



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:13/10/2026

2026/1047 - December drunk driving arrests

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. The number of arrests made by your force for drink-driving offences in December of each year from 2021 to 2025 (1 to 31 December in each year).

2. The number of arrests made by your force for drug driving offences in December of each year from 2021 to 2025 (1 to 31 December in each year).

For the purposes of this request:

- "Drink driving offences" means offences under the Road Traffic Act 1988 relating to alcohol, including driving or being in charge of a vehicle over the prescribed limit or while unfit through drink, and failing to provide a specimen.

- "Drug driving offences" means offences under the Road Traffic Act 1988 relating to drugs, including driving or being in charge of a vehicle over a specified drug limit or while unfit through drugs, and failing to provide a specimen or cooperate with a preliminary drug test.

Please count each arrest once per question. If an arrest involved both drink and drug driving offences, please include it in a separate figure per year.

Arrest Reason Desc		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Attempt to drive a motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)	803/16	0	0	0	0	3
Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	803/02	0	0	0	0	1
Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	803/09	0	0	1	1	0
Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs (recordable)	803/10	99	119	123	93	91
Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	803/02	614	704	762	632	639
Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)	803/13	821	712	816	1043	1240

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Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	803/09	68	64	76	81	71
Fail to co-operate with a preliminary test - motor vehicle offence (recordable)	803/07	58	72	66	73	105
Fail to provide specimen for analysis - vehicle driver (recordable)	803/03	23	28	34	30	41
Fail to provide specimen - person in charge of vehicle (recordable)	803/06	1	5	3	2	3
In charge of a motor vehicle with proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit (recordable)	803/15	11	6	13	24	9
In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	803/05	27	44	30	27	31
In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	803/11	14	19	16	14	27
In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drugs (recordable)	803/12	4	4	6	10	6

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