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Could you please tell me the nationwide pass rate for: 1. The Category B (car test) Theory test overall. 2. The Multiple Choice element of the test. 3. The Hazard perception element of the test. From Jan 2012 onwards if possible please.

The table below shows the number of car theory tests passed, failed and the pass rate percentage for each month from January 2012 to June 2013. This information is broken down by the multiple choice and hazard perception elements and a total for the full test.

You also asked for this information for July and August 2013; this information is a subset of an official statistic (DRT5201) which is not due to be published until 28 November. The information you have requested could be used to calculate an official statistic's figure. Official statistics are exempt from release under section 44 (1)(a) (prohibitions on disclosure) by virtue of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008 which limits access to official statistics until their date of publication. As this exemption is an absolute exemption we are not required to conduct a public interest test. A copy of this exemption in full can be found at Annex A. Whilst at this time we have refused your request for information, if you resubmit your request after 28 November, the exemption will no longer apply and we should be able to provide the information you require.

		Multiple choice			Hazard perception			TOTAL		
Year	Month	Passed	Failed	Pass %	Passed	Failed	Pass %	Passed	Failed	Pass %
2012	January	66,900	36,468	64.72%	87,593	15,775	84.74%	58,910	44,458	56.99%
2012	February	82,541	37,333	68.86%	102,156	17,718	85.22%	72,888	46,986	60.80%



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2012	March	87,386	40,465	68.35%	108,685	19,166	85.01%	77,095	50,756	60.30%
2012	April	68,536	30,558	69.16%	84,684	14,410	85.46%	60,646	38,448	61.20%
2012	May	74,965	35,822	67.67%	94,030	16,757	84.87%	66,047	44,740	59.62%
2012	June	69,706	30,858	69.32%	86,115	14,449	85.63%	61,937	38,627	61.59%
2012	July	80,055	33,224	70.67%	96,861	16,418	85.51%	71,014	42,265	62.69%
2012	August	84,258	34,032	71.23%	100,949	17,341	85.34%	74,494	43,796	62.98%
2012	September	67,785	29,246	69.86%	83,102	13,929	85.64%	60,114	36,917	61.95%
2012	October	77,505	34,723	69.06%	95,750	16,478	85.32%	68,535	43,693	61.07%
2012	November	77,511	35,837	68.38%	96,449	16,899	85.09%	68,205	45,143	60.17%
2012	December	60,154	29,722	66.93%	76,021	13,855	84.58%	52,899	36,977	58.86%
2013	January	43,742	33,310	56.77%	65,413	11,639	84.89%	38,888	38,164	50.47%
2013	February	59,466	41,125	59.12%	86,344	14,247	85.84%	53,298	47,293	52.98%
2013	March	66,521	45,392	59.44%	95,813	16,100	85.61%	59,298	52,615	52.99%
2013	April	70,667	48,304	59.40%	101,505	17,466	85.32%	62,813	56,158	52.80%



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2013	May	65,923	47,187	58.28%	96,281	16,829	85.12%	58,463	54,647	51.69%
2013	June	69,392	48,906	58.66%	100,431	17,867	84.90%	61,475	56,823	51.97%

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