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

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

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Pass rate for practical driving test

The average pass rate on the first attempt between 2012-2019 was 50% for males and 44% for females.

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

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.


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

In 2020, 1,456,949 full licences were held slightly up from 1,447,924 in 2019.

In 2020, 1,329,467 females held slightly up from 1,323,703 in 2019.


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

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

Sources

DfT Road Safety data (STATS19) (2018):
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DVLA driver licence data (2020):
https://data.gov.uk/dataset/d0be1ed2-9907-4ec4-b552-c0486a9c16a/gb-driving-licence-data

DVSA (2019), DRT0202
Practical car test pass rates by number of attempts, age and gender: Great Britain

DVSA (2019), DRT0203
Practical car test pass rates by gender and age of candidate: Great Britain

ONS population estimates (2019):
https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates