

# Traffic data fact sheet

What travel trends can you spot?

## Total traffic

1980: 277 billion vehicle kilometres

2005: 504 billion vehicle kilometres

## Car traffic only

1980: 215 billion vehicle kilometres

2005: 397 billion vehicle kilometres

Cars make up about 4/5 of total distances

## Access to one car

Percentage of household having access to at least one car

1980: 59%

2005: 75%

## Access to two cars

Percentage of households having access to two cars

1980: 13%

2005: 25%

## Driving licences

In 2005, 72% of adults had a driving license. 63% of women had a license and 81 percent of men.

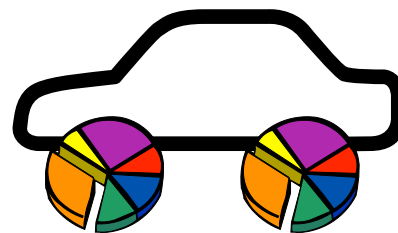
In 1995, 43% of 17 - 20 year olds had a license, but by 2005 this had fallen to 32%.

## Time spent travelling

The average time a person spends travelling around Britain is now 385 hours a year, or just over an hour a day

## Walking

The number of walking trips fell by 16 percent between 1995 and 2005.



## Independent children?

In 1971, 80% of 7 - 8 year olds went to school by on their own. By 1990 only 9% were doing so. 4 times as many 7 - 11 year olds were driven in 1990 compared to 1971. In 2005 only 6% of 7 - 11 year olds go to school by themselves.

## Walking to school 95 - 05

The proportion of primary school children walking to school declines from 53% in 1995 to 49% in 2005, with increases from 38 to 43 percent in the numbers being driven to school during the same period.

## Walking v. the car

21% of car trips are under one mile in length and therefore could usually be taken on foot or by bicycle

## How far people travel

1980: 491 billion passenger kilometres

2005: 979 billion passenger kilometres

## This is mostly due to increased car travel:

1980: 388 billion passenger kilometres

2005: 678 billion passenger kilometres

## Men v. women

The average person travels 7,200 miles in a year. The average man travels 8,200 miles with the average woman travelling 6,300 miles.

**The average trip length** increased from 6.4 miles in 1995 to 6.9 miles in 2005.

## References

Full details of the 2006 Travel Trends survey from the Department for Transport can be found here: [http://www.dft.gov.uk/162259/162469/190425/Trends\\_2006\\_FINAL\\_v5.pdf](http://www.dft.gov.uk/162259/162469/190425/Trends_2006_FINAL_v5.pdf)

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