

<b>Date of Request:</b>	<b>Request and ORR's response</b>
28/01/08	<p><b>Request:</b></p> <p>Request for details of railway accidents and deaths that occurred on railways in the UK between 1968 and 2008, and also the date when the railways were privatised.</p> <p><b>ORR's response:</b></p> <p>The information is attached the spreadsheets below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spreadsheet listing all fatal train accidents involving five or more fatalities from 1915 to date.</li> <li>• Spreadsheet listing all train accidents from 1968 to 2006<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>• Details of all fatal accidents 1947 – 2006<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>Railway accidents are defined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) train accidents, i.e. accidents to trains and rolling stock;</li> <li>b) movement accidents, i.e. accidents to people caused by the movement of the railway vehicle but excluding those involved in train accidents e.g. people struck by trains.</li> <li>c) non- movement accidents, i.e. accidents to people on railway premises but not connected with the movement of railway vehicles e.g. slips, trips and falls;</li> <li>d) failures of rolling stock, track and structures of a type which can cause train accidents, e.g. broken rails.</li> </ol> <p>Accidents to people are further subdivided into accidents to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) passengers;</li> <li>b) railway employees including contractors;</li> <li>c) other persons e.g. level crossings users;</li> <li>d) occupants of road vehicles;</li> <li>e) trespassers and suicides.</li> </ol> <p>The request for railway accident data was considered to be far ranging, and we have included details which we think are most relevant to the request. Comprehensive railway accident data can be found in the Office of Rail Regulation HM Railway Inspectorate Annual Reports on Railway Safety. The reports covering 2000 – 2001 to 2006 are available on the our web site at <a href="http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/server/show/nav.1240">http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/server/show/nav.1240</a></p>

The Railways Archive website will also be of interest, containing various railway accident reports and detailed history of the development of railways in Great Britain - <http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/>

The Act that provided for privatisation of the railways was the Railways Act 1993, which came into force on 5 November 1993. But the process of selling off various parts of the railway and franchising the operation of train services took several years. The infrastructure was owned by Railtrack which became operational in April 1994 and a public limited company two years later. Passenger franchising began in February 1996 and continued throughout that year.

The information is attached below.

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1. Data for 2007 is currently being compiled.
2. Ditto

## FATAL TRAIN ACCIDENTS 5 OR MORE FATALITIES

YEAR	DATE	LOCATION	CATEGORY	TOTAL FATALITIES	PASSENGER	STAFF	OTHER	LINK TO REPORT
1915	01/01/1915	ILFORD STATION	COLLISION	10	10	0	0	
1915	22/05/1915	QUINTINSHILL	COLLISION	227	224*	3	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/BoT_Quin1915.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/BoT_Quin1915.pdf</a>
1915	14/08/1915	WEEDON	DERAILMENT	10	10	0	0	
1915	17/12/1915	ST BEDES JUNCTION	COLLISION	18	18	0	0	
1916	19/12/1916	KILTIMAGH	COLLISION	5	0	5	0	
1917	03/01/1917	QUEENSFERRY JUNCTION	COLLISION	12	12	0	0	
1918	19/01/1918	LITTLE SALKELD AND LAZONBY	DERAILMENT	7	7	0	0	
1920	17/07/1920	LOSTOCK JUNCTION	COLLISION	5	5	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Lostock1920.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Lostock1920.pdf</a>
1921	26/01/1921	ABERMULE	COLLISION	17	14	3	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/BoT_Abermule1921.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/BoT_Abermule1921.pdf</a>
1922	16/06/1922	SWANSEA HARBOUR (SWANSEA HARBOUR TR)	COLLISION	6	0	0	6	
1922	21/08/1922	MILTON RANGE HALT GRAVESEND	COLLISION	5	3	2	0	
1924	26/04/1924	EUSTON	COLLISION	5	5	0	0	
1924	28/07/1924	HAYMARKET	COLLISION	5	5	0	0	
1924	03/11/1924	LYTHAM	DERAILMENT	15	14	1	0	
1925	07/12/1925	FENNY STRATFORD LEVEL CROSSING	COLLISION WITH RV AT LC	9	0	0	9	
1926	19/11/1926	PARKGATE AND RAWMARSH	COLLISION	9	9	0	0	
1927	14/02/1927	WEST PARADE, HULL	COLLISION	12	12	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Hull1927.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Hull1927.pdf</a>
1927	24/08/1927	SEVENOAKS	DERAILMENT	13	13	0	0	
1928	27/06/1928	DARLINGTON	COLLISION	25	25	0	0	
1928	13/10/1928	CHARFIELD	COLLISION	16	15	1	0	
1931	22/03/1931	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	DERAILMENT	6	3	3	0	
1933	25/05/1933	RAYNES PARK	DERAILMENT	5	5	0	0	
1934	06/09/1934	PORT EGLINTON JUNCTION GLASGOW	COLLISION	9	6	3	0	
1934	28/09/1934	WINWICK JUNCTION	COLLISION	12	11	1	0	
1935	15/07/1935	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	COLLISION	14	13	1	0	
1936	19/01/1936	BARKESTON	COLLISION	8	0	8	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Barkston1936.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Barkston1936.pdf</a>
1937	02/04/1937	BATTERSEA PARK	COLLISION	10	8	2	0	
1937	10/12/1937	CASTLEARY	COLLISION	35	35	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_NortonFitzwarren1940.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_NortonFitzwarren1940.pdf</a>
1938	17/05/1938	CHARING CROSS (LONDON UNDERGROUND)	COLLISION	6	6	0	0	
1940	12/10/1940	WEMBLEY STATION	DERAILMENT	11	9	2	0	
1940	04/11/1940	NORTON FITZWARREN	DERAILMENT	27	26	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_NortonFitzwarren1940.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_NortonFitzwarren1940.pdf</a>
1941	10/02/1941	HAROLD WOOD/BRENTWOOD	COLLISION	7	7	0	0	
1941	28/04/1941	WESTBOROUGH	FIRE	6	6	0	0	
1941	02/07/1941	DOLPHIN JUNCTION	COLLISION	5	5	0	0	
1941	14/09/1941	HOLMES CHAPEL STATION	COLLISION	9	9	0	0	
1941	30/12/1941	ECCLES	COLLISION	23	23	0	0	
1942	30/01/1942	COWLAIRS	COLLISION	14	12	2	0	
1942	11/02/1942	BEIGHTON	RUNNING INTO OBSTRUCT	14	14	0	0	
1944	16/01/1944	ILFORD	COLLISION	9	9	0	0	
1945	19/04/1945	DALE LANE KIRKBY	COLLISION	5	0	5	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Kirkby1945.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Kirkby1945.pdf</a>
1945	30/09/1945	BOURNE END	DERAILMENT	43	41	2	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Bourne1945.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Bourne1945.pdf</a>
1946	01/01/1946	LITCHFIELD	COLLISION	20	20	0	0	
1947	09/08/1947	DONCASTER	COLLISION	18	18	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Doncaster1947.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Doncaster1947.pdf</a>
1947	24/10/1947	SOUTH CROYDON	COLLISION	32	31	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_SouthCroydon1947.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_SouthCroydon1947.pdf</a>
1947	26/10/1947	GOSWICK	DERAILMENT	28	27	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Goswick1947.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Goswick1947.pdf</a>
1948	17/04/1948	WINSFORD	COLLISION	24	24	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Winsford1948.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Winsford1948.pdf</a>
1951	16/03/1951	DONCASTER	DERAILMENT	14	14	0	0	
1951	21/09/1951	WEEDON	DERAILMENT	15	14	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Weedon1951.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Weedon1951.pdf</a>
1952	08/10/1952	HARROW & WEALDSTONE	COLLISION	112	108	4	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Harrow001.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Harrow001.pdf</a>
1955	23/01/1955	SUTTON COLDFIELD	DERAILMENT	17	14	3	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_SuttonColdfield1955.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_SuttonColdfield1955.pdf</a>
1957	04/12/1957	ST JOHNS LEWISHAM	COLLISION	90	89	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Lewisham1957.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Lewisham1957.pdf</a>
1962	26/12/1962	WINSFORD	COLLISION	18	18	0	0	
1967	05/11/1967	HITHER GREEN	DERAILMENT	49	49	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Hither1967.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Hither1967.pdf</a>
1968	06/01/1968	HIXON AHB LC	COLLISION WITH RV AT LC	11	8	3	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Hixon1968.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/MoT_Hixon1968.pdf</a>
1969	07/05/1969	MORPETH	DERAILMENT	6	5	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoE_Morpeth1969.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoE_Morpeth1969.pdf</a>
1972	11/06/1972	ELTHAM (WELL HALL) STATION	DERAILMENT	6	5	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoE_Eltham1972.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoE_Eltham1972.pdf</a>
1973	19/12/1973	WEST EALING	DERAILMENT	10	10	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoE_Ealing1973.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoE_Ealing1973.pdf</a>

1975	28/02/1975	MOORGATE	COLLISION	43	42	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoE_Moorgate1975.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoE_Moorgate1975.pdf</a>
1978	06/06/1978	TAUNTON	FIRE	12	12	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Taunton1978.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Taunton1978.pdf</a>
1979	16/04/1979	PAISLEY, GILMOUR STREET	COLLISION	7	5	2	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Paisley1979.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Paisley1979.pdf</a>
1984	30/07/1984	POLMONT	DERAILMENT	13	13	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Polmont1984.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Polmont1984.pdf</a>
1986	26/07/1986	LOCKINGTON	COLLISION WITH RV AT LC	9	8	0	1	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Lockington1986.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Lockington1986.pdf</a>
1988	12/12/1988	CLAPHAM JUNCTION	COLLISION	35	34	1	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Hidden001.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Hidden001.pdf</a>
1989	04/03/1989	PURLEY	COLLISION	5	5	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Purley1990.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/DoT-Purley1990.pdf</a>
1994	15/10/1994	COWDEN	COLLISION	5	2	3	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-Cowden1994.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-Cowden1994.pdf</a>
1997	19/09/1997	SOUTHALL	COLLISION	7	7	0	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-Southall1997.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-Southall1997.pdf</a>
1999	05/10/1999	LADBROKE GROVE	COLLISION	31	29	2	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-Lad_Cullen001.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-Lad_Cullen001.pdf</a>
2001	28/02/2001	GREAT HECK	COLLISION	10	6	4	0	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-HeckRep001.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-HeckRep001.pdf</a>
2002	10/05/2002	POTTERS BAR	DERAILMENT	7	6	0	1	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-PottersRep052003.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/HSE-PottersRep052003.pdf</a>
2004	06/11/2004	UFTON NEVERT AHB LC	COLLISION WITH RV AT LC	7	5	1	1 (Suicide)	<a href="http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/RSSB-Ufton001.pdf">http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk/documents/RSSB-Ufton001.pdf</a>

\* 215 were troops

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