

Rail Fares

Until the mid-1960s rail fares were based simply on distance travelled and costed in old pence, d, (240d = £1). The third class rate was defined by statute in 1844 as 1d per mile, which obtained until 1914. (Rates in the highly inflationary period c.1921 have not been established, when the £ was devalued by about 40 per cent when compared to 1914). Distances were given in public timetables, and in Bradshaw, throughout the latter's existence (1839-1961). A corresponding first class fare varied from 2 to 1.5 times the third class rate. From 1968 fare structures became much more complex and determined by the *Selective Fares Manual*, of which an extensive but not complete sequence is held by the NRM and which can be consulted on request. *No record is held of season ticket rates, eg for commuting purposes.*

Period	Rate/mile 3 rd class	Cost/100 miles 3 rd class	1 st /3 rd class ratio	Cost/100 miles 1 st class
Pre-1914	1d	8s 4d 42p	Nearly 2:1	16s 80p
1928-1933	1½d	12s 6d 63p	1.67:1	£1 0s 4p £1.04
1938-1946	1.575d	13s 1½d 66p	1.67:1	£1 9s 10d £1.49
1949	2½d	£1 0s 10d £1.04	1.6:1	£1 13s 4d £1.66
1953-1959	1¾d	14s 7d 73p	1.5:1	£1 1s 10½d £1.09
1960	2d+	17s 0d 85d	1.5:1	£1 5s 6d £1.33
1961	2½d	£1 0s 10d £1.04	1.5:1	£1 11s 3d £1.66
1962-1964	3d	£1 5s £1.25	1.5:1	£1 17s 6d £1.88
1966-1967	3¾d	£1 7s £1.35	1.5:1	£2 0s 6d £2.03
1968-	Not applicable	-	Not applicable	-

NB 3rd class was re-designated 2nd class in 1956, which more recently was further restyled standard class.