

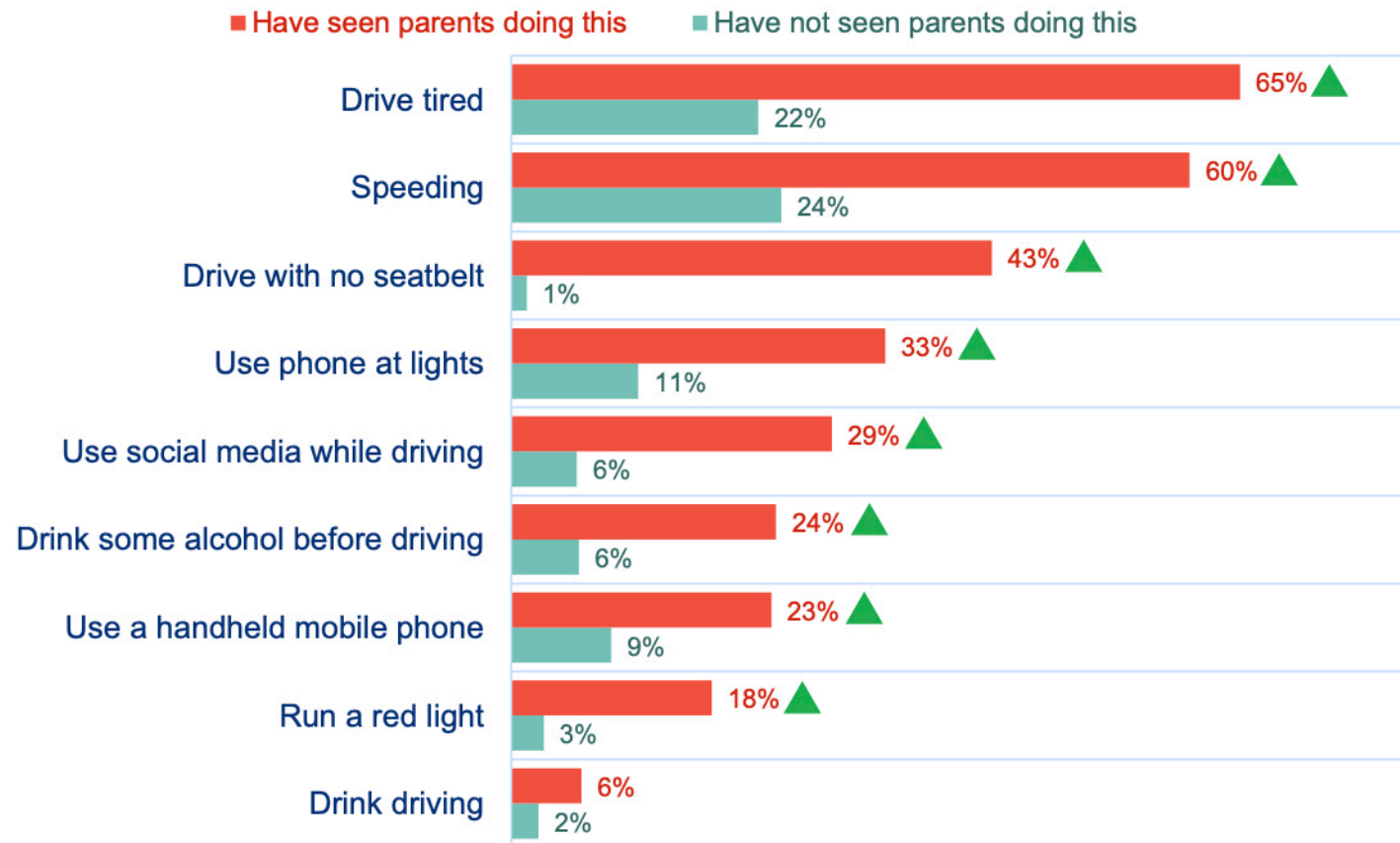
# There remains a strong correlation between parent's driving behaviours and their children's driving behaviours



- For all parent's driving behaviours listed in the survey, there was a **significant positive correlation between young drivers witnessing their parents doing those behaviours, and the young driver doing that behaviour themselves.**

  - Of the young drivers who reported seeing their parents driving tired, 65% admit to driving tired themselves, compared with only 22% of those whose parents did not speed.
  - 60% of young drivers who've seen their parents speeding report also speeding themselves.
  - 43% of young drivers who have seen their parents drive without a seatbelt, have driven without wearing a seatbelt themselves.
    - Only 1% of the drivers who have not seen their parents drive without a seatbelt, report doing this behaviour themselves.
- These results suggest that **young drivers who witness their parents unsafe driving behaviours, are far more likely to carry out those same behaviours themselves.** This influence is particularly strong with fatigue, speeding and seatbelts.

Proportion of young drivers who report seeing their parents doing each behaviour<sup>1</sup>, who also do the same behaviour<sup>2</sup> themselves... (2021)



▲ Significantly higher than those who did not see their parents do this behaviour at 95% CI

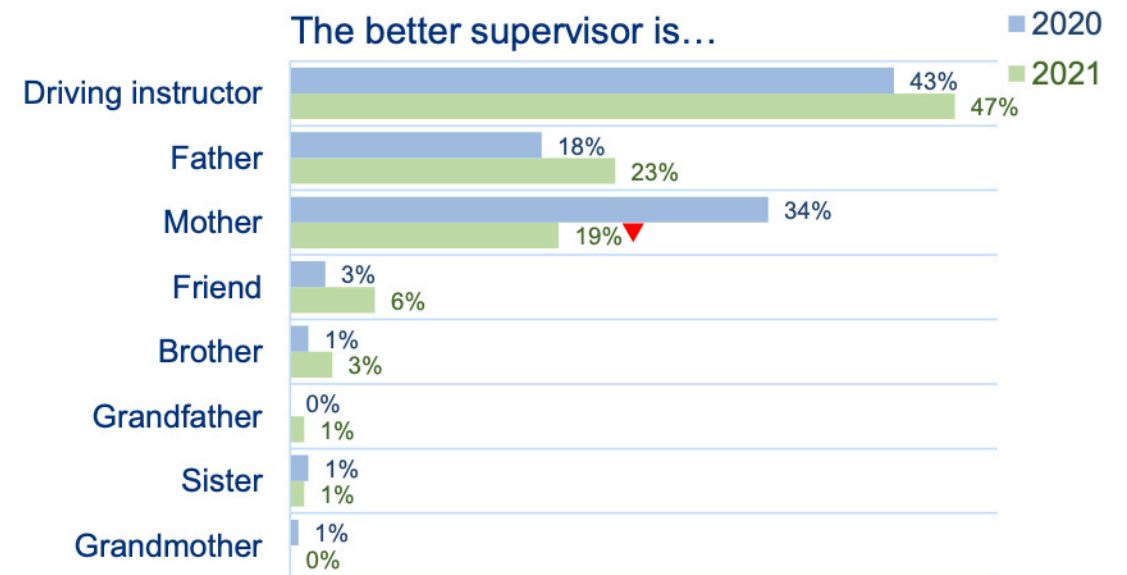
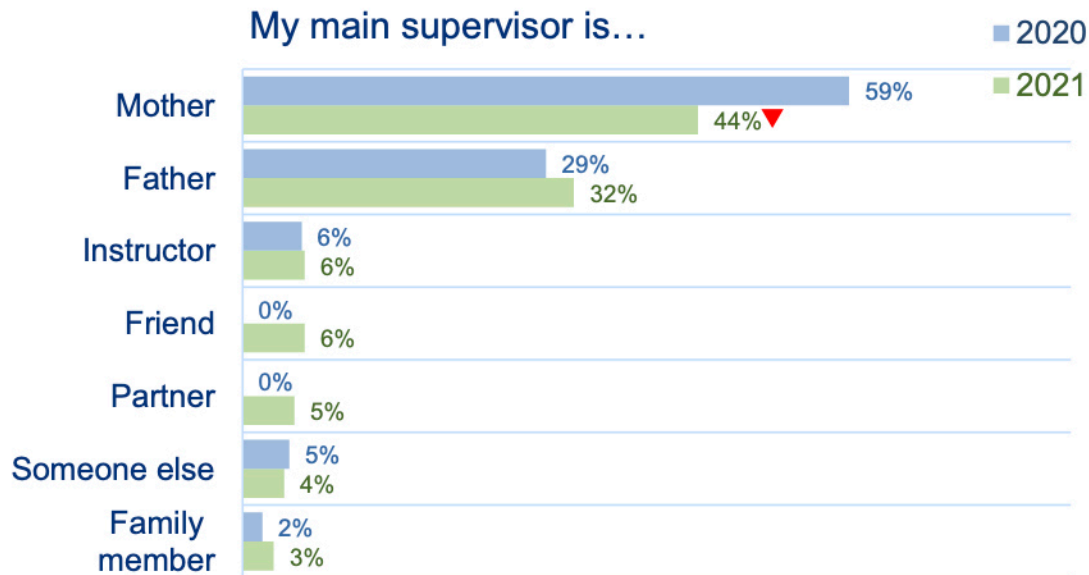
Source: Young Drivers Survey 2021 (N=305)

Questions: Q5.1 The following question is about your parents' driving behaviour. Have you seen your parents... Q14.3 Please use the scale provided to indicate how frequently you have or had done each of the following whilst driving.

Note: 1. Refers to young drivers who reported seeing their parents doing the behaviour 'occasionally', 'often' or 'always'.

2. Refers to young drivers who report doing the behaviour themselves 'occasionally', 'often' or 'always'.

# Driving instructors are seen as better instructors than mum or dad, though parents do the vast majority of the instructing

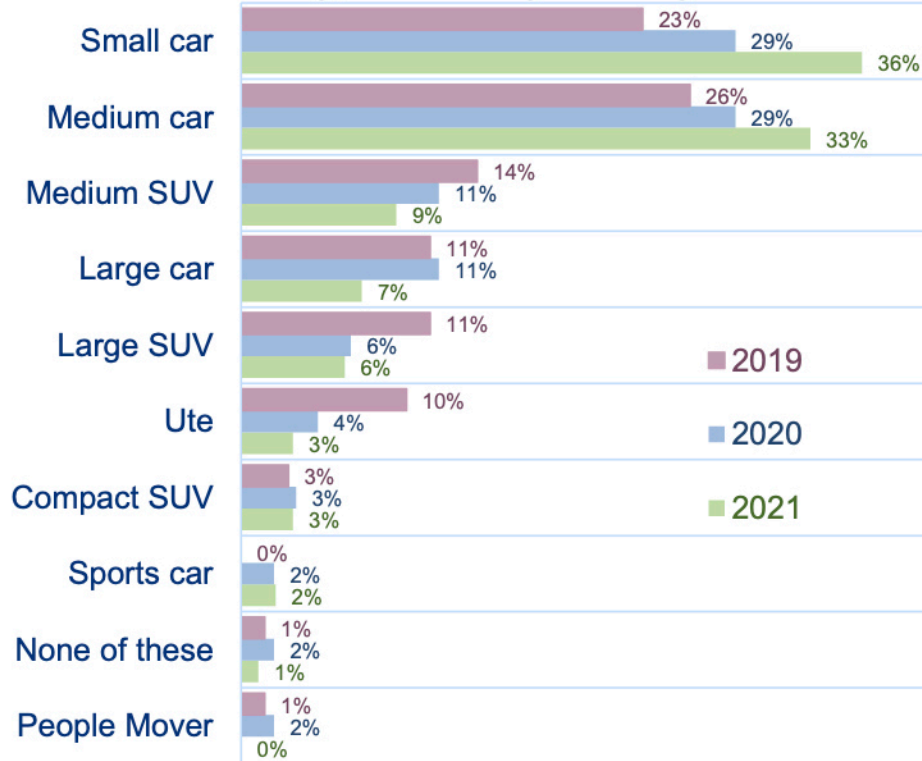


- › **Driving Instructor was most commonly cited as the better instructor.**
  - 47% of learner drivers said that they had not yet received lessons from a driving instructor.
- › Parents are the main supervisors for over 75% of learner drivers.
  - While mothers remain the most common main supervisor, the proportion fell significantly from 59% in 2020 to 44% in 2021.
- › Over half of all learner drivers indicated one of their parents as the better supervisor, though the proportion rating mothers as the better instructor fell significantly in 2021, with fathers being rated slightly higher for the first time.

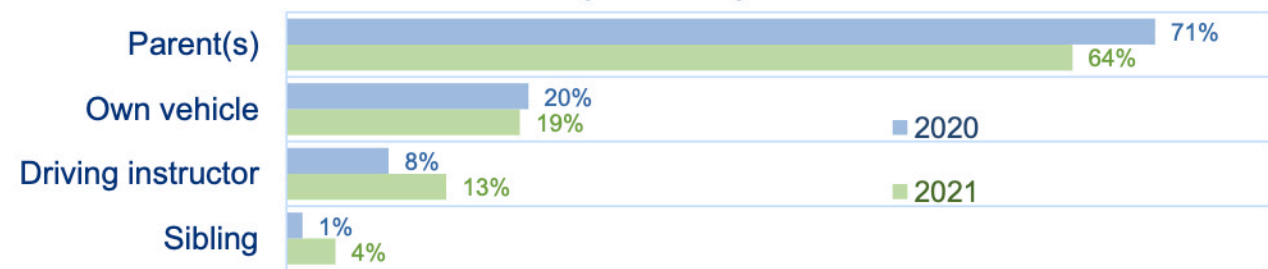
# Most Learner drivers learn in their parent's car, and most learn in either a small or medium car. There has been a steady decrease in the number learning to drive in manual transmission cars (down to 80% in 2021).



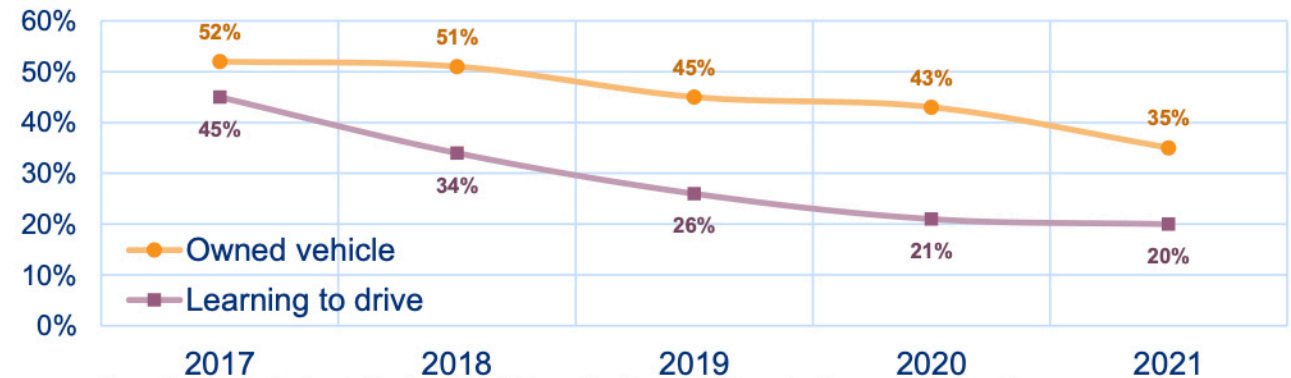
What type of car do you mostly learn in?



Who owns the car you mostly learn in?



Proportion of Learners and owners in a manual-transmission car...



"Learning to drive" refers to the type of vehicle mainly driven while learning (Learner drivers only)  
 "Owned vehicle" refers to the type of vehicle owned (Vehicle owners – P1/P2 & Open Licence)

- There was an increase in the number of Learner drivers learning in either small or medium cars, though this increase was not statistically significant.
  - Since 2019, small cars have overtaken medium cars as the most popular for Learner drivers to learn to drive in.
- The majority (64%) of Learner drivers learn in their parent's car while 20% learn to drive in their own car.
- The proportion of people Learning in manual transmission cars has fallen steadily since 2017, though this decline was not as pronounced in 2021 as it had been in previous years.

Source: Young Drivers Survey 2020 (N=157); Young Drivers Survey 2021 (N=100)

Questions: Q7.2 As a Learner driver, what type of car do you mostly drive? Q7.3 Was that car a manual or automatic? Q7.4 Who owned the car that you spent most of your learner hours driving? Q8.4 Who owned the car that you spent most of your learner hours driving? Q10.4 Who owned the car that you spent most of your learner hours driving? Q11.4 Who owned the car that you spent most of your learner hours driving?