

YouGov Survey Results

Motorists

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Sample Size: 1938

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	%		
	All	M	F
Do you think speed cameras reduce the number of accidents on the roads?			
Yes - they do	32	29	35
No - they do not	60	66	54
Don't know	8	4	11
Do you think there are too many functioning speed cameras, too few or the right number?			
Too many cameras	56	65	47
Too few	19	18	19
About the right number	17	11	24
Don't know	8	6	10
In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the number of speed cameras. Do you think the main reason for their installation has been:			
To improve road safety	26		
To raise revenue	71		
Other	1		
Don't know	2		
In general, taking taxes, petrol duty, fines and other road charges into consideration, and also what the Government spends on roads and public transport, do you think the Government treats motorist...			
Too generously	3		
About right	12		
Unfairly	84		
Don't know	1		
Do you think there are too many cars on the road?			
Yes - too many	66		
No - not too many	22		
Don't know	12		

Have you received a fixed parking penalty in the last five years?		
	Yes - have had a parking fine	20
	No - have not had a parking fine	80

On Monday, it becomes unlawful to operate a hand-held mobile phone while driving a car or even while stationary at traffic lights or in a queue of traffic. A minimum fine of £30 will be applied for a breach of the law.

Do you think this law is necessary?		
	Yes - necessary	90
	No - not necessary	9
	Don't know	1

Do you ever answer mobile phone calls while driving at present (before the new law comes in)?

	Do not drive	23
	Drive - but NEVER use a mobile when driving	38
	With a built in handsfree kit	6
	With a portable / in pocket handsfree kit	9
	Held in my hand	15
	Held by my passenger	7
	Other	2

Once the new law is in place, do you see yourself using your mobile phone while driving?

	Regularly - using handsfree kit	8
	Regularly - without using a handsfree kit	0
	Occasionally - using handsfree kit	22
	Occasionally - without using handsfree kit	6
	Never	63
	Don't know	1

Do you consider your car to be indispensable?

	Yes - indispensable	82
	No - I could live without it	17
	Don't know	1

Have you been fined for speeding in the past five years?

	Yes - have been fined	18
	No - have not been fined	82

If public transport in your area were better, which of these statements would most apply to you?

	I would usually leave the car behind and use mostly public transport	14
	I would use my car a little less often	44
	I would use my car just as often, even if public transport improved significantly	29
Public transport is already perfectly good in my area, so an improvement would not change my car usership		9
	Don't know	4