



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 16% to 18,895 and convictions rose by 13% to 16,520, 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 18% to 971, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 4,875% to 398, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 7% to 115, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions rose by 46% to 7,952, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 42% to 213, 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.

- 1,766 sentences (11%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 1,283 (96%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 45 (0.7%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 13 (9%) 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 38% 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: Lancashire

	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	6	4	4	3	6	5	-17%	4	1	6	2	5	3	-25%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1	1	0	0	1	2	100%	1	2	1	1	1	1	0%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	7	4	8	9	3	1	-86%	6	3	3	7	4	1	-83%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	5	8	11	9	12	11	120%	7	7	9	10	11	7	0%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	3	2	10	1	1	0	-100%	2	0	3	0	1	0	-100%
10. Dangerous driving	124	135	122	92	85	115	-7%	130	143	127	92	103	86	-34%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	1,185	1,130	1,175	1,151	1,174	971	-18%	1,159	1,107	1,148	1,127	1,157	960	-17%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	8	69	93	272	320	398	4875%	7	63	87	240	302	383	5371%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	324	353	313	320	351	269	-17%	275	282	259	262	298	227	-17%
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	161	218	278	186	163	129	-20%	154	196	256	165	129	104	-32%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	365	319	353	325	401	213	-42%	311	285	310	288	344	143	-54%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	141	108	95	66	56	31	-78%	119	93	83	53	50	25	-79%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	235	226	189	173	129	104	-56%	194	177	156	144	103	69	-64%
18. Driving licence related offences	359	448	536	469	393	450	25%	325	411	492	432	365	404	24%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	2,564	3,429	4,763	4,174	4,011	3,432	34%	2,062	2,844	4,240	3,723	3,601	3,180	54%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	1,243	1,080	1,970	1,695	2,018	449	-64%	981	855	1,727	1,509	1,822	376	-62%
21. Work record and employment offences	8	17	16	3	5	0	-100%	8	16	16	3	4	0	-100%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	2	6	9	10	16	8	300%	2	4	9	9	12	5	150%
23. Defective vehicle parts	96	120	113	85	79	84	-13%	92	109	104	80	75	82	-11%
24. Vehicle test offences	24	30	38	24	22	15	-38%	13	27	28	19	15	13	0%
25. Speed limit offences	5,442	6,107	5,423	7,878	9,082	7,952	46%	5,341	6,027	5,024	6,490	7,523	6,503	22%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	132	119	192	198	83	88	-33%	118	99	149	161	70	68	-42%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	3,637	4,429	4,924	5,170	5,204	3,762	3%	3,151	3,759	4,315	4,722	4,741	3,513	11%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	200	346	376	411	409	406	103%	181	330	346	352	369	367	103%
Total	16,272	18,708	21,012	22,725	24,024	18,895	16%	14,643	16,840	18,898	19,892	21,105	16,520	13%

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Lancashire

	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	4	1	6	2	5	3	-1	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	5	3	3	6	5	1	-4	83%	100%	100%	100%	100%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug				1							100%	
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	6	7	11	11	8	7	1	86%	100%	100%	100%	80%
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified												100%
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving												
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment												
10. Dangerous driving	118	148	118	95	107	80	-38	92%	97%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	1,066	1,037	1,073	1,066	1,089	911	-155	92%	94%	93%	94%	94%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	7	29	3	154	289	372	365	100%	45%	3%	64%	96%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	206	218	170	172	222	156	-50	75%	77%	65%	65%	74%
13a. Fail to give permission for a laboratory test on a blood specimen having caused death												68%
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	12	16	20	19	17	13	1	4%	6%	6%	7%	5%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	14	15	13	9	13	4	-10	12%	16%	15%	17%	26%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	87	75	70	66	38	30	-57	45%	41%	46%	45%	37%
18. Driving licence related offences	80	106	143	153	141	117	37	25%	26%	29%	35%	39%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	22	41	62	36	33	24	2	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences												
21. Work record and employment offences												
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records												
23. Defective vehicle parts	1	0	0	1	0	0	-1	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences												
25. Speed limit offences	54	86	95	54	79	45	-9	1.0%	1.4%	1.9%	0.8%	1.1%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	3	6	28	9	15	1	-2	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.3%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Total	1,687	1,791	1,818	1,856	2,062	1,766	79	12%	11%	10%	9%	10%
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Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Lancashire

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