How people travel - car

- **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

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.

### Frequency of private car use

- **3 or more times a week**: 68%
- **once or twice a week**: 16%
- **at least once a year**: 11%
- **less than once a year or never**: 5%

### 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

### 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

How people travel - car [2]

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.

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.

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*

- 32% available
- 24% not available
- 43% not available

### Driving licence holding

- 73% of English residents aged 17+ held a driving licence in 2014
- 31.8 estimated millions of licence holders

### 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

- Within the next year
- Within the next 5 years
- In more than 5 years
- Never

### Main reason for not learning to drive by age, 2014

- Other physical difficulties, health problems, too old
- Safety concerns
- Not interested
- Family / friends can drive me
- Costs*

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