

1) At the Derby (Sinfin Lane) driving test centre (DTC), how many car driving tests were conducted in a) 2011, b) 2010 and c) 2009?

2) Could you break these down by year in a) gender and b) age categories?

At Annex B, you can find the number of car practical tests conducted in 2009, 2010 and 2011 at Derby (Sinfin Lane) DTC broken down by gender and age. The information for 2011 is for the period 1 January to 31 May.

3) What is the greatest number of times somebody has taken their car driving test at Derby (Sinfin Lane) DTC?

We hold information on the car practical test from 1 April 2004. The greatest number of attempts a candidate has taken at their car practical test at Derby (Sinfin Lane) DTC is 22.

Please note that:

- this candidate took their 22nd attempt at Derby (Sinfin Lane) DTC but took previous attempts at other DTCs
- this information is based on a candidate's licence number; therefore if a candidate changed their licence number, the count would start again
- this information is based on a report that was run to capture information on tests conducted between 1 April 2004 and 31 May 2011

4) What were the top five common failures for car test candidates at Derby (Sinfin Lane) DTC in a) 2011, b) 2010 and c) 2009?

In the table below, you can find the top five most common failures on the car practical test at Derby (Sinfin Lane) DTC in 2009, 2010 and 2011 calendar years. Please note the information for the 2011 is for the period 1 January to 31 May.

Top five reasons for failing a car practical test at Derby (Sinfin Lane) DTC			
	2009	2010	01/01/2011 - 31/05/2011
1	Reverse left - control	Junctions - observation	Mirrors - change direction
2	Junctions - observation	Reverse left - control	Junctions - observation
3	Reverse park - control	Response to signs - traffic lights	Response to signs - traffic lights
4	Response to signs - traffic lights	Mirrors - change direction	Junctions - turning right
5	Mirrors - change direction	Move off - safely	Positioning - normal driving

Please note that the above information:

- is based on serious and dangerous faults incurred on car practical tests
- the information does not take into account those candidates that failed the car practical test because they incurred 16 or more minor faults with no serious or dangerous faults committed

5) How many car driving tests from Derby (Sinfin Lane) DTC were terminated in a) 2011, b) 2010 and c) 2009?

6) What were the reasons behind the terminations?

In our conversation of 4 August 2011, you clarified that you would like the number of car practical tests terminated for the following reasons:

- mechanical failure
- documents not produced
- vehicle not suitable or no vehicle for test
- no L plates
- no interpreter
- accident – unable to complete test
- candidate failed to attend at test centre
- late cancellation by candidate/school
- candidate late arriving for test
- candidate taken ill on test
- candidate choose to stop test, not already failed
- bad weather at test centre, bad light and bad weather at test centre

At Annex C, you can find the number of car practical test terminations at Derby (Sinfin Lane) in 2009, 2010 and 2011 broken down into the above reasons. The information for 2011 is for the period 1 January to 31 May 2011.

7) Has an individual ever been banned from taking tests and Derby (Sinfin lane) DTC?

8) If so, how many and what are the reasons for them being banned?

We can neither confirm nor deny whether we hold this information. But if we did hold this information, it would probably be exempt from release under section 40 (2) (personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption in full is attached at Annex D.

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