



# Bugs Matter

## 2025 SURVEY SEASON RESULTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR INSECT NUMBERS?

**59%**

↓ DECREASE

The number of insects sampled on vehicle number plates decreased by 59% between 2021 and 2025.

Corresponding to a 19% decrease per year across the UK and Ireland

### NUMBERS BY COUNTRY

Splat rate decreases per year since 2021

**21%**

↓ DECREASE

**20%**

↓ DECREASE

**8%**

↓ DECREASE

**18%**

↓ DECREASE

### PARTICIPATION

**710**

new Bugs Matter users signed up in 2025

**OVER 10,000**

registered citizen scientists

### 19% DECREASE PER YEAR



### BUGS MATTER 2025 SUMMARY

**10,693**

journeys

**480,842**

kilometers covered

**30,910**

insects sampled

**25,662**

total journeys in the Bugs Matter dataset

### NUMBERS BY REGION

Most journeys recorded in:

**2,863**

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

**1,257**

EAST OF ENGLAND

**724**

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

**2,863**

South East England is the region with the most journeys in the Bugs Matter dataset

Find more information about the Bugs Matter project here:

[buglife.org.uk/bugsmatter](https://buglife.org.uk/bugsmatter)



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