Glossary:Motorway

Statistics Explained

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Ais a road specially designed and built for motor vehicle traffic, which does not directly provide access to the properties bordering on it.

Other characteristics of motorways include:

- two separated carriageways for the opposing directions of traffic, except at special points or, temporarily, due to carriageway repairs etc.;
- carriageways that are not crossed at the level of the carriageway by any other road, railway or tramway track, or footpath; and
- the use of special signposting to indicate the road as a motorway and to exclude specific categories of road vehicles and/ or road users.

In determining the extent of a motorway its entry and exit lanes are included irrespective of the location of the motorway signposts. Urban motorways are also included in this term.

Statistical data

Transport statistics at regional level