



## Structure:

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- 4. Problems
- 5. Impact on Economy



"Rating agencies, or credit rating agencies, evaluate the creditworthiness of organisations that issue debt in public markets"

Financial Times Lexicon

## **History**

## 19th century:

- Railroad expansion
- Demand for credit increases
- Industrial companies issue bonds
- Henry Varnum Poor publishes "Manual of the Railroads of the United States" in 1868
- John Moody releases "Moody's Analyses of Railroad Investments" in 1909

