



Driving Maneuvers Survey

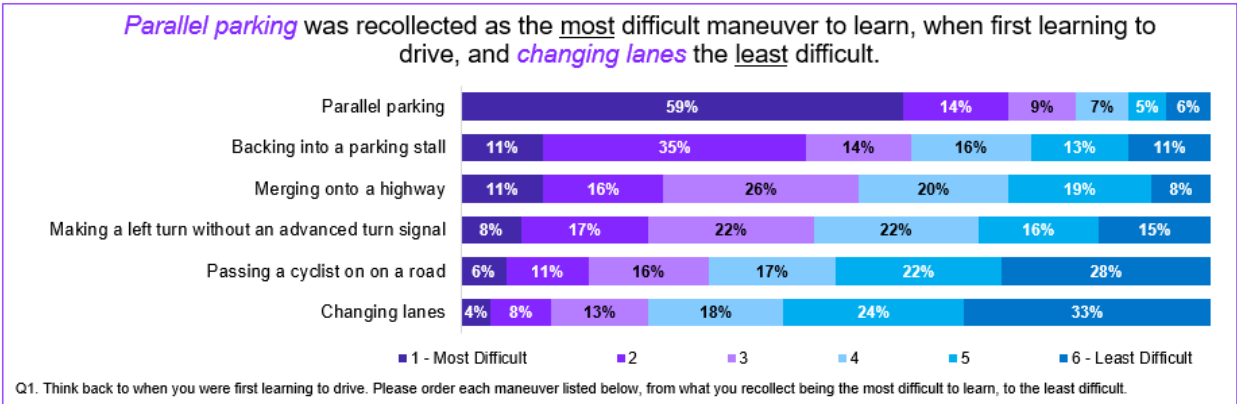
Methodology

- Online survey conducted with B.C. residents, using Ipsos' online panel. Data collected from May 9 through May 14, 2024.
- 692 respondents completed the survey (out of a total of 801 respondents).
 - Those who did not have a valid British Columbia Drivers' Licence (BCDL) and those who did not know if they had a BCDL were screened out (n = 109).
 - All remaining participants answered each of the subsequent survey questions and are referred to as 'drivers' or 'B.C. drivers' in the Findings section of this report.
 - Survey data is weighted using BC Census data to reflect the overall population of B.C. residents.

Research Findings

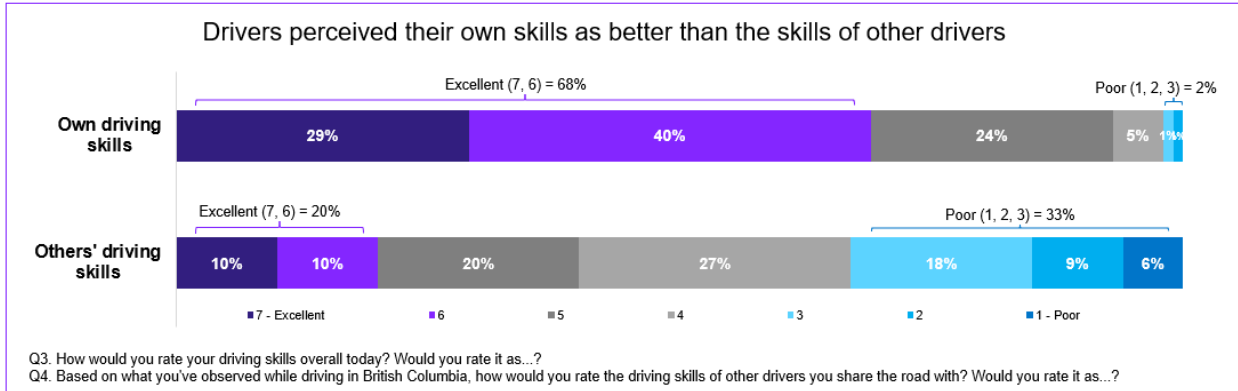
Perceived ease or difficulty of learning maneuvers when first learning to drive

B.C. drivers completing the survey were shown a list of six driving maneuvers and asked to think back to when they were first learning to drive. They were then asked to rank order the actions from most difficult to learn, to the least difficult. By a wide margin, drivers ranked parallel parking as the most difficult maneuver to learn, when they were first learning to drive; changing lanes was ranked as least difficult.



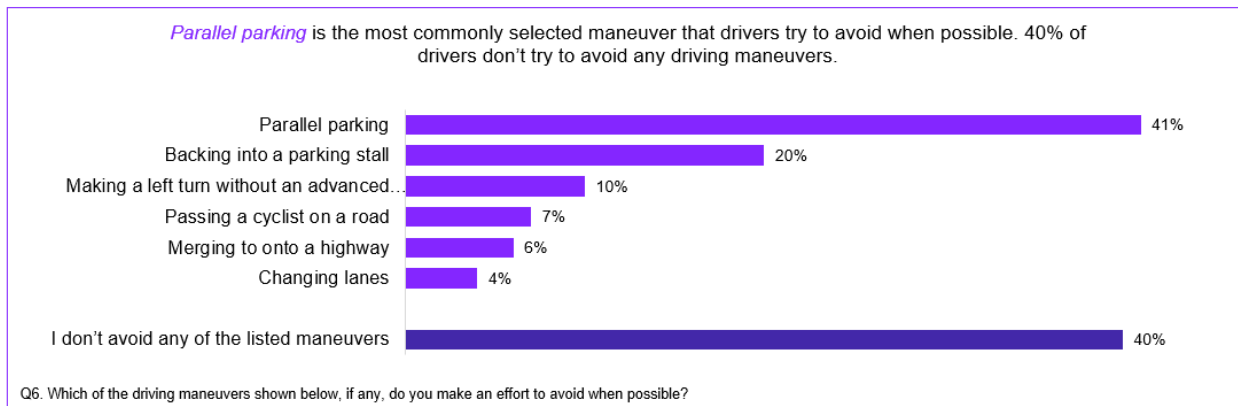
Rating own and others' driving skills today

While 68% of B.C. drivers rated their own driving skills today as excellent (a rating of 7 - Excellent or 6, on a 7-point scale), they were critical of other drivers' skills (20% excellent).



Avoiding driving maneuvers when possible

B.C. drivers completing the survey were shown a list of six maneuvers and asked which (if any) they would make an effort to avoid when possible. Drivers were most likely to say they would try to avoid parallel parking (41%); this driving maneuver was followed distantly by backing into a parking stall (20%), making a left turn without an advanced turn signal (10%), passing a cyclist on a road (7%), merging onto a highway (6%), and changing lanes (4%).



Actions that other drivers need to improve on

B.C. drivers were shown a list of actions and asked to think about their observations of other drivers. Drivers were then asked to select three actions and rank them where 1 was the action that other drivers needed to improve on the most.

Overall, leaving adequate distance when driving behind another vehicle, giving space to other drivers wanting to merge onto the highway, and completely stopping at a stop sign rose to the top (an aggregate of first, second and third choices), for actions that drivers thought other drivers needed to brush up on the most.

