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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 2% to 8,700 and convictions rose by 3% to 8,314, 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 38% to 455, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 693% to 222, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 28% to 38, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions rose by 5% to 4,556, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 63% to 98, 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.

- 930 sentences (11%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 636 (98%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 90 (2)% sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 4 (5%) 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 75% 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 Yorkshire

	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	2	6	4	4	300%	2	1	1	1	2	2	0%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1	1	2	0	0	0	-100%	0	2	2	0	1	0	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	9	6	5	4	3	3	-67%	5	8	3	5	4	2	-60%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug	0	0	0	0	0	1								
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers								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	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	3	6	8	6	11	7	133%	5	6	5	5	12	6	20%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	1	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	1	0	0	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	3	0	0	5	0	1	-67%	1	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
10. Dangerous driving	53	62	66	64	41	38	-28%	56	59	60	56	39	40	-29%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	735	653	600	598	604	455	-38%	718	641	590	586	587	443	-38%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	28	119	122	222	212	222	693%	28	116	114	197	195	212	657%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	150	175	158	160	174	123	-18%	130	160	128	137	143	109	-16%
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	112	72	92	119	186	54	-52%	105	66	86	109	163	49	-53%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	265	239	258	152	190	98	-63%	243	220	245	138	178	84	-65%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	77	68	55	56	51	42	-45%	69	59	48	49	49	35	-49%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	64	71	56	59	58	36	-44%	52	63	45	52	51	30	-42%
18. Driving licence related offences	161	189	210	176	156	158	-2%	148	172	189	161	144	148	0%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,206	1,103	1,061	776	647	618	-49%	963	988	972	737	611	599	-38%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	511	146	49	37	67	26	-95%	365	122	48	35	64	25	-93%
21. Work record and employment offences	16	6	2	3	1	0	-100%	14	6	2	2	0	0	-100%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	6	4	5	6	9	16	167%	6	2	4	5	8	8	33%
23. Defective vehicle parts	54	90	60	55	43	49	-9%	47	85	54	54	40	47	0%
24. Vehicle test offences	92	98	120	72	64	57	-38%	82	88	109	70	61	54	-34%
25. Speed limit offences	4,345	4,225	5,721	5,752	6,104	4,556	5%	4,144	4,008	5,412	5,493	5,816	4,394	6%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	117	81	106	83	128	85	-27%	104	77	98	77	121	81	-22%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	762	848	1,505	1,588	2,179	1,869	145%	693	796	1,393	1,488	2,027	1,773	156%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	109	149	100	108	227	182	67%	98	134	93	103	222	173	77%
Total	8,880	8,412	10,363	10,107	11,159	8,700	-2%	8,078	7,880	9,701	9,561	10,539	8,314	3%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

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

	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	1	1	1	2	2	0	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs		2	2		1				100%	100%		100%	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	5	8	3	5	4	2	-3	100%	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	4	5	5	5	9	5	1	80%	100%	100%	100%	90%	100%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified						1							100%
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving		0		1					0%		100%		
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment													
10. Dangerous driving	55	59	58	58	39	35	-20	96%	94%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	687	621	572	562	560	430	-257	96%	97%	96%	96%	96%	97%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	28	41	0	106	190	206	178	100%	35%	0%	53%	96%	97%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	94	121	81	105	100	79	-15	72%	76%	64%	76%	69%	73%
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	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	23	23	13	11	8	4	-19	9%	10%	5%	8%	4%	5%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	4	6	6	13	12	9	5	6%	10%	13%	27%	24%	26%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	17	31	22	19	23	9	-8	32%	49%	48%	38%	43%	31%
18. Driving licence related offences	53	66	79	71	63	50	-3	36%	38%	41%	44%	44%	34%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	45	32	50	40	25	8	-37	5%	3%	5%	5%	4%	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	1	0	0	2	1	0	-1	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	2.5%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
25. Speed limit offences	183	130	115	119	116	90	-93	4.4%	3.2%	2.1%	2.2%	2.0%	2.0%
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	2	8	1	4	4	0	-2	0.3%	1.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	1,204	1,154	1,008	1,122	1,157	930	-274	15%	15%	10%	12%	11%	11%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: North Yorkshire

	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	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	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	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	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	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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	35	0	0	0	4	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	23	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	13	430	0	0	0	61	264	56	28	12	4	4	0	0	1	0
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	7	206	0	0	0	110	50	13	30	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	29	79	7	1	2	22	21	11	7	5	1	2	0	0	0	0
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	49	0														
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	80	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	26	9	1	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	20	9	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
18. Driving licence related offences	99	50	6	15	7	5	7	4	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
19. Vehicle insurance offences	593	8	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	25	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	0	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	8	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	47	0														
24. Vehicle test offences	54	0														
25. Speed limit offences	4,304	90	86	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	81	0														
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1,773	0														
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	173	0														
Total	7,381	930	104	30	9	215	345	90	66	22	7	12	0	0	30	0

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