A **car** (or **automobile**) is a wheeled [motor vehicle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motor_vehicle) used for [transportation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transportation). Most definitions of *car* say they run primarily on roads, seat one to eight people, have four [tires](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyre_(wheel)), and mainly transport people rather than goods.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Car#cite_note-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Car#cite_note-OEDmotrcar-3) Cars came into global use during the 20th century, and [developed economies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Developed_country) depend on them. The year 1886 is regarded as the birth year of the modern car, when German inventor [Karl Benz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl_Benz) built his [Benz Patent-Motorwagen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benz_Patent-Motorwagen). Cars did not become widely available until the early 20th century. One of the first cars that was accessible to the masses was the 1908 [Model T](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ford_Model_T), an American car manufactured by the [Ford Motor Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ford_Motor_Company). Cars were rapidly adopted in the US, where they replaced [animal-drawn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Draft_animal) [carriages](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carriage) and carts, but took much longer to be accepted in Western Europe and other parts of the world.