



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 43% to 10,290 and convictions fell by 48% to 8,102, 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 34% to 592, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 565% to 173, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 1% to 67, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 46% to 4,486, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 78% to 127, 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.

- 1,140 sentences (14%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 726 (96%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 139 (4.7%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 4 (4%) 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: Staffordshire

	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	7	6	8	7	4	3	-57%	5	4	8	1	1	3	-40%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	1	0	1	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	5	2	5	3	1	7	40%	4	4	5	8	2	4	0%
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		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								
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	4	6	13	9	7	6	50%	7	3	10	10	8	7	0%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	0	0	0	1		1	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	3	3	3	3	2	3	0%	3	2	1	2	1	0	-100%
10. Dangerous driving	68	84	83	72	56	67	-1%	60	91	80	69	60	61	2%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	894	871	784	806	781	592	-34%	879	858	771	792	764	586	-33%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	26	104	74	132	120	173	565%	25	100	68	128	117	170	580%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	188	188	165	151	200	134	-29%	170	166	141	133	168	111	-35%
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	271	320	221	310	222	124	-54%	243	294	198	254	183	95	-61%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	565	582	468	315	248	127	-78%	488	498	400	280	217	98	-80%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	151	99	88	71	43	21	-86%	126	75	67	57	38	18	-86%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	115	108	115	96	88	64	-44%	97	95	84	69	68	58	-40%
18. Driving licence related offences	392	455	437	395	279	226	-42%	334	409	386	366	259	200	-40%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	2,108	2,216	2,561	2,532	1,573	1,605	-24%	1,707	1,906	2,301	2,235	1,389	1,383	-19%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	731	216	31	24	69	38	-95%	582	172	28	19	62	31	-95%
21. Work record and employment offences	31	26	3	2	1	0	-100%	28	26	3	2	1	0	-100%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	8	7	7	15	2	0	-100%	7	4	7	13	2	0	-100%
23. Defective vehicle parts	83	84	62	46	48	77	-7%	73	73	58	38	43	65	-11%
24. Vehicle test offences	57	119	83	87	52	89	56%	45	107	72	68	45	80	78%
25. Speed limit offences	8,286	5,576	2,840	4,307	4,537	4,486	-46%	7,197	4,842	2,427	3,433	3,505	2,987	-58%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	488	368	238	465	523	415	-15%	444	344	220	377	401	327	-26%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	3,058	1,875	1,039	1,797	2,129	1,887	-38%	2,808	1,700	912	1,599	1,884	1,685	-40%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	390	360	223	145	161	144	-63%	366	335	203	123	144	132	-64%
Total	17,929	13,675	9,552	11,790	11,146	10,290	-43%	15,699	12,108	8,450	10,077	9,363	8,102	-48%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Staffordshire

	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	5	4	8	1	1	3	-2	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs				1		1					100%		100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	3	3	4	8	1	3	0	75%	75%	80%	100%	50%	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													
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	5	1	7	9	4	5	0	71%	25%	78%	82%	44%	83%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified													
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	1				1			100%				100%	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment													
10. Dangerous driving	54	70	79	72	61	50	-4	92%	80%	100%	100%	98%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	833	832	746	749	714	558	-275	95%	97%	97%	94%	93%	95%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	25	40	0	76	114	168	143	100%	40%	0%	59%	95%	99%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	117	126	110	97	114	85	-32	69%	76%	77%	73%	68%	75%
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	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	10	15	20	7	13	4	-6	2%	3%	5%	3%	6%	4%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	8	0	4	7	4	6	-2	6%	0%	6%	12%	11%	33%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	33	37	29	27	27	25	-8	35%	39%	35%	39%	38%	45%
18. Driving licence related offences	70	92	103	110	95	63	-7	21%	23%	27%	30%	37%	32%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	22	30	63	38	33	25	3	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	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	1	0	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	1.5%
24. Vehicle test offences	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
25. Speed limit offences	86	132	143	121	179	139	53	1.2%	2.7%	5.9%	3.5%	5.1%	4.7%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	0	0	1	6	16	3	3	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.6%	4.0%	0.9%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	5	4	1	3	5	1	-4	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%
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	1,279	1,386	1,319	1,333	1,382	1,140	-139	8%	11%	16%	13%	15%	14%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Staffordshire

	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	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	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	3	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	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified		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	50	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	42	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	28	558	0	0	0	71	319	75	38	39	12	2	0	0	1	1
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	2	168	0	0	0	108	29	3	20	5	2	0	0	0	0	1
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	28	85	3	2	0	27	21	14	11	3	2	1	0	0	0	1
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	95	0														
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	94	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	12	6	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	31	25	1	1	0	9	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
18. Driving licence related offences	135	63	6	11	4	11	15	5	5	1	1	4	0	0	0	0
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,358	25	5	9	0	7	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	31	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	0	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	0	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	64	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Vehicle test offences	80	0														
25. Speed limit offences	2,848	139	135	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	324	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	1,684	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	132	0														
Total	6,948	1,140	156	31	4	244	394	102	76	50	17	7	0	1	55	3

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