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**Action Vision Zero Summary**

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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 rose by 3% to 42,775 and convictions rose by 8% to 37,482, 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 22% to 1,111, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 6,830% to 693, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions rose by 8% to 254, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 0% to 11,906, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions rose by 47% to 659, 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.

- 2,803 sentences (7%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 1,678 (96% ) bans, all for a year or longer
- 132 (1.2)% sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 29 (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 62% 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: West 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	13	9	4	7	5	8	-38%	8	11	7	5	13	3	-63%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	2	1	0	0	0	0	-100%	4	0	1	0	0	0	-100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	4	9	4	3	9	3	-25%	7	7	6	2	7	5	-29%
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	1	0	0	
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified	0	0	1	0	0	0								
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	10	14	19	11	21	14	40%	15	15	15	17	16	14	-7%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified	1	0	1	1	0	0	-100%	0	0	1	0	1	1	
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	3	5	7	2	1	3	0%	2	1	4	1	1	1	-50%
10. Dangerous driving	236	290	310	253	285	254	8%	229	315	316	262	281	248	8%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	1,431	1,415	1,298	1,370	1,481	1,111	-22%	1,408	1,378	1,286	1,341	1,439	1,082	-23%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	10	109	117	312	536	693	6830%	10	104	103	283	487	673	6630%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	359	395	391	466	563	468	30%	305	348	336	413	459	383	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	612	533	289	396	794	644	5%	564	492	259	337	518	526	-7%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	449	411	328	565	589	659	47%	397	369	297	515	490	605	52%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	201	161	135	202	203	100	-50%	174	131	110	159	181	82	-53%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	328	336	254	224	187	154	-53%	246	264	223	180	143	130	-47%
18. Driving licence related offences	1,057	1,016	1,034	1,116	1,142	927	-12%	892	915	933	1,001	987	849	-5%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	11,981	14,568	15,926	19,481	16,374	9,092	-24%	9,479	12,258	13,576	16,507	13,220	7,889	-17%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	2,942	8,773	14,008	17,870	19,297	6,628	125%	2,235	7,693	12,752	16,311	17,629	6,006	169%
21. Work record and employment offences	30	16	14	4	12	26	-13%	29	16	14	4	12	24	-17%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	21	7	23	22	9	28	33%	20	8	20	21	9	24	20%
23. Defective vehicle parts	361	252	182	275	360	455	26%	293	214	161	229	266	399	36%
24. Vehicle test offences	156	140	105	130	371	202	29%	92	94	74	95	262	182	98%
25. Speed limit offences	11,923	10,465	9,002	15,027	21,070	11,906	0%	10,655	8,781	7,530	12,781	13,115	10,713	1%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	642	495	414	1,438	2,073	1,116	74%	483	394	372	1,355	1,520	1,041	116%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	6,654	7,614	7,456	9,425	10,383	7,859	18%	5,676	7,017	6,931	8,555	8,755	6,197	9%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	2,101	2,167	912	579	830	425	-80%	1,464	1,487	833	521	635	403	-72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,527</b>	<b>49,202</b>	<b>52,234</b>	<b>69,179</b>	<b>76,595</b>	<b>42,775</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>34,687</b>	<b>42,312</b>	<b>46,160</b>	<b>60,896</b>	<b>60,446</b>	<b>37,482</b>	<b>8%</b>

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

**Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: West 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	8	11	7	5	13	3	-5	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	4		1					100%		100%			
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	7	7	5	2	7	5	-2	100%	100%	83%	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							100%		
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking						1							100%
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	16	14	12	16	16	14	-2	100%	100%	92%	89%	100%	93%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified			1		1	1				100%		100%	100%
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving						0							0%
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%
10. Dangerous driving	237	316	307	261	294	253	16	98%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	1,323	1,320	1,251	1,304	1,376	1,018	-305	94%	96%	97%	97%	95%	94%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	10	59	1	173	480	660	650	100%	56%	1%	61%	98%	97%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	233	260	256	302	331	249	16	76%	75%	76%	73%	72%	65%
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	1	1	0	0	2	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	28	29	20	32	33	29	1	7%	8%	7%	6%	7%	5%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	16	11	10	22	29	9	-7	9%	8%	9%	14%	16%	11%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	112	114	116	77	71	57	-55	46%	43%	50%	42%	49%	44%
18. Driving licence related offences	207	345	406	400	443	331	124	23%	37%	43%	40%	45%	38%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	71	52	62	76	60	29	-42	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	1	0	2	2	2	2	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	184	220	122	250	195	132	-52	1.7%	2.5%	1.6%	2.0%	1.5%	1.2%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	2	3	2	12	9	0	-2	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	12	15	4	11	11	8	-4	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>2,946</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

**Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: West 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	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	0														
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
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	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	1	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	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	1	0														
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	1	0														
10. Dangerous driving	0	253	0	0	1	14	11	4	0	9	2	1	0	0	211	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	67	1,018	0	0	0	161	569	129	87	47	16	6	0	0	2	1
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	18	660	0	0	0	409	147	28	67	3	4	1	0	0	1	0
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	136	249	11	16	5	55	80	34	25	6	9	5	0	0	1	2
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	524	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	576	29	9	9	2	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	74	9	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	72	57	0	3	1	36	5	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	6	0
18. Driving licence related offences	529	331	44	59	37	63	61	38	9	11	3	3	0	0	1	2
19. Vehicle insurance offences	7,860	29	11	15	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	6,006	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	24	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	26	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	397	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Vehicle test offences	182	0														
25. Speed limit offences	10,583	132	124	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	1,041	0														
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	6,189	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	403	0														
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,710</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>6</b>

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