

SOME DATA ON RAILROADS, 1860-1920

1. Railroad mileage by geographic sector, 1860-1920:

<u>Year</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Prairie</u>	<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Total</u>
1860	9,627	7,789	12,842	365	23	30,636
1870	14,400	9,712	21,893	4,330	2,550	52,885
1880	20,240	13,192	38,050	15,303	6,886	93,671
1890	25,197	25,346	56,786	38,433	17,819	163,581
1900	28,571	32,980	63,529	45,582	22,929	193,321
1910	30,233	44,740	70,105	62,584	32,752	240,414
1920	30,718	43,407	72,687	65,859	36,029	248,700

Source: Davis, Hughes, McDougall, American Economic History

2. Railroad net earnings, selected years, 1867-1890 (thousands of dollars):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Earnings</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
1867	\$105,300	1883	\$298,367
1873	183,811	1885	269,494
1875	185,506	1890	346,921
1880	255,558		

Source: Historical Statistics, Series Q 40.

3. Ton-miles of freight carried by 13 major railroads, 1865-1885, in billions of ton-miles:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Ton-Miles</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Ton-Miles</u>
1865	2.16	1876	8.74
1866	2.62	1877	8.75
1867	3.03	1878	10.68
1868	3.44	1879	13.07
1869	4.22	1880	14.48
1870	4.92	1881	16.06
1871	5.57	1882	16.23
1872	6.42	1883	17.09
1873	7.48	1884	16.81
1874	7.73	1885	17.83
1875	7.84		

Source: Historical Statistics, Series Q 32.

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