

The following excerpt shows some major tunnelling projects which were running in Germany during 2011:

- 19 km of double track high speed railway lines (250 to 300 km/h): between Karlsruhe and Basel; partly upgraded and partly replaced, integrating two major bored tunnel projects of 9 and 6 km respectively in length. Each tunnel consists of two parallel single tubes with about 10.5 m excavation diameter. Inauguration is planned for 2012 to improve the traffic connections between Northern and Southern Europe via Lötschberg and Gotthard base tunnels in Switzerland.
- 32 km double track tunnels on the new/upgraded high-speed line between Nuremberg and Erfurt and 31 km between Erfurt and Halle/Leipzig. These tunnels – like the majority of the tunnels for the DB high-speed routes – are mainly built by conventional means.

General details on tunnelling in Germany can be seen in the table below according to the latest statistics conducted by STUVA.

Tunnelling in Germany 2010/2011 [km]			
Type of tunnel	In operation	Under construction	Planned
Metro	660	33	40
Railway	492	97	175
Road	252	41	173
<b>total</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>388</b>