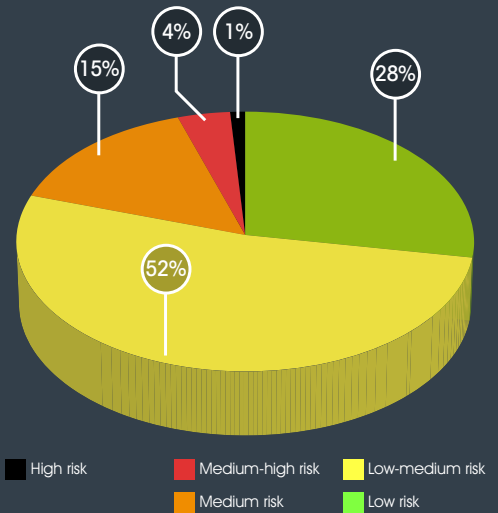


Risk Rating of Britain's Motorways and A Roads in the West Midlands

The **West Midlands** accounts for 7% of the total network length. It has the lowest average risk on its roads of any region. The single carriageways in the West Midlands also perform better than most other regions. Just 5% of the network is rated as higher risk (black and red) and the lowest proportion falling in the higher risk (black and red) categories. 7% of all fatal collisions occurred in the region. With its historic industrial base and traffic intensity, a high proportion of all traffic is carried by purpose built motorways and dual carriageways which perform in the safest risk categories.

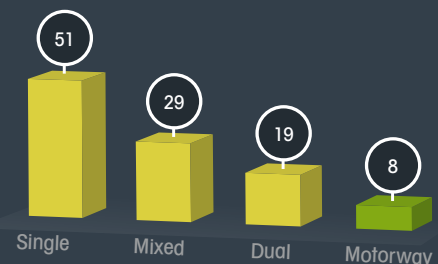


Distribution of risk on motorways and A roads



Average EuroRAP risk rating	24
Number of fatal and serious collisions	1602
% total fatal & serious collisions on network	7
Length (km)	2659
% of total on network	7
% single carriageway	67
% mixed carriageway	11
% dual carriageway	10
% motorway	13

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



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