



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 43% to 14,401 and convictions fell by 42% to 13,273, 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 28% to 1,296, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 518% to 606, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions rose by 32% to 263, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 61% to 2,558, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 60% to 185, 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.

- 2,683 sentences (20%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 1,780 (98%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 49 (1.9%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 16 (10%) sentences for careless driving included a ban, compared to 5% in E&W
- Bans given were 6 months or less for 96% of speeding and 56% 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: Greater Manchester

	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	5	9	12	8	16	15	200%	3	11	7	10	8	13	333%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	2	1	2	0	0	0	-100%	2	0	1	0	0	0	-100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	6	10	20	3	7	13	117%	3	7	14	6	5	7	133%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%	1	1	1	0	2	0	-100%
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers	1	1	0	1	0	1	0%	0	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	6	14	9	19	12	29	383%	12	12	17	20	18	25	108%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	5	2	1	4	5	1	-80%	4	1	1	2	2	1	-75%
10. Dangerous driving	199	236	235	270	274	263	32%	209	256	250	259	268	273	31%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	1,788	1,563	1,606	1,543	1,700	1,296	-28%	1,743	1,524	1,574	1,512	1,659	1,260	-28%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	98	277	309	531	490	606	518%	97	264	277	479	439	585	503%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	464	455	442	379	538	372	-20%	416	398	392	333	464	288	-31%
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	423	287	142	121	114	38	-91%	398	271	131	112	97	34	-91%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	461	393	366	341	225	185	-60%	435	367	334	314	201	164	-62%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	215	209	179	164	128	83	-61%	177	174	161	134	99	64	-64%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	420	345	290	278	279	169	-60%	337	290	235	213	219	137	-59%
18. Driving licence related offences	602	554	477	531	503	431	-28%	552	504	441	500	471	385	-30%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	4,194	4,049	6,417	6,889	6,224	3,169	-24%	3,565	3,590	5,703	6,172	5,478	2,837	-20%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	3,335	4,558	4,634	5,119	5,066	1,478	-56%	2,615	3,778	4,109	4,653	4,592	1,272	-51%
21. Work record and employment offences	3	1	8	4	1	4	33%	3	1	8	4	1	3	0%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	5	11	4	10	17	17	240%	3	10	4	10	14	11	267%
23. Defective vehicle parts	95	64	34	40	23	46	-52%	89	62	31	37	20	45	-49%
24. Vehicle test offences	75	82	54	68	21	22	-71%	71	76	47	65	19	22	-69%
25. Speed limit offences	6,487	5,202	4,997	5,977	5,131	2,558	-61%	6,383	5,123	4,916	5,850	5,023	2,521	-61%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	1,579	1,531	1,112	469	243	472	-70%	1,553	1,497	1,079	452	224	463	-70%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	4,306	3,864	3,951	4,002	3,367	3,015	-30%	3,668	3,218	3,467	3,493	2,880	2,769	-25%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	507	309	205	257	225	118	-77%	478	290	186	237	207	94	-80%
Total	25,281	24,029	25,506	27,029	24,610	14,401	-43%	22,817	21,726	23,387	24,868	22,411	13,273	-42%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Greater Manchester

	Bans						5 year change	Bans as % of Sentenced				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
01. Causing death by dangerous driving	3	11	7	10	8	13	10	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	2		1					100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	2	6	12	5	5	7	5	67%	86%	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	1	1		2			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified					1							
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking												
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	12	11	16	16	21	26	14	100%	92%	100%	89%	100%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified			1	0					100%	100%	0%	
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving												
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	0	0		1	0	1		0%	0%	50%	0%	100%
10. Dangerous driving	208	232	253	250	294	249	41	97%	95%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	1,634	1,468	1,530	1,460	1,608	1,215	-419	94%	96%	97%	96%	97%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	96	97	3	277	435	565	469	100%	37%	1%	58%	98%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	329	308	299	243	358	206	-123	79%	77%	76%	73%	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	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	24	33	32	27	21	16	-8	6%	9%	10%	9%	10%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	32	35	30	27	32	22	-10	18%	20%	19%	20%	32%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	135	110	104	104	131	73	-62	40%	38%	44%	49%	57%
18. Driving licence related offences	129	161	163	187	227	189	60	23%	32%	37%	37%	47%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	67	70	82	61	78	43	-24	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
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	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
25. Speed limit offences	73	67	74	69	60	49	-24	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	0	3	0	0	2	1	1	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.2%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	14	15	15	11	8	8	-6	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	2,763	2,630	2,624	2,749	3,291	2,683	-80	12%	12%	11%	11%	15%
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Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Greater Manchester

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