

The Driving Science Facts

Why learning to drive must go beyond passing the test — updated with the latest government and DVSA data.

HOURS OF STUDY VS. LIFETIME USE

200+

FOREIGN LANGUAGE GCSE

120–140 guided hours in class, plus homework and revision. Most school leavers never speak the language again.

RARELY USED AFTER SCHOOL

250+

GRADE 8 MUSIC

Cumulative lesson hours across all eight ABRSM grades, typically over many years. Most players stop after leaving education.

RARELY USED AFTER SCHOOL

45

DRIVING LESSONS

The DVSA average: 45 hours with an instructor, plus 22 hours private practice. Most drivers then drive every day for life.

USED FOR LIFE — YET FEWEST HOURS

THE YOUNG DRIVER RISK PICTURE — 2024 DATA

1 in 5

CRASH WITHIN THEIR FIRST YEAR

One in five drivers of all ages are involved in a road crash within their first year of passing their test. For young males, the risk is dramatically higher.

Source: THINK! / Department for Transport, 2024

4x

HIGHER RISK FOR YOUNG MALE DRIVERS

Male car drivers aged 17–24 are four times as likely to be killed or seriously injured compared with all car drivers aged 25 or over.

Source: DfT Younger Driver Factsheet, 2024

20%

OF ALL SERIOUS ROAD CASUALTIES

In 2024, around one in five of all killed or seriously injured casualties from collisions involving cars were in crashes involving a young driver, despite young drivers making up only 7% of licence holders.

Source: DfT Younger Driver Factsheet, 2024

4,740

KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED IN 2024

In 2024, 4,740 people were killed or seriously injured in crashes involving at least one younger car driver on Britain's roads — including passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Source: DfT / Protect Young Drivers, 2025

"19 out of 20 crashes involving young drivers are attributed not to poor car control — but to poor decision-making, excessive risk-taking and inadequate hazard perception."

ROAD SAFETY RESEARCH — ROSPA / RAC FOUNDATION

WHY ONE TEST ISN'T ENOUGH

48%

UK PRACTICAL TEST PASS RATE (2023/24)

Just under half of all candidates pass the practical driving test on their first attempt. The theory test pass rate has fallen from 65% in 2007/08 to just 45% in 2024/25 — a 20 percentage point drop. Most school subjects have long since moved to continuous assessment and coursework as a fairer measure of true ability. Driving should be no different.

Source: RAC / DVSA, 2025

1.19M

PEOPLE KILLED ON ROADS EVERY YEAR

According to the WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023, approximately 1.19 million lives are lost on the world's roads every single year — a rate of over 3,200 deaths every day, or more than two every minute.

Source: WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety, 2023

3,200

DEATHS EVERY SINGLE DAY

That is the daily global toll from road crashes — more than two fatalities every minute, around the clock, 365 days a year.

Source: WHO / CDC, 2024

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KILLER OF CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Road traffic crashes are the leading cause of death worldwide for children and young people aged 5-29 — ahead of disease, suicide, and violence.

Source: WHO, 2023

92%

OF DEATHS IN POORER COUNTRIES

92% of all global road fatalities occur in low- and middle-income countries, despite those nations holding only around 60% of the world's vehicles.

Source: WHO, 2023

50%

UN 2030 TARGET REDUCTION

The United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2021–2030) has set a target to halve road traffic deaths and serious injuries globally by 2030. Current progress is falling short.

Source: UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/74/299

The Driving Science Solution

Cleverly integrated into normal driving lessons and delivered by specially trained Riskybiz Driving Instructors, the **BTEC in Driving Science** provides a tailored programme incorporating advanced attitude and behaviour coaching alongside excellent car control skills.

Across five units (including one post-test), pupils must pass a combination of online and in-car assessments — producing a better trained, more skilled and safer driver.

✓ Risk Management

✓ Decision Making

✓ Eye Scanning Techniques

✓ Anticipation & Hazard Perception

✓ Attitude & Behaviour Coaching

✓ Post-Test Unit