

1) Please could I request under the Freedom of Information Act, the national pass rates for the car theory test for 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 (as far as possible)? I would also like this information split by gender.

2) The total (pass & fail) car theory tests taken in each of the above years.

The table below shows the number of theory tests taken each year split by gender.

Year	Male			Female			Total		
	Tests conducted	Passes	Pass %	Tests conducted	Passes	Pass %	Tests conducted	Passes	Fail
2007	792,384	482,240	60.86	698,145	472,962	67.75	1,490,529	955,202	535,327
2008	693,766	444,547	64.08	583,928	410,699	70.33	1,277,694	855,246	422,448
2009	727,524	442,928	60.88	629,876	419,973	66.68	1,357,400	862,901	494,499
2010	660,210	402,630	60.99	596,340	397,232	66.61	1,256,550	799,862	456,688

3) The maximum number of attempts by one candidate at the car theory test.

We have recently published a response to another FOIA request about the number of attempts to pass both the theory and practical. This can be found on our website at: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/dsa/Category.asp?cat=748> As this information is already in the public domain, it is exempt from release under section 21 (information accessible by other means). A copy of this exemption in full is attached at Annex B.

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