

Table 12: Causes of Poverty in York, 1936 and 1950.

<i>Cause of Poverty</i>	<i>Percentage 1936</i>	<i>Percentage 1950</i>
Unemployment of chief wage earner	28.6	Nil
Inadequate wages of earners in regular employment	32.8	1.0
Inadequate earnings of other workers	9.5	Nil
Old Age	14.7	68.1
Death of chief wage earner	7.8	6.4
Sickness	4.1	21.3
Miscellaneous	2.5	3.2

Source: Rowntree and Lavers, Poverty and the Welfare State, p.35