



ACTION VISION ZERO

Supporting campaigns to end road danger and traffic harm

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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 rose by 25% to 3,591 and convictions rose by 20% to 3,185, 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 26% to 300, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 644% to 119, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 42% to 14, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions rose by 49% to 1,496, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 43% to 49, 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.

- 517 sentences (16%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 399 (98%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 15 (1.1%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 1 (2%) sentences for careless driving included a ban, compared to 5% in E&W
- Bans given were 6 months or less for 100% 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: Gloucestershire

	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	5	2	5	1	0	-100%	2	3	3	2	2	0	-100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	5	2	1	2	3	1	-80%	3	3	1	4	3	0	-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								0	0	0	0	0	1	
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	1	3	0	5	1	2	100%	0	2	1	6	0	2	
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving								0	0	0	0	1	1	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	
10. Dangerous driving	24	31	31	18	28	14	-42%	20	26	30	17	28	13	-35%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	404	409	395	395	404	300	-26%	393	397	389	377	397	295	-25%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	16	71	78	105	136	119	644%	16	70	72	102	133	117	631%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	95	71	84	101	126	84	-12%	77	61	72	87	111	72	-6%
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	99	63	59	62	68	41	-59%	95	60	54	55	62	32	-66%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	86	72	75	60	62	49	-43%	81	63	62	53	54	42	-48%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	25	37	24	17	30	19	-24%	25	32	21	16	26	17	-32%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	42	30	51	35	32	13	-69%	30	26	42	30	27	11	-63%
18. Driving licence related offences	110	109	96	121	111	81	-26%	102	94	93	113	102	69	-32%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	530	682	660	843	749	468	-12%	487	632	511	679	587	403	-17%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	10	24	94	101	106	53	430%	7	24	27	31	35	16	129%
21. Work record and employment offences	13	12	2	1	0	1	-92%	12	8	1	0	0	1	-92%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	1	12	1	3	1	3	200%	0	8	1	3	1	2	
23. Defective vehicle parts	57	35	18	25	22	13	-77%	50	30	17	24	18	11	-78%
24. Vehicle test offences	13	14	3	2	1	1	-92%	8	8	2	1	1	0	-100%
25. Speed limit offences	1,001	960	1,177	1,051	1,189	1,496	49%	920	889	1,066	927	1,084	1,322	44%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	29	32	21	27	15	8	-72%	24	27	19	23	14	7	-71%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	257	218	559	422	686	792	208%	235	204	527	392	636	724	208%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	65	33	10	15	21	33	-49%	59	29	10	13	16	27	-54%
Total	2,884	2,925	3,442	3,417	3,792	3,591	25%	2,646	2,696	3,022	2,956	3,338	3,185	20%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Gloucestershire

	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	2	3	3	2	2			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	1	2	1	0	2			33%	67%	100%	0%	67%	
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						1							100%
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking		1	1	3					50%	100%	50%		100%
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving						2							
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	16	19	30	14	31	14	-2	76%	70%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	377	392	368	355	378	286	-91	96%	99%	95%	94%	95%	96%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	16	33	0	47	130	113	97	100%	47%	0%	45%	98%	96%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	60	43	50	59	75	50	-10	79%	68%	69%	67%	68%	69%
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													
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	2	5	2	1	0	1	-1	2%	8%	3%	2%	0%	2%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	1	2	3	4	4	2	1	4%	6%	14%	25%	15%	12%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	14	12	14	15	16	3	-11	45%	46%	33%	50%	55%	27%
18. Driving licence related offences	21	19	26	33	39	23	2	21%	20%	28%	29%	38%	32%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	4	6	8	7	3	5	1	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences													
21. Work record and employment offences													
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records													
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	54	37	25	23	32	15	-39	5.9%	4.2%	2.3%	2.5%	3.0%	1.1%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences													
Total	568	575	533	563	713	517	-51	21%	21%	18%	19%	21%	16%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Gloucestershire

	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	0														
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0														
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	0	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	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified		0														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking		0														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified		0														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	1	0														
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	0														
10. Dangerous driving	0	14	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	11	286	0	0	0	48	176	23	27	10	1	1	0	0	0	0
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	5	113	0	0	0	82	15	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	22	50	3	2	0	13	18	6	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	32	0														
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	41	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	15	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	8	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. Driving licence related offences	49	23	3	7	1	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Vehicle insurance offences	398	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	16	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	1	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	2	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	11	0														
24. Vehicle test offences	0	0														
25. Speed limit offences	1,307	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	7	0														
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	722	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	27	0														
Total	2,675	517	26	14	2	151	213	39	47	11	4	1	0	0	9	0

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool