

Tackling Road Crime: West Mercia

What my police did in 2019



	West Mercia		England & Wales
	no.	% E&W	no.
Population¹	1,291,600	2.2%	59,439,800
Reported road casualties²	2,585	1.8%	145,568
Killed	43	2.7%	1,587
Serious injuries	474	2.0%	23,946
Adjusted serious injuries	474	1.7%	27,530
Adjusted Killed and Seriously injured (KSI)	517	1.8%	29,117
Police³	2,219	1.8%	129,110
Roads Policing officers	70	1.5%	4,615
Roads Policing % Police	3.2%	n/a	3.6%
Total Motoring offences^{4,5}	107,112	3.6%	2,985,597
Total Out of Court sanctions ⁴	74,611	3.3%	2,274,157
Total Court prosecutions ⁵	32,501	4.6%	711,440
Speeding^{4,5}	75,927	3.4%	2,202,651
Speed limit offences (Out of Court) ⁴	71,295	3.6%	2,002,138
Officer detected	645	1.3%	48,987
Camera detected	70,650	3.6%	1,953,151
Speed limit Court prosecutions ⁵	4,632	2.3%	200,513
Careless and dangerous driving^{4,5}	806	2.3%	35,809
Dangerous driving Court prosecutions ⁵	75	1.9%	3,850
Careless driving (Out of Court) ⁴	440	2.2%	19,683
Driver present	435	2.9%	14,854
Driver absent	5	0.1%	4,829
Careless driving Court prosecutions ⁵	291	2.4%	12,276
Impaired driving	1,603	2.7%	59,133
Drink driving Court prosecutions ⁵	901	2.5%	35,568
Drug driving Court prosecutions ⁵	436	3.6%	12,163
Other Drink/drug driving related Court prosecutions ⁵	266	2.3%	11,402
Breath tests ^b	12,032	4.0%	302,281
Uninsured vehicles^{4,5}	1,586	1.4%	109,765
Uninsured vehicles (Out of Court) ⁴	347	1.7%	20,026
Uninsured vehicles Court prosecutions ⁵	1,239	1.4%	89,739
Other motoring offences (Out of Court)⁴	2,764	1.0%	263,690
Mobile phone offences	635	3.3%	19,369
Traffic directions	745	1.0%	72,150
Pedestrian rights	64	2.0%	3,140
Seat belt	235	0.7%	31,380
All other Out of Court motoring offences	1,085	0.8%	137,651

Note: Data given on offences is for out of court sanctions (excluding those cancelled) and for court prosecutions. The Home Office reports that North Wales, South Wales, Gwent, North Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire do not record all outcomes on the PentiP system. See overleaf for data sources.

Sources

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Greater transparency and accountability are priorities in the manifesto with calls for better enforcement data, including more timely data and at the local level. *What my police did in 2019* has been produced for each police service in England and Wales to promote understanding of police activity.

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