



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:07/10/2026

2026/952 - Drink Driving

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please could you provide information relating to drink-driving enforcement within North Wales during December 2024 and December 2025.

I am requesting the following information for each month separately.

December 2024

The total number of motorists who were stopped and given a roadside breath test for suspected drink-driving.

The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol.

The total number of people arrested for a drink-driving offence.

Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped and breath-tested as part of a police traffic stop or roadside enforcement operation.

Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following a road traffic collision.

Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following another driving or traffic offence.

If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into:

00:00-05:59

06:00-11:59

12:00-17:59

18:00-23:59

December 2025

Please provide the same information for December 2025.

Morning-after drink-driving

In particular, I am interested in motorists stopped during the morning following the previous evening/night.

If the information is held, please provide the number of motorists who were:

a) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and produced a positive result for alcohol;

b) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and subsequently arrested for a drink-driving offence.

Please provide these figures separately for December 2024 and December 2025.

Reason for stop

If recorded, please also provide the number of positive breath tests and drink-driving arrests resulting from:

Pencadlys yr Heddlu,
Glan-y-Don, Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk

Police Headquarters,
Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
www.northwales.police.uk

routine or targeted roadside drink-driving enforcement; a road traffic collision; another traffic or driving offence; information/intelligence or a report from a member of the public; and any other recorded category.
If these categories are not recorded, please provide the closest equivalent information held.

Method

The roadside breathalyser data is collated via the Lion access database from 01/12/2024 to 31/12/2024 and 01/12/2025 to 31/12/2025.

December 2024

The total number of motorists who were stopped and given a roadside breath test for suspected drink-driving.

1048 tests

The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol.

30

The total number of people arrested for a drink-driving offence.

53 – This does not include fail to provide

Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped and breath-tested as part of a police traffic stop or roadside enforcement operation.

23

Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following a road traffic collision.

44

Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following another driving or traffic offence.

33

If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into:

00:00-05:59 –18

06:00-11:59 –29

12:00-17:59 –30

18:00-23:59 –23

December 2025

Please provide the same information for December 2025.

Morning-after drink-driving In particular, I am interested in motorists stopped during the morning following the previous evening/night. If the information is held, please provide the number of motorists who were:

a) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and produced a positive result for alcohol;

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b) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and subsequently arrested for a drink-driving offence.

56 – This does not include fail to provide

Please provide these figures separately for December 2024 and December 2025. Reason for stop. If recorded, please also provide the number of positive breath tests and drink-driving arrests resulting from: routine or targeted roadside drink-driving enforcement; a road traffic collision; another traffic or driving offence; information/intelligence or a report from a member of the public; and any other recorded category. If these categories are not recorded, please provide the closest equivalent information held.

Stop Reason	Count of Breath test
Campaign	33
Moving traffic offence	1
Other	7
RTC	31
Suspicious Circumstances	10

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 06/10/2026