

1) What was the age of the oldest person to pass their car theory test at Carlisle, Middlesbrough, Morpeth, Newcastle and Sunderland in 2011? Were they male or female? How many times had they previously attempted the test between September 2004 and 31 December 2011?

We do hold information on the oldest person to pass their car theory test at each of the test centres you have requested information for in 2011. We also hold the gender of these candidates and how many attempts they had previously taken at the test between September 2004 and 31 December 2011. To provide this information, however, could be lead to the identification of an individual. This information would be classed as personal data. Personal data is exempt from release under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of which is attached at Annex B.

I can, however, confirm that the age of the oldest candidate to pass their car theory test at one of the five test centres you have requested information for is 79.

2) What was the greatest number of times someone failed a car theory test before passing it at Carlisle, Middlesbrough, Morpeth, Newcastle and Sunderland from September 2004 to 31 December 2011? How old were they and were they male or female?

In the table below, you can find the greatest number of times a candidate attempted their car theory test before passing it at each of the test centres you have requested the information for. The information provided is for the period September 2004 to 31 December 2011. We've also provided you with the age of the candidate at their last attempt and their gender.

Theory test centre	Greatest number of attempts at car theory test between September 2004 and 31 December 2011	Age	Gender
Carlisle	21	27	Female
Middlesbrough	43	31	Male
Morpeth	13	17 & 19	Two male candidates
Newcastle	49	27	Female
Sunderland	16	28	Male

3) The number of car theory tests conducted at Carlisle, Middlesbrough, Morpeth, Newcastle and Sunderland during 2011 for the a) 2nd time, b) 3rd time, c) 4th time, d) 5th time, e) more than 5th time, f) more than 10th time?

In the table below, you can find the number of people that took their car theory test at the test centres you requested in 2011 broken down by attempt. The below information is based on attempts taken in 2011 only.

Number of car theory tests conducted in 2011 by certain test centres and attempt							
Test centre/test attempt	1	2	3	4	5	6 to 10	More than 10
Carlisle	2,898	676	235	92	36	41	1
Middlesbrough	11,768	2,738	782	291	119	111	3
Morpeth	2,407	574	162	62	18	24	3
Newcastle	12,872	2,822	843	323	127	120	14
Sunderland	6,124	1,405	425	171	57	68	0

Please note that:

- the information provided above is based on car theory tests taken in 2011 and doesn't take into account any attempts made in previous years. Therefore if a candidate failed a car theory test in 2010 but passed it in on their first attempt in 2011; they'd be included in the information above as passing their car theory test on the first attempt in 2011
- a candidate will only be included in the attempt group in which they took their last test in 2011. To explain further, if a candidate took six attempts at the car theory test in 2011, they'll be included in the sixth attempt column but won't be included in one to five attempt columns.

4) How many people took a car theory test at Carlisle, Middlesbrough, Morpeth, Newcastle and Sunderland in 2011? How many passed and how many failed?

In the table below, you can find the number of people that took a car theory test in 2011 at each of the test centres you requested information for. We have also provided you with the number of people that passed and failed their test.

Test centre	Number of people that took a car theory test in 2011	Number of people that passed a car theory test in 2011	Number of people that failed a car theory test in 2011
Carlisle	3,959	2,478	6,437
Middlesbrough	15,751	9,734	25,485
Morpeth	3,236	2,009	5,245
Newcastle	17,055	10,875	27,930
Sunderland	8,219	5,116	13,335

Please note that the information provided in response to this question is different to that provided in response to question three. This is because this question is asking for the number of people that have taken a theory test whereas the information provided in question eight is the number of tests conducted.

5) How many 17 year olds passed the car theory test at Carlisle, Middlesbrough, Morpeth, Newcastle and Sunderland on their first attempt in 2011? How many failed?

In the table below, you can find the number of 17 year olds that passed and failed their car theory test on their first attempt in 2011 at each of the test centres you have requested the information for.

Test centre	Number of 17 year olds passing the car theory test on their first attempt in 2011	Number of 17 year olds failing the car theory test on their first attempt in 2011
Carlisle	951	499
Middlesbrough	2,870	1,589
Morpeth	708	382
Newcastle	2,474	1,299
Sunderland	1,200	729

Please note that the information provided above is based on car theory tests taken in 2011 and doesn't take into account any attempts made in previous years. Therefore if a candidate failed a car theory test in 2010 but passed it in on their first attempt in 2011, they'd be included in the information above as passing their car theory test on the first attempt in 2011.

6) What was the age of the oldest person to pass their car practical test at Darlington, Durham (Meadowfield), Elswick, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hexham, Longbenton, Middlesbrough, South Shields and Sunderland in 2011? Were they male or female? How many times had they previously attempted the test?

We do hold information on the oldest person to pass their car practical test at each of the test centres you have requested information for in 2011. We also hold the gender of these candidates and how many attempts they had previously taken at the test between April 2004 and 31 December 2011. To provide this information, however, could be lead to the identification of an individual. This information would be classed as personal data. Personal data is exempt from release under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of which is attached at Annex B.

I can, however, confirm that the age of the oldest candidate to pass their car practical test at one of the 10 driving test centres you have requested information for is 82.

7) What was the greatest number of times someone failed a car practical test at Darlington, Durham (Meadowfield), Elswick, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hexham, Longbenton, Middlesbrough, South Shields and Sunderland before passing it in 2011? How old were they and were they male or female?

In the table below, you can find the greatest number of times a candidate attempted their car practical test before passing it at each of the test centres you have requested the information for. The information provided is for the period September 2004 to 31 December 2011. We've also provided you with the gender and age of the candidate at the time of the passing their car practical test.

Practical test centre	Greatest number of attempts at the car practical test before passing between 1 April 2004 and 31 December 2011	Age	Gender
Darlington	9	25	Male
Durham (Meadowfield)	10	57	Male
Elswick	16	36	Female

Gateshead	11	30, 37 and 45	Three male candidates
Hartlepool	12	44	Female
Hexham	17	32	Female
Longbenton	12	51	Female
Middlesbrough	33	49	Female
South Shields	14	28	Female
Sunderland	20	40	Female

8) The number of car practical tests conducted in 2011 at Darlington, Durham (Meadowfield), Elswick, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hexham, Longbenton, Middlesbrough, South Shields and Sunderland for the a) 2nd time b) 3rd time c) 4th time d) 5th time e) more than 5th time f) more than 10th time?

In the table below, you can find the number of car practical tests conducted in 2011 at each of the test centres you have requested information for. This information is broken down by attempt.

Number of car practical tests conducted in 2011 by certain test centres and attempt								
Test centre/test attempt	1	2	3	4	5	6 to 10	More than 10	Total
Darlington	2,605	1,095	405	145	51	24	0	4,325
Durham (Meadowfield)	4,681	1,612	515	158	53	28	0	7,047
Elswick	2,709	1,188	493	214	90	83	6	4,783
Gateshead	2,768	1,187	480	175	88	50	4	4,752
Hartlepool	2,890	1,148	390	132	43	18	0	4,621
Hexham	874	340	108	39	14	8	0	1,383
Longbenton	3,978	1,530	578	223	83	50	2	6,444
Middlesbrough	6,525	2,705	1,093	416	166	110	2	11,017
South Shields	2,570	1,040	411	182	61	42	0	4,306
Sunderland	4,026	1,726	688	287	95	75	0	6,897

Please note that the information provided above:

- is based on car practical tests taken in 2011 and doesn't take into account any attempts made in previous years. Therefore if a candidate failed a car practical test in 2010 but passed it in on their first attempt in 2011; they'd be included in the information above as passing their car practical test on the first attempt in 2011.
- a candidate will be included in each of the attempt columns in which they attempted their test. To explain further, if a candidate took six attempts at the car practical test in 2011, they'll be included in each of the attempt columns from one to six and the 6 to 10 attempt column.

9) How many people took a car practical test at Darlington, Durham (Meadowfield), Elswick, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hexham, Longbenton, Middlesbrough, South Shields and Sunderland in 2011? How many passed and how many failed?

In the table below, you can find the number of people that took a car practical test at the test centres you requested in 2011. We have also provided you with the number of people that passed and failed their test.

Test centre	Number of people that took a car practical test in 2011	Number of people that passed a car practical test in 2011	Number of people that failed a car practical test in 2011
Darlington	3,484	2,117	1,367
Durham (Meadowfield)	6,055	4,109	1,946
Elswick	3,524	1,901	1,623
Gateshead	3,646	2,020	1,626
Hartlepool	3,806	2,391	1,415
Hexham	1,140	692	448
Longbenton	5,106	3,037	2,069
Middlesbrough	8,672	5,383	3,289
South Shields	3,385	2,064	1,321
Sunderland	5,385	3,259	2,126

Please note that the information provided in response to this question is different to that provided in response to question eight. This is because this question is asking for the number of people that have taken a theory test whereas the information provided in question eight is the number of tests conducted.

10) How many 17 year olds passed the car practical test at Darlington, Durham (Meadowfield), Elswick, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hexham, Longbenton, Middlesbrough, South Shields and Sunderland on their first attempt in 2011? How many failed?

In the table below, you can find the number of 17 year olds that passed and failed their car practical test at each of the test centres you requested on their first attempt in 2011.

Test centre	Number of 17 year olds passing the car practical test on their first attempt in 2011	Number of 17 year olds failing the car practical test on their first attempt in 2011
Darlington	435	352
Durham (Meadowfield)	792	450
Elswick	202	219
Gateshead	251	258
Hartlepool	394	318
Hexham	158	126
Longbenton	389	290
Middlesbrough	850	817
South Shields	249	244
Sunderland	432	420

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they'd be included in the information above as passing their car practical test on the first attempt in 2011.

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