

## **AROUND THE UK\*\***

The average risk rating has fallen in all regions, at 27 fatal and serious crashes per billion vehicle kilometres travelled. Higher than average risk was seen in East Midlands, Wales, Scotland, Yorkshire & the Humber and the South-East; while lower than average risk was evident in the West Midlands, North-East, North-West, South-West and the East of England.

### **South-East**

- Risk on motorways is highest in the South-East (9 fatal and serious crashes per billion vehicle km)
- The slowest improvement has been in the South-East where risk has dropped by 5% in the last 3 years
- The region's highest-risk road is the A285 between Chichester and Petworth. This road tops the 'Persistently Higher Risk Roads' table and has shown an increase of 16% fatal and serious crashes
- The region shares Britain's 'Most Improved' road with the East of England – the A404 between Amersham and the M25. The route has seen improvements to road markings, road surface, street lighting, signage, parking and has a speed limit review with associated warning signs

### **South-West**

- Only 7% of non-primary 'A' roads are rated higher risk in the South-West
- The highest risk road here is the A4151 between Nailford and the A48
- The 'Most Improved' road in the region is the A4174 between Keynsham and the M32 which saw junction improvements including new signals

### **East of England**

- The highest risk road in the region is the A1302 between the A14 and Bury St Edmunds
- The region shares Britain's 'Most Improved' road with the South-East – the A404 between Amersham and the M25. The route has seen improvements to road markings, road surface, street lighting, signage, parking and has a speed limit review with associated warning signs

### **Yorkshire and the Humber**

- The region's highest-risk road is the A61 between Wakefield and the M1
- The 'Most Improved' road in Yorkshire and the Humber is the A1079 between York and Market Weighton. The route has a considerable amount of improvements on the route including a vast amount of maintenance measures, junction improvements, reconfiguration of a problematic section, enforcement, education campaigns and traffic calming improvements

### **North-East**

- The North-East trunk road network is the lowest risk of all trunk 'A' roads
- The North-East scores better than average on all road types but, because of the small proportion of travel on motorways, it does not rank the best overall and instead takes second place.
- The region's highest-risk road is the A67 between Darlington and the A19

### **North-West**

- Single carriageway risk is highest in the North-West (62 fatal and serious crashes per billion vehicle km)
- The North-West local authority 'A' road network is the highest risk of all local authority 'A' roads
- 30% of non-primary 'A' roads are rated higher risk in the North-West
- The risk on duals and mixed carriageways in the North-West is twice that of the West Midlands.

- The highest risk road in Britain is still the A537 between Macclesfield and Buxton however the reduction in risk over time places it as the 28<sup>th</sup> most improved road.
- Previously on the list of persistently higher risk roads, the A675 between the M65 and Bolton is the 15<sup>th</sup> most improved road which has seen speed limit reviews and improved road markings and signage

### **East Midlands**

- A combination of low motorway travel and high single carriageway travel scoring lower than average, places the East Midlands worst overall (31 fatal and serious crashes per billion vehicle km)
- Of the British nations and regions, the East Midlands loses the greatest GDP per km travelled from serious crashes on motorways and 'A' roads
- The East Midlands economic losses are two-thirds higher than the West Midlands
- The highest-risk road in the region is the A4300 through Kettering

### **West Midlands**

- The greatest improvement has been in the West Midlands where risk has dropped by 23% in the last 3 years
- The risk of death and serious injury is lowest in the West Midlands (17 fatal and serious crashes per billion vehicle km)
- Single carriageway risk is lowest in the West Midlands (35 fatal and serious crashes per billion vehicle km)
- The West Midlands local authority 'A' road network is the lowest risk of all local authority 'A' roads
- Of the British nations and regions, the West Midlands loses the lowest GDP per km travelled
- The highest risk road in the region is the A422 between the A429 and Stratford-Upon-Avon)

### **Wales**

- Risk on motorways is highest in the South-East (9 fatal and serious crashes per billion vehicle km)
- The Welsh trunk road network is the highest risk of all trunk 'A' roads.
- Wales' highest-risk road is the national route, the A44 between Llangurig and Aberystwyth

### **Scotland**

- The region with the highest proportion of travel on single carriageways is Scotland. This region now has the third safest single carriageways of the British regions and nations, a marked improvement.
- The highest risk road in Scotland is the A809 between Glasgow and the A811
- The A70 route between Cumnock and Ayr is the tenth most improved route which saw improvements at junctions, bends and footways, speed limit reviews and a mobile speed camera installed