

Table ID: PLAW_SCOT_FULL_ABS

Contents: Full transcription of parish-level Scottish poor law statistics (Abstract 1890-1915).
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 Chronology: The data cover the period 1881 to 1915.
 Dates and times are identified by: Year

Sources:

1. 1910s data comes from the following tables:
 - In the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1915 county and national totals are from Appendix B pp. 64-67
 - In the Twentieth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1914 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 186-231, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 232-235
 - In the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1913 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 170-215, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 216-219
 - In the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1912 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 182-227, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 228-231
 - 1911 data is from the table "Abstract of the Number of Poor Relieved in each Parish on three given Days during the Year 1911", on pp. 202-47 of the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1911. Total figures for Scotland come from "Summary of the Number of Poor relieved in each Parish on three given Days during the Year 1911", on pp. 248-251 of the same report.
 - In the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1910 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 154-199, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 200-203
2. 1900s data comes from the following tables:
 - In the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1909 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 200-245, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 246-249
 - In the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1908 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 232-277, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 278-281
 - In the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1907 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 196-241, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 242-247
 - In the Twelfth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1906 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 312-357, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 358-361

- In the Eleventh Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1905 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 348-393, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 394-397
 - In the Tenth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1904 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 274-319, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 320-323
 - In the Ninth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1903 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 154-199, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 200-203
 - In the Eighth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1902 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 154-199, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 200-203
 - 1901 data is from the table "Abstract of the Number of Paupers relieved in each Parish on three given Days during the Year 1901", on pp. 226-271 of the Seventh Annual Report (To the right Honorable Alexander Hugh Bruce, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland). Total figures for Scotland come from "Summary of the Number of Paupers relieved in each Parish on three given Days during the Year 1901", on pp. 272-275 of the same report.
 - In the Sixth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1900 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 146-191, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 192-195
3. 1890s data comes from the following tables:
- In the Fifth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1899 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 114-159, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 160-163
 - In the Fourth Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1898 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 218-263, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 264-267
 - In the Third Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1897 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 134-179, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 180-183
 - In the Second Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1896 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 134-171, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 172-175
 - In the First Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Scotland, 1895 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 196-233, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 234-235
 - In the Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor in Scotland, 1894 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 132-169, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 170-171
 - In the Forty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor in Scotland, 1893 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 182-219, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 220-221
 - 1892 parish and county total data is from; "Abstract of the Number of Paupers relieved in each Parish on three given Days during the Year ended 14th May 1892", on pp. 116-153 of the Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of

Supervision for the Relief of the Poor and of Public Health in Scotland. Total figures for Scotland come from "Summary of the Number of Paupers relieved on three given Days during the Year ended 14th May 1892.", on pp. 154-155 of the same report.

- 1891 parish and county total data is from; "Abstract of the Number of Paupers relieved in each Parish on three given Days during the Year ended 14th May 1891", on pp. 118-155 of the Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor and of Public Health in Scotland. Total figures for Scotland come from "Summary of the Number of Paupers relieved on three given Days during the Year ended 14th May 1891.", on pp. 156-157 of the same report.
 - In the Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor in Scotland, 1890 parish and county total data are from Appendix B pp. 104-141, total figures for Scotland come from pp. 142-143
4. Only data covering the Census years is transcribed for the 1880s. It comes from the following tables:
- 1882 parish and county total data are from; "Abstract of the Number of Paupers relieved in each Parish on given days during the Year ended 14th May 1882.", on pp. 132-169 of the Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor and of Public Health in Scotland. Total figures for Scotland come from "Summary of the Number of Paupers relieved on given days during the Year ended 14th May 1882.", on pp. 170-171 of the same report.
 - 1881 parish and county total data are from; "Abstract of the Number of Paupers relieved in each Parish on given Days during the Year ended 14th May 1881", on pp. 128-165 of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor and of Public Health in Scotland. Total figures for Scotland come from "Summary of the Number of Paupers relieved on given Days during the Year ended 14th May 1881.", on pp. 166-167 of the same report.

Notes:

1. The data are complete transcriptions of the above tables for all years 1890-1915, plus 1881-2.
2. The data was input using scans downloaded from Proquest by Harold Price at Portsmouth, July-November 2017. Initially only tables containing data from Census years 1881-1911 were transcribed. Later on data was added for the intervening years from 1890-1914. This selection was deliberate. Although tables exist from earlier years 1874-1888 they have not been transcribed.
3. The data cover Scotland only. The data covers all Scottish parishes, county totals and totals for Scotland as a whole. N.B. In 1911 the summary table containing Scottish totals had slightly different columns. It divided up into Adults and Children both Paupers and Dependants where they were "Sane Poor - In Poorhouses" / "Sane Poor - All other Sane Poor" / "Sane Poor - Total Sane Poor". As the parish listing does not distinguish Adults from Children and just lists

a Total for Paupers and Dependants the two Scotland column figures were added together to reach a total.

4. Originally the Scottish data was in a single table called 'plaw_scot_full'. However, the Poor Law data collected for Scotland changes significantly over time as it comes from two separate source tables. To accommodate this better the data have been divided up into two separate database tables. For the earlier period data comes from the "General Abstract" Table, the only table available for 1847 until 1874. For the later period data comes from the "Abstract" Table, the only table available for 1890 until 1914. Both tables were used between 1875 and 1889 and we have transcribed both datasets for 1881. We also transcribed available data for 1846 and 1915, but less information was published in these years.
5. This database table is a transcription of the later "Abstract" period, all years from 1890 until the tables ended in 1914, plus 1881-2 and the 1915 summary county data (N.B. parish data was not published in 1915). Other data from the 1870s and 1883-9 is not transcribed. See table plaw_scot_full_genabs for the other data before 1890.
6. Although the tables are a continuous series of Poor Law data, the actual columns included varies between years. Changes occurred in 1889, 1892, 1893, 1896, 1898, 1907 and 1911.
7. These tables contain data for multiple dates within a single year. In the earlier years this ends in May. This means some data within that particular table is for the previous year. For later tables (from 1898 onwards) the data are for a single calendar year ending in September. N.B. This means there is no data for September 1897 when the format changed. To ensure we covered all data within the 1881 Census year both the table for the year beginning in that Census year, and the table covering the year ending in that Census year were transcribed.
8. To accommodate tables where statistics for multiple dates are used within a single year a date object has been added to each row of data defining the precise date to which this data relates. The main row of data in every year is given in May.

In this table data is given for three dates;

- August, January, May (1881-1882)
- September, January, May (1890-1897)
- January, May, September (1898-1915)

All ancillary columns in all years which are (a) undated or (b) sub totals of the main data figures, are assigned to the main data row containing the May date and excluded from the other rows.

Excel assigns date formatting to dates after 1900 and does not recognise those from before 1900. The date object column has therefore been converted to a custom text column to be consistent.

9. These reports often give the year in the column headings where reporting figures for a particular date. An example would be: "Number of Poor of all classes relieved on: 15th January 1911: Paupers". As this database table contains data for multiple years and multiple dates the date value has been removed from the column headings. Instead the remainder of the column heading is used and the

year value is added to the year column. So, the example above would appear as "Number of Poor of all classes relieved on: 15th January: Paupers" and 1911 would be inserted into the year column. The year value given is the last year to which the data relate: e.g. if data in the original table covered September 1890 to May 1891 the year value for all rows of data from this table will be 1891.

10. Some columns only appear at certain dates. Note that in some cases only the national totals are given in a particular year and the main parish table did not include any figures for that column. Some years have additional columns of information. Where this consists of a single year or less than 4 years this data is not retained in the final table.
11. From 1896 onwards figures in all columns except those about specific months are "Included in preceding columns of number of poor of all classes relieved on 15th May" of that year. Before 1896 there is no such direction.

Checking:

1. Individual row check sums have been applied to the following categories;
 - the total of sane paupers verses those inside and outside poorhouses - 1896 on
 - the total of sane pauper dependants verses those inside and outside poorhouses - 1896 on
 - the total of lunatics verses those in asylums, poorhouses and private residences - 1896 on
 - the mean of total paupers verses the sum of paupers counted in January, May and September or August divided by three - up to 1895
 - the mean of total pauper dependants verses the sum of pauper dependants counted in January, May and September or August divided by three - up to 1895
 - the mean of total casual paupers verses the sum of casual paupers counted in January, May and September or August divided by three - 1881
 - the mean of total casual pauper dependants verses the sum of casual pauper dependants counted in January, May and September or August divided by three - 1881
 - the total of aged paupers verses the sum of those males and females - 1907 on

No other checks of individual rows are possible.

2. Individual column check sums comparing county figures with summed parish totals have been applied to the following;
 - total census population
 - January pauper total and their dependants total
 - May pauper total and their dependants total
 - September pauper total and their dependants total
 - August pauper total and their dependants total
 - January casual pauper total and their dependants total
 - May casual pauper total and their dependants total
 - September casual pauper total and their dependants total

- August casual pauper total and their dependants total
 - Casual unsettled paupers total and their dependants total
 - Casual other paupers total and their dependants total
 - All casual paupers total and their dependants total
 - Sane pauper total and their dependants total
 - Lunatic pauper total plus male totals and female totals
 - Children orphaned total, deserted total and separated total
 - Aged pauper total and their dependants total plus male totals and female totals
 - Vagrant pauper total and their dependants total
 - September vagrant pauper total and their dependants total
 - January vagrant pauper total and their dependants total
 - May vagrant pauper total and their dependants total
 - All Paupers total and their dependants total plus male totals and female totals
3. Individual column check sums have been applied to summed county totals verses figures given for Scotland for the same categories as given in the note above where summed parish totals were compared to county figures.
 4. The following numerical errors remain. These are all errors in the original table and are not transcription errors. The following errors relate to individual rows.

Number of lunatics in residences:

 - 1899 PERTH: ARDOCH -2
 - 1899 PERTH: ARNGASK 6

Number of aged paupers compared to male and female aged paupers:

 - 1907 INVERNESS: ALVIE -2
 5. The following numeric errors indicate columns where the county total does not match the parish summed total. The error is in the original.
 - Census population total: 1911 DUMBARTONSHIRE, 10,000
 - Aged Females total: 1907 INVERNESS SHIRE, -2
 - September dependants total: 1901 PERTHSHIRE, -10
 - Dependents of Aged paupers: 1901 LANARKSHIRE, 10
 - Lunatics total: 1899 PERTHSHIRE, -4.
 6. The set of parishes listed in this dataset for 1911 exactly matches those in the boundary dataset gis_s1911_scopar.
 7. All county and parish units listed are matched to the AUO. When compared against the 1911 GIS of Scottish parishes all match except one entry in Argyll. The parish of KILCALMONELL AND KILBERRY (10285029) in the Poor Law listing does not match the parish in the GIS of KILCALMONELL (10069403). This relates to changes made to the AUO to accommodate the vagueness of some dates associated with Scottish parishes, and they should be assumed to match.

Indices:

Index	Type	Column(s) indexed
plaw_scot_full_abs_pkey	Primary key	rec_num

Columns within table:

Column	Type	Contents
year	Integer number.	Year reported on.
data_date	Custom date value.	Custom date giving the precise calendar date as yyyy-mm-dd for which this row of data is about.
cnty_unit	Integer number.	ID number of the county containing the unit, as defined in the AUO.
sco_cnty	Text string (max.len.=28).	Name of the county containing the unit.
g_unit	Integer number.	ID number of the reporting unit, as defined in the AUO. Identical to cnty_unit for rows which are county totals.
sco_par	Text string (max.len.=44).	Name of the parish. "TOTAL" for county totals.
par_num	Integer number.	Number of the parish within the county, as listed in the original report.
cen_pop	Integer number.	Population from the last available Census (All years).
tot_pauper	Integer number.	Number of Poor of all classes relieved on: 14th (1881-95) / 15th (1896 on) May : Paupers (All years).
tot_depend	Integer number.	Number of Poor of all classes relieved : 14th (1881-95) / 15th (1896 on) May : Dependants (All years).
tot_pauper_mean	Integer number.	Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Mean of the three preceding periods: Paupers (1881-95).
tot_depend_mean	Integer number.	Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Mean of the three preceding periods: Dependants (1881-95).
casual_pauper	Integer number.	Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Casual Poor: Paupers (1881-91). In 1881-91 there was additional information for January and September, that data is not retained here.
casual_depend	Integer number.	Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Dependants (1861-92). In 1881-91 there was additional information for January and September, that data is not retained here.
sane_pauper_in	Integer number.	Included in preceding Column of Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Sane Poor: In poorhouses: Paupers (1896 onwards). N.B. In 1910 and earlier "Ordinary" rather than "Sane" was used.
sane_depend_in	Integer number.	Included in preceding Column of Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Sane Poor: In poorhouses: Dependants (1896 onwards).

sane_pauper_oth	Integer number.	Included in preceding Column of Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Sane Poor: All other Sane Poor: Paupers (1896 onwards).
sane_depend_oth	Integer number.	Included in preceding Column of Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Sane Poor: All other Sane Poor: Dependants (1896 onwards).
sane_pauper_tot	Integer number.	Included in preceding Column of Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Sane Poor: Total Sane Poor. Paupers (1896 onwards).
sane_depend_tot	Integer number.	Included in preceding Column of Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Sane Poor: Total Sane Poor. Dependants (1896 onwards).
lunatic_asylum	Integer number.	Lunatic Poor at 15th May: In Asylums and institutions for Imbeciles (1896 onwards).
lunatic_poorhouse	Integer number.	Lunatic Poor at 15th May: In Licenced Wards of Poorhouses (1896 onwards).
lunatic_private	Integer number.	Lunatic Poor at 15th May: In Private Dwellings (1896 onwards).
lunatic_tot	Integer number.	Lunatic Poor at 15th May: Total Lunatic Poor (All years).
child_orphan	Integer number.	Orphans (All years). (1911 additionally labelled these "Children who were not insane nor dependants of paupers" between the two parts of the label.)
child_deserted	Integer number.	Deserted Children (All years). (1911 additionally labelled these "Children who were not insane nor dependants of paupers" between the two parts of the label.)
child_sep	Integer number.	Included in preceding Column of Number of Poor of all classes relieved: Separated from Parents (1907 onwards). (Additionally labelled in table as "Children who were not insane nor dependants of paupers" between the two parts of the label.)
aged_male	Integer number.	Number of Ordinary Poor (excluding Lunatics) who were 65 years of age and upwards: Paupers: Males (1907 onwards).
aged_fem	Integer number.	Number of Ordinary Poor (excluding Lunatics) who were 65 years of age and upwards: Paupers: Females (1907 onwards).
aged_tot	Integer number.	Number of Ordinary Poor (excluding Lunatics) who were 65 years of age and upwards: Paupers: Total (1892 onwards). N.B. In 1892 "aged" is described as 60 years and upwards

aged_depend	Integer number.	Number of Ordinary Poor (excluding Lunatics) who were 65 years of age and upwards: Dependants (1892 onwards). N.B. In 1892 "aged" is described as 60 years and upwards
vag_tot	Integer number.	Vagrants at 15th May: Paupers (1892-1906). In 1892-5 there was additional information for January and September, that data is not retained here.
vag_depend	Integer number.	Vagrants at 15th May: Dependants (1892-1906). In 1892-5 there was additional information for January and September, that data is not retained here.
rec_num	Integer number.	Serial number added on loading, keeping the data in their original order.