**3.1. Cases of beat disease, United Kingdom, 1908 to 1938.**

Note: ‘Beat’ conditions, more usually known as bursitis today, involve inflammation in an affected body part caused as a result of constant pressure (such as when kneeling), repeated impact (as when using a pick), or an injury. Such beat conditions, at least as far as they affected miners, were added to the Workmen’s Compensation system, in addition to other occupational diseases, by an Act passed in 1906.

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| Year | Beat Hand | | Beat Knee | | Beat Elbow | |
| Continued from previous year | New cases | Continued from previous year | New cases | Continued from previous year | New cases |
| 1908 | 27 | 459 | 28 | 537 | 8 | 67 |
| 1909 | 20 | 570 | 29 | 880 | 6 | 63 |
| 1910 | 30 | 766 | 33 | 1,135 | 2 | 80 |
| 1911 | 37 | 726 | 56 | 1,402 | 6 | 130 |
| 1912 | 45 | 1,070 | 67 | 1,259 | 10 | 114 |
| 1913 | 42 | 831 | 64 | 1,630 | 2 | 136 |
| 1914 | 59 | 806 | 88 | 1,609 | 7 | 165 |
| 1915 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1916 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1917 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1918 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1919 | 63 | 1,086 | 64 | 1,221 | 17 | 152 |
| 1920 | 44 | 718 | 67 | 1,320 | 14 | 123 |
| 1921 | 52 | 785 | 72 | 895 | 11 | 100 |
| 1922 | 79 | 1,135 | 94 | 1,721 | 13 | 200 |
| 1923 | 103 | 1,175 | 147 | 2,638 | 26 | 299 |
| 1924 | 100 | 1,060 | 169 | 2,740 | 19 | 308 |
| 1925 | 79 | 1,122 | 140 | 2,593 | 15 | 299 |
| 1926 | 104 | 1,102 | 160 | 1,379 | 30 | 202 |
| 1927 | 290 | 2,333 | 105 | 2,197 | 9 | 338 |
| 1928 | 112 | 1,349 | 174 | 2,644 | 17 | 392 |
| 1929 | 134 | 1,708 | 175 | 3,406 | 35 | 458 |
| 1930 | 138 | 1,448 | 228 | 3,554 | 32 | 441 |
| 1931 | 129 | 1,289 | 278 | 3,147 | 35 | 451 |
| 1932 | 132 | 1,266 | 231 | 3,076 | 24 | 405 |
| 1933 | 112 | 1,238 | 297 | 3,111 | 34 | 438 |
| 1934 | 112 | 1,200 | 219 | 3,686 | 45 | 554 |
| 1935 | 120 | 1,189 | 225 | 4,149 | 40 | 581 |
| 1936 | 101 | 1,197 | 315 | 4,523 | 54 | 628 |
| 1937 | 99 | 1,212 | 254 | 4,548 | 44 | 700 |
| 1938 | 90 | 999 | 341 | 4,505 | 54 | 723 |

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