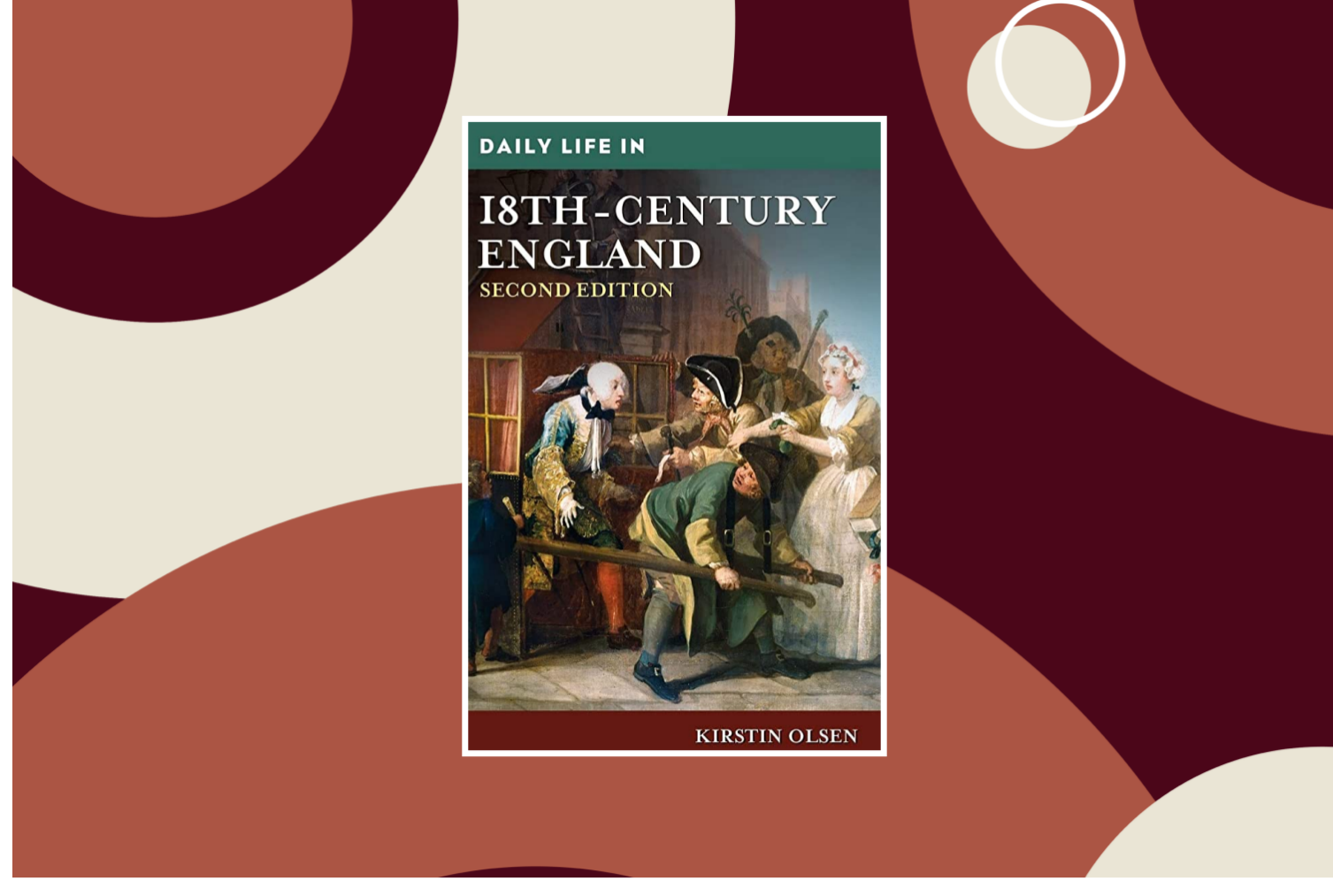


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## Grim Old Days: Kirstin Olsen’s Daily Life in 18th-Century England

The latest installment of [The Grim Old Days](#), our managing editor Chelsea Follett’s project to deromanticize the past, explores life before and during the earliest stages of the Industrial Revolution.

Despite the rapid changes soon to be underway, historical accounts from 18th-century England portray a world of sickness, ignorance, and routine cruelty.

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## Freedom from Climate-Related Death Risk

Adjusted for population, climate-related deaths have fallen 99.38 percent over the last century.

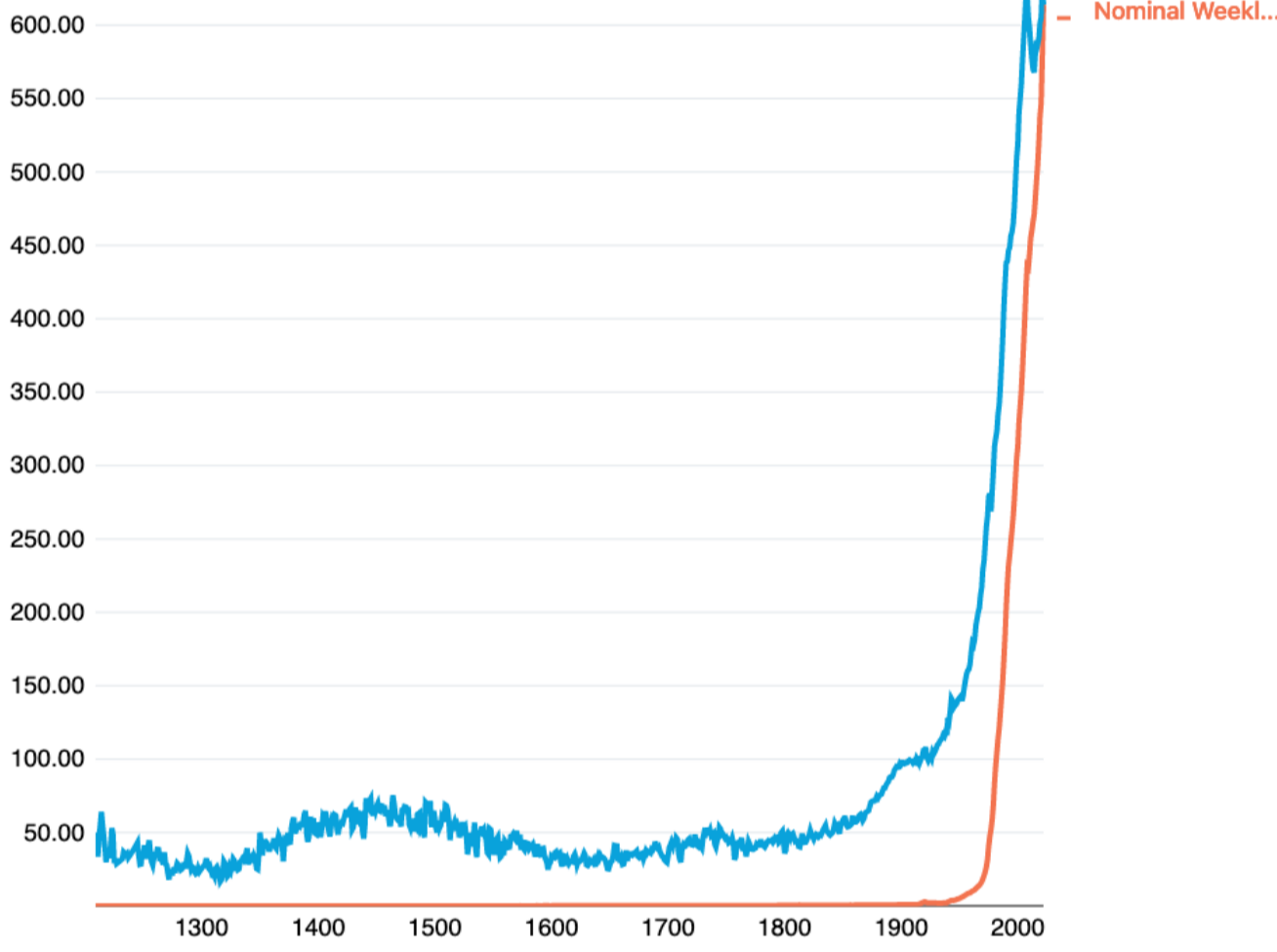
For every person who dies a climate-related death today, there were over 160 who died in the 1920s.



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## Nominal and real weekly earnings per person in the UK

Average (1209–2022)



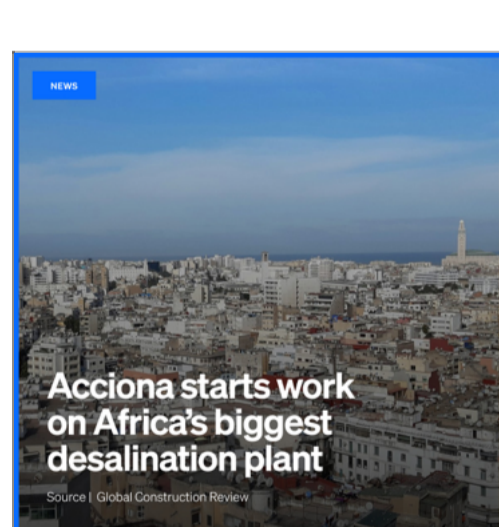
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Life in 18th century England had much more in common with life in the 13th century than life today.

For example, real weekly earnings in 1800 were roughly the same as they were in 1201. But by the year 2000, earnings had grown by a factor of ten.

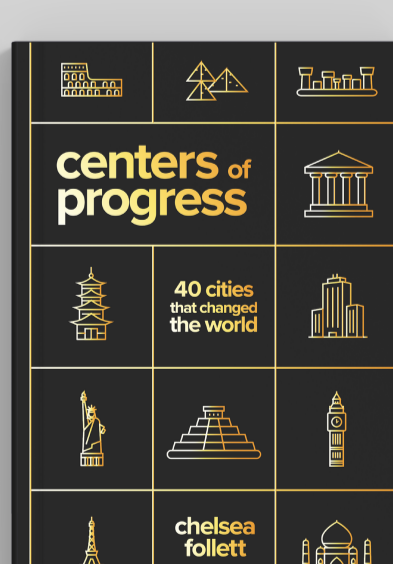
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