

Table: plaw_u_f

Contents:	FULL transcript of union-level pauperage statistics from the Poor Law Board's Returns given for men, women and children.
Number of rows:	2298
Geography:	Reporting units are identified by: Union (Poor Law) County Poor Law Union Number Poor Law Union
Chronology:	The data cover the period 1860 to 1871 . Dates and times are identified by: Year Month

Notes:

1. Covers all unions in Lancashire for both the 1st of January and the 1st of July from January 1860 to July 1871, plus all unions in Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Cheshire and the East and West Ridings for both the 1st of January and the 1st of July in 1860, 1863, 1866, 1868 and 1869. The counties included form a 'transect' running from East Anglia to the north-west, which was chosen to include the regions most used in local studies of the Poor Law, and the full range of variation from grain-growing rural areas to the towns in Lancashire most affected by the Cotton Famine. The dates for which data is held for the full transect were selected to cover the troughs of recessions in 1863 and 1868-9 and the preceding prosperous years.
2. Research based on these data was published as H.R. Southall, 'Poor Law Statistics and the Geography of Economic Distress', ch.7 in J. Foreman-Peck (ed.) *New perspectives on the late Victorian Economy* (Cambridge UP, 1991), pp. 180-217.
3. Data on the age/sex structures of the equivalent Registration Districts for 1861 and 1871 is held in the 'age_reg' table.

Checks:

1. Because the data are a **complete** transcription of the source material, check sums permitted full error checking, unlike 'plaw_u'. When the data were originally input in the early 1980s, checks were made that (a) the separate categories of indoor paupers summed to the indoor total, that (b) the separate categories of outdoor paupers summed to the outdoor total and that (c) the indoor and outdoor totals less the number of duplicates equals the grand total. The data should therefore be substantially free from errors.
2. In indexing the table, combinations of union names and dates were checked for uniqueness.

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Column Name	Type	Comments
YEAR	NUMBER	Year to which data refer
MONTH	NUMBER	Month to which data refer (Jan or July).
PLU_NUM	NUMBER	Numerical code identifying union within the individual report.
NUM_SFX	Text string (max. length=4 chars.)	Letter part of identifying code; generally absent but covers, eg, 463A or 515A1.
PLU_NAME	Text string (max. length=40 chars.)	Union to which data refer. NB 'union' is a reserved word in SQL, so could not be used for the field name.
PLU_CNTY	Text string (max. length=20 chars.)	County to which data refer.
POP	NUMBER	Population of union, usu. at previous census. NB included in dataset to facilitate simple analyses, but interpolated figures from separate census data should be used in preference.
I_AB_MEN	NUMBER	Indoor able-bodied men.
I_AB_WM	NUMBER	Indoor able-bodied women
I_AB_CH	NUMBER	Indoor able-bodied Children
I_NA_MEN	NUMBER	Indoor not able-bodied Men
I_NA_WM	NUMBER	Indoor not able-bodied Women
I_NA_CH	NUMBER	Indoor not able-bodied Children.
I_LU_MEN	NUMBER	Indoor lunatics Men
I_LU_WM	NUMBER	Indoor lunatics Women
I_LU_CH	NUMBER	Indoor lunatics Children
I_VAG	NUMBER	Indoor Vagrants
IN_TOT	NUMBER	Total of indoor paupers
O_AB_MEN	NUMBER	Outdoor able-bodied Men
O_AB_WM	NUMBER	Outdoor able-bodied Women
O_AB_CH	NUMBER	Outdoor able-bodied Children
O_NA_MEN	NUMBER	Outdoor not able-bodied Men
O_NA_WM	NUMBER	Outdoor not able-bodied Women.
O_NA_CH	NUMBER	Outdoor not able-bodied Children.
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O_LU_CH	NUMBER	Outdoor lunatics Children
O_VAG	NUMBER	Outdoor Vagrants
OUT_TOT	NUMBER	Outdoor Total
DUP	NUMBER	Number duplicated in both indoor and outdoor total (total=in_tot+out_tot-dup).
TOTAL	NUMBER	Grand Total
NOTES	LONG	Comments.
KEY	NUMBER	Unique key, maintaining data in original order.

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