

Road Safety Monitor 2021

Selected recent changes in driver attitudes and behaviour

In 2021 driving is favoured over other forms of transport, but Victorian drivers are covering less distance



Drive a car at least once per week



Average distance driven decreased



Weekly use of public transport decreased



93% 20

10,758 km 2021

13,297 km 2017-2019



21%2019

92% 2020

Drivers are less likely to be stressed while driving, but more likely to drive at night

Driving while stressed at least once per week



27%



2021 2019

Driving at night at least once per week





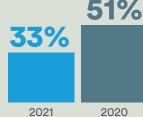


2021 2020

Drivers are less likely to report interactions with police







Drug tested in the last 12 months



4% 6% 2021 2020

An increase in the incidence of low-level speeding and fatigued driving was observed, but use of a hand-held mobile phone while driving continues to decline



Intentionally driving a few kilometres over the speed limit in the past 3 months

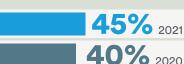


zone

42% ₂₀₂₁ 39% ₂₀₂₀

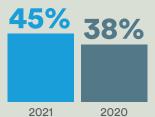


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Driving while very tired in the past 3 months





Used a hand-held mobile phone in the past 3 months







2021

2016

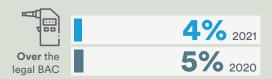
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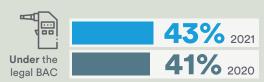
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Drink driving behaviour is broadly consistent, with a small percentage reporting illegal driving behaviour while a large minority ever drive after drinking alcohol



Driving after drinking in the last 12 months





Speeding and driving after drinking alcohol while under the legal BAC are perceived as less dangerous than other risky driving behaviours such as driving while over the legal BAC and driving while using a hand-held mobile phone

Rating of perceived danger for a driver doing these things in a typical setting (higher is perceived to be more dangerous)

Driving while over the legal BAC



9.6/10

Driving while using a handheld mobile phone



9.2/10

Exceed speed limit by a few kilometres in a 100 km/h zone



6.0/10

Driving after having one alcoholic drink



5.5/10

