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#### Introduction

Action Vision Zero is committed to reducing road danger and traffic harm. This includes increasing the transparency and understanding of how the justice system holds drivers to account for putting others in danger. Here we summarise the court prosecutions and convictions for motoring offences in a police service area over the last five years (2015-2020), with a comparison to England and Wales (E&W). See below for:

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#### Court prosecutions and convictions (2015-2020)

Total prosecutions fell by 0% to 6,241 and convictions rose by 3% to 5,570, compared to decreases of 20% and 17% in E&W

We are concerned that sober dangerous driving is rarely prosecuted and so have compared it with drink and drug driving below.

- Drink driving prosecutions fell by 31% to 459, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 565% to 113, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 2% to 56, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions rose by 44% to 1,397, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions rose by 14% to 237, compared to a 35% decrease in E&W

#### Driving bans

We have included an analysis of driving bans given in the local police service area. With only 1% of those convicted at court of motoring offences in E&W going to prison, disqualifications are key to removing unsafe drivers from our roads.

But driving bans are mainly used where they are mandatory, e.g. drink/drug driving. Disqualifications are very rarely given to those convicted at court of speeding or careless driving, where they are optional. This is despite these cases being the more serious as most speeding and careless drivers are sanctioned out of court.

- 790 sentences (14%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 525 (96%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 14 (1.2%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 4 (2%) sentences for careless driving included a ban, compared to 5% in E&W
- Bans given were 6 months or less for 93% of speeding and 100% of careless driving bans

#### Action Vision Zero calls

1. Dangerous driving and careless driving to be police priorities. This would result in more detections, as seen by drink and drug driving, which are already police priorities.
2. More unsafe unimpaired drivers to be banned. This should include those summoned to court for extreme speeding (too high for a Fixed Penalty Notice or National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme), and for durations similar to drink/drug driving. Likewise more of the serious cases of careless driving should result in more and longer bans.

Source: MoJ (2021) *Motoring data tool*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/criminal-justice-system-statistics-quarterly-december-2020>

**Table 1 Motoring Offences, Prosecutions and Convictions 2015-2020: Derbyshire**

	Prosecutions						5 year change	Convictions						5 year change
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
01. Causing death by dangerous driving	1	0	3	4	5	6	500%	1	0	1	3	4	1	0%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0	0	1	0	1		0	0	0	1	0	0	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	6	4	3	3	4	8	33%	7	6	2	2	3	3	-57%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug	0	0	1	0	0	0								
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified	0	0	0	0	0	1								
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	7	5	12	9	6	13	86%	3	8	11	8	5	6	100%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	0	1	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	-100%
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	1	1	1	2	1	0	-100%	1	1	1	1	2	0	-100%
10. Dangerous driving	57	50	73	82	80	56	-2%	55	56	64	74	72	55	0%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	667	606	543	727	689	459	-31%	653	595	540	712	672	442	-32%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	17	24	26	118	185	113	565%	17	24	26	112	174	110	547%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	147	146	189	187	199	122	-17%	118	120	164	160	170	102	-14%
13a. Fail to give permission for a laboratory test on a blood specimen having caused death														
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	236	152	143	156	222	38	-84%	213	134	137	135	180	34	-84%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	208	240	226	170	209	237	14%	173	188	182	144	180	196	13%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	132	113	144	103	121	67	-49%	103	91	115	88	103	52	-50%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	132	129	96	85	69	53	-60%	96	98	94	55	65	37	-61%
18. Driving licence related offences	273	307	274	333	302	214	-22%	242	270	261	299	288	192	-21%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,768	1,757	1,826	2,172	1,872	1,133	-36%	1,546	1,562	1,707	2,068	1,775	1,060	-31%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	603	184	56	71	82	53	-91%	411	135	44	55	74	46	-89%
21. Work record and employment offences	6	1	2	1	2	0	-100%	6	1	2	1	2	0	-100%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	3	2	2	11	10	8	167%	2	2	3	9	8	5	150%
23. Defective vehicle parts	117	94	74	111	90	82	-30%	107	86	70	102	88	79	-26%
24. Vehicle test offences	69	79	72	89	74	44	-36%	64	73	66	83	70	40	-38%
25. Speed limit offences	967	2,027	1,431	1,537	2,051	1,397	44%	881	1,619	1,239	1,174	1,859	1,192	35%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	123	95	619	591	671	928	654%	104	80	564	503	605	808	677%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	370	1,226	925	1,162	1,441	1,121	203%	339	1,118	839	1,028	1,254	1,031	204%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	331	154	116	87	126	87	-74%	272	109	103	77	109	79	-71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,241</b>	<b>7,396</b>	<b>6,857</b>	<b>7,813</b>	<b>8,512</b>	<b>6,241</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5,415</b>	<b>6,376</b>	<b>6,235</b>	<b>6,894</b>	<b>7,762</b>	<b>5,570</b>	<b>3%</b>

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

**Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Derbyshire**

	Bans						5 year change	Bans as % of Sentenced					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
01. Causing death by dangerous driving	1		1	3	4	1	0	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs				1							100%		
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	5	6	2	2	3	3	-2	71%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug													
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers													
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	3	7	11	7	5	6	3	75%	100%	92%	100%	100%	100%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified													
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving													
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment													
10. Dangerous driving	52	51	58	67	69	60	8	95%	96%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	615	572	525	704	660	420	-195	94%	97%	97%	98%	98%	95%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	17	14	1	92	169	105	88	100%	58%	4%	81%	98%	95%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	89	96	130	121	124	71	-18	75%	80%	80%	76%	73%	70%
13a. Fail to give permission for a laboratory test on a blood specimen having caused death													
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	14	20	16	14	13	4	-10	8%	11%	9%	10%	7%	2%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	11	15	17	21	23	9	-2	11%	16%	15%	24%	22%	17%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	36	47	44	30	29	19	-17	37%	48%	46%	56%	43%	49%
18. Driving licence related offences	38	75	91	106	114	58	20	16%	28%	35%	36%	39%	30%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	26	27	42	38	32	13	-13	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences													
21. Work record and employment offences													
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	42	30	36	19	36	14	-28	4.8%	1.9%	2.9%	1.6%	1.9%	1.2%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	0	1	20	12	11	3	3	0.0%	1.3%	3.5%	2.4%	1.8%	0.4%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	0	3	9	7	12	2	2	0.0%	0.3%	1.1%	0.7%	1.0%	0.2%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-159</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

**Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Derbyshire**

	Not Banned	Banned Total	Under 6 months	6 months	Over 6 months and less than 1 year	1 year	Over 1 year and less than 2 years	2 years and less than 3 years	3 years	Over 3 years and less than 4 years	4 years and less than 5 years	5 years and less than 10 years	10 years and less than life	Life	Until driving test	Unknown
01. Causing death by dangerous driving	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0														
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug		0														
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers	0	0														
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified		0														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	0	0														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified		0														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0														
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	0														
10. Dangerous driving	0	60	0	0	1	2	6	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	43	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	22	420	0	0	0	68	221	58	33	22	11	7	0	0	0	0
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	6	105	0	0	0	62	34	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	31	71	1	3	0	10	27	16	8	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	34	0														
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	192	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	43	9	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	20	19	0	2	0	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
18. Driving licence related offences	135	58	2	10	0	12	16	9	4	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,046	13	3	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	46	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	0	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	5	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	78	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Vehicle test offences	40	0														
25. Speed limit offences	1,178	14	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	805	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1,029	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	78	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,788</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>

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