



## Driver and Rider Test and Instructor Statistics, Great Britain: Quarter 2 2012/13

This publication presents information on the number and pass rates of driving and riding practical tests conducted in Great Britain for the quarter to 30 September 2012 and statistics from the ADI register and the Integrated Register of Driver Trainers.

The test and instructor statistics are derived from data held by the Driving Standards Agency (DSA), which administers the driving test and training schemes in Great Britain.

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### **The key findings from Driver and Rider Practical Test and Instructor Statistics: Quarter 2 2012/13 include:**

- A total of 421,374 tests were conducted across all test categories<sup>1</sup> between July and September 2012 (quarter 2 2012/13). This is a decrease of 5.3 per cent in comparison to the same quarter last year.
- The reduction in the number of tests conducted in quarter 2 2012/13 is likely to have been due to the continuing economic situation, national events such as the Olympics, and pass rate improvement in the car practical test leading to fewer retests.

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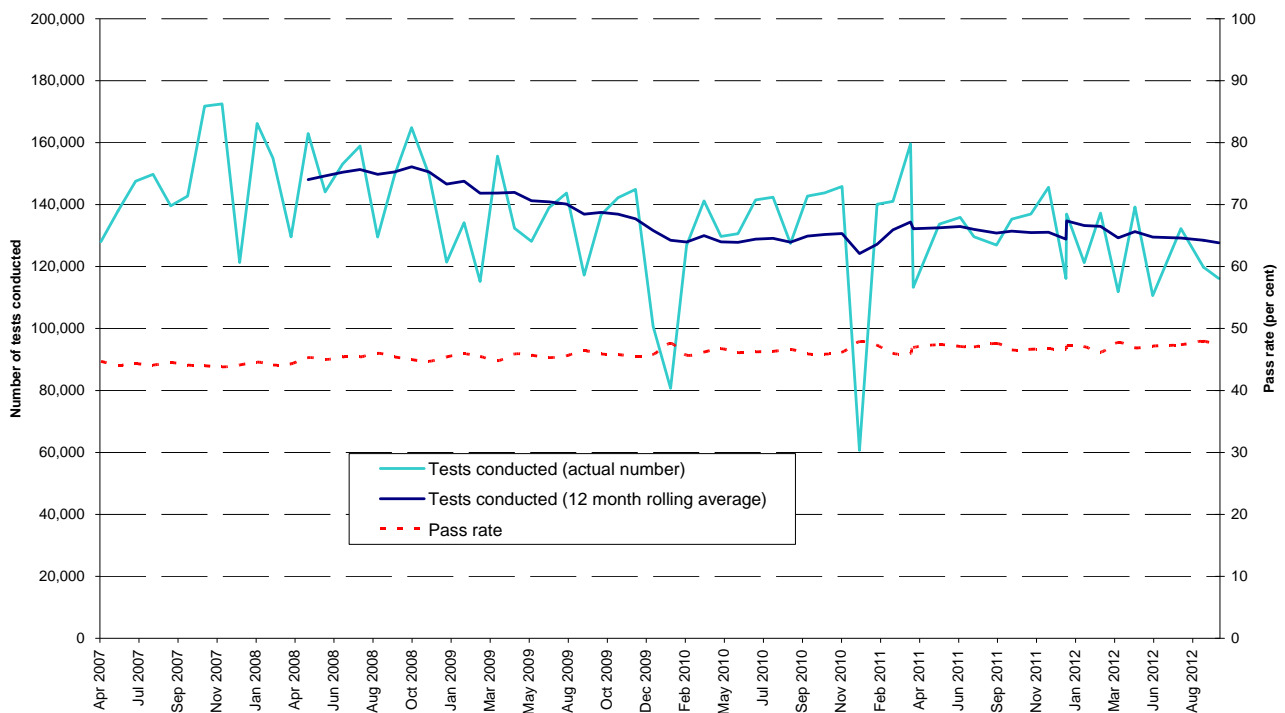
# 1. General trends

- A total of 421,374 tests were conducted across all test categories <sup>i</sup> between July and September 2012 (quarter 2 2012/13). This is a decrease of 5.3 per cent in comparison the same quarter last year.
- The reduction in the number of tests conducted in quarter 2 2012/13 is likely to have been due to the continuing economic situation, national events such as the Olympics, and pass rate improvement in the car practical test leading to fewer retests.

# 2. Practical car tests

## Practical car tests: Great Britain, April 2007 to September 2012

(Driving and Riding Tests web table DRT0201)



- There were 368,307 car tests conducted in quarter 2 2012/13. This is 6 per cent lower than the same quarter last year.
- The number of practical tests conducted in September was 14.2 per cent lower than the same month last year. Of the 3 months this was the largest deviation.
- This quarter has seen a pass rate improvement compared to the same period last year of 0.5 percentage points. There have been pass rate increases across both sexes.

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### 3. Practical motorcycle tests (Module 1 and 2)

- There were 20,114 module 1 motorcycle tests conducted in quarter 2 2012/13. This represents a 3 per cent increase when compared to the same quarter a year ago.
- There were 18,937 module 2 tests conducted, which is a 3.3 per cent reduction over the same time period.
- The module 1 pass rate for quarter 2 2012/13 marginally increased by 0.3 percentage points to 70.7 per cent compared to the same quarter last year.
- The pass rate for module 2 increased by 0.9 percentage points to 69.2 per cent over the same time frame.
- The female pass rate for module 1 tests fell in quarter 2 to 53.4 per cent in comparison to 54.3 per cent for the same time period last year. The module 2 pass rate rose to 70.1 per cent from 67.1 per cent over the same period.
- The male pass rate for module 1 increased 0.3 percentage points to 73.1 per cent in quarter 2 when compared to a year ago. The module 2 pass rate also rose by 0.7 per to 69.1 per cent over the same period.

### 4. Practical large goods vehicle (LGV) tests

- There was a total of 11,682 LGV tests conducted in quarter 2 2012/13. This is only 2.0 per cent fewer tests conducted than the same quarter last year.
- Only 7.6 per cent of LGV tests were taken by women, but women have a pass rate of 55.4 per cent for quarter 2 2012/13. This is 3.1 percentage points higher than for men.
- The overall pass rate for LGV tests was 52.6 per cent in quarter 2 2012/13. This is the same as the same quarter last year.

### 5. Practical passenger carrying vehicle (PCV) tests

- There were 2,334 PCV tests carried out in quarter 2 2012/13, this a 3.7 per cent (84 tests in total) increase compared to the same quarter last year.
- Men took 81.1 per cent of all PCV tests conducted in quarter 2 2012/13. This is 2.1 percentage points lower than the same period last year.

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- The female pass rate has fallen 6.6 percentage points to 52.0 per cent in quarter 2 2012/13 when compared to the same period last year. The male pass rate increased from 53.4 per cent to 54.3 over the same period.

## 6. Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) tests

- There were 1,257 ADI part 2 (driving ability) tests conducted in quarter 2 2012/13, this is a 35.4 per cent reduction compared to the same period last year. ADI part 3 (instructional ability) tests for the same time period also saw a steep decline of 40.6 per cent from 2,485 tests in 2011/12 to 1,476 tests in 2012/13.
- The pass rate for the ADI part 2 test was 52.7 per cent in quarter 2 2012/13. This is the same as the same quarter last year. The ADI part 3 pass rate rose significantly to 34.6 per cent in quarter 2 this year from 29.9 per cent.
- The male pass rate for the ADI part 2 test was higher than that for women, but women achieved a higher pass rate for the ADI part 3 test. Women make up approximately 28 per cent of the ADI part 2 candidates and 25 percent of the ADI part 3 candidates.

## 7. Driving and riding instructors

- At the end of quarter 2, there were 46,060 approved driving instructors on the Register. This is 1.9% less than the number registered at the end of quarter 2 in 2011, following a reduction in the number of first applications to become a potential driving instructor, which fell by 14.8% over the same period.
- Alongside the ADIs, there were 2,989 riding instructors on the Statutory Register at the end of the year.
- During this quarter, 3,840 check tests were conducted on ADIs. At the end of the quarter, 7,396 check tests had been conducted during the financial year to date. At the point of their last check test, 56 per cent of all ADIs scored a grade four, 37 per cent a grade five and 6 per cent a grade six<sup>1</sup>. No ADI scored a grade one and just under 1 per cent scored a grade two or three.
- Compulsory basic test (CBT) instructors also undergo check tests. Of the 149 tests undertaken during quarter 2, 122 (82%) resulted in a satisfactory result.

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<sup>1</sup> Grades run from 1 – extremely poor overall performance, to 6 – very high overall performance

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## 8. Background notes

1. Test categories included are B (car), B1 (tricycles and quadricycles), A, A1 and A2 (motorcycles), C, C1 (medium and large goods vehicles), C+E, C1+E (medium/large goods vehicles with trailers), D, D1 (minibuses and buses), D+E and D1+E (minibuses / buses with trailers).
2. The [Driver and Rider Tests and Instructors](#) web page provides further detail of the key findings presented in this statistical release and links to data tables.
3. Notes and definitions and a statement of administrative sources can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/technical-guidance-for-transport-stats#driving-tests-and-instructors-statistics>
4. These official statistics are not designated National Statistics. They are produced to high professional standards set out in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.
5. Details of ministers and officials who receive pre-release access to these statistics up to 24 hours before release can be found in the [Pre-release access list](#).
6. The Driving Standards Agency also publishes data by test centre. These datasets can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driving-standards-agency/about/statistics>.
7. The next release of statistics will be published on 28 February 2013 and will provide quarter 3 information.
8. Additional data on ethnicity of candidates is available via [www.data.gov.uk](http://www.data.gov.uk). This information is not being published as part of the statistical release as only circa 30 per cent of candidates declare their ethnicity. It is, therefore, highly likely that the information is subject to self-selection and –reporting biases and neither the DSA nor DfT would recommend that users rely on these data being a true reflection of the ethnicity of all candidates. The data are being provided simply for information and as they are frequently request under the Freedom of Information Act.
9. Additional data on driving licences held by the DVLA will be released via [www.data.gov.uk](http://www.data.gov.uk). This information is not being published as part of the statistical release as it is not possible to distinguish whether licence holders are using their licences, still in the country, or still alive. Neither the DVLA nor DfT would recommend that users rely on these data being a true reflection of the number of driving license holders or number of drivers in the UK. The data are provided simply for information and as they are frequently requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

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