

# Table: plaw\_u\_j

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Contents:	Union-level pauper statistics from the Local Government Board's Returns to Parliament for July, in 1907 onwards, arranged by age.
Number of rows:	1092
Geography:	Reporting units are identified by: Poor Law Union Number Poor Law Union Union (Poor Law) County
Chronology:	The data cover the period <b>1907 to 1911</b> . Dates and times are identified by: Year Month

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## Sources:

1. Holds data taken from the 'Returns to Parliament' made by the Local Government Board, listing numbers of paupers in each union on the 1st of July **from July 1907 onwards**. Includes all unions in London ('The Metropolis'), Lancashire and Durham plus selected major urban unions (defined as in 'plaw\_u') **for 1st July only** in 1907 to 1911 inclusive (plus **all** unions in England and Wales in July 1907). This is a **full** transcription, containing all columns other than the change since the previous year.

## Notes:

1. From 1907 onwards, the Returns to Parliament provided more limited data for July than for January. This table therefore contains a complete transcription of the former, with relevant information added to the partial transcriptions held in 'plaw\_u'.
2. At present, only July 1907 is held for all unions as this particular set of data was needed to replicate a map in the *Atlas of Industrialising Britain*. These data were input at QMW in October 1998 by Eileen Longland.
3. The values of neither u\_code nor u\_name are unique within a single report, but combinations of u\_code and u\_name are unique. For example, there were two unions called 'Newport' and two called 'Richmond', while there are, for example, separate rows for 'Keynsham' and 'Keynsham Out-Relief' which have the same code.

## Checks:

1. As these data were typed in, the total numbers of indoor and outdoor paupers were checked against the sums of the relevant sub-categories. The sum of the total numbers of indoor, outdoor and lunatic paupers was compared with the

overall total number, although the adjustment for double-counting made in the original report meant that small differences were possible.

2. Combinations of u\_code and u\_num were checked for uniqueness when indexing the table within the database.

### Indices:

The table has been indexed on the following fields:

1. **Index 1** ('PLAW\_U\_J\_IDX'): YEAR , MONTH , PLU\_NAME , PLU\_CNTY , PLU\_NUM , NUM\_SFX

### Table plaw\_u\_j:

Column Name	Type	Comments
YEAR	NUMBER	Year to which data refer
MONTH	NUMBER	Month to which data refer
PLU_NUM	NUMBER	Numerical code identifying union within the individual report.
NUM_SFX	Text string (max. length=10 chars.)	Letter part of identifying code; generally absent but covers, eg, 463A or 515A1.
PLU_NAME	Text string (max. length=45 chars.)	Union to which data refer (Max. 60 chars.) NB 'union' is a reserved word in SQL, hence unusable as a field name.
PLU_CNTY	Text string (max. length=18 chars.)	Union county.
POP	NUMBER	Population of union, usu. at previous census. NB included in dataset to facilitate simple analyses, but interpolated figures from separate census data are preferable.
I_AB_A	NUMBER	Indoor able-bodied adults.
I_NAB_A	NUMBER	Indoor not able-bodied adults.
I_CHILD	NUMBER	Children under 16 on indoor relief.
I_INSANE	NUMBER	Indoor insane.
I_CASUAL	NUMBER	Indoor casual pauper (not for 1911).
IN_TOT	NUMBER	Total of indoor paupers
O_AB_A	NUMBER	Outdoor able-bodied adults.
O_NAB_A	NUMBER	Outdoor not able-bodied adults.
O_CHILD	NUMBER	Children under 16 on outdoor relief.
O_INSANE	NUMBER	Outdoor insane.

O_CASUAL	NUMBER	Outdoor casual paupers (not for 1911)
OUT_TOT	NUMBER	Total of outdoor paupers
CASUALS	NUMBER	Casual paupers (computed from i_casual+o_casual except for 1911)
LUNATICS	NUMBER	Lunatics in County and Borough Asylums, Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses.
TOTAL	NUMBER	Listed total number of paupers relieved. NB this is sometimes less than the sum of in_tot, out_tot and lun_tot as it had been adjusted for double-counting.
NOTES	LONG	Comments; rarely used, and generally explains why data are absent.

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