

Licence Theory Test Pass Rates

Test year	Total tests*	Pass rate
2009	22,011	48%
2010	134,395	54%
2011	117,120	61%
2012	89,374	62%
2013	82,528	67%

Fatal and Serious Injury crashes with teen drivers**

Year	Fatal	Serious	Total
2008	64	411	475
2009	57	399	456
2010	64	325	389
2011	32	258	290
2013	24	233	257

Learner Licence Theory Test Pass Rates, by region

	2009*		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Total tests	Pass tests	Total tests	Pass tests	Total tests	Pass tests	Total tests	Pass tests	Total tests	Pass tests
Auckland	8,947	45%	55,671	53%	49,164	59%	40,298	61%	34,291	66%
Bay of Plenty	1,367	50%	8,466	51%	7,548	60%	5,545	60%	5,235	65%
Canterbury	2,429	49%	14,036	57%	12,482	64%	10,145	63%	10,201	67%
Gisborne	222	50%	1,207	49%	1,236	58%	1,000	56%	854	63%
Hawkes Bay	641	54%	4,369	52%	3,706	61%	2,585	60%	2,575	66%
Manawatu	852	54%	4,899	57%	4,369	65%	3,124	69%	3,089	75%
Marlborough/ Tasman	241	59%	1,593	53%	1,223	62%	896	62%	892	69%
Nelson	362	60%	2,004	56%	1,647	65%	1,018	66%	1,179	73%
Northland	741	49%	4,447	57%	3,960	64%	2,589	63%	2,372	67%
Otago	821	52%	5,170	56%	4,122	63%	2,643	65%	2,749	70%
Southland	386	51%	2,778	52%	2,308	59%	1,625	59%	1,648	65%
Taranaki	485	52%	3,096	52%	2,659	62%	1,715	61%	1,800	68%
Waikato	1,887	47%	11,861	55%	10,560	63%	7,313	61%	7,713	66%
Wairarapa	176	51%	1,062	54%	811	62%	573	61%	620	66%
Wanganui	205	56%	1,389	60%	1,109	61%	736	67%	700	66%
Wellington	2,049	49%	11,108	57%	9,263	64%	6,963	65%	5,999	70%
West Coast	150	59%	920	48%	739	61%	536	58%	532	60%
Total	22,011	48%	134,395	54%	117,120	61%	89,374	62%	82,528	67%

* The computerised theory test was introduced in November 2009. **The minimum licensing age in New Zealand was increased from 15 to 16 on August 1, 2011. This effectively removed approximately 20,000 teens from the pool of potential learner licensed drivers/theory test applicants.

2013 - Regional Rankings

Pass rates

Rank	Region	Pass Rate (2013)
1	Manawatu	75%
2	Nelson	73%
3	Otago	70%
3	Wellington	70%
5	Marlborough	69%
6	Taranaki	68%
7	Canterbury	67%
7	Northland	67%
9	Auckland	66%
9	Hawkes Bay	66%
9	Waikato	66%
9	Wairarapa	66%
9	Whanganui	66%
14	Bay of Plenty	65%
14	Southland	65%
16	Gisborne	63%
17	West Coast	60%
	National	67%

Test duration*

Rank	Region	Average test time	Average time per question (seconds)
1	Nelson	10:50	18.6
2	Wairarapa	10:56	18.7
3	Taranaki	11:21	19.4
4	Canterbury	11:37	19.9
5	Otago	11:40	20.0
6	Manawatu	11:52	20.3
7	Marlborough	11:54	20.4
8	Wellington	11:57	20.5
9	Bay of Plenty	12:07	20.8
9	Southland	12:12	20.9
11	West Coast	12:12	20.9
12	Auckland	12:17	21.1
13	Waikato	12:18	21.1
14	Whanganui	12:22	21.2
15	Northland	12:24	21.3
16	Hawkes Bay	12:44	21.8
17	Gisborne	14:21	24.6
	National	12:07	20.8

*Average time taken by applicants to complete all 35 questions in Class 1 theory test.