



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 44% to 9,005 and convictions fell by 43% to 8,532, 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 36% to 544, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 1,800% to 76, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 20% to 71, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 42% to 4,302, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 61% to 122, 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.

- 974 sentences (11%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 582 (97%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 59 (1.4%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 8 (7%) 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 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: Nottinghamshire

	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	6	3	10	7	3	0	-100%	7	2	6	5	4	4	-43%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1	0	1	0	0	0	-100%	0	1	1	0	1	1	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	3	3	2	5	6	3	0%	1	6	4	3	5	3	200%
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	0		0	0	1	0	0	1	
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	2	8	10	4	5	9	350%	5	5	11	8	2	10	100%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified								0	0	1	0	0	0	
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	0	0	0	0								
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	1	1	2	1	1	0	-100%	1	0	2	1	0	0	-100%
10. Dangerous driving	89	96	103	88	83	71	-20%	83	90	103	89	83	66	-20%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	844	872	827	758	875	544	-36%	819	843	815	742	854	538	-34%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	4	14	28	75	84	76	1800%	4	14	27	72	81	75	1775%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	224	215	214	200	233	167	-25%	179	175	185	173	204	132	-26%
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	609	459	119	130	176	124	-80%	585	442	111	112	160	114	-81%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	314	247	176	137	134	122	-61%	255	200	164	126	123	111	-56%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	101	99	87	93	68	22	-78%	82	79	72	83	51	17	-79%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	128	135	114	106	90	59	-54%	97	108	93	85	72	42	-57%
18. Driving licence related offences	343	344	354	383	400	375	9%	309	314	335	348	388	358	16%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	2,241	2,048	1,713	1,828	1,709	1,862	-17%	1,911	1,805	1,624	1,750	1,632	1,784	-7%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	1,103	325	80	80	67	38	-97%	841	243	53	57	57	35	-96%
21. Work record and employment offences	14	7	0	0	2	1	-93%	12	7	0	0	2	1	-92%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	2	1	7	3	10	6	200%	2	1	8	2	10	2	0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	110	100	65	45	50	65	-41%	97	92	60	43	48	61	-37%
24. Vehicle test offences	21	49	36	32	36	38	81%	20	45	34	31	33	35	75%
25. Speed limit offences	7,448	6,766	4,463	5,023	4,528	4,302	-42%	7,270	6,583	4,347	4,927	4,365	4,108	-43%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	1,597	852	1,333	1,220	739	495	-69%	1,547	819	1,298	1,182	718	475	-69%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	722	1,134	603	356	829	503	-30%	642	1,014	530	292	706	444	-31%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	273	364	65	62	109	122	-55%	246	343	59	59	103	115	-53%
Total	16,200	14,142	10,412	10,636	10,237	9,005	-44%	15,015	13,231	9,944	10,190	9,702	8,532	-43%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Nottinghamshire

	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	7	2	6	5	4	4	-3	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs		1	1		1	1			100%	100%		100%	100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	1	5	4	3	5	3	2	100%	83%	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			1			1				100%			100%
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	6	5	9	9	2	10	4	100%	100%	90%	100%	100%	100%
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	80	83	106	86	82	63	-17	95%	95%	100%	100%	99%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	744	771	755	704	813	517	-227	91%	91%	92%	94%	95%	96%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	4	3	1	40	79	65	61	100%	21%	4%	55%	95%	87%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	129	138	133	122	137	107	-22	72%	78%	72%	70%	67%	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	6	1	0	0	0	1	-5	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	24	12	11	19	5	8	-16	9%	6%	7%	15%	4%	7%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	9	16	10	24	15	4	-5	11%	20%	14%	29%	29%	24%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	40	44	32	23	30	14	-26	41%	41%	34%	27%	43%	33%
18. Driving licence related offences	56	82	92	108	112	87	31	18%	26%	28%	31%	28%	24%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	50	35	46	61	50	27	-23	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%
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	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	3	3	2	1	0	0	-3	3.1%	3.3%	3.3%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	107	83	75	92	57	59	-48	1.5%	1.3%	1.7%	1.9%	1.3%	1.4%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	17	1	17	16	12	3	-14	1.1%	0.1%	1.3%	1.4%	1.7%	0.6%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	4	7	4	7	11	0	-4	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	2.4%	1.6%	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	1,287	1,292	1,307	1,320	1,415	974	-313	9%	10%	13%	13%	15%	11%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Nottinghamshire

	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	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	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	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	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified	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	63	0	0	0	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	22	517	0	0	0	81	278	64	55	23	10	3	1	0	1	1
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	10	65	0	0	0	42	9	8	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	26	107	4	2	0	26	31	14	19	5	4	2	0	0	0	0
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	113	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	103	8	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	13	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	29	14	2	3	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
18. Driving licence related offences	278	87	10	13	7	14	18	13	3	3	2	1	0	0	1	2
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,758	27	11	8	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	35	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	61	0														
24. Vehicle test offences	35	0														
25. Speed limit offences	4,049	59	52	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	472	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	444	0														
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	115	0														
Total	7,566	974	85	37	10	183	341	105	84	31	18	6	1	0	68	5

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