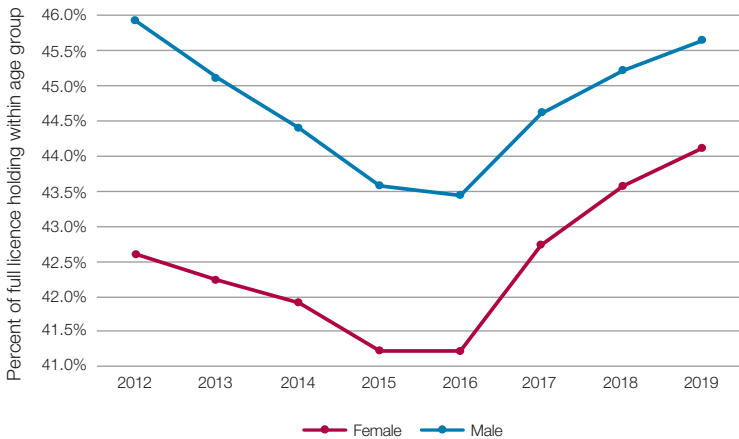




Young driver licence holding and safety

Young driver (17-24 years old) licence holding and safety, Great Britain

Young driver (17-24 years old) full licence holding¹



In 2020



1,456,949
full licences

↑ slightly up from

1,447,924 in 2019.

In 2020



1,329,467
full licences

↑ slightly up from

1,323,703 in 2019.

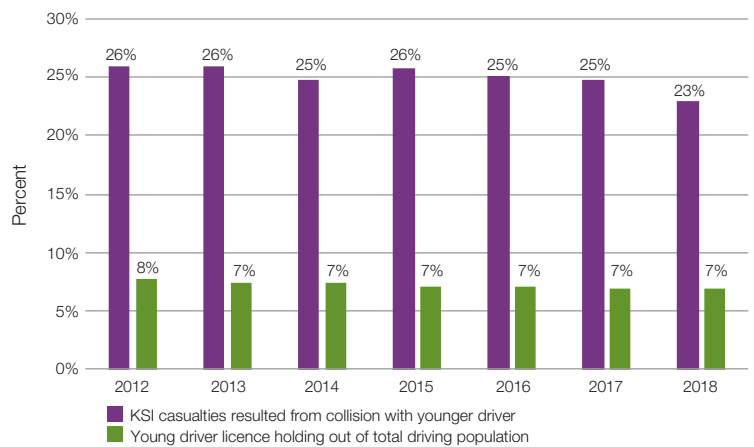


Young drivers made up **7%** of full licence holders in 2019

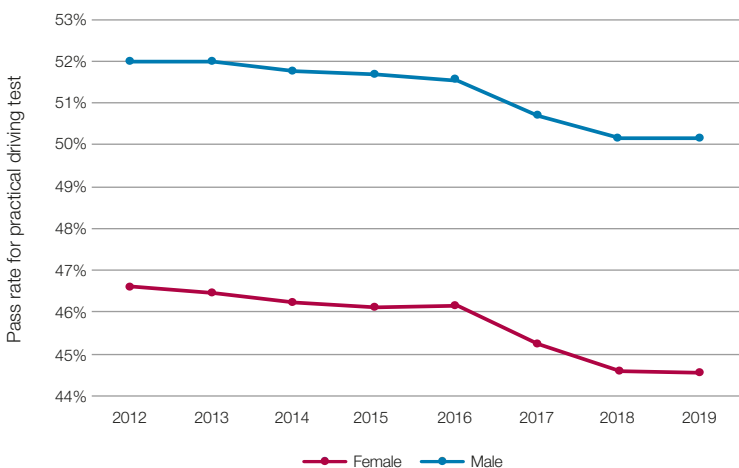
KSI casualties resulting from collisions involving young drivers and proportion of young driver licence holding²

An average of **26%** of KSI casualties resulted from a collision involving a young driver between 2012-14, this dropped to **24%** between 2016-18.

As of 2018, 17-24 year old driver involved collisions accounted for **6,274** KSI casualties down from **6,411** in 2012. Between 2012-2018, on average, males accounted for

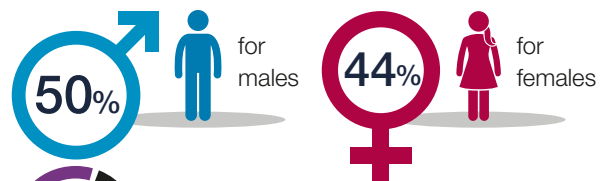


Young driver pass rates for the practical driving test³



The pass rate is **11%** higher for men than women across all years (2012-2019).

The average pass rate on the first attempt between 2012-2019 was



63% of all tests taken between 2012-2019 were by young drivers.

Between 2012-2019, on average, as a proportion of their age group females took slightly more than half of the total tests at **52%**.



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Notes and calculations

- 1 - This graph represents the number of licence holders (DVLA) as a proportion of the total population estimate provided by the ONS for the corresponding year and age range (17-24). All calculations in this section reflect the most recent data available as of July 2020, DVLA data spans the years 2012-2020, and ONS population data spans 2012-2019.
- 2 - This graph represents the number of KSI crashes (STATS19) that involved a young driver (aged 17-24) out of the total number of KSI crashes for the corresponding year. The second column represents the number of licence holders (DVLA) from the age range (17-24) out of the total number of licence holders for the corresponding year. All calculations in this section reflect the most recent data available as of July 2020, DfT Road Safety data spans the years 2012-2018, and DVLA data spans the years 2012-2020.
- 3 - This graph represents values taken directly from DVSA tables which were then summed by the age group of interest (17-24) for each gender's pass rates. All calculations in this section reflect the most recent data available as of July 2020, DVSA data tables DRT0202 and DRT0203 span the years 2012-2019.

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