



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Data from the Dft using the Stats 19 RTA data collection system.

ANY sensible discussion on Road safety needs to be based on the latest data for North Wales and the death and serious injury data from the North Wales health trusts. A brief perusal of these figures show that the young driver group is disproportionately represented in the reckless and too fast/speeding categories and the elderly in those where fast reactions and judgement of speed etc are critical. If we had access to the same analysis for those persecuted by speed cameras in North Wales (the whole of the UK) we would find that mostly the low risk, law abiding groups were targeted.

POOR targeting is the biggest problem the Police have and not just on the roads. Like much of violent crime is caused by a violent minority who if caught are released to re-offend the speed camera and NIP system is similarly ineffective.

Table 4h: Most frequently recorded contributory factors for car drivers by age group: GB 2007

Contributory factor recorded	Age of driver						All ¹	
	17-24		25-69		70+			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Failed to look properly	8,529	20	25,226	19	2,837	30	40,100	20
Failed to judge other person's path or speed	5,174	12	13,357	10	1,559	17	21,594	11
Careless, reckless or in a hurry	5,808	13	9,714	7	578	6	18,606	9
Loss of control	6,911	16	7,747	6	848	9	16,031	8
Poor turn or manoeuvre	3,591	8	8,994	7	1,035	11	15,102	8
Slippery road (due to weather)	4,527	10	6,652	5	280	3	11,712	6
Travelling too fast for conditions	4,909	11	5,454	4	157	2	11,268	6
Sudden braking	2,434	6	4,792	4	212	2	7,787	4
Following too close	1,910	4	4,640	4	247	3	7,338	4
Exceeding speed limit	2,885	7	2,707	2	57	1	6,329	3
Impaired by alcohol	2,099	5	3,636	3	76	1	6,220	3
Learner or inexperienced driver/rider	4,588	10	752	1	8	0	5,489	3
Disobeyed 'Give Way' or 'Stop' sign or markings	836	2	2,237	2	283	3	3,734	2
Dazzling sun	545	1	1,849	1	360	4	2,809	1
Nervous, uncertain or panic	576	1	887	1	297	3	1,846	1
Illness or disability, mental or physical	102	0	982	1	514	5	1,610	1
Number of vehicles	43,718		131,827		9,370		199,596	

¹ Includes cases where driver age was not recorded