



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 10% to 3,074 and convictions fell by 9% to 2,731, 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 323, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 948% to 325, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions rose by 24% to 68, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 12% to 623, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 57% to 48, 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.

- 856 sentences (31%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 607 (97%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 10 (1.7%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 1 (3%) 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 100% 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: Cleveland

	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	0	1	3	3	0	-100%	1	0	1	2	3	4	300%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	0	1	
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	1	0	2	2	1	3	200%	0	1	2	1	0	2	
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		1	0	0	0	0	0	-100%
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	1	3	5	5	5	0	-100%	0	5	5	3	5	1	
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
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	5	2	2	1	0	2	-60%	3	1	2	1	0	0	-100%
10. Dangerous driving	55	75	77	64	62	68	24%	57	77	80	61	67	76	33%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	415	427	391	391	443	323	-22%	409	420	379	383	439	315	-23%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	31	86	66	231	286	325	948%	30	82	65	225	281	319	963%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	96	125	123	125	149	119	24%	82	107	96	103	115	84	2%
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	40	49	72	49	68	39	-3%	38	47	70	44	63	37	-3%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	112	101	78	67	52	48	-57%	81	75	66	47	43	31	-62%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	34	41	21	22	11	17	-50%	31	36	18	18	10	12	-61%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	122	121	69	80	60	43	-65%	81	93	52	62	35	31	-62%
18. Driving licence related offences	173	227	173	185	161	154	-11%	155	210	162	166	153	143	-8%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,013	972	1,271	1,141	899	862	-15%	877	919	1,203	1,093	835	773	-12%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	250	23	40	48	74	131	-48%	199	23	40	48	70	40	-80%
21. Work record and employment offences	1	1	0	6	3	4	300%	2	1	0	5	3	1	-50%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	1	2	3	2	1	1	0%	1	2	3	2	1	1	0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	47	32	36	21	21	11	-77%	41	29	35	21	19	10	-76%
24. Vehicle test offences	7	6	7	6	8	4	-43%	6	3	7	3	7	4	-33%
25. Speed limit offences	705	636	865	874	930	623	-12%	661	575	789	793	825	573	-13%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	42	28	30	33	19	15	-64%	35	22	28	26	17	12	-66%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	193	251	340	298	358	261	35%	168	222	307	280	329	248	48%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	59	22	30	48	35	21	-64%	41	10	23	45	31	13	-68%
Total	3,404	3,230	3,703	3,702	3,649	3,074	-10%	3,000	2,960	3,434	3,432	3,351	2,731	-9%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Cleveland

	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	2	3	4	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs			1			1		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving		1	3	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	0								0%				
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving		5	3	4	5	0							
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified													
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving													0%
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment													
10. Dangerous driving	54	78	73	59	64	77	23	96%	95%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	369	388	354	360	413	294	-75	90%	92%	93%	93%	94%	93%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	30	36	4	139	263	313	283	100%	44%	6%	61%	94%	96%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	55	80	73	78	96	67	12	68%	75%	74%	75%	77%	76%
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)	6	3	1	1	3	1	-5	7%	4%	2%	2%	7%	3%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	7	4	1	5	2	3	-4	23%	11%	6%	26%	20%	25%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	33	44	15	17	22	16	-17	41%	47%	29%	29%	55%	53%
18. Driving licence related offences	38	66	58	63	67	58	20	24%	31%	35%	38%	43%	41%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	24	25	25	23	15	10	-14	3%	3%	2%	2%	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	0	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	6	7	12	9	19	10	4	0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.1%	2.3%	1.7%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences													
Total	624	737	627	762	974	856	232	21%	25%	18%	22%	29%	31%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Cleveland

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