

Men or women? Who's the better driver?

Recent research at insurance.com, a U.S. online auto insurance site, has answered the age old question of who is the better drive, men or women.

"Women are the better drivers," said Rob Klapper, insurance.com CEO. "To solve the mystery, we took a look at more than seven million drivers to determine which gender reported one or more violations when requesting comparison quotes.

"Turns out men report more, almost across the board, regardless of age or education level."

Percentage differences were very

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close, suggesting there's more equality among drivers than popular belief might suggest. Totaled, 31 per cent of female drivers reported one or more violations, compared with 33 per cent of males.

Things change, though, when we're talking about married and unmarried people.

Married females report one or more violations more often than married

males (32 per cent to 28 per cent), while single males report more violations than single females (36 per cent to 31 per cent).

When it comes to violation types, males collected more DWIs (drive while intoxicated), while females were more often ticketed for speeding - until you get to higher over-the-limit speeds, where males score higher.

Which is fortunate, since males are

more likely to buckle their seatbelts than their female counterparts.

"Bottom line, safe drivers are safe drivers," said Klapper. "And every driver will want to keep in mind that an accident could raise your insurance rate.

"The chance of a rate increase is more likely based on factors such as accident severity, if you're at fault, the value of your insurance claim, type of violation, and if the accident appears on your motor vehicle or comprehensive loss underwriting exchange report."

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The new 2011 Mustang GT with 5.0-litre V8 vaults to the top of its class with top fuel economy in its class as certified by the U.S. EPA at (US) 26 mpg highway and (US) 17 mpg city.

Mustang engine tops

The 2011 Ford Mustang GT, powered by a new 412 hp 5.0-litre V8 engine, has added another notch to its belt with a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rating of (US) 26 mpg highway when equipped with the six-speed manual transmission, giving it the best fuel economy in its class.

With the six-speed manual transmission, Mustang GT coupe is rated at (US) 17 mpg city and (US) 26 highway, while models with the available six-speed automatic achieve (US) 18 mpg city and (US) 25 highway.

The GT's best in class fuel numbers come on the heels of the Mustang V6, which just last week cracked the record books as not only the most fuel-efficient Mustang ever, but also the first production car in history to produce 305 horsepower and 31 mpg highway.

Mustang GT is powered by an all-new 5.0-litre double-overhead-camshaft (DOHC) V8 with a host of advanced features to deliver the combination of power and class-leading fuel economy.

Twin Independent Variable Camshaft Timing (Ti-VCT) adjusts the valvetrain in microseconds depending on driver inputs. A carefully tuned intake and exhaust system ensures free breathing at all engine speeds.

And all-aluminum construction results in a lightweight yet durable powerplant.

A pair of new transmissions, both with six forward ratios, also play a large part in making the 2011 Mustang a breakthrough car.

Regardless of whether drivers want to shift for themselves or let the car shift for them, they're treated to carefully chosen gear ratios to maximize fuel economy while still delivering high-horsepower performance.

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