



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 rose by 23% to 13,512 and convictions rose by 24% to 12,130, 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 457, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose from none to 213, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 3% to 35, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions rose by 58% to 6,734, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 38% to 166, 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.

- 848 sentences (7%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 630 (96%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 22 (0.4%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 7 (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 57% 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: Lincolnshire

	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	2	5	5	4	5	400%	2	0	4	3	3	3	50%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0	1	1	0	0		0	0	1	1	1	0	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	3	9	10	4	11	4	33%	4	5	11	2	10	5	25%
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														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	6	3	6	7	2	8	33%	6	7	5	9	2	2	-67%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	1	1	0	1	0	1	0%	0	0	0	0	0	1	
10. Dangerous driving	36	34	39	25	34	35	-3%	36	37	39	32	31	30	-17%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	691	747	629	698	642	457	-34%	676	733	615	678	629	451	-33%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	0	42	52	123	231	213		0	42	51	119	228	206	
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	145	141	195	157	159	114	-21%	127	118	169	150	143	98	-23%
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	190	170	100	160	181	143	-25%	177	156	92	146	152	109	-38%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	266	276	287	246	265	166	-38%	239	250	255	220	237	160	-33%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	116	109	110	108	78	19	-84%	104	82	84	91	70	16	-85%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	64	69	45	47	29	25	-61%	55	58	44	40	32	25	-55%
18. Driving licence related offences	267	211	276	275	280	201	-25%	232	192	257	251	266	190	-18%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,715	1,629	1,337	1,697	1,716	1,462	-15%	1,390	1,421	1,214	1,574	1,585	1,367	-2%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	452	123	25	24	26	27	-94%	338	95	16	15	22	21	-94%
21. Work record and employment offences	15	5	1	1	0	0	-100%	9	4	1	1	0	0	-100%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	24	6	2	4	5	10	-58%	13	5	3	4	4	4	-69%
23. Defective vehicle parts	70	70	55	50	67	73	4%	63	62	48	43	56	64	2%
24. Vehicle test offences	42	59	80	128	90	99	136%	33	53	73	118	82	96	191%
25. Speed limit offences	4,257	4,286	4,811	4,956	4,740	6,734	58%	3,904	3,741	3,838	3,869	3,777	5,737	47%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	56	57	43	47	37	29	-48%	50	55	34	43	32	26	-48%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	2,382	3,191	3,283	4,122	3,073	3,498	47%	2,161	2,899	2,977	3,818	2,876	3,335	54%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	195	147	74	110	103	189	-3%	158	129	58	103	93	184	16%
Total	10,994	11,387	11,467	12,996	11,773	13,512	23%	9,777	10,145	9,889	11,330	10,331	12,130	24%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Lincolnshire

	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			4	3	3	1	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs			1	1	1			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	4	4	7	2	9	5	1	100%	80%	64%	100%	100%	83%
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	4	6	1	1	-3	80%	63%	80%	67%	50%	100%
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%
10. Dangerous driving	32	32	34	37	30	28	-4	86%	80%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	637	698	582	640	592	426	-211	94%	95%	94%	94%	94%	94%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit			11	2	71	223	204		26%	4%	59%	98%	98%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	86	94	119	110	113	78	-8	68%	79%	70%	73%	79%	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	10	9	14	14	17	7	-3	4%	4%	5%	6%	7%	4%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	7	12	11	8	10	1	-6	7%	15%	13%	9%	14%	6%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	22	19	16	13	8	10	-12	40%	32%	36%	33%	24%	38%
18. Driving licence related offences	41	38	66	70	72	47	6	18%	20%	26%	28%	27%	24%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	31	31	15	19	27	11	-20	2%	2%	1%	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	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	106	54	64	42	73	22	-84	2.7%	1.4%	1.7%	1.1%	1.9%	0.4%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	2.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	6	10	7	7	8	5	-1	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences													
Total	989	1,017	947	1,045	1,187	848	-141	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	7%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Lincolnshire

	Offence Type	Banned	Total	Penalty Length										Unknown	
				Until driving test	Life	10 years and less than life	5 years and less than 10 years	4 years and less than 5 years	Over 3 years and less than 4 years	Over 3 years and less than 5 years	10 years and less than 10 years	5 years and less than 10 years	4 years and less than 5 years		
01. Causing death by dangerous driving		0	0								0	0	0	3	
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs		0	0								0	0	0	4	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving		1	0								0	0	0	1	
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug		0	0								0	0	0	0	
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers		0	0								0	0	0	1	
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified		0	0								0	0	0	0	
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking		0	0								0	0	0	0	
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving		0	1								0	0	0	0	
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified		0	0								0	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	0								0	0	0	0	
10. Dangerous driving		0	28								1	1	1	0	
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit		26	426	0	0	0	0	6	82	228	48	35	12	0	
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit		4	204	1	0	0	0	142	23	25	13	22	0	0	
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death		20	78	0	1	0	0	23	29	9	9	12	2	0	
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving		109	0								0	0	0	0	
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)		153	7	0	0	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident		15	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking		16	10	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	
18. Driving licence related offences		145	47	4	8	5	0	11	0	7	6	3	0	0	
19. Vehicle insurance offences		1,358	11	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences		21	0								0	0	0	0	
21. Work record and employment offences		0	0								0	0	0	0	
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records		6	0								0	0	0	0	
23. Defective vehicle parts		64	0								0	0	0	0	
24. Vehicle test offences		96	0								0	0	0	0	
25. Speed limit offences		5,715	22	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)		26	0								0	0	0	0	
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required		3,330	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences		184	0								0	0	0	0	
Total			11,290		848		40		17		5		271		3

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