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Slow, slow, slow – Britain’s worst areas to drive in to make progress!

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Revealed: England's slowest areas to drive in...



Rank	Town/City	Average speed (miles per hour)	Average delay (seconds per vehicle per mile)	No. of A roads and motorways requiring maintenance	No. of B and C roads requiring maintenance	Annual average daily traffic flow	Annual average hours lost in congestion	Overall slow traffic score /10
1	Bristol	16	78	9%	10%	1,306	91	8.51
2	Nottingham	14	94	10%	6%	944	71	8.28
3	Liverpool	16	84	7%	15%	1,258	50	7.88
4	London	15	114	8%	5%	559	156	7.70
5	Manchester	17	77	5%	6%	1,486	84	7.42
6	Leicester	18	67	7%	12%	876	62	7.13
7	Birmingham	18	73	5%	4%	3,216	73	6.84
8	Brighton and Hove	13	107	6%	4%	696	52	6.67
9	Reading	14	96	9%	6%	313	41	6.49
10	Derby	21	58	6%	14%	1,048	46	5.81

Bristol is the slowest English city for drivers overall, with a slow traffic score 8.51/10. The southwestern city scored poorly in every ranking category, which earned Bristol the number one spot. There is an average of 91 annual hours lost in traffic and 10% of Bristol's 'B' and



'C' roads require maintenance. Currently, there are 9% of Bristol's 'A' roads and motorways that require maintenance too, making Bristol a very difficult city for motorists!

Nottingham ranks as the second slowest city for drivers, with a slow traffic score of 8.28/10. The East Midlands city known for its Robin Hood mythology, has 10% of its 'A' roads and motorways requiring maintenance, which is the highest of any cities in the study! On top of this, the average speed of traffic in the city is just 14 miles per hour (mph), with only motorists in Brighton achieving a lower average speed.

Liverpool rounds off the top three as the third slowest city for drivers, with a slow traffic of 7.88/10. Liverpool has the worst 'B' and 'C' roads of any major city in the country, as an astonishing 15% of them should be considered for maintenance. Additionally, the average delay in Liverpool is over 83 seconds per vehicle per mile (spvpm) and there is a very high average daily traffic flow of over a whopping 1,250 vehicles.

Further findings:

- Middlesbrough is the fastest area to drive in, with a slow traffic score of just 0.8/10. The working class town has the third shortest average delay time in the study, as well as the second lowest amount of hours lost in congestion.
- Despite being a capital city, London only ranked as the fourth slowest city in the study, falling from first place since 2021.
- Peru is the slowest country to drive in, with an average congestion level of a whopping 42% and 26 days of high traffic within Peruvian cities.
- The United States is the fastest country to drive in, with an average of just six days per year of high traffic and a high top speed limit of 50 mph in urban areas.