



**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 30% to 3,813 and convictions fell by 28% to 3,453, 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 51% to 247, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 900% to 40, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 13% to 21, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 34% to 809, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 50% to 104, 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.

- 533 sentences (15%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 270 (98% ) bans, all for a year or longer
- 76 (10.8)% sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 10 (14%) sentences for careless driving included a ban, compared to 5% in E&W
- Bans given were 6 months or less for 95% of speeding and 60% 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: Warwickshire**

	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	5	1	10	6	2	100%	0	4	1	3	7	4	
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1	0	0	0	0	0	-100%	1	0	0	0	0	0	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	6	2	1	4	5	2	-67%	3	3	2	3	3	1	
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	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	6	3	10	8	3	0	-100%	4	5	9	8	4	1	
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified								0	0	0	1	0	0	
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	0	0	1	2	0		0	0	0	1	2	0	
10. Dangerous driving	24	40	41	33	25	21	-13%	16	45	38	32	34	31	
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	509	508	491	453	430	247	-51%	494	492	480	441	416	243	
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	4	71	39	54	57	40	900%	4	67	35	47	55	36	
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	66	102	100	94	89	51	-23%	56	92	92	81	82	46	
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	66	162	143	148	77	54	-18%	62	149	118	133	62	43	
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	210	417	337	287	102	104	-50%	166	277	210	200	80	69	
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	38	60	72	64	23	8	-79%	29	45	39	38	15	7	
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	51	47	43	25	22	16	-69%	44	39	41	18	16	14	
18. Driving licence related offences	90	147	115	139	106	116	29%	77	128	101	127	93	104	
19. Vehicle insurance offences	818	1,201	1,157	1,307	993	1,382	69%	626	1,026	1,039	1,235	928	1,304	
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	484	190	22	25	33	20	-96%	360	149	19	23	33	20	
21. Work record and employment offences	5	5	10	2	1	1	-80%	5	5	10	1	1	1	
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	2	0	4	0	0	1	-50%	2	0	4	0	0	1	
23. Defective vehicle parts	45	77	53	43	27	78	73%	39	64	45	36	24	71	
24. Vehicle test offences	32	50	31	14	8	24	-25%	31	41	22	12	6	23	
25. Speed limit offences	1,222	1,839	2,086	1,736	1,349	809	-34%	1,129	1,656	1,768	1,465	1,240	701	
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	1,017	876	86	127	69	135	-87%	983	837	66	114	65	126	
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	708	636	1,019	934	852	665	-6%	621	527	847	787	691	572	
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	39	29	31	23	15	37	-5%	36	27	29	17	14	34	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,444</b>	<b>6,467</b>	<b>5,892</b>	<b>5,531</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>4,788</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>3,453</b>	

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

**Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Warwickshire**

	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		4	1	3	7	4			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1							100%					
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	2	4	2	3	3	1	-1	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	7	7	5	2	-2	100%	100%	88%	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				0	0	1					0%	0%	100%
10. Dangerous driving	15	43	44	32	46	71	56	94%	96%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	473	474	462	419	392	237	-236	96%	97%	96%	95%	94%	97%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	4	29	0	25	54	33	29	100%	44%	0%	53%	98%	89%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	46	70	68	61	61	30	-16	82%	75%	73%	75%	73%	64%
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	8	6	10	7	5	10	2	5%	2%	5%	3%	6%	14%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	3	4	3	4	3	1	-2	10%	9%	8%	11%	20%	14%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	22	18	22	10	7	9	-13	50%	43%	52%	56%	41%	56%
18. Driving licence related offences	23	29	34	46	30	35	12	30%	23%	33%	36%	32%	32%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	12	6	17	12	17	13	1	2%	1%	2%	1%	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													
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	34	52	69	92	86	76	42	3.0%	3.1%	3.9%	6.3%	6.9%	10.8%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	27	34	0	0	1	5	-22	2.7%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	4.0%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1	2	3	4	0	4	3	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences													
<b>Total</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>-142</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

**Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Warwickshire**

	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0														
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	0	1	0	0	0	1	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	0														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified	0	0														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	1	0														
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Dangerous driving	0	71	0	0	0	6	7	17	3	13	9	4	0	0	12	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	7	237	0	0	0	31	135	35	20	10	3	2	1	0	0	0
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	4	33	0	0	0	21	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	17	30	0	1	0	6	4	15	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	43	0														
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	59	10	2	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	7	9	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
18. Driving licence related offences	76	35	6	3	3	5	8	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,291	13	3	6	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	20	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	1	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	1	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	70	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Vehicle test offences	23	0														
25. Speed limit offences	625	76	67	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	121	5	5	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	568	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	34	0														
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>

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