

Underground fact sheet

Central line

- When the first section of the Central line opened in 1900 it was nicknamed the 'Twopenny Tube' because the fare was two old pence (about 1p) to anywhere on the line
- The Central line holds the record for being the longest line on the London Underground
- It serves 49 stations
- Oxford Circus is the busiest station on the Central line with over 85 million passing through it every year

Bakerloo line

- When the Bakerloo line opened in 1906 it was called the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway
- Maida Vale was the first London station to have an all female staff when it opened in 1915
- Waterloo is the busiest station on the Bakerloo line
- The Bakerloo line is 20.9 kilometres long - that's 14 miles in length

East London line

- The East London line uses the oldest underwater tunnel in the world - the Thames tunnel between Wapping and Rotherhithe stations, which opened in 1843
- There are 9 stations on the East London line at present but there are plans for an extension to this line
- The line only stretches for 5 miles from White Chapel to New Cross or New Cross Gate

District line

- When the first section of the District line opened in 1868 the trains were powered by steam
- With 60 stations, the District line holds the record for the most stations on a London Underground line
- The District line carries nearly 570,000 passengers a day

Hammersmith and City line

- Liverpool Street is the Hammersmith and City line's busiest station
- There are 19 stations served by this line
- One of these stations is Baker Street that shares the record with Moorgate for having the most platforms on the Underground each having 10

Circle line

- The Circle line opened in 1884
- In the early days the Circle line trains were powered by steam
- It takes on average 1 hour to complete a round trip on the Circle line
- Victoria is the busiest tube station on the Circle line

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Jubilee line

- The Jubilee line is London Underground's newest line - the first section opened in 1979 and the extended line (from Green Park to Stratford) opened twenty years later in 1999
- It holds the record for the most number of escalators on the Underground - there are 118 escalators on the Jubilee Line Extension alone
- The trains on the extended Jubilee line can recycle energy by putting electricity back into the line as they brake

Metropolitan line

- The Metropolitan line was London's first Underground line
- The Metropolitan line's busiest station is King's Cross
- It holds the record for the longest distance between two stations - the distance from Chesham to Chalfont and Latimer is 6.26 kilometres (3.8 miles)

Northern line

- The Northern line holds the record for the longest escalator on the Underground - the escalator at Angel Station is 60 metres long
- It also holds the deepest station - Hampstead is 58.5 metres below ground level
- When the first section of the Northern line opened in 1890 it was called the City and South London Railway

Piccadilly line

- When it opened in 1906, the Piccadilly line was called the Great Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway
- The Piccadilly line holds the record for the shortest distance between two stations on the Underground - the distance between Leicester Square and Covent Garden is only 0.26 Kilometres (0.16 miles)
- There are four disused stations on the Piccadilly line between Caledonian Road and Osterley Stations

Victoria line

- The Victoria line opened in 1969
- It is 21.2 kilometres (13.25 miles) long
- During the three hour morning peak 34,000 people enter Victoria Tube station located on the Victoria line
- Trains run every 2 minutes during peak periods

Waterloo and City

- The Waterloo and City line is 1.5 miles long
- It only links Waterloo and Bank with no additional stops in between
- It offers a direct train link between Waterloo and the city of London and is mainly used in the morning by commuters