



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 10,787 and convictions fell by 42% to 9,935, 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 42% to 809, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 3,008% to 404, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 32% to 52, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 23% to 4,839, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 71% to 110, 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.

- 1,582 sentences (16%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 1,116 (96%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 68 (1.5%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 5 (5%) sentences for careless driving included a ban, compared to 5% in E&W
- Bans given were 6 months or less for 97% 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: Hampshire

	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	2	5	6	3	4	5	150%	2	3	5	3	5	4	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	2	3	1	3	0	0	-100%	1	2	0	2	1	0	-100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	7	7	6	6	9	1	-86%	5	9	4	8	3	3	-40%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug	0	0	0	2	0	1		0	0	0	1	0	0	
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	1	0	
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	1	0	
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	5	8	8	12	15	6	20%	3	5	7	12	12	8	167%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	3	6	4	4	3	2	-33%	3	5	4	3	3	2	-33%
10. Dangerous driving	77	64	64	70	86	52	-32%	63	54	59	67	75	54	-14%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	1,383	1,312	1,161	1,196	1,177	809	-42%	1,343	1,286	1,146	1,161	1,153	784	-42%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	13	52	92	328	352	404	3008%	13	52	86	307	340	394	2931%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	289	314	330	301	324	233	-19%	252	261	263	254	262	190	-25%
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	661	420	421	515	282	93	-86%	623	403	385	462	218	70	-89%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	377	368	279	252	236	110	-71%	345	342	253	224	207	98	-72%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	96	70	73	66	91	39	-59%	79	61	69	55	80	31	-61%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	157	111	141	102	118	62	-61%	135	101	125	86	92	51	-62%
18. Driving licence related offences	407	409	374	380	354	257	-37%	370	390	350	355	321	236	-36%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	4,235	2,537	2,375	2,557	2,163	1,771	-58%	3,603	2,145	1,987	2,161	1,743	1,550	-57%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	2,087	2,363	324	337	477	135	-94%	1,572	1,868	109	143	173	42	-97%
21. Work record and employment offences	10	4	4	12	4	3	-70%	10	4	0	11	4	3	-70%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	14	10	14	10	8	6	-57%	11	8	2	7	7	4	-64%
23. Defective vehicle parts	153	122	103	103	99	86	-44%	146	111	98	101	93	84	-42%
24. Vehicle test offences	16	12	14	13	9	8	-50%	12	9	12	12	4	8	-33%
25. Speed limit offences	6,294	4,502	4,302	4,666	4,400	4,839	-23%	5,873	4,258	4,015	4,424	4,201	4,604	-22%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	398	391	323	224	245	104	-74%	299	285	254	166	167	85	-72%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1,785	1,429	1,555	1,647	1,484	1,645	-8%	1,636	1,319	1,450	1,490	1,327	1,520	-7%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	837	550	310	304	152	116	-86%	788	510	294	292	135	110	-86%
Total	19,308	15,070	12,284	13,113	12,094	10,787	-44%	17,187	13,491	10,977	11,807	10,627	9,935	-42%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Hampshire

	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	3	5	3	5	4	2	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1	2		2	1			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	4	9	4	6	3	3	-1	80%	100%	100%	86%	75%	100%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug				0							0%		
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													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	1	4	6	10	11	8	7	25%	100%	75%	91%	100%	89%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified													
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving													
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
10. Dangerous driving	61	52	57	66	67	68	7	98%	93%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	1,250	1,250	1,092	1,095	1,094	738	-512	93%	97%	95%	94%	95%	94%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	12	20	2	168	325	378	366	92%	38%	2%	55%	96%	95%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	185	198	204	191	196	147	-38	73%	76%	78%	74%	75%	77%
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	3	1	1	0	0	0	-3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	16	26	13	30	19	5	-11	5%	8%	5%	13%	9%	5%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	10	11	13	12	22	11	1	13%	18%	19%	22%	28%	35%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	46	38	40	28	39	26	-20	34%	37%	32%	34%	42%	52%
18. Driving licence related offences	89	99	103	105	136	71	-18	24%	25%	29%	29%	42%	30%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	67	65	59	84	84	45	-22	2%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
21. Work record and employment offences	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records													
23. Defective vehicle parts	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	1.2%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	267	181	151	193	142	68	-199	4.5%	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%	3.4%	1.5%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	0	3	1	3	0	1	1	0.0%	1.1%	0.4%	1.8%	0.0%	1.2%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	9	4	13	9	11	8	-1	0.6%	0.3%	0.9%	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	1	0	0	1	0	0	-1	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	2,025	1,966	1,764	2,006	2,157	1,582	-443	12%	15%	16%	17%	20%	16%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Hampshire

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool