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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 29% to 8,413 and convictions fell by 29% to 7,591, 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 8% to 506, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 1,192% to 155, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 8% to 54, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 29% to 3,332, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 41% to 222, 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.

- 1,035 sentences (14%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 616 (97%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 64 (2.2%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 10 (6%) sentences for careless driving included a ban, compared to 5% in E&W
- Bans given were 6 months or less for 98% of speeding and 50% 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: Humberside

	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	2	1	0	4	3	2	0%	0	3	0	1	2	4	
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	2	0	0	0	1		0	3	0	0	0	1	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	4	2	4	6	4	6	50%	1	4	4	3	4	4	300%
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	1	0	
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	0	0	0	1	0	0								
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	6	3	7	6	11	6	0%	5	4	8	6	8	10	100%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	1	0	0	0								
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	1	2	2	0	1	0	-100%	0	1	2	0	1	0	
10. Dangerous driving	59	67	58	63	62	54	-8%	52	62	56	58	67	63	21%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	552	516	462	545	634	506	-8%	542	504	462	540	619	494	-9%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	12	52	22	48	91	155	1192%	10	48	21	44	81	148	1380%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	139	155	172	149	180	158	14%	124	144	149	137	153	130	5%
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	193	127	105	66	77	35	-82%	179	121	103	63	64	32	-82%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	375	237	189	180	227	222	-41%	342	208	169	162	207	174	-49%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	63	56	50	35	30	28	-56%	52	49	36	31	25	23	-56%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	92	100	80	83	116	43	-53%	83	87	72	68	81	38	-54%
18. Driving licence related offences	348	279	211	245	313	277	-20%	320	256	192	236	290	266	-17%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	2,355	1,511	1,230	1,408	1,788	1,566	-34%	1,991	1,405	1,185	1,353	1,695	1,507	-24%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	905	570	85	73	106	54	-94%	678	457	81	66	97	47	-93%
21. Work record and employment offences	18	12	5	5	0	4	-78%	17	12	10	5	0	2	-88%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	26	16	2	7	9	15	-42%	16	17	3	7	8	7	-56%
23. Defective vehicle parts	146	93	54	56	106	89	-39%	134	89	48	49	99	85	-37%
24. Vehicle test offences	117	155	83	121	175	152	30%	113	150	76	117	163	148	31%
25. Speed limit offences	4,665	3,656	2,807	3,828	3,348	3,332	-29%	4,378	3,468	2,657	3,441	2,942	2,851	-35%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	141	66	43	43	53	47	-67%	121	61	36	42	46	41	-66%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1,362	1,383	1,147	1,699	1,441	1,327	-3%	1,188	1,233	998	1,538	1,276	1,204	1%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	311	267	202	282	422	334	7%	287	248	192	256	382	312	9%
Total	11,892	9,328	7,021	8,953	9,197	8,413	-29%	10,633	8,634	6,560	8,223	8,311	7,591	-29%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Humberside

	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		3		1	2	4			100%		100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs		3				1			100%				100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	1	4	2	3	4	3	2	100%	100%	67%	75%	100%	75%
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													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	4	4	7	5	9	9	5	100%	100%	88%	83%	100%	90%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified						1							100%
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving													
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment													
10. Dangerous driving	44	60	62	58	72	66	22	85%	95%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	452	477	434	516	588	476	24	83%	94%	94%	95%	95%	96%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	10	23	0	33	77	140	130	100%	48%	0%	72%	95%	95%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	82	104	111	101	117	106	24	66%	72%	74%	74%	75%	80%
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	1	0	0	0	1	1	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	18	18	9	10	8	10	-8	5%	9%	5%	6%	4%	6%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	7	10	5	9	4	8	1	13%	20%	14%	29%	16%	36%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	29	33	32	18	40	14	-15	35%	37%	43%	26%	50%	35%
18. Driving licence related offences	82	87	65	78	112	115	33	26%	34%	33%	33%	38%	43%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	43	35	32	23	28	13	-30	2%	2%	3%	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	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	166	89	83	85	85	64	-102	3.8%	2.6%	3.1%	2.5%	2.9%	2.2%
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	1	3	2	1	5	3	2	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.2%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	939	954	846	941	1,152	1,035	96	9%	11%	13%	11%	14%	14%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Humberside

	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	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	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														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	1	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving		0														
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	0														
10. Dangerous driving	0	66	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	55	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	22	476	0	0	1	59	276	81	37	13	6	2	0	0	0	1
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	8	140	0	0	0	100	21	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	26	106	4	5	2	33	33	14	11	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	31	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	164	10	1	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	14	8	2	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	26	14	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	1
18. Driving licence related offences	152	115	19	22	5	27	24	6	5	2	2	1	0	0	1	1
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,493	13	6	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	47	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	2	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	7	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	84	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Vehicle test offences	148	0														
25. Speed limit offences	2,787	64	63	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	41	0														
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1,201	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	312	0														
Total	6,567	1,035	98	38	11	234	361	111	66	18	10	6	1	0	78	3

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