

United Kingdom

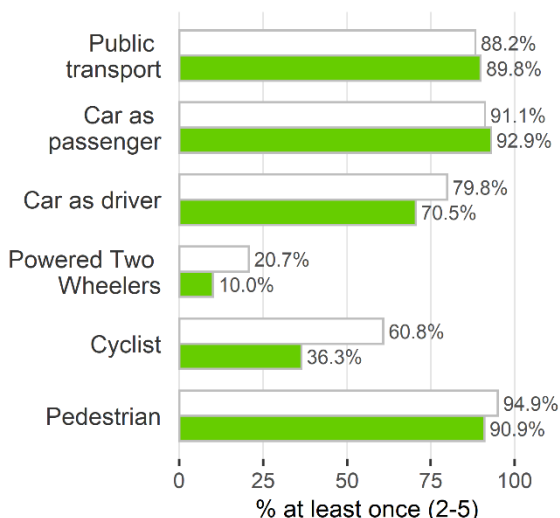
ESRA2 Country Fact Sheet

ESRA (E-Survey of Road Users' Attitudes) is a joint initiative of road safety institutes, research centres, public services, and private sponsors, from all over the world. The aim is to collect and analyse comparable data on road safety performance, in particular road safety culture and behaviour of road users. The ESRA data are used as a basis for a large set of road safety indicators. These provide scientific evidence for policy making at national and international levels. Vias institute in Brussels (Belgium) initiated and coordinates ESRA, in cooperation with eleven core group partners (BAST, BFU, CTL, IATSS, IFSTTAR, ITS, KfV, NTUA, PRP, SWOV, TIRF). At the heart of ESRA is a jointly developed questionnaire survey, which is translated into national language versions¹. The themes covered include: self-declared behaviour, attitudes and opinions on unsafe traffic behaviour, enforcement experiences and support for policy measures. The survey addresses different road safety topics (e.g. driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medicines, speeding, distraction) and targets car occupants, motorcycle and moped drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

This fact sheet contains the key results of the second edition of the ESRA survey, which was conducted simultaneously in 32 countries in 2018 and in 16 countries between 2019 and 2020. In total this online panel survey collected data from more than 45 000 road users (963 in the United Kingdom). An overview of the initiative and more results are available on www.esranet.eu. The following figures show a core set of variables in which the United Kingdom (**green**) is compared with the European ESRA2 mean² (white).

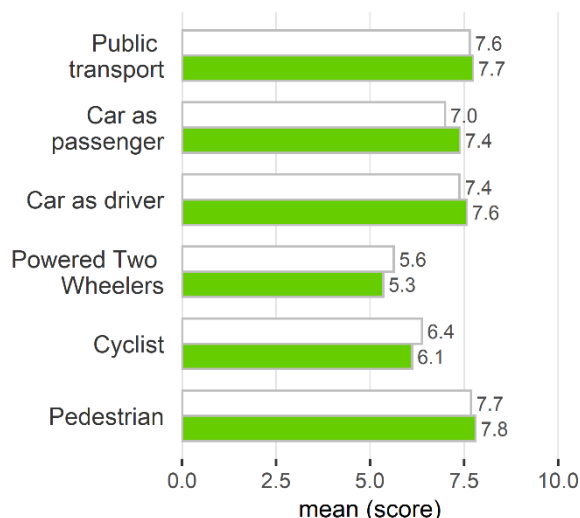
Mode of transportation

During the past 12 months, how often did you use the following transport modes (5-point scale from 1=never to 5=at least 4 days week)



Safety feeling

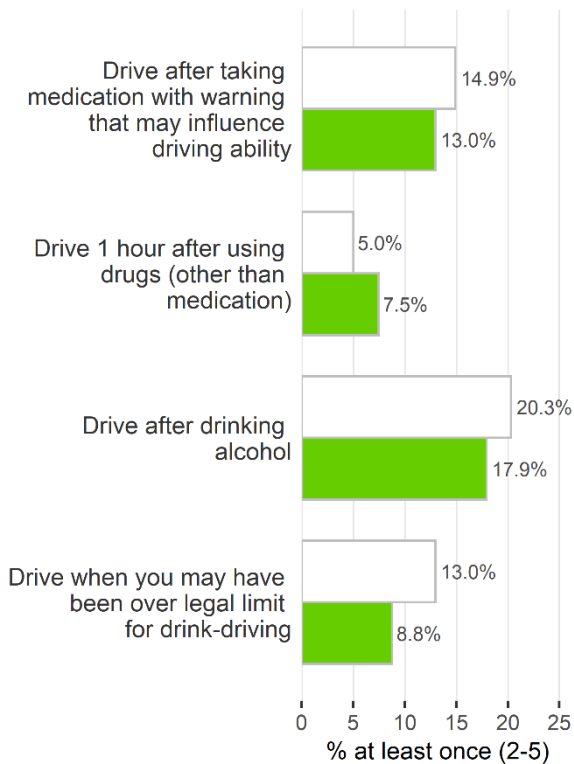
How safe or unsafe do you feel when using the following transport modes (11-point scale from 0=very unsafe to 10=very safe)



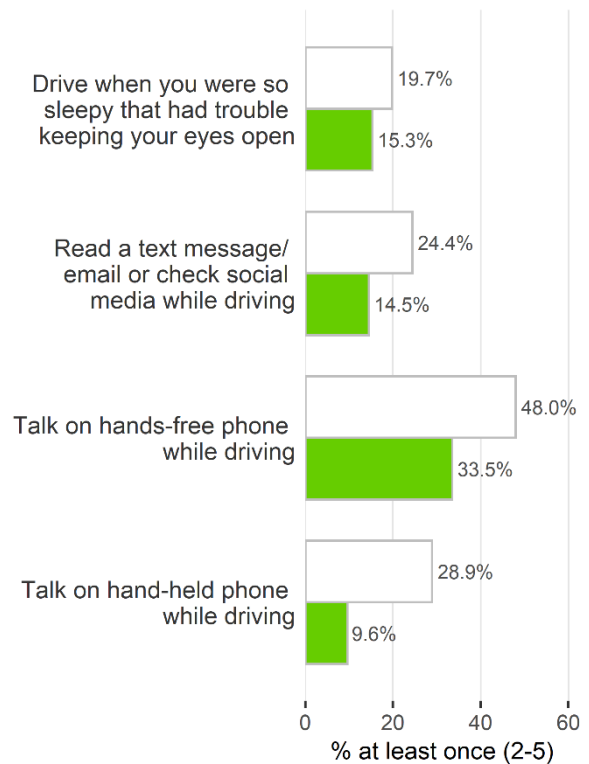
Self-declared behaviour

Over the last 30 days, how often did you... (5-point scale from 1=never to 5=(almost) always)

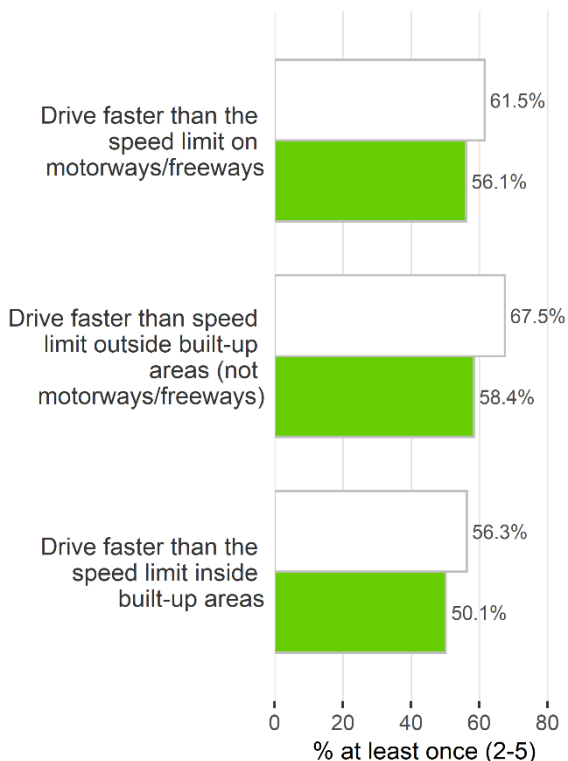
DUI as a car driver



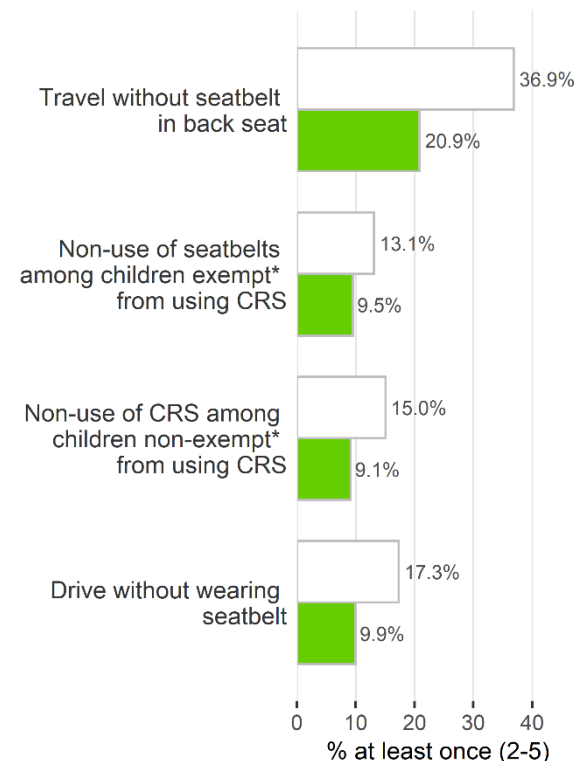
Distraction & fatigue as a car driver



Speeding as a car driver



Seat belt use in a passenger car

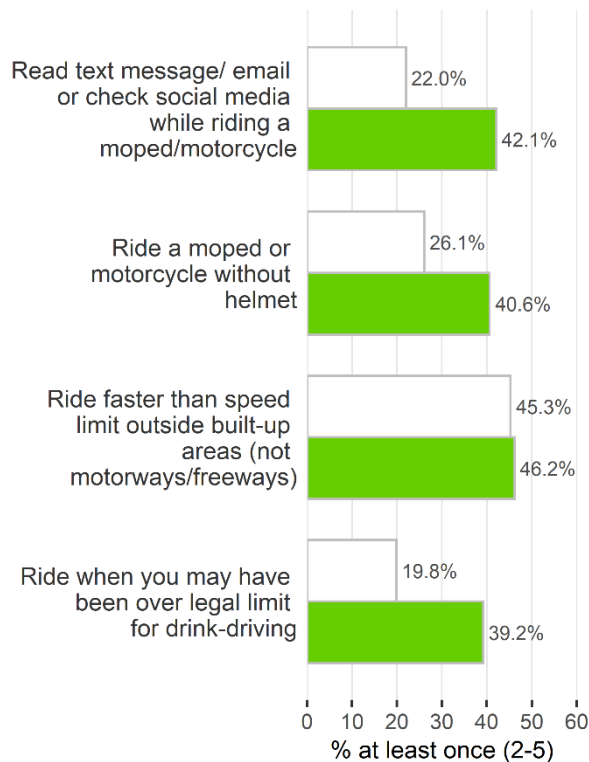


* specified based on national regulation on this topic

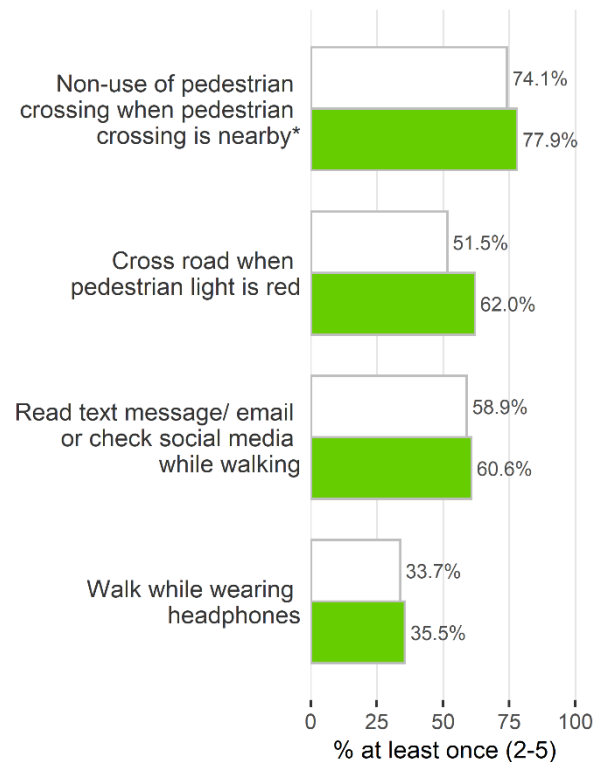
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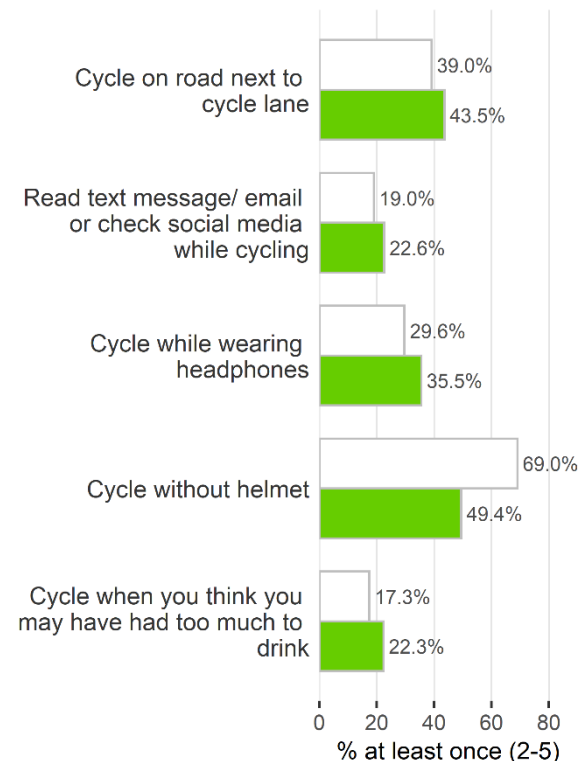
Powered Two Wheelers



Pedestrians



Cyclists



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Sample size*

Road users who use each transport mode at least a few days per month.

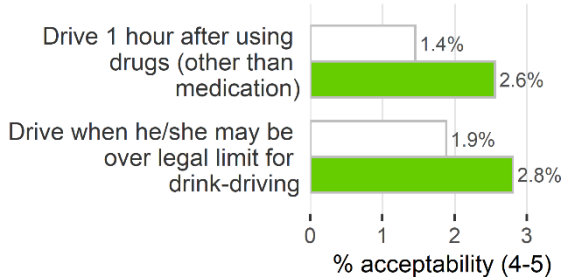
Mode of transportation	United Kingdom	Europe24
Car drivers	649	18225
Car drivers who transported children (<18y) exempt from using CRS	183	6797
Car drivers who transported children (<18y) non-exempt from using CRS	252	7300
Car passengers	703	16372
Powered Two Wheelers	72	3136
Pedestrians	852	22162
Cyclists	230	10141

*weighted sample for self-declared behaviours.

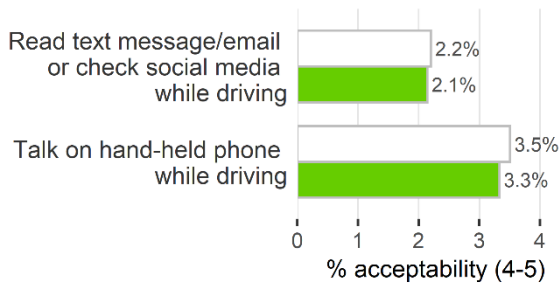
Personal acceptability

How acceptable do you, personally, feel it is for a CAR DRIVER to ... (5-point scale from 1=unacceptable to 5=acceptable)

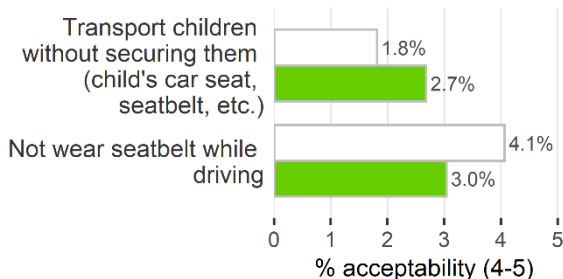
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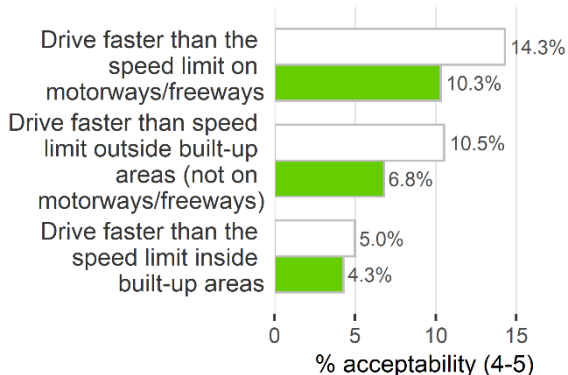
Distraction



Seat belt



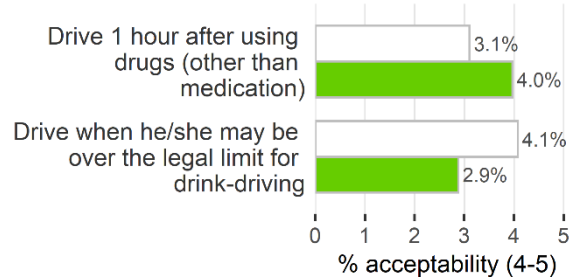
Speed



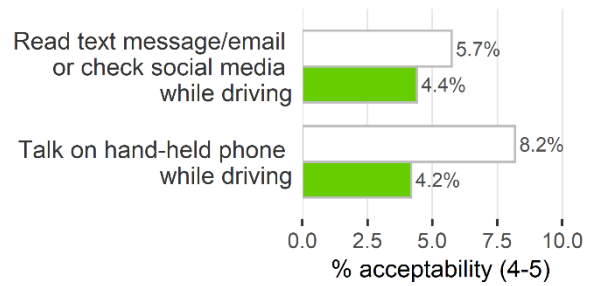
Others' acceptability

Where you live, how acceptable would most other people say it is for a CAR DRIVER to ... (5-point scale from 1=unacceptable to 5=acceptable)

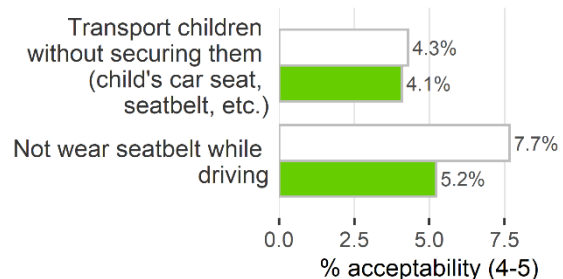
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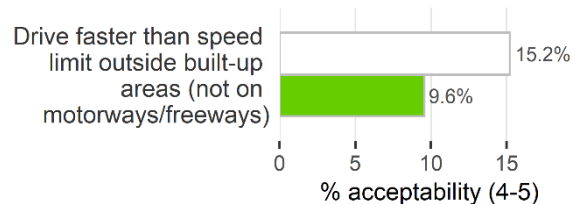
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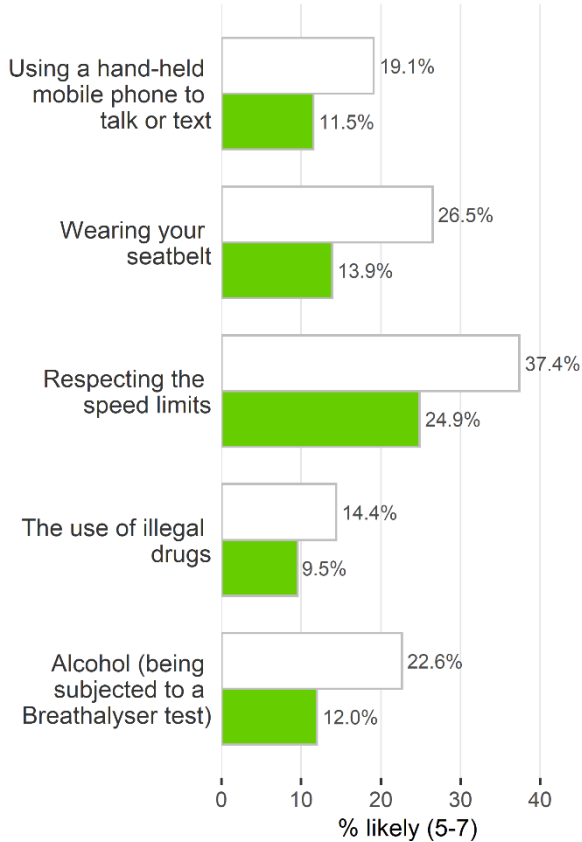


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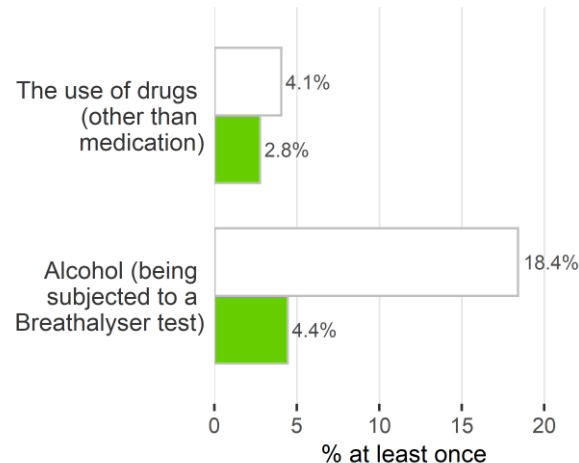


Enforcement

On a typical journey, how likely is it that you (as CAR DRIVER) will be checked by police for... (7-point scale from 1=very unlikely to 7=very likely)

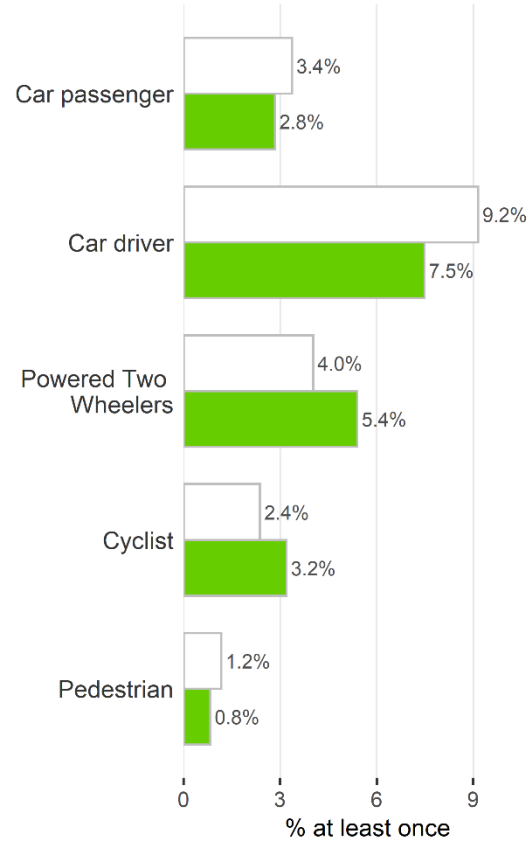


In the past 12 months, how many times (as a CAR DRIVER) have you been checked by the police for... (number)



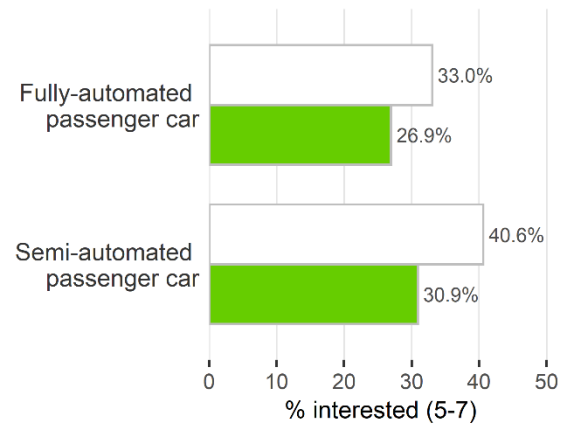
Involvement in road crashes

In the past 12 months, how many times have you personally been involved in road crashes as... (number)



Vehicle automation

How interested would you be in using a... (7-point scale from 1=not at all interested to 7=very interested)



Background Data

Basic data of United Kingdom in relation to the European average³.

Exposure

	year	UK
total length of roads (km)	2016	422638
total length of motorways (km)	2016	3879
vehicle kilometres (total in millions)	2016	520900
motorisation rate (motor vehicles/1000 inhab.)	2016	585

Source: IRTAD

Persons killed in road accidents by age (CARE database)

ages	year	UK		EU	
		absolute number	%	absolute number	%
0-14	2017	45	2.4	555	2.2
15-17	2017	45	2.4	543	2.1
18-24	2017	265	14.3	3104	12.2
25-49	2017	700	37.7	8887	34.9
50-64	2017	324	17.5	5257	20.7
≥65	2017	477	25.7	6921	27.2
unknown	2017	0	0.0	164	0.6
TOTAL	2017	1856	100.0	25431	100.0

European sum computed with the most recent available year by country (2010: SK; 2015: LT, IE; 2016: BG, CY, MT; others: 2017).

Persons killed in road accidents by transport mode (CARE database)

mode of transportation	year	UK		EU	
		absolute number	%	absolute number	%
car (including taxi)	2017	815	43.9	11631	45.7
moped	2017	3	0.2	607	2.4
motorcycle	2017	355	19.1	3850	15.1
pedal cycle	2017	103	5.5	2003	7.9
pedestrian	2017	485	26.1	5383	21.2
other	2017	95	5.1	1957	7.7
TOTAL	2017	1856	100.0	25431	100.0

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Population

	year	UK	EU
population (M. inhab.)	2017	66.0	512.4
density (inhab./km ²)	2017	271.0	116.9
males (% of total)	2017	49.3	49.0
females (% of total)	2017	50.7	51.0
urban (% of total)	2017	82.9	75.4
internet users (per 100 people)	2017	95	81

Source: World Bank

Traffic legislation in United Kingdom

Speed limits for passenger cars	(mph)
motorways	70
secondary or regional roads	60-70
in built-up areas	30
Drink-driving	BAC limits
max. BAC for drivers (g/l)	0.8
max. BAC for young/novice drivers (g/l)	0.8
max. BAC for professional drivers (g/l)	0.8
Protective systems	
obligation to use seatbelt in front seat	yes
obligation to use seatbelt in rear seat	yes
obligation to use child restraint systems for transport of children	yes
obligation to use a helmet as a moped rider	yes
obligation to use a helmet as a motorcyclist	yes

Source: IRTAD Annual Report 2018

¹ Please note that this country fact sheet has been written in British English. Exact wording of items and spelling was adapted according to the needs of the national language versions of the ESRA2 survey.

² The European ESRA2 mean is based on the results of the 24 European countries participating in the ESRA2 survey: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.

³ The European average is based on the EU-28: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

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