



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 fell by 8% to 8,629 and convictions fell by 9% to 7,919, 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 17% to 484, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 1,221% to 621, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 4% to 48, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions rose by 22% to 3,956, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 59% to 145, 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.

- 1,365 sentences (17%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 1,018 (97%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 51 (1.4)% sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 4 (3%) 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 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: North Wales

	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	3	0	7	2	1	4	33%	0	1	4	2	2	5	
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	2	5	4	2	2	3	50%	4	3	6	1	2	3	-25%
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														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	0	0	0	0	0	1								
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	3	6	9	8	9	11	267%	3	4	6	11	10	9	200%
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	1	3	0	0	4	2	100%	1	2	0	0	3	0	-100%
10. Dangerous driving	50	55	62	52	52	48	-4%	49	61	56	45	52	50	2%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	580	609	550	580	598	484	-17%	567	591	538	563	588	472	-17%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	47	132	193	384	416	621	1221%	46	131	188	378	413	606	1217%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	124	123	132	164	182	153	23%	104	106	123	149	154	132	27%
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	301	210	139	128	113	58	-81%	289	196	128	119	99	54	-81%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	355	256	228	256	225	145	-59%	338	239	215	231	206	137	-59%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	154	104	90	94	129	68	-56%	131	89	78	88	114	60	-54%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	95	75	58	49	63	54	-43%	78	63	54	47	54	38	-51%
18. Driving licence related offences	285	303	246	233	228	208	-27%	262	288	232	214	209	187	-29%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,802	1,710	1,191	1,373	1,121	867	-52%	1,587	1,490	1,003	1,223	985	791	-50%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	486	574	125	114	124	57	-88%	368	450	73	78	78	44	-88%
21. Work record and employment offences	5	12	22	28	13	16	220%	4	12	22	28	11	13	225%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	7	4	7	5	1	3	-57%	7	3	7	3	0	2	-71%
23. Defective vehicle parts	138	126	76	108	104	74	-46%	127	116	71	101	96	72	-43%
24. Vehicle test offences	183	159	96	118	85	76	-58%	176	147	94	111	80	75	-57%
25. Speed limit offences	3,246	3,479	3,489	4,668	3,696	3,956	22%	3,155	3,414	3,314	4,249	3,344	3,571	13%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	56	238	205	116	22	131	134%	52	227	201	112	19	129	148%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1,032	1,166	1,366	1,876	1,738	1,331	29%	916	985	1,273	1,783	1,620	1,234	35%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	439	328	218	299	327	258	-41%	407	310	207	278	303	235	-42%
Total	9,394	9,677	8,514	10,657	9,253	8,629	-8%	8,671	8,928	7,893	9,814	8,442	7,919	-9%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: North Wales

	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	4	2	2	5			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs													
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	3	3	6	1	1	2	-1	75%	100%	100%	100%	50%	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													
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	3	3	4	11	10	5	2	100%	75%	80%	100%	100%	83%
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	1	0			0			100%	0%			0%	
10. Dangerous driving	43	56	53	41	46	59	16	88%	89%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	545	567	520	545	574	436	-109	96%	96%	97%	97%	97%	92%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	44	46	2	222	402	582	538	96%	34%	1%	59%	97%	96%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	83	80	92	108	114	93	10	80%	74%	75%	72%	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	1	2	0	0	0	0	-1	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	6	7	12	7	8	4	-2	2%	3%	6%	3%	4%	3%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	5	4	2	8	6	4	-1	4%	4%	3%	9%	5%	7%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	35	39	30	32	25	21	-14	44%	59%	57%	65%	45%	57%
18. Driving licence related offences	57	97	93	81	100	85	28	22%	34%	39%	38%	49%	46%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	14	35	12	13	9	14	0	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
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	84	79	81	107	51	51	-33	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	1.5%	1.4%
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	6	5	1	1	4	3	0.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences													
Total	925	1,025	916	1,179	1,349	1,365	440	11%	11%	12%	12%	16%	17%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: North Wales

	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	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0														
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	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	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified		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	59	0	0	0	2	3	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	45	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	38	436	1	0	0	87	208	53	48	22	11	4	0	0	0	2
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	24	582	0	0	0	288	105	65	103	4	12	5	0	0	0	0
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	40	93	4	3	0	20	30	12	15	2	4	2	0	0	0	1
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	54	0														
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	133	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	56	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	16	21	1	1	1	6	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
18. Driving licence related offences	101	85	9	11	7	13	17	8	5	7	7	1	0	0	0	0
19. Vehicle insurance offences	778	14	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	44	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	13	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	2	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	72	0														
24. Vehicle test offences	75	0														
25. Speed limit offences	3,520	51	48	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	129	0														
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1,230	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	235	0														
Total	6,562	1,365	65	38	9	418	368	149	172	40	34	12	1	0	53	6

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool