**2.3 Number of Persons Killed and Injured and Number of Persons Employed at Mines under the Coal Mines Acts, in Great Britain and Ireland, during the years 1904 to 1908, 1910 to 1918 and 1920 to 1925, so far as particulars are available.**

Note: this return was presented in response to a question in Parliament, asking for these statistics in relation to a debate about the Seven Hours Act.

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| **Hours of Work below Ground, and Year.** | **Number of Persons…** | | | **Number of Persons Employed.** |
| **Killed.** | **Seriously Injured.\*** | **Injured.†** |
| **Nine-hours average.** | | | | |
| 1904 | 1,055 | — | Particular were not collected prior to 1908. | 847,553 |
| 1905 | 1,159 | — | Particular were not collected prior to 1908. | 858,373 |
| 1906 | 1.142 | — | Particular were not collected prior to 1908. | 882,345 |
| 1907 | 1,245 | — | Particular were not collected prior to 1908. | 940,618 |
| 1908. | 1,308 | 5,860 | 141,851 | 987,813 |
| **Eight-Hours Act.** | | | | |
| 1910 | 1,775 | 5,737 | 159,042 | 1,049,407 |
| 1911 | 1,265 | 5,858 | 166,616 | 1,067,213 |
| 1912 | 1,276 | 5,331 | 150,652 | 1,089,090 |
| 1913 | 1,753 | 5,675 | 177,189 | 1,127,890 |
| 1914 | 1,219 | 5,084 | 158,862 | Up to July, 1,133,746 End of Dec., 981,264 |
| 1915 | 1,297 | 4,751 | Particulars were not collected during the war | 953,642 |
| 1916 | 1,313 | 4,499 | Particulars were not collected during the war | 998,063 |
| 1917 | 1,370 | 4,632 | Particulars were not collected during the war | 1,021,340 |
| 1918 | 1,401 | 4,300 | Particulars were not collected during the war | 1,008,867 |
| 1920 | 1,103 | 4,287 | 117,302 | 1,248,224 |
| 1921‡ | 756 | 3,039 | 86,352 | 1,144,311 |
| 1922║ | 1,105 | 4,739 | 185,497 | 1,162,754 |
| 1923║ | 1,297 | 5,200 | 212,256 | 1,220,431 |
| 1924║ | 1,201 | 4,808 | 195,423 | 1,230,248 |
| 1925║ | 1,135 | 4,336 | 180,000§ | 1,119,000§ |

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| \* The following classes of accidents which are reported at the time of their occurrence to H.M. Divisional Inspectors of Mines, are included, viz.: (a) Accidents causing fracture of head or limb, or dislocation of limb, or any other serious personal injury; (b) Accidents caused by explosion of gas or dust, or any explosive, or by electricity, or by overwinding, and causing any personal injury whatever. The majority of these accidents involve a period of disablement extending to at least one week and are included in the next column. |  |  |  |  |
| †In 1924 and 1925 accidents which disabled the person injured for more than three days were reportable, the limit in earlier years being seven days. |  |  |  |  |
| ‡In consequence of the national stop, age of work at coal mines, almost all the mines were idle for about three months in 1921. |  |  |  |  |
| § Provisional figure. |  |  |  |  |
| [...] Great Britain only. |  |  |  |  |

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