

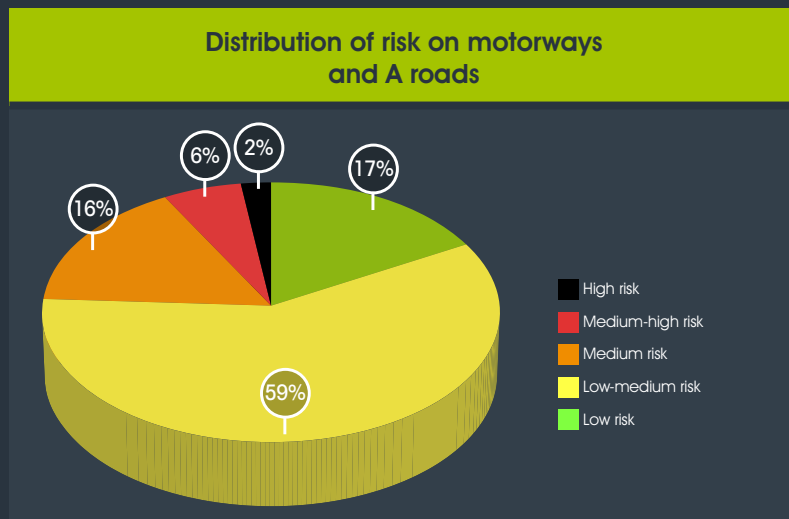
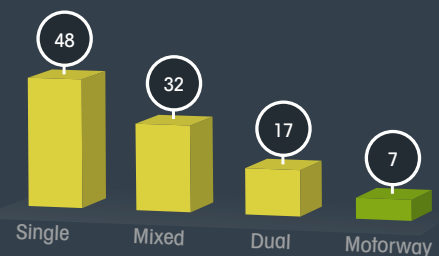
Risk Rating of Britain's Motorways and A Roads in the South-west



The **South-west network** accounts for 12% of the total surveyed and 10% of the fatal crashes. This large region, like Scotland, sees a significant volume of longer distance and recreational traffic. Heavily reliant on its single carriageway roads (78%), there have been many regional calls for more investment in motorways and dual carriageways. The main A roads of the region, the more heavily trafficked primary routes, have seen some investment in recent decades particularly in single carriageways. The rolling hills in the region have also provided opportunities to provide additional climbing lanes on new single carriageway roads which provide safer opportunities to overtake and break up long convoys particularly in summer. Single carriageways in the South-west are the safest in Britain. 8% of the network falls in the higher risk (black and red) categories.

Average EuroRAP risk rating	31
Number of fatal and serious collisions	2437
% total fatal & serious collisions on network	10
Length (km)	4741
% of total on network	12
% single carriageway	78
% mixed carriageway	10
% dual carriageway	7
% motorway	5

Average risk rating (F&S/bvkm) by carriageway type



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