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Question: ...the approximate number of people who take practical driving tests every year.
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Caveats:

- The information was extracted from the Driver Licence Register (DLR) and is current as at 1 June 2023.
- Data is limited to practical tests of the following test types sat between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2022 (inclusive)
 - Class 1 (Car) restricted licence test
 - Class 1 (Car) full licence test
 - Class 1 (Car) on road safety test
 - Class 2 (Medium Rigid Vehicle) full licence test
 - Class 4 (Heavy Rigid Vehicle) full licence test
 - Class 5 (Heavy Combination Vehicle) full licence test
 - Class 6 (Motorcycle) restricted licence test
 - Class 6 (Motorcycle) full licence test
- The following tests have been excluded due to small volumes
 - Class 6 (Motorcycle) on road safety test
 - Class 3 (Medium Combination Vehicle) full licence test
- One hour is allocated for a restricted licence test, however, the driving component of the practical test is approximately 45 minutes.
- Thirty minutes is allocated for a full licence test or an on road safety test, however, the driving component of the practical test is approximately 20 minutes.
- The fuel source of the vehicle (i.e. petrol, diesel, electric, petrol hybrid, etc) used in the test is not recorded by the testing officer.
- Tests sat refer to tests resulted as 'Pass', 'Fail' or 'Terminated'.
- Tests resulted as 'Fail' means the whole test was completed by the applicant, but the applicant did not pass the overall result. Tests resulted as 'Terminated' means the applicant completed an illegal action and the test was stopped at any given time in the test.
- The data is limited to tests sat as part of any application type including the Graduated Driver Licensing System (GDLS), overseas conversion, a requalification application, an endorsement application, etc.
- The data excludes tests sat as part of a cancelled application.
- If an applicant passes the restricted licence practical test in an automatic vehicle, an 'F' condition (only vehicle with automatic transmission to be used), is added to the licence. In order for a restricted licence holder to have the 'F' condition removed from their licence, the licence holder is required to re-sit and pass the restricted licence practical test in a manual vehicle. The data includes applicants re-sitting their restricted licence test in a manual vehicle to have the 'F' condition removed from their licence.
- It is important to note, an option is available for an applicant to either pass the practical test or present a course certificate (an approved course certificate for heavy vehicles or a competency-based training and assessment certificate for motorcycles) to apply for the following licence
 - Class 2 full
 - Class 3 full
 - Class 4 full
 - Class 5 full
 - Class 6 restricted
 - Class 6 full
- 'Total tests sat' - provides the number of tests sat, not the number of individuals who sat a test.
- 'Total individuals' - provides a unique count of individuals who sat a test, not the number of tests sat. An individual will be included in more than one count if multiple tests of different test types were sat within a calendar year.
- Information on sitting the practical test can be found here
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/getting-a-licence/take-your-test/practical-tests/>

For further information please contact StatisticalAnalysis@nzta.govt.nz

This information must be read in conjunction with the caveats in the "Caveats" sheet of this document.
 Data extracted from Driver Licence Register (DLR) on 2 June 2023 for the 2 June 2023 report.

Volumes for practical tests sat			
<i>between 1 January 2018-31 December 2022</i>			
Year test sat	Test type	Total tests sat	Total individuals
2018	Class 1 Full Licence Test	125,311	95,182
2018	Class 1 On-Road Safety Test	1,485	1,228
2018	Class 1 Restricted Licence	114,318	80,836
2018	Class 2 Full Licence Test	1,086	1,027
2018	Class 4 Full Licence Test	817	765
2018	Class 5 Full Licence Test	422	382
2018	Class 6 Full Licence Test	1,025	986
2018	Class 6 Restricted Licence Test	1,068	1,033
2019	Class 1 Full Licence Test	129,127	97,735
2019	Class 1 On-Road Safety Test	1,507	1,246
2019	Class 1 Restricted Licence	116,327	81,518
2019	Class 2 Full Licence Test	1,093	1,015
2019	Class 4 Full Licence Test	828	758
2019	Class 5 Full Licence Test	542	486
2019	Class 6 Full Licence Test	1,014	969
2019	Class 6 Restricted Licence Test	1,055	1,022
2020	Class 1 Full Licence Test	119,641	93,100
2020	Class 1 On-Road Safety Test	1,284	1,104
2020	Class 1 Restricted Licence	106,191	76,770
2020	Class 2 Full Licence Test	956	907
2020	Class 4 Full Licence Test	725	671
2020	Class 5 Full Licence Test	442	410
2020	Class 6 Full Licence Test	881	855
2020	Class 6 Restricted Licence Test	900	883
2021	Class 1 Full Licence Test	114,971	89,598
2021	Class 1 On-Road Safety Test	1,564	1,267
2021	Class 1 Restricted Licence	116,966	82,295
2021	Class 2 Full Licence Test	916	872
2021	Class 4 Full Licence Test	593	552
2021	Class 5 Full Licence Test	325	301
2021	Class 6 Full Licence Test	968	927
2021	Class 6 Restricted Licence Test	890	863
2022	Class 1 Full Licence Test	134,034	103,003
2022	Class 1 On-Road Safety Test	1,666	1,357
2022	Class 1 Restricted Licence	136,914	91,653
2022	Class 2 Full Licence Test	980	913
2022	Class 4 Full Licence Test	688	649
2022	Class 5 Full Licence Test	316	295
2022	Class 6 Full Licence Test	1,165	1,107
2022	Class 6 Restricted Licence Test	995	953