



HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE

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2026/092 - Road traffic accident causes

In response to your recent request for information;

Method

The injury road traffic collision (RTC) data is sourced from the Home Office Stats19 returns for the period of 01/01/2023-31/12/2025. Please note that 2025 data is considered provisional, therefore subject to change.

The age for person at fault was taken from the driver of vehicle 1 in each collision which is typically classed as the offending vehicle, this includes all vehicle types i.e. pedal cyclists.

Causation factors are based on all reported injury collisions in the area for the requested period. There can be up to 6 causation factors listed per collision. It is not possible to break this down by age.

Findings

1) How many road traffic accidents were reported during the last three years? (Broken down by years 2023, 2024, 2025)

1a) If possible, please break down by age of person at fault: Underage drivers, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90-99, 100+, unknown (if applicable)

1b) If possible, please break down by month

Age	2023	2024	2025
Under 16	9	1	2
16-19	58	46	39
20-29	140	98	109
30-39	133	99	80
40-49	97	69	53
50-59	106	72	86
60-69	63	48	57
70-79	64	33	38
80-89	30	21	27
90-99	4	2	1
100+	0	0	0
Unknown	71	52	44

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Month	2023	2024	2025
January	56	41	31
February	37	34	36
March	55	41	52
April	66	45	42
May	86	52	50
June	80	60	46
July	86	50	66
August	75	51	56
September	77	38	36
October	61	42	46
November	41	41	44
December	55	46	31
Total	775	541	536

**2) What are the most common causes of traffic accidents reported during the last three years?
(Broken down by years 2023, 2024, 2025)**

2023

Ranking	Code	Description	Count
1	405	Failed to look properly (driver/rider)	232
2	602	Careless/Reckless/In a hurry (driver/rider)	147
3	410	Loss of control (driver/rider)	144
4	406	Failed to judge other persons path or speed (driver/rider)	130
5	403	Poor turn or manoeuvre (driver/rider)	106
6	103	Slippery road (due to weather)	66
7	108	Road layout (eg bend, hill, narrow road)	58
8	307	Travelling too fast for conditions	50
9	802	Failed to look properly (pedestrian)	49
10	408	Sudden braking	40

2024

Ranking	Code	Description	Count
1	405	Failed to look properly (driver/rider)	150
2	602	Careless/Reckless/In a hurry (driver/rider)	100
3	406	Failed to judge other persons path or speed (driver/rider)	94
4	410	Loss of control (driver/rider)	65
5	403	Poor turn or manoeuvre (driver/rider)	63
6	103	Slippery road (due to weather)	38
7	306	Exceeding speed limit	37
8	307	Travelling too fast for conditions	36
9	802	Failed to look properly (pedestrian)	36
10	601	Aggressive driving	35

2025

Ranking	Code	Description	Count
1	405	Failed to look properly (driver/rider)	155
2	602	Careless/Reckless/In a hurry (driver/rider)	135
3	410	Loss of control (driver/rider)	74
4	406	Failed to judge other persons path or speed (driver/rider)	69
5	403	Poor turn or manoeuvre (driver/rider)	66
6	605	Inexperienced or learner driver/rider	38
7	306	Exceeding speed limit	34
8	307	Travelling too fast for conditions	34
9	501	Impaired by alcohol (driver/rider)	32
10	103	Slippery road (due to weather)	32

We are unable to break this down by month and age of driver at fault.

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