



## Railways: fares statistics

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Rail fares are greater, in real terms, than they were near the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. In January 2013 fares across all operators are 23% higher than they were in January 1995. Prices have risen fastest amongst long distance operators.

In 2014 regulated fares will be allowed to rise, on average, by inflation. Between 2004 and 2013 real terms increases in regulated fares were allowed.

Passenger revenues have increased significantly since privatisation, and in 2012/13 totalled £7.7bn, roughly 150% greater, in real terms, than in 1994/95.

Fares policy is discussed in the note [Railways: fares](#) (SN/BT/1904).

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## 1 Introduction

This introduction provides some key definitions. The Note [Railways: fares](#) discusses fares policy in detail.

Around 45% of fares on National Rail are subject to regulation; the remainder are unregulated. Regulated fares tend to be on commuter routes, where commuters have few practical alternatives to rail. Unregulated fares generally cover journeys where passengers have realistic alternatives to travelling by train and the market for transport is open to competition.

Regulated fares are allowed to increase up to a government determined annual cap. The cap is set with reference to increases in general prices, as measured by the Retail Prices Index (RPI) from July of the previous year. Fares are regulated through a ‘fares basket’ where the cap is applied to a revenue weighted average of the relevant fares for each Train Operating Company (TOC).

Unregulated fares are determined by TOCs: market competition and TOCs franchise agreements provide downward pressure on the fares that can be charged. Where a TOC believes the market will allow an increase in fares, changes can be made as long as the financial effect on the franchisee is neutral.

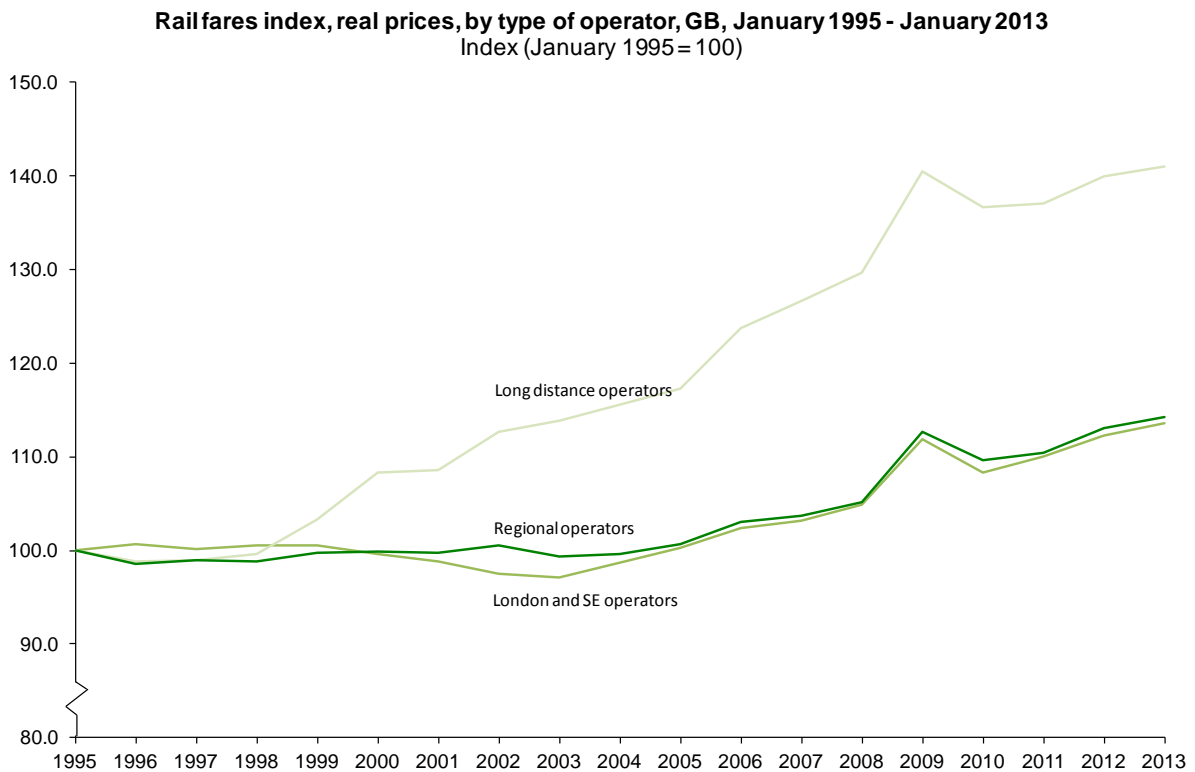
## 2 National rail fares

### 2.1 Index since 1995

Rail fares have increased, in real terms, since the early years of this century. In January 2013 fares across all operators are 23% higher than they were in January 1995; the average annual increase has been 1.2%.

Fares have increased fastest amongst long distance operators, with average annual real terms increases of 2% between January 1995 and January 2013. Over the same period an average annual increase of 0.8% and 0.7% was observed for regional and London & South East operators respectively.

Table A1 and Table A2 in the statistical appendix provide further data, broken down by operator type. These tables include figures for standard class regulated and unregulated fares up to 2010. Standard class regulated fares in 2010 were similar, in real terms, to fares in 1995. Unregulated standard class tickets increased by close to 30% over the same period.

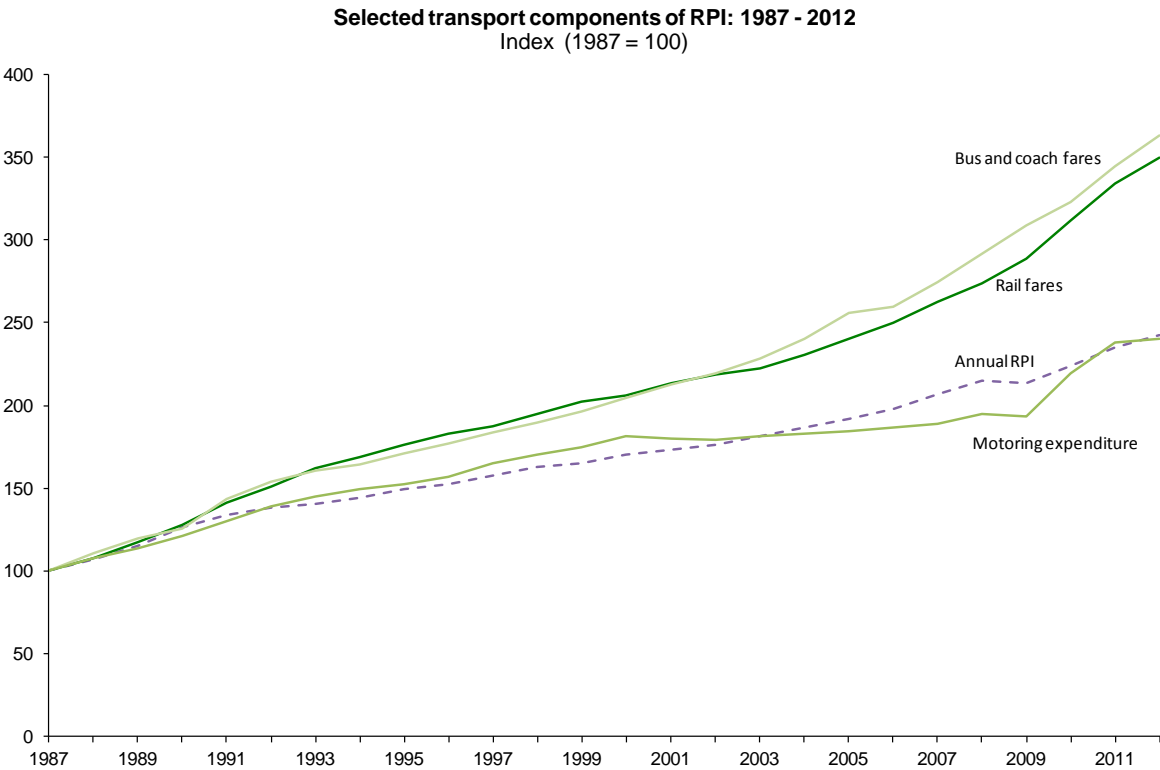


**2.2 Transport components of RPI since 1987**

Transport costs are included in the calculation of the Retail Price Index (RPI). Their inclusion allows for the changes in transport costs to be compared across modes. Rail fares in the RPI include fares on UK overground rail, but also: London transport Fares; Euro Tunnel fares; and other underground/metro fares.

Since the late 1980s rail fares have increased at a rate similar to that of bus and coach fares, faster than the overall price level and faster than overall motoring expenditure. Rail fares rose particularly quickly, compared to the overall price level, in the early 1990s.

Tables A3 and A4 provide further data in cash and real prices. These tables provide a breakdown of motoring expenditure and show that prices have changed at significantly different levels across different components of motoring expenditure. Over the period, petrol and oil prices have increased faster than rail fares.



**3 Regulated fares cap**

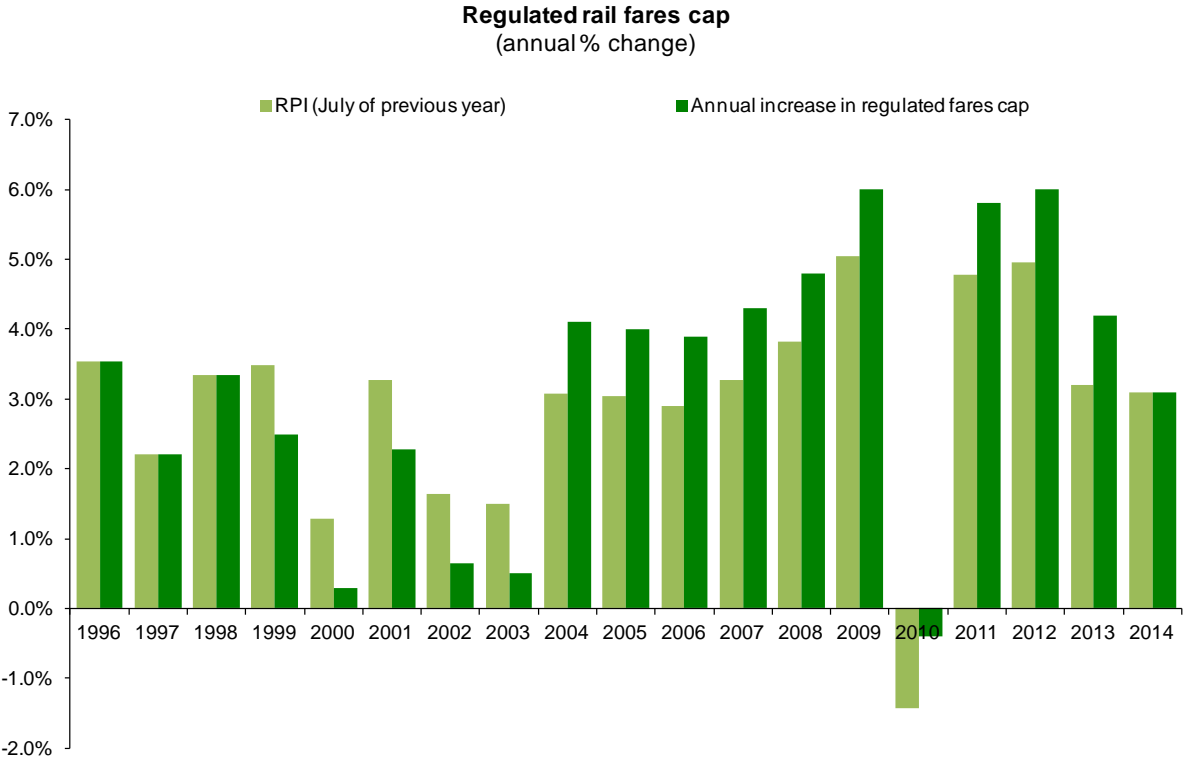
A new Government policy for determining increases in regulated fares was introduced in 2004. The policy means that regulated fares have a maximum % increase set by an annually determined cap. The cap for 2014 will be set equal to July 2013's RPI of 3.1%.

Individual regulated fares may increase at a greater rate than the cap. In the majority of years since 2004 TOCs have had some flexibility about changes made to regulated fares on individual routes. In 2014, TOCs will be able to increase individual regulated fares by up to 2% points above the cap for the year, provided that the basket of fares remains within the cap level.

Between 2004 and 2013 regulated fares were capped at RPI+1% point, and in the majority of years TOCs were allowed flexibility of 5% points.

Prior to 2004 fares were regulated by imposing a cap on increases over the price that was charged in June 1995; each year’s increase was compounded on top of previous years’ increases. For instance in 1996, 1997 and 1998 the annual increase in regulated fares was set equal to RPI; RPI for these years was: 3.5% (1996); 2.2% (1997); and, 3.3% (1998). Therefore regulated fares in 1997 could be up to 7.78% higher than they were in June 1995, and regulated fares in 1998 could be up to 9.27% higher than in June 1995.

Table A5 provides further data.



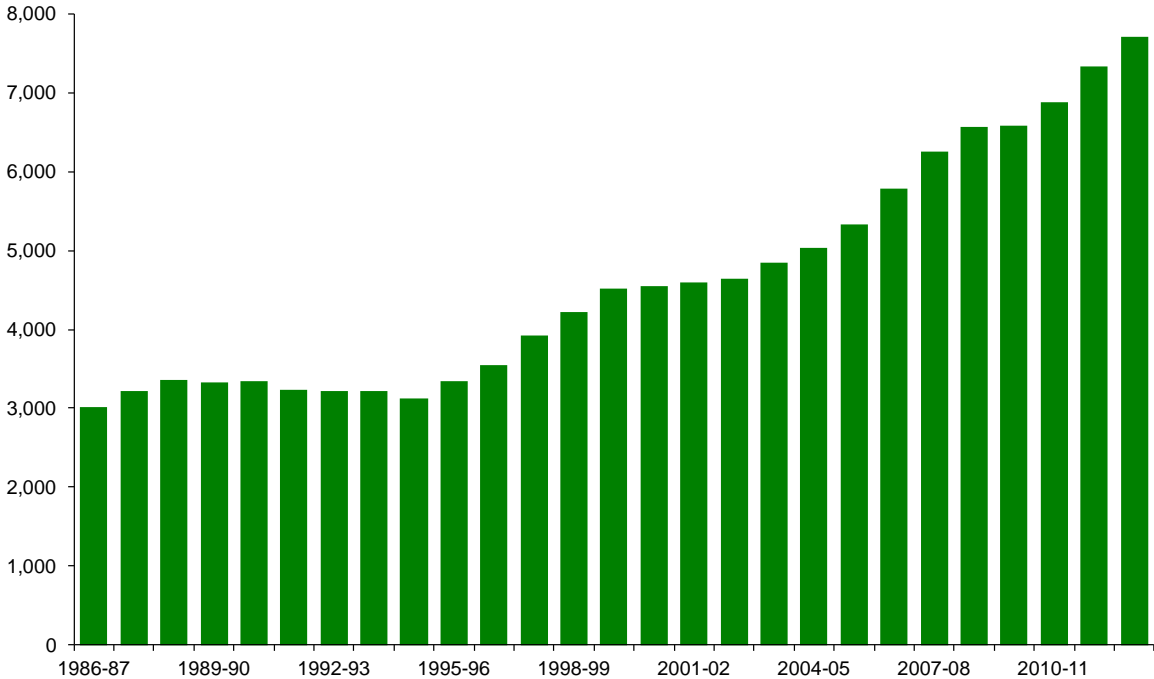
## 4 Passenger revenues

Passenger revenues have increased significantly since privatisation. In the years running up to privatisation of British Rail passenger revenues remained at just above £3 billion per year (2012/13 prices). Since privatisation usage of rail has increased substantially resulting in passenger revenue increasing, in real terms, by close to 150% between 1994/95 and 2012/13. Over the same period rail usage has increased by just over 100%.<sup>1</sup>

In 2011/12, 58% of rail industry income and subsidy came from fares income; the remainder came from the Government (32%) and other income (10%).<sup>2</sup> Government’s contribution to rail industry income and subsidy has decreased since 2006/07.<sup>3</sup>

Table A6 and the chart below show passenger revenue generated by franchised operators. Fares make up the majority of passenger revenues but other charges associated with passenger travel on national railways are also included.

**Total passenger revenue, real (2012/13) prices, Great Britain, 1986/87 - 2012/13**  
(£ million)



<sup>1</sup> The number of passenger journeys has increased by 104% between 1994/95 and 2012/13. Source: ORR Data portal

<sup>2</sup> ORR. *GB rail industry financial information 2011/12*, April 2013

<sup>3</sup> *ibid*; DfT. *Realising the Potential of GB Rail, Final Independent Report of the Rail Value for Money Study: Detailed Report*, May 2011; ORR. *GB rail industry financial information 2010/11*, January 2012

## 5 Statistical Appendix

**Table A1: Rail fares index: average change in price of rail fares, cash prices, by type of operator, Great Britain, January 1995 - January 2013**

| Cash prices |                                   |                         |                    |               |                          |                            |                  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| January     | All tickets <sup>1</sup>          |                         |                    |               | Standard class regulated | Standard class unregulated | RPI <sup>2</sup> |
|             | London and SE operators           | Long distance operators | Regional operators | All Operators |                          |                            |                  |
|             | <i>(Index January 1995 = 100)</i> |                         |                    |               |                          |                            |                  |
| 1995        | 100                               | 100                     | 100                | 100           | 100                      | 100                        | 100              |
| 1996        | 103.6                             | 101.7                   | 101.4              | 102.6         | 102.9                    | 102.5                      | 102.9            |
| 1997        | 105.9                             | 104.6                   | 104.6              | 105.2         | 105.3                    | 105.3                      | 105.8            |
| 1998        | 109.8                             | 108.8                   | 108.0              | 109.2         | 108.9                    | 109.4                      | 109.2            |
| 1999        | 112.5                             | 115.6                   | 111.6              | 113.5         | 111.0                    | 114.6                      | 111.9            |
| 2000        | 113.7                             | 123.5                   | 113.9              | 117.2         | 111.2                    | 119.7                      | 114.1            |
| 2001        | 115.8                             | 127.3                   | 116.9              | 120.1         | 111.7                    | 123.7                      | 117.2            |
| 2002        | 115.7                             | 133.8                   | 119.3              | 122.5         | 111.9                    | 127.3                      | 118.7            |
| 2003        | 118.6                             | 139.2                   | 121.3              | 126.2         | 114.1                    | 131.5                      | 122.2            |
| 2004        | 123.8                             | 145.0                   | 125.0              | 131.3         | 118.7                    | 136.8                      | 125.4            |
| 2005        | 129.8                             | 151.8                   | 130.2              | 137.5         | 124.0                    | 143.4                      | 129.4            |
| 2006        | 135.7                             | 164.0                   | 136.6              | 145.5         | 129.1                    | 153.3                      | 132.5            |
| 2007        | 142.5                             | 174.9                   | 143.3              | 153.6         | 135.2                    | 162.0                      | 138.1            |
| 2008        | 150.8                             | 186.4                   | 151.1              | 163.0         | 142.0                    | 174.3                      | 143.8            |
| 2009        | 161.0                             | 202.1                   | 162.1              | 175.3         | 150.6                    | 188.9                      | 143.9            |
| 2010        | 161.7                             | 203.9                   | 163.5              | 176.5         | 150.0                    | 191.5                      | 149.2            |
| 2011        | 172.5                             | 214.9                   | 173.1              | 187.1         | ...                      | ...                        | 156.8            |
| 2012        | 183.0                             | 228.0                   | 184.2              | 198.6         | ...                      | ...                        | 163.0            |
| 2013        | 191.1                             | 237.3                   | 192.4              | 207.1         | ...                      | ...                        | 168.3            |
|             | <i>annual % change</i>            |                         |                    |               |                          |                            |                  |
| 1996        | 3.6%                              | 1.7%                    | 1.4%               | 2.6%          | 2.9%                     | 2.5%                       | 2.9%             |
| 1997        | 2.2%                              | 2.9%                    | 3.1%               | 2.6%          | 2.3%                     | 2.7%                       | 2.8%             |
| 1998        | 3.7%                              | 4.0%                    | 3.3%               | 3.8%          | 3.4%                     | 4.0%                       | 3.3%             |
| 1999        | 2.4%                              | 6.2%                    | 3.3%               | 3.9%          | 1.9%                     | 4.8%                       | 2.4%             |
| 2000        | 1.1%                              | 6.8%                    | 2.1%               | 3.3%          | 0.2%                     | 4.4%                       | 2.0%             |
| 2001        | 1.9%                              | 3.0%                    | 2.6%               | 2.4%          | 0.5%                     | 3.4%                       | 2.7%             |
| 2002        | -0.1%                             | 5.1%                    | 2.0%               | 2.0%          | 0.1%                     | 2.8%                       | 1.3%             |
| 2003        | 2.5%                              | 4.1%                    | 1.7%               | 3.0%          | 2.0%                     | 3.3%                       | 2.9%             |
| 2004        | 4.4%                              | 4.2%                    | 3.0%               | 4.1%          | 4.0%                     | 4.0%                       | 2.6%             |
| 2005        | 4.8%                              | 4.7%                    | 4.2%               | 4.7%          | 4.4%                     | 4.8%                       | 3.2%             |
| 2006        | 4.6%                              | 8.0%                    | 4.9%               | 5.8%          | 4.1%                     | 6.9%                       | 2.4%             |
| 2007        | 5.0%                              | 6.7%                    | 4.9%               | 5.5%          | 4.7%                     | 5.7%                       | 4.2%             |
| 2008        | 5.9%                              | 6.6%                    | 5.5%               | 6.1%          | 5.1%                     | 7.6%                       | 4.1%             |
| 2009        | 6.8%                              | 8.4%                    | 7.2%               | 7.6%          | 6.0%                     | 8.4%                       | 0.1%             |
| 2010        | 0.4%                              | 0.9%                    | 0.9%               | 0.7%          | -0.4%                    | 1.4%                       | 3.7%             |
| 2011        | 6.7%                              | 5.4%                    | 5.9%               | 6.0%          | ...                      | ...                        | 5.1%             |
| 2012        | 6.1%                              | 6.1%                    | 6.4%               | 6.1%          | ...                      | ...                        | 3.9%             |
| 2013        | 4.4%                              | 4.1%                    | 4.4%               | 4.3%          |                          |                            | 3.3%             |

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Rail Fares Index includes franchised and open access operators.

<sup>2</sup> RPI is for January of each year

Source:

Office for Rail Regulation, Data portal

Office for Rail Regulation, *National Rail Trends 2010/11*, and previous editions

**Table A2: Rail fares index: average change in price of rail fares, real (January 2013) prices, by type of operator, Great Britain, January 1995 - January 2013**

Real (January 2013)<sup>1</sup> prices

| January                           | All tickets <sup>2</sup> |                         |                    |               | Standard class regulated | Standard class unregulated |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                   | London and SE operators  | Long distance operators | Regional operators | All Operators |                          |                            |
| <i>(Index January 1995 = 100)</i> |                          |                         |                    |               |                          |                            |
| 1995                              | 100.0                    | 100.0                   | 100.0              | 100.0         | 100.0                    | 100.0                      |
| 1996                              | 100.7                    | 98.8                    | 98.5               | 99.7          | 100.0                    | 99.6                       |
| 1997                              | 100.1                    | 98.9                    | 98.9               | 99.5          | 99.6                     | 99.5                       |
| 1998                              | 100.5                    | 99.6                    | 98.9               | 100.0         | 99.7                     | 100.2                      |
| 1999                              | 100.5                    | 103.3                   | 99.7               | 101.4         | 99.2                     | 102.4                      |
| 2000                              | 99.6                     | 108.3                   | 99.8               | 102.7         | 97.5                     | 104.9                      |
| 2001                              | 98.9                     | 108.6                   | 99.8               | 102.5         | 95.3                     | 105.6                      |
| 2002                              | 97.5                     | 112.7                   | 100.5              | 103.2         | 94.3                     | 107.2                      |
| 2003                              | 97.1                     | 113.9                   | 99.3               | 103.2         | 93.4                     | 107.6                      |
| 2004                              | 98.7                     | 115.6                   | 99.6               | 104.7         | 94.6                     | 109.1                      |
| 2005                              | 100.3                    | 117.3                   | 100.6              | 106.2         | 95.8                     | 110.8                      |
| 2006                              | 102.4                    | 123.8                   | 103.1              | 109.8         | 97.4                     | 115.6                      |
| 2007                              | 103.2                    | 126.7                   | 103.7              | 111.2         | 97.9                     | 117.3                      |
| 2008                              | 104.9                    | 129.7                   | 105.1              | 113.4         | 98.8                     | 121.3                      |
| 2009                              | 111.9                    | 140.4                   | 112.6              | 121.8         | 104.7                    | 131.3                      |
| 2010                              | 108.4                    | 136.6                   | 109.6              | 118.3         | 100.5                    | 128.3                      |
| 2011                              | 110.0                    | 137.0                   | 110.4              | 119.3         | ...                      | ...                        |
| 2012                              | 112.3                    | 139.9                   | 113.0              | 121.9         | ...                      | ...                        |
| 2013                              | 113.5                    | 141.0                   | 114.3              | 123.0         | ...                      | ...                        |
| <i>annual % change</i>            |                          |                         |                    |               |                          |                            |
| 1996                              | 0.7%                     | -1.2%                   | -1.5%              | -0.3%         | 0.0%                     | -0.4%                      |
| 1997                              | -0.5%                    | 0.1%                    | 0.3%               | -0.2%         | -0.4%                    | -0.1%                      |
| 1998                              | 0.4%                     | 0.7%                    | 0.0%               | 0.4%          | 0.1%                     | 0.6%                       |
| 1999                              | 0.0%                     | 3.7%                    | 0.9%               | 1.4%          | -0.5%                    | 2.3%                       |
| 2000                              | -0.9%                    | 4.8%                    | 0.1%               | 1.3%          | -1.8%                    | 2.4%                       |
| 2001                              | -0.8%                    | 0.3%                    | -0.1%              | -0.3%         | -2.2%                    | 0.7%                       |
| 2002                              | -1.4%                    | 3.7%                    | 0.7%               | 0.7%          | -1.1%                    | 1.5%                       |
| 2003                              | -0.4%                    | 1.1%                    | -1.2%              | 0.0%          | -0.9%                    | 0.4%                       |
| 2004                              | 1.7%                     | 1.5%                    | 0.4%               | 1.4%          | 1.3%                     | 1.4%                       |
| 2005                              | 1.6%                     | 1.5%                    | 1.0%               | 1.5%          | 1.2%                     | 1.6%                       |
| 2006                              | 2.1%                     | 5.5%                    | 2.4%               | 3.4%          | 1.7%                     | 4.4%                       |
| 2007                              | 0.7%                     | 2.4%                    | 0.6%               | 1.3%          | 0.5%                     | 1.4%                       |
| 2008                              | 1.7%                     | 2.4%                    | 1.3%               | 2.0%          | 0.9%                     | 3.4%                       |
| 2009                              | 6.7%                     | 8.3%                    | 7.1%               | 7.5%          | 5.9%                     | 8.3%                       |
| 2010                              | -3.1%                    | -2.7%                   | -2.7%              | -2.9%         | -4.0%                    | -2.3%                      |
| 2011                              | 1.5%                     | 0.3%                    | 0.7%               | 0.9%          | ...                      | ...                        |
| 2012                              | 2.1%                     | 2.1%                    | 2.4%               | 2.1%          | ...                      | ...                        |
| 2013                              | 1.1%                     | 0.8%                    | 1.1%               | 1.0%          | ...                      | ...                        |

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted using RPI

<sup>2</sup> Rail Fares Index includes franchised and open access operators.

Sources:

Office for Rail Regulation, Data portal

Office for Rail Regulation, *National Rail Trends 2010/11*, and previous editions



**Table A3: Retail prices index, transport components, cash prices, 1987 – 2012**

Cash prices. Index 1987 = 100

|      | Rail fares | Bus and coach fares | Motoring expenditure                  |                            |                               |                |                           | RPI   |
|------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------|
|      |            |                     | All motoring expenditure <sup>1</sup> | Purchase of motor vehicles | Maintenance of motor vehicles | Petrol and oil | Vehicle tax and insurance |       |
| 1987 | 100        | 100                 | 100                                   | 100                        | 100                           | 100            | 100                       | 100   |
| 1988 | 107.6      | 110.6               | 108.1                                 | 111.1                      | 109.3                         | 99.8           | 114.7                     | 106.9 |
| 1989 | 117.4      | 119.3               | 114.0                                 | 115.1                      | 116.1                         | 106.9          | 123.2                     | 115.2 |
| 1990 | 127.7      | 125.9               | 120.9                                 | 117.4                      | 127.9                         | 119.5          | 128.2                     | 126.1 |
| 1991 | 141.0      | 143.6               | 129.9                                 | 123.1                      | 142.2                         | 128.4          | 142.8                     | 133.5 |
| 1992 | 151.3      | 153.7               | 138.7                                 | 129.4                      | 153.4                         | 132.1          | 167.4                     | 138.5 |
| 1993 | 161.9      | 160.4               | 144.7                                 | 128.1                      | 162.4                         | 142.6          | 189.1                     | 140.7 |
| 1994 | 169.1      | 164.6               | 149.7                                 | 131.5                      | 166.4                         | 149.1          | 197.7                     | 144.1 |
| 1995 | 176.6      | 170.7               | 152.4                                 | 133.6                      | 169.6                         | 156.8          | 192.7                     | 149.1 |
| 1996 | 183.2      | 177.1               | 157.0                                 | 138.0                      | 177.3                         | 164.7          | 186.4                     | 152.7 |
| 1997 | 187.5      | 183.4               | 165.3                                 | 141.3                      | 186.9                         | 181.1          | 194.1                     | 157.5 |
| 1998 | 195.2      | 189.4               | 170.5                                 | 139.8                      | 194.6                         | 190.1          | 211.1                     | 162.9 |
| 1999 | 202.3      | 196.3               | 174.6                                 | 133.8                      | 202.2                         | 206.1          | 228.3                     | 165.4 |
| 2000 | 205.8      | 204.2               | 181.3                                 | 126.6                      | 210.6                         | 233.2          | 252.7                     | 170.3 |
| 2001 | 213.7      | 212.8               | 180.3                                 | 124.8                      | 220.9                         | 221.3          | 265.9                     | 173.3 |
| 2002 | 218.6      | 219.3               | 178.9                                 | 122.3                      | 232.3                         | 214.3          | 270.0                     | 176.2 |
| 2003 | 222.3      | 228.5               | 181.2                                 | 118.9                      | 246.2                         | 222.0          | 281.7                     | 181.3 |
| 2004 | 230.8      | 240.2               | 183.0                                 | 115.2                      | 261.1                         | 234.4          | 283.0                     | 186.7 |
| 2005 | 240.1      | 256.1               | 184.2                                 | 109.2                      | 277.0                         | 255.0          | 279.3                     | 192.0 |
| 2006 | 249.7      | 259.7               | 186.9                                 | 106.2                      | 293.9                         | 269.0          | 282.9                     | 198.1 |
| 2007 | 262.5      | 274.5               | 189.2                                 | 103.4                      | 309.0                         | 276.3          | 295.8                     | 206.6 |
| 2008 | 273.9      | 291.5               | 195.1                                 | 96.3                       | 327.2                         | 317.9          | 305.2                     | 214.8 |
| 2009 | 288.5      | 309.1               | 193.7                                 | 95.6                       | 340.6                         | 292.6          | 334.9                     | 213.7 |
| 2010 | 311.6      | 322.9               | 219.1                                 | 101.3                      | 356.6                         | 341.9          | 426.6                     | 223.6 |
| 2011 | 333.8      | 344.4               | 238.4                                 | 99.5                       | 374.2                         | 391.4          | 514.7                     | 235.2 |
| 2012 | 349.8      | 363.1               | 240.3                                 | 97.5                       | 381.1                         | 399.0          | 525.6                     | 242.7 |

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> The RPI all motoring expenditure includes purchase of a vehicle, maintenance, petrol and oil and tax and insurance.

Source:

ONS. Detailed CPI and RPI Reference Tables, January 2013

**Table A4: Retail prices index, transport components, real (2012) prices, 1987 - 2012**Real (2012) prices.<sup>1</sup> Index 1987 = 100

|      | Rail fares | Bus and coach fares | Motoring expenditure                  |                            |                               |                |                           |
|------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|      |            |                     | All motoring expenditure <sup>2</sup> | Purchase of motor vehicles | Maintenance of motor vehicles | Petrol and oil | Vehicle tax and insurance |
| 1987 | 100        | 100                 | 100                                   | 100                        | 100                           | 100            | 100                       |
| 1988 | 101        | 103                 | 101                                   | 104                        | 102                           | 93             | 107                       |
| 1989 | 102        | 104                 | 99                                    | 100                        | 101                           | 93             | 107                       |
| 1990 | 101        | 100                 | 96                                    | 93                         | 101                           | 95             | 102                       |
| 1991 | 106        | 108                 | 97                                    | 92                         | 107                           | 96             | 107                       |
| 1992 | 109        | 111                 | 100                                   | 93                         | 111                           | 95             | 121                       |
| 1993 | 115        | 114                 | 103                                   | 91                         | 115                           | 101            | 134                       |
| 1994 | 117        | 114                 | 104                                   | 91                         | 115                           | 103            | 137                       |
| 1995 | 118        | 114                 | 102                                   | 90                         | 114                           | 105            | 129                       |
| 1996 | 120        | 116                 | 103                                   | 90                         | 116                           | 108            | 122                       |
| 1997 | 119        | 116                 | 105                                   | 90                         | 119                           | 115            | 123                       |
| 1998 | 120        | 116                 | 105                                   | 86                         | 119                           | 117            | 130                       |
| 1999 | 122        | 119                 | 106                                   | 81                         | 122                           | 125            | 138                       |
| 2000 | 121        | 120                 | 106                                   | 74                         | 124                           | 137            | 148                       |
| 2001 | 123        | 123                 | 104                                   | 72                         | 127                           | 128            | 153                       |
| 2002 | 124        | 124                 | 102                                   | 69                         | 132                           | 122            | 153                       |
| 2003 | 123        | 126                 | 100                                   | 66                         | 136                           | 122            | 155                       |
| 2004 | 124        | 129                 | 98                                    | 62                         | 140                           | 126            | 152                       |
| 2005 | 125        | 133                 | 96                                    | 57                         | 144                           | 133            | 145                       |
| 2006 | 126        | 131                 | 94                                    | 54                         | 148                           | 136            | 143                       |
| 2007 | 127        | 133                 | 92                                    | 50                         | 150                           | 134            | 143                       |
| 2008 | 128        | 136                 | 91                                    | 45                         | 152                           | 148            | 142                       |
| 2009 | 135        | 145                 | 91                                    | 45                         | 159                           | 137            | 157                       |
| 2010 | 139        | 144                 | 98                                    | 45                         | 159                           | 153            | 191                       |
| 2011 | 142        | 146                 | 101                                   | 42                         | 159                           | 166            | 219                       |
| 2012 | 144        | 150                 | 99                                    | 40                         | 157                           | 164            | 217                       |

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted using RPI<sup>2</sup> The RPI all motoring expenditure includes purchase of a vehicle, maintenance, petrol and oil and tax and insurance.

Source:

ONS. Detailed CPI and RPI Reference Tables, January 2013

**Table A5: Regulated rail fares cap, Great Britain, 1996 - 2015**

|      | Annual increase <sup>1</sup> | RPI <sup>2</sup> | Pre-2004 increases     |  | Post-2004 increases |
|------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|
|      |                              |                  | Annual increase in cap | Cumulative increase level (on June 1995) | Annual level of cap |
| 1996 | RPI                          | 3.5%             | 3.5%                   | 3.5%                                     | ...                 |
| 1997 | RPI                          | 2.2%             | 2.2%                   | 5.8%                                     | ...                 |
| 1998 | RPI                          | 3.3%             | 3.3%                   | 9.3%                                     | ...                 |
| 1999 | RPI - 1                      | 3.5%             | 2.5%                   | 12.0%                                    | ...                 |
| 2000 | RPI - 1                      | 1.3%             | 0.3%                   | 12.3%                                    | ...                 |
| 2001 | RPI - 1                      | 3.3%             | 2.3%                   | 14.9%                                    | ...                 |
| 2002 | RPI - 1                      | 1.6%             | 0.6%                   | 15.6%                                    | ...                 |
| 2003 | RPI - 1                      | 1.5%             | 0.5%                   | 16.2%                                    | ...                 |
| 2004 | RPI + 1                      | 3.1%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 4.1%                |
| 2005 | RPI + 1                      | 3.0%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 4.0%                |
| 2006 | RPI + 1                      | 2.9%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 3.9%                |
| 2007 | RPI + 1                      | 3.3%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 4.3%                |
| 2008 | RPI + 1                      | 3.8%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 4.8%                |
| 2009 | RPI + 1                      | 5.0%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 6.0%                |
| 2010 | RPI + 1                      | -1.4%            | ...                    | ...                                      | -0.4%               |
| 2011 | RPI + 1                      | 4.8%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 5.8%                |
| 2012 | RPI + 1                      | 5.0%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 6.0%                |
| 2013 | RPI + 1                      | 3.2%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 4.2%                |
| 2014 | RPI                          | 3.1%             | ...                    | ...                                      | 3.1%                |

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> The RPI used in setting the cap is the July RPI from the previous year.

<sup>2</sup> As at July of the previous year

Source:

ONS. *Consumer Prices Indices*

HM Treasury. *Spending Review 2010*

House of Commons Library, *Railways: fares* (SN/BT/1904), March 2012

DfT Press Release, *Reduced cap on rail fare rises*, 7 October 2012

**Table A6: Franchised passenger revenue, £ million, Great Britain, 1986/87 – 2012/13**

|                                    | Ordinary fares | Season tickets | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| <i>cash prices</i>                 |                |                |       |
| 1986/87                            | 1,047          | 395            | 1,443 |
| 1987/88                            | 1,168          | 454            | 1,622 |
| 1988/89                            | 1,291          | 512            | 1,803 |
| 1989/90                            | 1,357          | 550            | 1,907 |
| 1990/91                            | 1,483          | 574            | 2,057 |
| 1991/92                            | 1,514          | 603            | 2,117 |
| 1992/93                            | 1,551          | 603            | 2,154 |
| 1993/94                            | 1,577          | 616            | 2,193 |
| 1994/95                            | 1,559          | 611            | 2,170 |
| 1995/96                            | 1,720          | 660            | 2,380 |
| 1996/97                            | 1,870          | 702            | 2,572 |
| 1997/98                            | 2,048          | 773            | 2,821 |
| 1998/99                            | 2,242          | 847            | 3,089 |
| 1999/00                            | 2,463          | 905            | 3,368 |
| 2000/01                            | 2,463          | 950            | 3,413 |
| 2001/02                            | 2,585          | 964            | 3,548 |
| 2002/03                            | 2,693          | 970            | 3,663 |
| 2003/04                            | 2,890          | 1,011          | 3,901 |
| 2004/05                            | 3,088          | 1,071          | 4,158 |
| 2005/06                            | 3,323          | 1,170          | 4,493 |
| 2006/07                            | 3,714          | 1,298          | 5,012 |
| 2007/08                            | 4,120          | 1,434          | 5,555 |
| 2008/09                            | 4,443          | 1,561          | 6,004 |
| 2009/10                            | 4,608          | 1,571          | 6,179 |
| 2010/11                            | 4,965          | 1,654          | 6,620 |
| 2011/12                            | 5,447          | 1,782          | 7,229 |
| 2012/13                            | 5,816          | 1,890          | 7,707 |
| <i>real (2012/13 prices) terms</i> |                |                |       |
| 1986/87                            | 2,187          | 825            | 3,014 |
| 1987/88                            | 2,316          | 900            | 3,216 |
| 1988/89                            | 2,403          | 953            | 3,356 |
| 1989/90                            | 2,366          | 959            | 3,325 |
| 1990/91                            | 2,414          | 934            | 3,348 |
| 1991/92                            | 2,314          | 921            | 3,235 |
| 1992/93                            | 2,320          | 902            | 3,222 |
| 1993/94                            | 2,309          | 902            | 3,211 |
| 1994/95                            | 2,250          | 882            | 3,132 |
| 1995/96                            | 2,416          | 927            | 3,343 |
| 1996/97                            | 2,576          | 967            | 3,543 |
| 1997/98                            | 2,852          | 1,076          | 3,929 |
| 1998/99                            | 3,064          | 1,157          | 4,221 |
| 1999/00                            | 3,301          | 1,213          | 4,513 |
| 2000/01                            | 3,278          | 1,264          | 4,542 |
| 2001/02                            | 3,349          | 1,249          | 4,596 |
| 2002/03                            | 3,409          | 1,228          | 4,637 |
| 2003/04                            | 3,589          | 1,256          | 4,845 |
| 2004/05                            | 3,732          | 1,294          | 5,026 |
| 2005/06                            | 3,944          | 1,389          | 5,333 |
| 2006/07                            | 4,285          | 1,498          | 5,783 |
| 2007/08                            | 4,637          | 1,614          | 6,251 |
| 2008/09                            | 4,864          | 1,709          | 6,573 |
| 2009/10                            | 4,909          | 1,674          | 6,583 |
| 2010/11                            | 5,155          | 1,717          | 6,873 |
| 2011/12                            | 5,529          | 1,809          | 7,337 |
| 2012/13                            | 5,816          | 1,890          | 7,707 |

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