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## World Drivers' Day

Any idea about how much the total number of registered vehicles increased compared to 1970? Also, how much the total length of highways changed compared to the eighties? During this long period of almost half a century, significant changes have occurred in the field of road transport and we can see and experience the effects today. Whether on a journey to a distant destination or daily commuting, we are often faced with a large number of vehicles on roads and traffic congestion. To answer the question at the beginning of this article: the number of registered passenger cars increased from 184 000 in 1970 to almost 1.5 million in 2015, while more than 1 000 kilometers of highways were built in the last 35 years.

### ***More than two million drivers***

Drivers' day is celebrated every 24<sup>th</sup> of September. According to the latest available data of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, there were more than two million drivers in Croatia in 2015, with men making up 59.5% of the total number. In terms of age groups, the highest number of drivers was in the 35 – 44 years age group, which is slightly more than a fifth of the total number of drivers (22.1%). The 65-and-more-years age group has the biggest difference in the number of male and female drivers where women, according to data for 2015, make up only 22.8%.

### ***357 cars per one thousand inhabitants***

As we have already mentioned, the total number of passenger cars was 1.5 million in 2015, while there were 74 000 cars registered for the first time, which is an increase of as much as 51.8% compared to that number in 2011. In 2015, the rate of motorization and the number of cars per 1 000 inhabitants was 357 in Croatia. By comparison, observed among the Member States of the EU, Luxembourg had the highest rate of motorization in 2014 with 645 cars per 1 000 inhabitants, while the lowest rate that year was recorded in Romania, with 247 cars per 1 000 inhabitants, according to the latest available data from Eurostat. Croatia had 349 cars per 1 000 inhabitants at that time and was at the bottom of the scale.

### ***Cars traverse a total of 52 million kilometres per day***

During 2015, passenger cars travelled a distance of almost 19 billion kilometres or an average of nearly 52 million kilometers per day on Croatian roads. According to the type of fuel, the highest number of passenger cars with Croatian license plates in 2015 used gasoline, 52.9% of them, and to a lesser extent, namely 43.3%, used diesel, while only 3.8% of cars used alternative fuels.

### ***As much as 80% of accidents in populated areas***

In 2015, there were a total of 11 038 traffic accidents with casualties, but it is encouraging that the number of accidents in the past five years has decreased by 16.6%. However, the alarming fact is that most of these accidents occurred in populated areas (80.7%), during daylight (72.6%) and in dry road surface conditions (77.3%). Broken down by months, it is evident that the number of accidents was the highest during the summer months, namely July and August. Broken down by the days of the week, most of the accidents took place from Monday to Thursday, 56.4% of them.

### ***Trams and buses transported 450 million passengers***

And finally, we must mention all drivers employed in road public line transport and road urban and suburban transport, a little more than six thousand, who have travelled a total of more than 244 million kilometers and transported 450 million passengers during 2015. We wish them, as well as all other drivers, a safe and happy World Drivers' Day!

# DRIVERS BY SEX, 2015



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**59.5%**  
MEN



**40.5%**  
WOMEN