

Construction of the rail network in Britain, 1830-1900

| | kilometers | annual compounding growth (%) |
|------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 1830 | 157 | |
| 1840 | 2,390 | 28.1 |
| 1850 | 9,797 | 13.7 |
| 1860 | 14,603 | 3.7 |
| 1871 | 21,558 | 3.6 |
| 1880 | 26,060 | 1.4 |
| 1890 | 27,827 | 1 |
| 1900 | 30,079 | 0.7 |

Growth of railway services in Britain, 1842-1900 (millions)

| | Passengers (numbers) | Freight (tons) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1842 | 24.7 | 5 to 6 |
| 1850 | 72.9 | 38 |
| 1860 | 153.5 | 88 |
| 1870 | 322.2 | 167 |
| 1880 | 596.6 | 232 |
| 1890 | 796.3 | 299 |
| 1900 | 1,114.60 | 420 |
| Annual compound growth rate (%) | 6.7 | 7.6 |

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