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POLICE**

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2025/779 - Drink Driving Breath Tests, Offences and Demographics

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. The total number of roadside breath tests conducted in each of the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 so far if available), broken down by month or quarter if possible.**
- 2. The number of drivers who tested positive or failed a breath test in each of those years.**
- 3. If available, a breakdown of breath tests conducted by local authority area, town, or policing sector within your jurisdiction.**
- 4. The top 5 locations (towns/areas/postcodes) where the highest number of drink driving offences were recorded over the past three years.**
- 5. Any available demographic breakdown (e.g. age group and gender) for individuals who:**
 - **Were stopped and breathalysed, and**
 - **Failed a breath test or were charged with a drink driving offence, in the above time period.**

Method

Questions 1-3: The roadside breathalyser data is collated via the drager access database from 01/01/2022-31/12/2023. The database is up to date with tests that have been downloaded up to December 2023. Therefore, there may be some tests conducted in 2023 that have been downloaded in 2024 but are not on the database.

Questions 4-5: The number of prosecutions of drink driving has been collated from the niche system for the time period 01/01/2022-31/07/2025. The data includes drink driving offences and also failed to provide offences, CCJS codes included are as per below:

RT88007;RT88008;RT88009;RT88010;RT88011;RT88326;RT88339;RT88343;RT88347;RT88496;RT88650;RT88652;GA96053;HA14019;RT88340;RT88344;RT88348;RT88584;RT88585;RT88586;BA12059;BI04062;RT88007B;SA96049;SU96049.

The data has been further broken down to show the age and gender of the nominal arrested, and the arrest location. Please note that some nominals may have been further arrested for drink drive or fail to provide in custody (Caernarfon, St Asaph and Llay), and this therefore may not reflect the location of the offence.

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Findings

1. The total number of roadside breath tests conducted in each of the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 so far if available), broken down by month or quarter if possible.

Month	2022	2023
Jan	623	192
Feb	428	225
Mar	398	206
Apr	503	297
May	714	226
Jun	500	153
Jul	364	68
Aug	490	154
Sep	327	264
Oct	280	226
Nov	316	182
Dec	980	85

2. The number of drivers who tested positive or failed a breath test in each of those years.

Failed or refused

Month	2022	2023
Jan	130	17
Feb	80	30
Mar	60	30
Apr	119	61
May	265	42
Jun	138	57
Jul	68	17
Aug	75	32
Sep	62	31
Oct	62	31
Nov	44	102
Dec	43	25

3. If available, a breakdown of breath tests conducted by local authority area, town, or policing sector within your jurisdiction.

Location	Count of Tests
Location not specified	6132
Anglesey	231
Conwy	131
Denbighshire	147
Flintshire	406
Gwynedd	640
Wrexham	429

4. The top 5 locations (towns/areas/postcodes) where the highest number of drink driving offences were recorded over the past three years.

Town	Number of arrests
WREXHAM	572
RHYL	224
BANGOR	142
HOLYHEAD	110
LLANDUDNO	108

5. Any available demographic breakdown (e.g. age group and gender) for individuals who:
- Were stopped and breathalysed, and Failed a breath test or were charged with a drink driving offence, in the above time period.

Gender	Number of arrests
Female	693
Male	2524
Unspecified	2

Age	Number of Arrest
15-24	374
25-34	920
35-44	903
45-54	561
55-64	334
65-74	98
75-84	27
85+	1

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