



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:01/10/2026

2026/975 - Number of offences/notices given to people for not wearing a seat belt

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the number of people (drivers and passengers) issued with a fixed penalty notice or other enforcement notice for failing to wear a seatbelt in a motor vehicle, for each of the following calendar years:

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025

If the information is recorded as the number of offences/notices rather than the number of individuals, please provide that figure instead.

I am only requesting the total figure for each year and do not require any further breakdown.

If you can't provide the full 10 years, please provide the last 3 years.

We do not hold data for 2016-2018 or a complete year for 2019:

	2019
Offence	Number
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt	1
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	0
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt	3
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt	44
Ride in a rear passenger seat in a motor vehicle on a road and fail to wear seat belt	1
Ride in the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle being driven on a road whilst not wearing a seat belt	5

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2020	
Offence	Number
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt	6
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	7
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt	17
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt	350
Ride in a rear passenger seat in a motor vehicle on a road and fail to wear seat belt	7
Ride in the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle being driven on a road whilst not wearing a seat belt	38

2021	
Offence	Number
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt	6
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	7
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt	12
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt	288
Ride in a rear passenger seat in a motor vehicle on a road and fail to wear seat belt	5
Ride in the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle being driven on a road whilst not wearing a seat belt	30

2022	
Offence	Number
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt	6
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	6
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt	15
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt	414
Ride in a rear passenger seat in a motor vehicle on a road and fail to wear seat belt	17
Ride in the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle being driven on a road whilst not wearing a seat belt	44

2023	
Offence	Number
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt	8
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	11
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt	20
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt	286
Ride in a rear passenger seat in a motor vehicle on a road and fail to wear seat belt	15
Ride in the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle being driven on a road whilst	37

not wearing a seat belt	
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	2024	
Offence		Number
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt		7
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt		7
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt		14
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt		292
Ride in a rear passenger seat in a motor vehicle on a road and fail to wear seat belt		26
Ride in the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle being driven on a road whilst not wearing a seat belt		31

	2025	
Offence		Number
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt		10
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt		10
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt		15
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt		346
Ride in a rear passenger seat in a motor vehicle on a road and fail to wear seat belt		35
Ride in the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle being driven on a road whilst not wearing a seat belt		45

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 29/09/2026