



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 27% to 8,111 and convictions fell by 24% to 7,150, 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 rose by 5% to 560, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 8,900% to 90, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions rose by 9% to 49, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 16% to 2,560, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 26% to 217, 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.

- 990 sentences (14%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 599 (95%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 43 (1.9%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 11 (13%) 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 55% 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: Leicestershire

	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	7	4	4	4	3	1	-86%	2	6	4	1	5	2	0%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	3	0	0	0	0	0	-100%	2	1	1	1	0	0	-100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	4	5	9	2	3	6	50%	0	4	7	5	2	4	
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	1	0	0	0	0	
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified														
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	5	9	10	5	9	80%	3	0	8	10	8	7	133%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	1	0	0	0	0	0	-100%							
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	1	1	0	0	1		0	3	0	0	0	1	
10. Dangerous driving	45	48	46	62	66	49	9%	44	48	50	58	65	53	20%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	535	491	502	544	621	560	5%	525	484	483	524	605	550	5%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	1	15	7	60	92	90	8900%	1	15	7	57	85	84	8300%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	150	139	143	173	193	182	21%	122	121	121	149	174	157	29%
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	148	113	76	155	127	104	-30%	136	105	71	130	104	79	-42%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	295	255	246	302	336	217	-26%	123	97	82	111	131	84	-32%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	191	191	118	149	202	140	-27%	79	54	47	73	86	54	-32%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	112	93	79	77	75	46	-59%	89	72	69	62	63	32	-64%
18. Driving licence related offences	225	188	141	261	232	238	6%	192	168	125	229	215	217	13%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,496	1,379	1,194	1,620	1,726	2,108	41%	1,177	1,189	1,107	1,490	1,616	2,000	70%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	975	351	58	46	47	42	-96%	677	238	44	44	46	35	-95%
21. Work record and employment offences	16	1	2	3	2	0	-100%	13	1	1	3	2	0	-100%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	4	3	4	4	4	4	0%	5	1	1	1	4	3	-40%
23. Defective vehicle parts	77	57	21	49	39	43	-44%	68	49	18	45	36	39	-43%
24. Vehicle test offences	141	88	64	103	99	78	-45%	132	74	58	88	85	67	-49%
25. Speed limit offences	3,056	2,664	3,092	3,017	3,200	2,560	-16%	2,752	2,225	2,476	2,365	2,679	2,269	-18%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	591	524	836	438	45	266	-55%	548	478	719	357	30	214	-61%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	2,893	2,809	2,803	2,500	1,239	1,260	-56%	2,594	2,509	2,459	2,144	1,055	1,099	-58%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	139	112	66	97	110	106	-24%	127	97	49	85	94	100	-21%
Total	11,110	9,536	9,521	9,676	8,466	8,111	-27%	9,411	8,040	8,007	8,032	7,190	7,150	-24%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Leicestershire

	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	6	4	1	5	2	0	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	2	1	1	1				100%	100%	100%	100%		
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving		4	6	6	2	4		100%	100%	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			1										
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving													
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													
10. Dangerous driving	38	46	51	61	70	57	19	88%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	487	468	466	498	588	516	29	93%	97%	96%	95%	97%	94%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	1	9	0	34	83	83	82	100%	56%	0%	60%	97%	97%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	90	98	95	112	121	119	29	74%	80%	79%	75%	70%	75%
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	1	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	14	13	6	17	22	11	-3	11%	13%	7%	15%	17%	13%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	9	9	5	10	17	8	-1	11%	16%	11%	14%	20%	15%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	35	26	26	14	26	16	-19	40%	36%	38%	23%	40%	52%
18. Driving licence related offences	48	50	44	88	87	91	43	25%	29%	35%	38%	41%	41%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	106	99	49	35	44	31	-75	9%	8%	4%	2%	3%	2%
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													
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records													
23. Defective vehicle parts	1	1	1	0	1	0	-1	1.5%	2.0%	5.6%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	71	53	70	56	47	43	-28	2.6%	2.4%	2.8%	2.4%	1.8%	1.9%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	7	9	11	6	6	2	-5	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	914	895	842	950	1,128	990	76	10%	11%	11%	12%	16%	14%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Leicestershire

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