

**1) The top five reasons why a candidate failed their car practical test in the 2009 and 2010 calendar years**

**2) The number of dangerous or serious faults incurred on the top five reasons for failing a car practical test in the 2009 and 2010 calendar years**

You can find the top five reasons why candidates failed their car practical test in the 2009 and 2010 calendar years in the tables below. We have also provided you with the number of serious and dangerous faults incurred against each reason.

2009 calendar year		
Fault marking	Number of serious faults incurred	Number of dangerous faults incurred
Junctions (observation)	313,402	68,554
Use of mirrors	175,183	33,009
Reverse/left reverse (control)	187,373	2,172
Reverse park (control)	178,569	5,355
Move off (safety)	153,864	10,092

2010 calendar year		
Fault marking	Number of serious faults incurred	Number of dangerous faults incurred
Junctions (observation)	296,341	65,988
Use of mirrors	172,945	32,827
Reverse park (control)	149,422	3,464
Reverse/left reverse (control)	151,329	956
Move off (safety)	140,072	9,368

**3) The top five reasons why a candidate failed their car multiple choice theory test in the 2009 and 2010 calendar years. I would like this information to be based on candidates that failed the multiple choice element of the theory test and the number of incorrect answers they incurred in each topic area.**

The pass mark for the car multiple choice theory test is 43 out of 50 and not determined by topic area. Candidates who score below 43 out of 50 will fail the test. In the table below, you can find the top five topic areas where unsuccessful candidates incurred the greatest number of incorrect answers in the car multiple choice element of the theory test. The information provided is for 2009 and 2010 calendar years.

Car multiple choice theory test - 2009 calendar year	
Topic area	Number of incorrect answers
Vulnerable road users	611,186
Road and traffic signs	597,835
Safety margins	470,388
Hazard awareness	469,682
Motorway rules	431,863

<b>Car multiple choice theory test - 2010 calendar year</b>	
<b>Topic area</b>	<b>Number of incorrect answers</b>
Vulnerable road users	603,361
Road and traffic signs	597,544
Safety margins	464,752
Hazard awareness	459,895
Motorway rules	426,555

You can find details of what each topic area covers in Official DSA theory test learning materials which can be purchased from the stationary office using the following link:  
<http://www.tsoshop.co.uk/bookstore.asp?FO=1162833&trackid=003755>

**4) The number of car multiple choice theory tests conducted and the number of candidates that failed the test in the 2009 and 2010 calendar years**

**5) The number of car hazard perception tests conducted and the number of candidates that failed the test in the 2009 and 2010 calendar years**

You can find the number of car multiple choice and hazard perception tests conducted and failed for the 2009 and 2010 calendar years in the table below.

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Car theory test</b>			
	<b>Multiple choice test</b>		<b>Hazard perception test</b>	
	<b>Number of tests conducted</b>	<b>Number of tests failed</b>	<b>Number of tests conducted</b>	<b>Number of tests failed</b>
2009	1,357,181	389,407	1,357,181	185,229
2010	1,340,295	386,950	1,340,295	181,567

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