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## CYCLING: History of Cycling Road at the Olympic Games

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Introduction, key stages and evolution in the number of events from this discipline's beginnings to the present time.

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## Cycling road

### Introduction

Road cycling was on the programme of the Games of the I Olympiad in [Athens in 1896](#). It was absent from the next three editions, and returned at the Games of the V Olympiad in [Stockholm in 1912](#). Women's road cycling made its first appearance at the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in [Los Angeles in 1984](#).

### Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1894</b>: At the Paris Congress held in June, the wish to have cycling as part of the Olympic programme was expressed.</li></ul>
Women's entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1980</b>: At the 83<sup>rd</sup> IOC Session held in Moscow in July and August, it was decided to add a women's road cycling event to the programme of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984.</li></ul>

### Evolution in the number of events

- 1896: 1 event (men's)
- 1912-1980: 2 events (men's)
- 1984-1992: 3 events (2 men's and 1 women's)
- 1996-2016: 4 events (2 men's and 2 women's)

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## Men's events

Cycling road men	1896	1900	1904	1908	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	Total
Individual road race																													25
Team time trial																													18
Individual time trial																													6
<b>Number of events men</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	

## Women's events

Cycling road women	1896	1900	1904	1908	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	Total
Individual road race																													9
Individual time trial																													6
<b>Number of events women</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>

## Total

Cycling road	1896	1900	1904	1908	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	Total
<b>Number of events</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>

Grey column total = number of times on the programme