



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 20% to 2,651 and convictions fell by 23% to 2,119, 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 10% to 354, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 2,514% to 183, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions rose by 35% to 31, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions rose by 66% to 424, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions rose by 4% to 236, 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.

- 746 sentences (35%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 509 (98%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 49 (11.7%) 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 98% of speeding and 25% 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: Wiltshire

	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	4	1	3	0	2	2	-50%	0	1	1	0	1	2	
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1	0	1	1	0	0	-100%	0	1	0	1	0	1	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	2	5	2	2	6	2	0%	3	3	3	2	6	2	-33%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
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	1	1	2	5	4	3	200%	1	1	3	4	6	4	300%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	1	1	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	1	0	0	1	1		0	1	0	0	1	1	
10. Dangerous driving	23	42	32	63	41	31	35%	23	39	27	56	40	30	30%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	394	427	418	443	473	354	-10%	380	420	405	439	466	351	-8%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	7	40	48	85	144	183	2514%	7	39	47	82	143	173	2371%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	104	113	122	123	160	101	-3%	93	100	111	114	129	88	-5%
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	67	46	48	39	62	23	-66%	61	43	45	33	56	21	-66%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	227	246	285	284	308	236	4%	166	180	205	199	178	97	-42%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	94	79	65	81	76	45	-52%	78	66	51	69	70	28	-64%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	62	64	65	58	44	43	-31%	48	57	57	45	30	31	-35%
18. Driving licence related offences	118	153	216	220	175	120	2%	105	137	203	202	156	104	-1%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,152	1,075	1,199	1,146	1,207	720	-38%	927	919	935	877	941	565	-39%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	549	1,758	143	203	250	115	-79%	415	1,489	48	73	96	15	-96%
21. Work record and employment offences	9	4	52	110	52	14	56%	8	3	52	109	51	6	-25%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	2	1	1	1	3	2	0%	1	1	1	1	3	2	100%
23. Defective vehicle parts	51	50	68	89	91	72	41%	48	44	67	86	87	64	33%
24. Vehicle test offences	9	8	26	28	23	9	0%	5	5	25	25	20	3	-40%
25. Speed limit offences	255	248	289	532	520	424	66%	236	241	281	514	503	418	77%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	104	38	63	94	21	22	-79%	91	37	56	84	17	18	-80%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	29	29	50	43	47	24	-17%	20	15	35	37	34	22	10%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	36	45	163	491	189	105	192%	33	41	159	471	180	73	121%
Total	3,300	4,474	3,361	4,141	3,900	2,651	-20%	2,749	3,883	2,817	3,523	3,214	2,119	-23%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Wiltshire

	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		1	1		1	2		100%	100%		100%	100%	
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs		1		1	1	1		100%	100%	100%	86%	50%	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	3	3	3	1	6	1	-2	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	1	1	3	2	6	5	4	100%	100%	100%	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	1		0%			0%	100%	
10. Dangerous driving	21	33	29	54	38	34	13	88%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	356	414	396	426	456	338	-18	94%	98%	98%	97%	98%	96%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	7	20	0	42	143	171	164	100%	51%	0%	51%	99%	99%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	72	79	87	95	95	73	1	77%	79%	79%	83%	74%	82%
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	0	-1	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	11	12	5	7	11	4	-7	7%	7%	2%	4%	6%	4%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	9	10	9	7	8	5	-4	12%	15%	18%	10%	11%	18%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	21	25	28	24	18	11	-10	43%	43%	47%	56%	60%	34%
18. Driving licence related offences	38	47	63	63	40	33	-5	36%	35%	31%	31%	25%	32%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	40	49	45	27	44	17	-23	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences													
21. Work record and employment offences	0	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	61	53	67	102	64	49	-12	25.8%	22.0%	23.8%	19.8%	12.7%	11.7%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0.0%	6.7%	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	644	750	740	852	931	746	102	23%	19%	26%	24%	29%	35%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Wiltshire

		Not Banned	Banned Total	Under 6 months		6 months		Over 6 months and less than 1 year		1 year		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						
				Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total	Banned	Total					
01. Causing death by dangerous driving		0	0																									0	0	0	0			
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs		0	0																									0	0	0	0			
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving		1	1																									0	0	0	0			
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09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment		0	0																															
10. Dangerous driving		0	0																															
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit		13	338																															
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit		2	171																															
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death		16	73																															
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving		21	0																															
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)		93	4																															
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident		23	5																															
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking		21	11																															
18. Driving licence related offences		71	33																															
19. Vehicle insurance offences		548	17																															
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences		15	0																															
21. Work record and employment offences		6	0																															
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records		2	0																															
23. Defective vehicle parts		64	0																															
24. Vehicle test offences		3	0																															
25. Speed limit offences		369	49																															
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)		17	1																															
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required		22	0																															
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences		73	0																															
Total				1,380		746		64		12		8		234		264		54		52		23		8		4		0		0		21		2

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