



590

trips made by car (driver or passenger) per person per year on average in 2014



5,067

miles travelled by car per person per year on average



22

minutes per car trip on average



64%
of trips

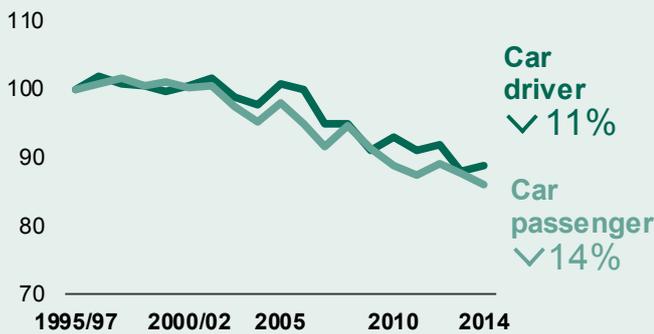


78%
of distance

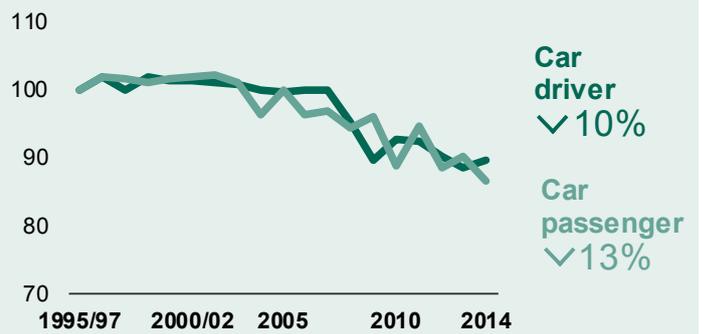
Car (as a driver and as a passenger) is the most common mode for both trips and distance travelled, but car use has been falling in the last decade.

Trends

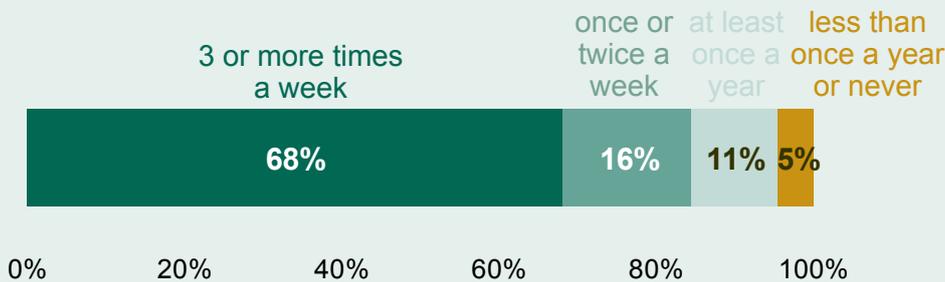
Trends in trips from 1995/97 to 2014 (index: 1995/97=100)



Trends in distance from 1995/97 to 2014 (index: 1995/97=100)



Frequency of private car use



What is a car trip in NTS?

Figures of car trips and distance presented here relate to both **cars** and **vans**.

Further information

In addition to the figures presented here, the National Travel Survey collects statistics on household vehicles in the [NTS09](#) tables, including annual mileage, type of car (company or private), and fuel type.

Related data sources

Statistics on the volume of road traffic are available at: <http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/road-traffic-statistics>

Car occupancy



1.6

persons in the car on average for a car driving stage

61%

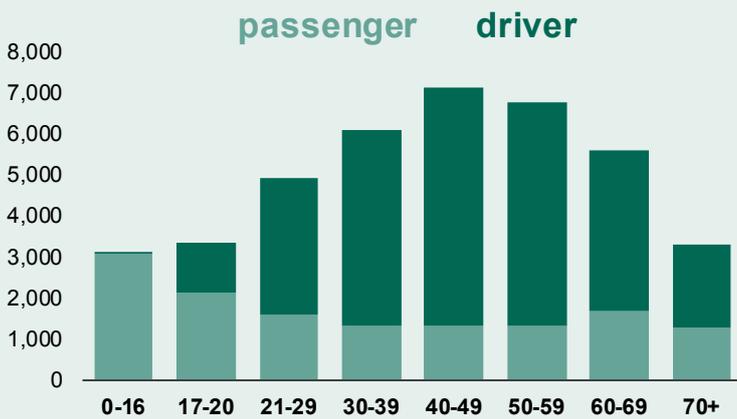
of car driving stages, where the driver is alone in the car

Average number of car passengers by purpose, 2014





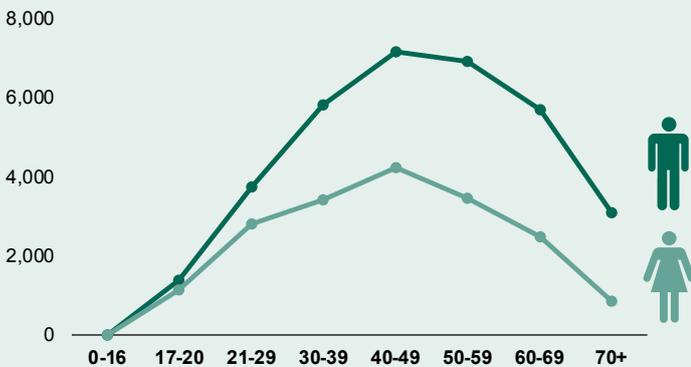
Car mileage by age and gender



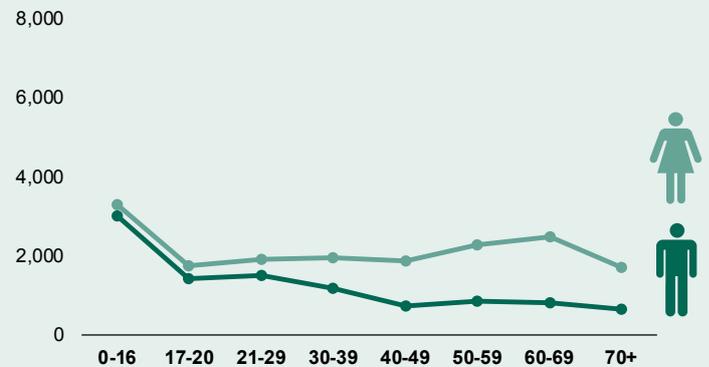
Car mileage increases with age until 40-49 years old, and then decreases. Car passenger accounts for a larger share of total car mileage for both young and older age groups (0-16, 17-20 and 70+) than for other ages.

Distance travelled by car as a driver is lower for women, but women do more mileage as car passengers than men at all ages.

Distance travelled as a car driver in miles by age and gender, 2014



Distance travelled as a car passenger in miles by age and gender, 2014



Travel and personal car access



Persons in households without a car

658 trips
per person per year

2,887 miles
per person per year



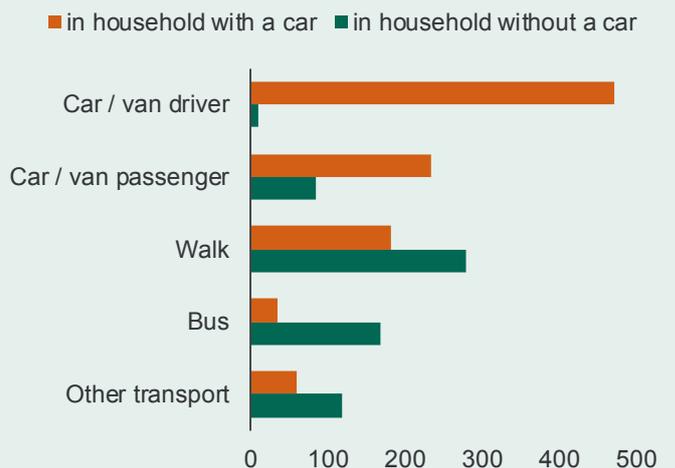
Persons in households with a car

983 trips
per person per year

7,331 miles
per person per year

People living in households with a car make 1.5 times more trips and travel 2.5 times further than people living in households without cars.

Trips per person per year by personal car access, 2014

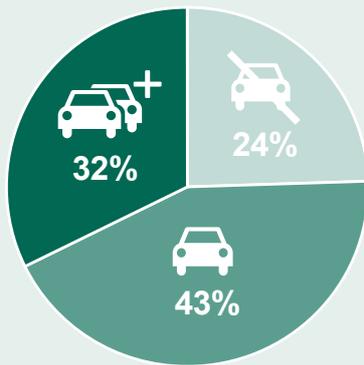


People who do not have access to a car in their households travel more often walking and by bus. Car driving is the most frequent mode for people with a car in their household.

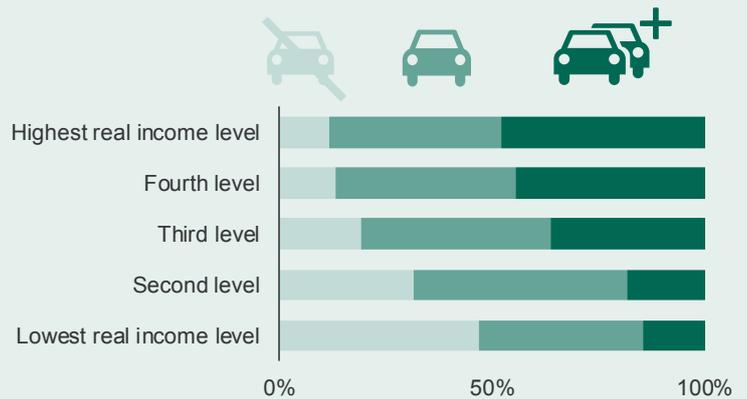


Household car access

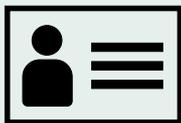
Household car availability, 2014



Household car availability by household income quintile, 2014



Driving licence holding



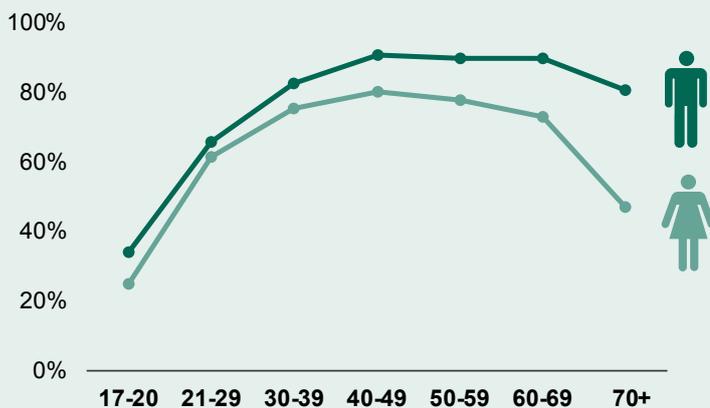
73%

of English residents aged 17+ held a driving licence in 2014

31.8

estimated millions of licence holders

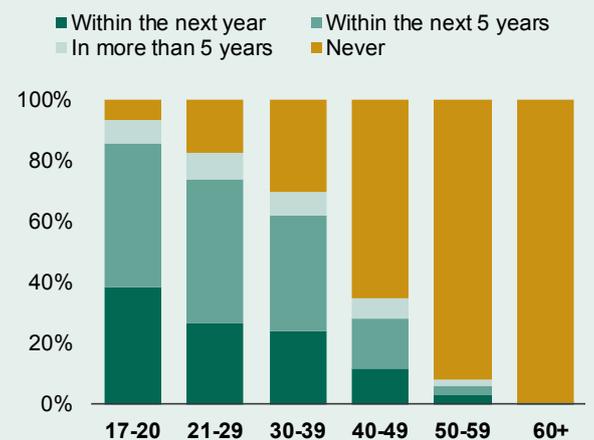
Full car driving licence holders by age and gender, 2014



Learning to drive

Amongst people who do not hold a driving licence, the likelihood of learning to drive varies by age. Younger age groups are more likely to think that they will learn how to drive in the near future.

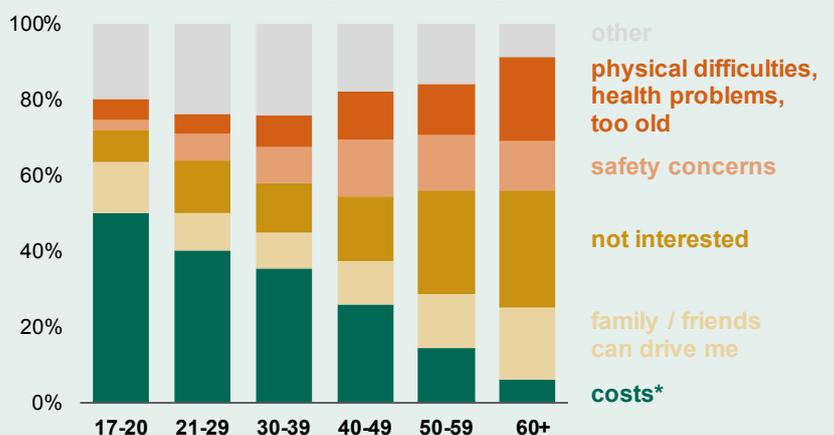
Likelihood of non-licence holders learning to drive by age, 2014



Amongst people who do not hold a driving licence, the reasons for not learning to drive also vary by age.

For young people, costs are the main barrier for not learning to drive, whereas older age groups are more often not interested in driving, have safety concerns or physical difficulties.

Main reason for not learning to drive by age, 2014



* includes costs of learning to drive, insurance, buying a car and other general motoring costs