28.3
The number of road fatalities per million population, second only to Sweden at 28 per million

6,500 miles
People travel on average per year

1.7 billion
Rail passenger journeys have more than doubled since privatisation in 1994/95

35.6 million
Licensed vehicles on the road in Great Britain

95%
of goods the UK imports and exports, in terms of tonnage, are by sea
Passenger transport kilometres by mode: Great Britain 1952 to 2014

- 788 billion passenger kilometres - 0.6% lower than the peak of 792 billion kilometres in 2007.
- 5.2 billion passenger journeys on local bus services - 59% lower than 1950.
- 240 million passenger journeys on light rail systems - the highest volume ever recorded.
- 19.8 million passengers on domestic flights - a 1% rise since 2013.

Mode share

- How we travelled, mode share of trips: England 2014
  - Most modes are used for a mixture of purposes, however over half (57%) of all trips by rail are for commuting/business purposes.

Mode and purpose share

- Trips by main mode and purpose: England 2014

Further data are available on modal comparisons, including:
- Passenger transport and personal travel: mode, distance, purpose, casualty rates and travelling in London during the morning peak: TSGB0101-07
- Transport related employment: TSGB0116

More detailed information on personal travel can be found in the National Travel Survey.
Travel to work

**TSGB0110-0111**

Travel time (minutes) to work by region:
Great Britain Oct to Dec 2014

- **45 mins**
  - People working in London have the longest average commute.

**TSGB0111**

Travel time to work by mode: Great Britain Oct to Dec 2014

- **59 mins**
  - The average rail commute.
- **15 mins**
  - The average walking commute.

**TSGB0108-0109**

Travel to work mode share: Great Britain 2014

- **Car/van 68%**
- **Walk 10%**
- **Rail 9%**
- **Bus 7%**
- **Other 5%**

**TSGB0107**

Passenger casualty rates
Fatalities per billion passenger kilometres by mode: 2005 to 2014 average

- **86 motorcyclists**
- **1 water**
- **28 pedestrians**
- **0* bus/coach**
- **26 pedal cyclists**
- **0* train**
- **2 car occupants**
- **0* air**
- **1 van occupant**

* negligible number

**TSGB0113**

Visits abroad by residents by mode: UK 2014

- **60.1 million**
  - visits abroad by UK residents in 2014 - almost double the 34.4 million visits to the UK by overseas residents.

Further data are available, including:

- Travel to work by region of residence/workplace and method of travel: **TSGB0108-12**
- Overseas travel - visits to and from the UK: **TSGB0113-15**
- Passenger casualty rates by mode of travel: **TSGB0107**

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Trends in air traffic

Trend in air traffic at UK airports: 1991 to 2014

2014 figures

- 238 million terminal passengers (arrivals and departures) - an increase of 4% compared to 2013 and less than 1% below the peak in 2007.
- 2.3 million tonnes of freight handled in 2014 - a 2% increase compared to 2013.
- 2.1 million air transport movements (ATMs) (landings and take-offs) -13% lower than the peak in 2007.

Traffic at UK airports

Traffic at UK airports: 2014

Heathrow is the largest airport in the UK, accounting for almost twice as many passengers and ATMs as the next largest airport, Gatwick.

The 5 London airports (Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton, Stansted, London City) accounted for 61% passengers, 49% ATMs and 79% freight.

East Midlands handles the most air freight (12%) after Heathrow.

Further data are available on air traffic at UK airports, including:

- Activity at UK airports, including punctuality and passenger characteristics: TSGB0201
- Activity of UK airlines: TSGB0202
- Major airports and airlines worldwide: TSGB0203
In 2014, nearly three-quarters (73%) of international passenger movements at UK airports were to/from other European countries.

Spain was the most popular origin/destination for passengers at UK airports, accounting for 17% of international movements, followed by the USA (9%).

Over half of terminating passengers at Stansted travelled to the airport by public transport in 2014, compared to 41%-42% at Heathrow and Gatwick and 17% at Manchester.

Further data are available on passenger characteristics, including:

- International passenger movements at UK airports: [TSGB0205](#)
- Type of passenger at selected UK airports: [TSGB0206](#)
- Mode of transport to selected UK airports: [TSGB0207](#)
- Purpose of travel at selected UK airports: [TSGB0208](#)
- International passenger movements at UK airports: [TSGB0209](#)

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UK greenhouse gas emissions [TSGB0306]
Domestic emissions from all sectors: 2013

568.3 million tonnes of CO\textsubscript{2} equivalent is the total net domestic emissions from all sources.

21% of UK domestic greenhouse gas emissions were from transport, up from 15% in 1990.

93% of total domestic transport greenhouse gas emissions were from road transport.

UK transport greenhouse gas emissions [TSGB0306]
Emissions by transport mode: 1990 to 2013

54% of domestic transport greenhouse gas emissions were from cars and taxis, down from 60% in 1990.

There was not much change in Heavy Goods Vehicle emissions from 1990 to 2013 whereas emissions from vans have increased from 8% in 1990 to 13% in 2013.

In 2013, emissions from international aviation have more than doubled since 1990. Air transport movements have increased by 76% over the same period.

Further data are available on energy and environment including:

► Petroleum consumption by transport mode and fuel type: [TSGB0301]
► Energy consumption by transport mode: [TSGB0302]
► Petrol and diesel prices and duties per litre at April: [TSGB0305]
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Further data are available on biofuels including:

► Volume of fuels by fuel type: TSGB0311

On average, most air pollutants have more than halved since 1990, except particulate matter.

Lead emissions from transport now account for only 3% in 2013 due to the ban of leaded petrol in 1999.

Sulphur dioxide emissions from transport decreased by 91% between 1990 and 2013. This was largely due to the removal of sulphur from fuel.

UK supply was dominated by biofuels of UK origin (19%) in 2013/14.

France contributed 17% of total supply to the UK.

There has been a long term decrease in new car fuel consumption due to more fuel efficient cars.
Domestic Freight **TSGB0401**
Domestic freight, goods moved by mode: 1990 to 2014

185 billion tonne kilometres of domestic freight was moved within Great Britain in 2014 of which ...

- 136 billion tonne kilometres moved by **road**.
- 22 billion tonne kilometres moved by **rail**.
- 27 billion tonne kilometres moved by **water**.

Further data are available on freight, including:

- Domestic freight by mode: **TSGB0401-0403**
- Domestic road freight activity: **TSGB0404-0407 and TSGB0429-0433**
- International road freight activity: **TSGB0411-0421**
- Rail freight activity: **TSGB0422-0424**
- Road goods vehicles travelling to mainland Europe: **TSGB0434-0435**
In 2014, a total of 2.9 million goods vehicles travelled from Great Britain to mainland Europe (+8% compared to 2013 and -0.2% on 2007 peak).

Of these goods vehicles, 2.2 million were powered vehicles (+9% compared to 2013, +206% compared to 1990).

0.7 million were unaccompanied trailers (+4% compared to 2013 and +16% since 1990).

In 2014/15, 22.2 billion net tonne kilometres of freight were moved by rail (down 2% compared with 2013/14).

In 2014/15, coal and domestic intermodal commodities accounted for the largest percentage share of goods moved by rail, both at 29%.

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Import tonnage has increased by 22% since 2000.

Export tonnage has decreased by 30% since 2000.

Domestic tonnage has decreased by 38% since 2000.

98% of all port traffic was handled by major ports - 2% is handled by minor ports.

Liquid bulk has steadily declined since 2001 due to large decreases in crude oil imports and exports. Three oil refineries closed in 2014 in a likely response to increasing international competition and a decline in demand for UK oil refinery.

Dry bulk remained stable in 2014. This was largely due to the increase in Other dry bulk - driven by the decision of some major power stations to switch from burning coal to biomass.

Since 2009 there has been a relatively sharp decrease in the number of UK registered vessels, following a period of steady growth.

In total 465 vessels left the UK Ship Register between 2010 and 2014, with approximately half leaving to other registers - the most popular destinations being open registers, including Liberia, or Asian Flags such as Singapore and Hong Kong.
In 2014, there were 21.3 million international short sea passenger journeys to and from the UK.

Journeys to and from France accounted for 3 out of every 4 of these.

The port of Dover handled 62% of all international short sea passengers.

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Passenger journeys on public transport
Passenger journeys by mode: Great Britain 1985/86 to 2014/15

Half of all bus journeys in England were made in London.

National rail journeys have more than doubled since privatisation in 1994/95.

Highest levels of journeys on the London and Glasgow underground, and England’s light rail and trams since the early 1980s.

Total distance travelled by bus passengers has been broadly constant since 2007/08.
Total distance travelled by national rail passengers has increased steadily since the mid-1990s, and is now at the highest level since the 1920s.

Most journeys using public transport are made on buses, but national rail carries passengers over a longer distance.

Further data are available for each of the public transport modes, including:

- National Rail: TSBG0601-TSBG0608
- Underground: TSBG0609-TSBG0610
- Light Rail & Trams: TSBG0611-TSBG0617
- Local Bus Services: TSBG0618-TSBG0624
- Taxis: TSBG0628
Bus revenue has increased since 2004/05, while government support has fallen since 2008/09. Rail fares have continued to increase above the cost of living (RPI) on average. The grant payment to Network Rail (£3.8 billion) made up the majority of Government funding for rail in 2014/15.

Ownership of passes in England increased by 1.2% in the last year, but in London decreased by 5.0%.

There were 242,200 licensed taxis and PHVs in England in 2015.

Light rail journeys in London have been increasing since the early 1990s.

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Road traffic trends **TSGB0701**
Annual motor vehicle traffic, billion vehicle miles: Great Britain 2014

Over the last 20 years there has been a decline in the rate of growth of traffic.

Road traffic by vehicle type **TSGB0705**
Billion vehicle miles travelled: Great Britain 2014

LGV traffic has grown and HGV traffic has fallen over the last 10 years.

LGV traffic was the highest ever in 2014.

Further data are available on Roads and Traffic, including:
- Road traffic: TSGB0701-06
- Road lengths: TSGB0708-13
Further information and detailed statistical tables: Roads and Traffic

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Congestion on local authority managed ‘A’ roads, England TSGB0716
Average vehicle speeds (miles per hour): England

23.6mph
average speed on local ‘A’ roads in England during the weekday morning peak in the year ending September 2015.

2.7% decrease on previous year

Vehicle Speeds TSGB0714 TSGB0715
Vehicles exceeding the speed limit on roads: Great Britain 2014

Non-built up roads
Motorway 46% 46% 1%
Dual carriageway 37% 43% 82%
Single carriageway 7% 20% 75%

Built up roads
30mph roads 45% 47% 44%
40mph roads 21% 30% 20%

Since 2002, the percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit for each type of vehicle has declined on all roads except single carriageways, where HGV speed limit compliance has fallen since 2002.

Further data are available on roads and traffic, including:
► Road traffic forecasts: TSGB0707
► Road speeds: TSGB0714-15
► Road congestion: TSGB0721
► Road construction and expenditure TSGB0717-0720

Road length TSGB0709
Total road length: Great Britain 2014

245.8 thousand miles of road

2014 represents the 100 year anniversary of road lengths being first estimated in Great Britain. Methods and data sources have varied much over the last century however, figures suggest that road length has:

increased by around 40% since 1914
Road Casualties and Traffic Levels **TSGB0801**
Reported road casualties by severity and motor vehicle traffic: Great Britain 1950 to 2014

**1,775 fatalities**
4% higher than 2013. However this was not statistically significant.

**22,807 seriously injured**
5% higher than 2013.

**169,895 slightly injured**
6% higher than 2013.

**311 billion vehicle miles**
travelled by motor vehicles - 2.4% higher than 2013.

### Road User Type **TSGB0802**
Casualties by road user type: Great Britain 2014

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*KSI: Killed or seriously injured

On **Urban roads** there were **616** fatalities.
On **Rural roads** there were **1,063** fatalities.
On **Motorways** there were **96** fatalities.

### Further data are available on Road accidents and casualties, including:
- Total number of reported road accidents and casualties by severity: **TSGB0801**
- Number of reported casualties by road user type: **TSGB0802**
- Reported accidents and accidents rates by road type: **TSGB0803**
- Breath tests and failures of drivers and riders in reported accidents: **TSGB0804**

More detailed information on reported road accidents can be found in the **Reported Road Casualties: 2014**.
Rail accidents and safety **TSGB0805-0807**

Fatalities on the national rail network: Great Britain 2001/02 to 2014/15

- **332** fatalities
  - 22% higher than the 273 in 2001/02.
- **293** suicides
  - accounting for 88% of the fatalities. Suicides are 53% higher than in 2001/02.
- **0 passengers**
  - killed in a train accident since 2007/08.

- **62.9 billion** passenger kms - 61% higher than in 2001/02.

**Signals passed at danger (SPADs) ** **TSGB0808**

SPADs on Network rail controlled infrastructure: Great Britain 2001/02 to 2014/15

- **298** SPADs - 29% lower than the 419 in 2001/02.
- **73%** of SPADs posed no significant risk compared with 31% in 2001/02.

*Unclassified SPADs excluded.*

Further data are available on Rail accidents and casualties, including:

- Rail accidents and safety: **TSGB0805-0807**
- Signals passed at danger (SPADs) on Network Rail controlled infrastructure: **TSGB0808**

Further information are published by the [Rail Safety and Standards Board](#).

Further information and detailed statistical tables: Accidents and Casualties statistics

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Licensed vehicles **TSGB0901**
Licensed vehicles by tax class: Great Britain 1954 to 2014

- **35.6 million** licensed vehicles - a 41% rise since 1994.
- **31.7 million** private and light goods vehicles.
- **4.0 million** other vehicles.

Licensed goods vehicles **TSGB0903 TSGB0907**
Licensed goods vehicles (millions): Great Britain 1994 to 2014

- **2.1 million** light goods vehicles
- **0.5 million** heavy goods vehicles

New vehicle registrations **TSGB0902**
Vehicles registered for the first time by tax class (millions): Great Britain 1951 to 2014

- **3.0 million** new vehicle registrations
  - **9.5% higher** than 2013
  - **8.0% lower** than the peak in 2003

Licensed vehicles **TSGB0903**
Licensed vehicles by body type: Great Britain 2014

- **29.6 million** licensed cars - 83% of all licensed vehicles in 2014.
Further data are available on vehicles, including:

- Licensed vehicles: TSGB0901-07
- Road vehicle testing schemes: TSGB0908-12
- Car availability, drivers and use: TSGB0913-17

Further information and detailed statistical tables: Vehicles

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Walking and cycling trips and distance: England 1995/97 = 100

22% of trips were made by walking in 2014

Walking and cycling trips have declined since 1995/97. The trend in cycling has been mixed since 2007.

181 miles

The average distance a person walked in 2014. This is the distance from London to Manchester.

58 miles

The average distance people cycled in 2014. This was 26% greater than in 1995/97.

Bicycle ownership by age TSGB1105

% of people owning, or with access to, a bicycle: England 2012/2014

42% of people in England aged 5 and over owned a bicycle over the years 2012-2014.

Further data are available on walking and cycling, including:

- Average trips and distance by age, gender and main mode, England: TSGB1107, TSGB1113
- Where people cycled, England: TSGB1104
- Walking and cycling by frequency, England: TSGB1111, TSGB1112
- Walking and cycling for recreational purposes, England: TSGB1114, TSGB1115
- Walking and cycling for utility purposes, England: TSGB1116, TSGB1117
- Accessibility to key services by cycling or walking, England: TSGB1118
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15% of adults in England cycled at least once a month in 2013/14. About 86% walked at least one continuous walk of 10 minutes a month.

18% of adults in South West cycled at least once a month: the highest rate of the 9 regions.

57% of adults in Cambridge cycled at least once a month - the highest rate in the country.

Pedestrian and pedal cycle road accidents TSGB1110  
Reported killed or seriously injured casualties: Great Britain 1979 to 2014

3,514 pedal cycle KSIs  
This was an 8% rise on the 2013 figure.

113 pedal cycle deaths  
The number of deaths has remained between 104 and 118 since 2008.

5,509 pedestrian KSIs  
in reported road traffic accidents. This was an increase of 2% on the 2013 figure. 22% of KSIs were pedestrians and 14% cyclists.

Further data are available on pedestrian and pedal cyclist road accidents, including:

► Vehicle accident numbers and rates by severity, GB 2004-2014: TSGB1119  
► Perceived danger cycling on roads, GB 2011-13: TSGB1120  
► International comparisons of road deaths, UK: TSGB1121

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Travel by people with mobility difficulties

Trips per person per year by age and mobility status: England 2014

454 trips per person per year were taken by those aged 70 and over with mobility difficulties - nearly half the number of trips undertaken by those with no mobility disability.

9% of adults reported having a mobility difficulty* in England in 2014.

42% fewer trips by individuals aged 16 and over with mobility difficulties.

Further data are available on transport and disability, including:

- Travel by people with mobility difficulties (National Travel Survey): TSGB1201-3
- Disability accessible buses and taxis: TSGB1206 (buses) and TSGB1207 (taxis)
- List of rail vehicles built or refurbished to modern accessibility standards

*The National Travel Survey definition of mobility difficulty is based on adults who say they have difficulties travelling on foot, by bus or both.
Disabled parking badges (Blue Badges) **TSGB1204**

Blue badges held: England annually since 1997

- **2.39 million** Blue Badges held in England in 2015
- **2.9%** decrease in the number of Blue Badges since 2014
- **1.3 million** vehicles in the disabled tax class at the end of 2014.

### Blue Badges as proportion of the population **TSGB1205, TSGB1209**

- **4.4%** of population held a Blue Badge in 2015

### Concessionary disabled bus passes **TSGB1208**

- **892,000** concessionary disabled bus passes in England in 2015
- **9.8 million** total older and disabled passes
- **91%** older passes
- **9%** disabled passes

% of concessionary disabled passes in each area:
- **London** 18%
- **Metropolitan areas** 28%
- **Non-metropolitan areas** 54%

Further data are available on Transport and Disability, including:

- Disabled parking badges, England: **TSGB1204** (number), **TSGB1205** (per head) and **TSGB1209** (by local authority)
- Disabled concessionary bus passes issued, England: **TSGB1208**

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UK public expenditure on transport **TSGB1301**
Transport expenditure: 1989/90 to 2014/15

- £20.6 billion spent on public transport expenditure in 2014/15.
- 29% increase compared to 10 years ago in 2004/5.
- £23 billion peak in 2009/10, compared to 7.3 billion in 1989/90.

**UK public expenditure on transport TSGB1303**
Expenditure by transport function: 2014/15

- £8 billion spending on railways in 2014/15, accounting for 35% of total public expenditure on transport.
- £6 billion spending on local roads in 2014/15, accounting for 27% of total public expenditure on transport.

Further data are available on transport expenditure, including:
- Public expenditure on transport by country and spending authority: **TSGB1302**
- Total UK public corporation capital expenditure on transport: **TSGB1304**
- Public expenditure on specific transport areas: **TSGB1305**
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13.6% of household expenditure per week was spent on transport in 2013 of which:

- Purchase of vehicles: 30%
- Petrol, Diesel and other oils: 33%
- Other motoring costs: 15%
- Transport fares: 9%
- Air and other travel: 13%

Vehicle excise duty generated around £6 billion in 2014, down 2% from 2013.

Fuel duty revenue more than tripled between 1987 and 2010 but has remained at £27 billion since then.

Further data are available on transport expenditure, including:

- Household expenditure on transport: TSGB1306
- Road taxation revenue: TSGB1310

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