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Managing My Investments

Real investment returns in the UK (% per annum)

Period	Equities (Shares)	Bonds (Gilts)	Savings Accounts	Price Inflation (% per annum)	Events and Economic Background (primarily UK)
1903-13	3.3	-0.2	1.5	1.2	Period of economic stability.
1913-23	-1.3	-3.1	-1.5	5.1	First World War and post-war economic recovery.
1923-33	9.6	9.6	5.7	-2.1	The 1920s boom followed by the Great Depression.
1933-43	3.2	0.5	-2.4	3.4	Gradual economic recovery. Second World War and start of active government policies designed to manage economy.
1943-53	2.7	-2.4	-2.6	3.6	End of Second World War and post-war reconstruction.
1953-63	12.1	-1.7	1.2	3.0	Post-war very steady (generally) economic recovery.
1963-73	1.5	-3.7	0.5	6.1	'Stop-go' economic policies. Inflation starts to climb.

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1973-83	5.2	1.9	-1.3	13.3	Economic chaos. High inflation, high unemployment, low economic growth. Oil prices surge. Industrial disputes.
1983-93	12.9	7.6	5.7	5.0	Inflation falls. Deregulation of financial markets. Privatisation of public utilities. House prices rise and then fall.
1993-2003	3.2	4.6	3.1	2.6	Dot-com bubble (and burst). Period of strong growth in economy in personal debt.
2003-13	5.0	2.5	-0.5	3.3	2000s boom ends in global financial crisis. Economies struggle to recover and government borrowing soars.