and widows (only in dataset from Jan. 1907 onwards). |
| O_AB_WM | NUMBER | Total of outdoor able-bodied women (directly input up to July 1906, computed as odab_wv+odab_wi+odab_wo from Jan. 1907). |
| OUT_TOT | NUMBER | Total of outdoor paupers |
| TOTAL | NUMBER | Grand Total |
| ID_NO | FLOAT | Number giving order of county within the individual report; values broadly correspond to the numbers used in the reports, but decimal fractions are used to ensure that components of London and individual Welsh counties appear in the correct order. |

After January 1915, county- and union-level data ceased to appear due to the war; the final tabulation for that month appears in BPP 1914-16 LIV, 925- and 957-. In 1919, a further return was made to Parliament, titled *Statement of the number of persons in receipt of poor-relief in England or Wales on or about the 1st day of January, 1919 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 433 of Session 1914-16), with some particulars of the numbers in receipt of such relief at various dates during the war* (BPP 1919 XLII, 1053-). This states (p.2):

"... the special returns formerly obtained by the Central Department from the local poor-law authorities were discontinued after January, 1915, with the view of relieving the pressure on the local staffs, greatly depleted on account of the war. Much briefer returns, designed to include, in total, all the classes of persons who had been included in the discontinued returns, were, however, made every month by the local authorities to the General Inspectors of the Central Department, for administrative purposes, and from those brief monthly returns the present statement is compiled.

... The present statement, like the earlier statements, relates to the number of persons in receipt of relief on a single day in mid-winter, but whereas the date to which the earlier statements of the series related was uniformly the 1st January, on the present occasion the date is the 28th December, 1918, that being the nearest date for which particulars were available."

The table therefore contains indoor, outdoor and overall totals for 28/12/1918, labeled as 1/1919 to simplify construction of time series. It also includes figures for 1/1916, 1/1917 and 1/1918, giving national totals for population, overall pauperage, and outdoor pauperage, and London totals for population and overall pauperage. These data appear on p.11 of the 1919 report, which also contains estimates of the civilian populations of England and Wales and of London; all figures are apparently stated to the nearest thousand. To simplify construction of time series, there are records for all other counties for these dates, but all fields are null.

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