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Number of Cars in the UK 2020

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Because cars are [racking up fewer miles each year](#) and able to stay on the road longer than ever before (the [average age of cars in the UK](#) has risen to 8.2 years old), there are more cars on the road now than ever before. Below we summarize UK car licensing statistics including car ownership for typical UK households.

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How Many Cars are Registered in the UK?

At the end of 2019 there were 31,888,448 cars licensed in Great Britain (and 32,884,320 in the UK). If you think there are a lot more cars on the road now than there were a generation ago, you're absolutely right. Over the past 25 years, the number of cars in GB has risen 49%. If growth continues at the same pace, we could have 46.9 million cars on British roads by 2043.

Number of Cars by Year	Great Britain	United Kingdom
2019	31,888,448	32,884,320

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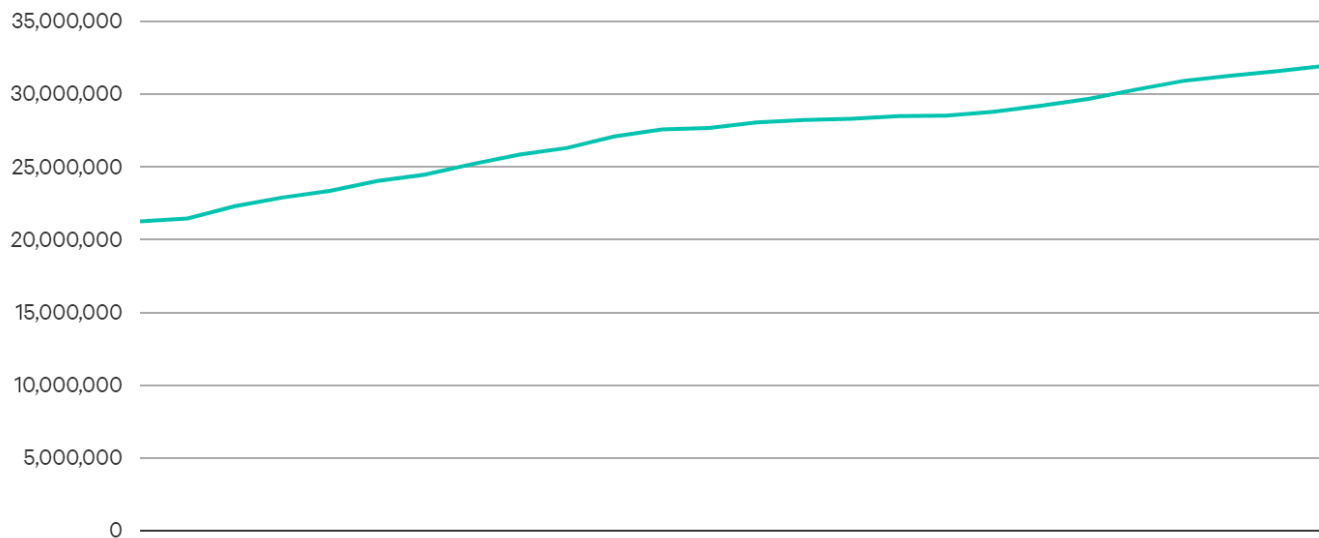
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Number of Cars by Year	Great Britain	United Kingdom
2015	30,250,294	31,170,701
2014	29,611,489	30,513,268
2013	29,140,937	<i>data n/a before 2014</i>
2012	28,722,453	
2011	28,467,289	
2010	28,420,877	
2009	28,246,470	
2008	28,160,702	
2007	28,000,264	
2006	27,600,171	

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Number of Cars Licensed in Great Britain, 1994 - 2019

In 2019 there were 31,888,448 cars licensed in GB, up 1.2% from 2018 and up 13% in the ten years from 2009



Source: Department for Transport Statistics



The number of cars in Great Britain continues to rise steadily

Average Number of Cars per Household UK

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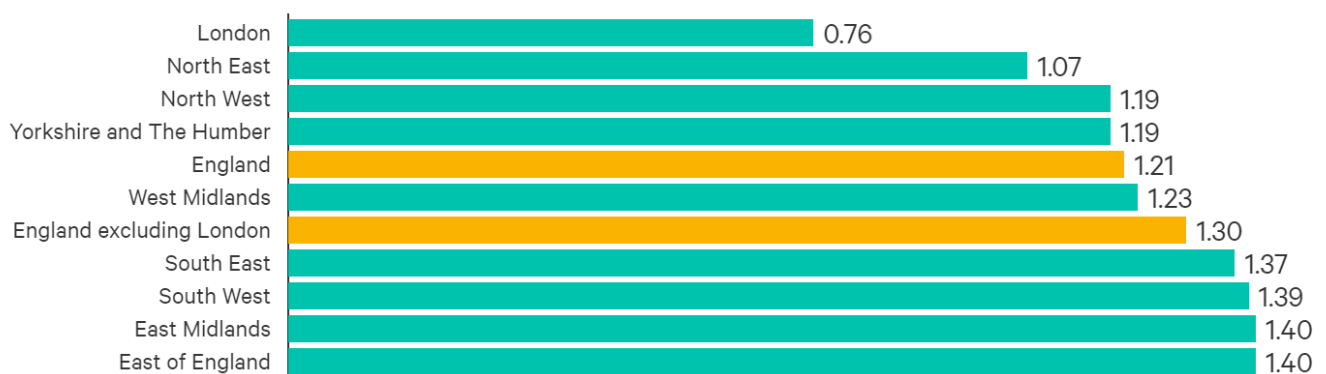
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Midlands and East of Midlands had the highest rate of car ownership, with an average of 1.4 cars per household. (Note: "Cars" includes vans.)

Number of Cars per Household	2003	2018	% Change 2003-2018
London	0.82	0.76	-8%
North East	0.86	1.07	24%
North West	1.05	1.19	13%
Yorkshire and The Humber	0.99	1.19	21%
West Midlands	1.15	1.23	8%
South East	1.30	1.37	5%
South West	1.24	1.39	13%
East Midlands	1.20	1.40	16%
East of England	1.26	1.40	11%
England	1.10	1.21	10%
England excluding London	1.16	1.30	12%

Number of Cars per Household

2018



Source: Department for Transport

The number of cars in English households

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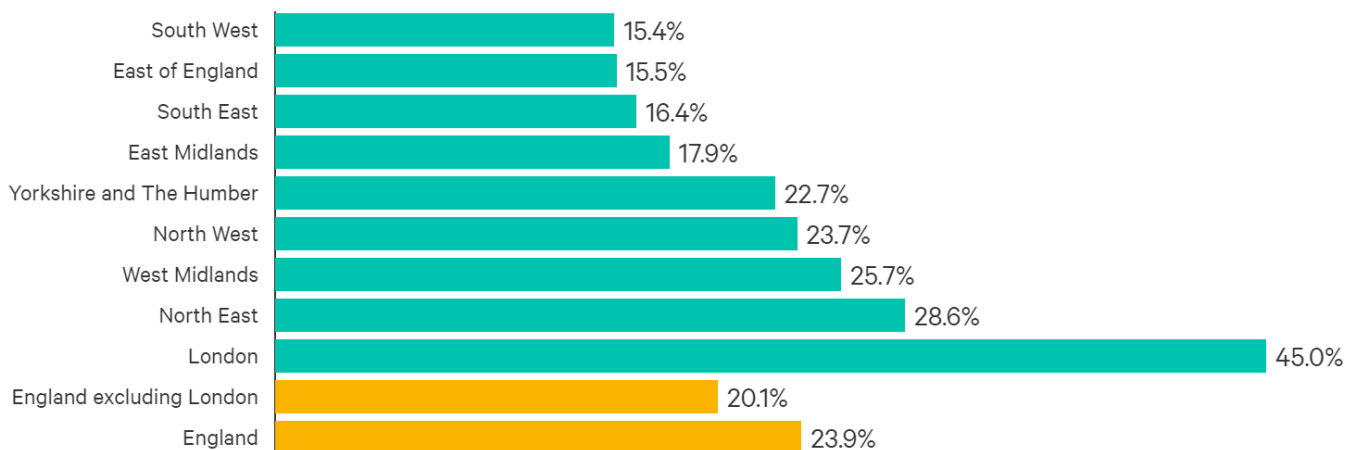
have a car. In other words, 1 in 5 households outside of London don't drive. The South West and East of England have the highest rates of car ownership, with 84.6% and 84.5% of households having at least one car or van.

Proportion of Households with No Car/Van

South West	15.4%
East of England	15.5%
South East	16.4%
East Midlands	17.9%
Yorkshire and The Humber	22.7%
North West	23.7%
West Midlands	25.7%
North East	28.6%
London	45.0%
England excluding London	20.1%
England	23.9%

Proportion of Households with No Car/Van

2018



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Note: for purposes of the article, references to "car" include both cars and vans.

Number of Cars by Fuel Type

By the end of 2019, petrol and diesel cars still dominated British roads. In fact, 58.5% of cars on the road were petrol and 39.1% were diesel. In terms of real numbers, there were 19,236,721 petrol cars and 12,852,314 diesel cars registered in the UK in 2019.

How about electric or plug-in hybrid electric cars? In 2019 there were 769,322 EVs in the UK, a 3.7X increase since 2014. However, only 1.6% of cars in the UK are fully or partially fueled by electric power. Hybrid electrics are by far the most popular, with 521,891 on the road in 2019.

Number of Cars in the UK by Fuel Type

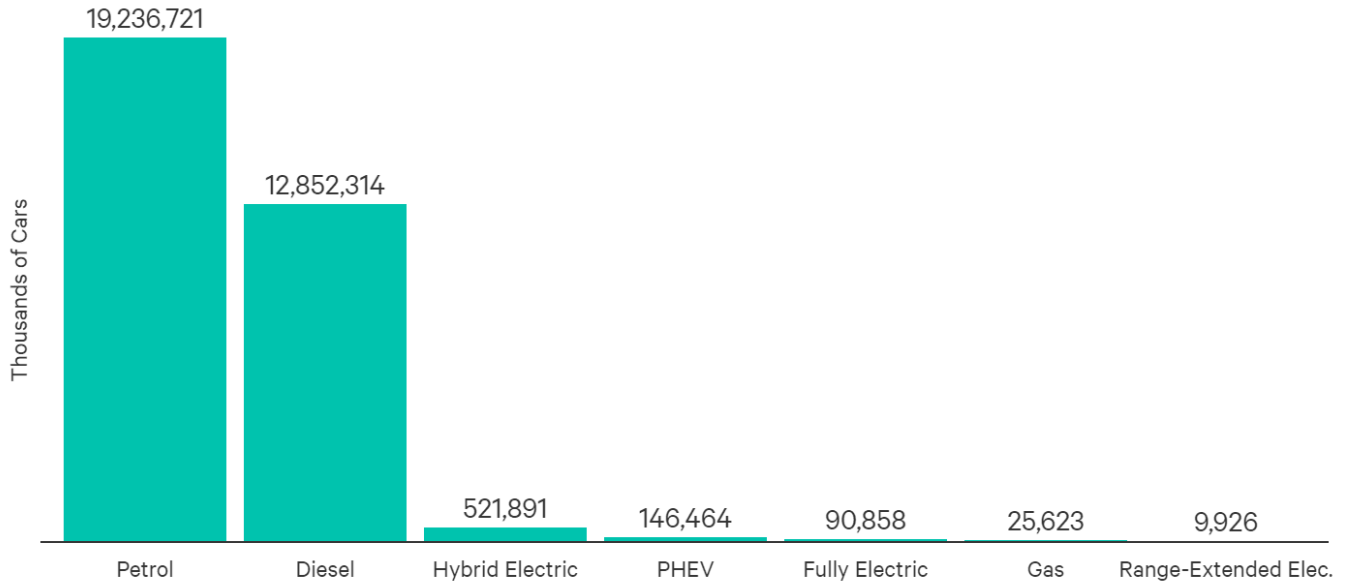
Petrol	19,236,721
Diesel	12,852,314
Hybrid Electric	521,891
Plug-in Hybrid Electric	146,464
Battery Electric	90,858
Gas	25,623
Range-Extended Electric	9,926
Total	32,884,320

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Number of Cars in the United Kingdom in 2019

by fuel type



Source: Department for Transport Statistics

FAQs

How many cars are there in the UK? ▼

How many cars are there in London? ▼

How many cars are there per household UK? ▼

How many cars are there per household in London? ▼

How many cars can a household have in the UK? ▼

Source

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