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- In 2018, there were 52,121 detections for motoring offences in Northern Ireland, a decrease of 20 offences on the 52,141 detections recorded in 2017.
- Of the 52,121 detections in 2018, over half (57.1%) resulted in a referral for prosecution and a further 24.9% in endorsable fixed penalty notices.
- The largest offence group recorded was insurance offences with a total of 8,517 detections in 2018 accounting for 16.3% of all detections for motoring offences. However this was a decrease of 5.0% (448) on the number recorded in 2017.
- Speeding offences accounted for 8,279 (15.9%) of all these detections in 2018, an increase of 18.8% (1,310) on the number recorded in 2017. There were a further 4,541 detections related to mobile phone offences down by 5.9% on the number in 2017.
- Vehicle test certificate offences have seen an increase of 24.5% to 4,899 in 2018 when compared with 2017.



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1. Things you need to know about this release

Motoring offence statistics for Northern Ireland are collated and produced by statisticians seconded to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).

Coverage

This report provides statistics on the number of motoring offences detected by police in Northern Ireland in 2018. It does not include any detections by the NI Road Safety Partnership. Figures relating to such detections through the Partnership can be accessed via following link – [NI RSP](#).

The range of disposals covered includes those offences dealt with by means of a fixed penalty notice (FPN), speed awareness course and referral for prosecution. Details of the offences included in each offence grouping can be found in Section 6 of the [Motoring Offence User Guide](#) on the PSNI website.

This report presents the most recent motoring offence statistics based on figures that were extracted on 19th and 20th March 2019. As of that date, 99.6% of FPNs for 2018 had been processed, while 0.4% remained pending. Referred for prosecution figures are available from 2011 and figures from 1st January 2016 remain provisional and therefore subject to amendment.

Please note the figures refer to the number of offences and not the number of persons detected as a person can be detected for more than one offence.

Uses of the statistics

Uses of the statistics, based on user engagement, information requests and satisfaction survey feedback include policy making and policy monitoring, performance monitoring, and public interest, by a range of users including PSNI, Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs), media and academics.

More detail can be found in the Motoring Offence User Guide which can be accessed via the [motoring offences](#) statistics web page on the PSNI website.

PSNI Statistics Branch welcomes any user feedback on the changes, which can be provided via the email address on the cover page.

2. Summary

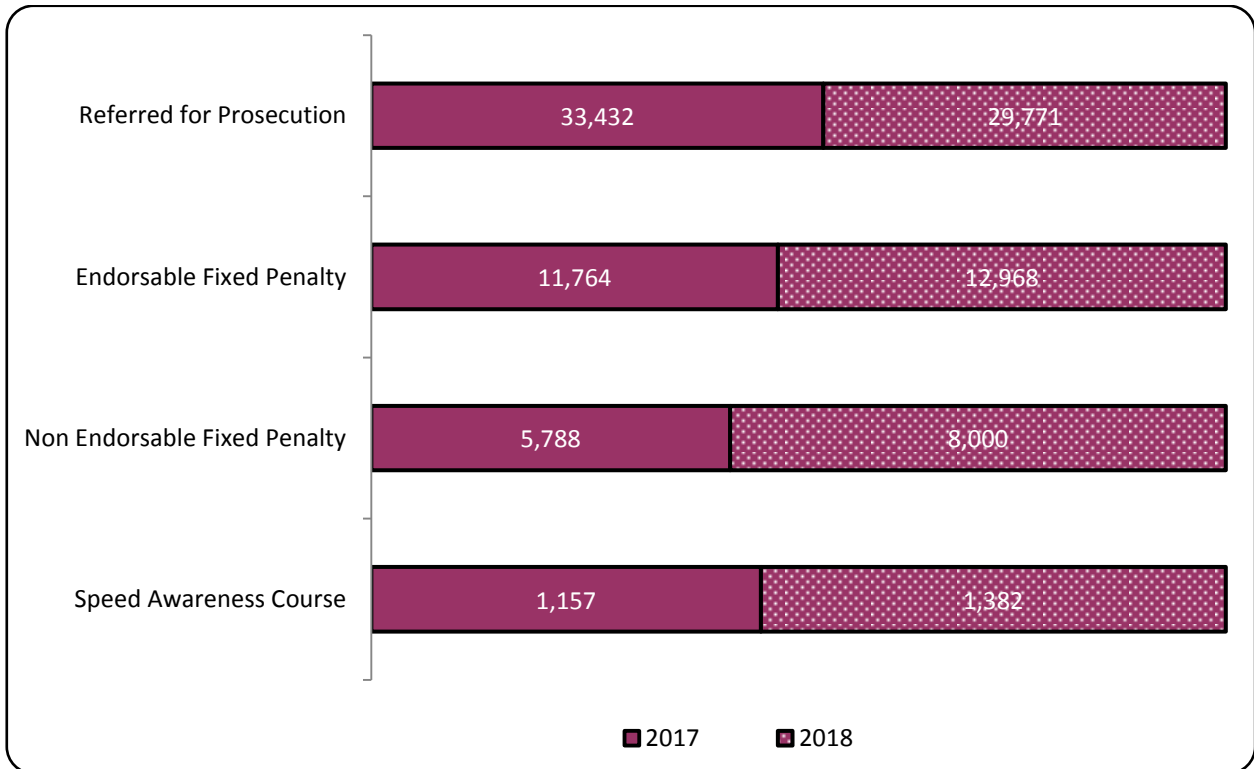
Over the last 12 months:

- the number of motoring offences decreased by 20 offences;
- non endorsable fixed penalties increased by 38.2% or 2,212 mainly due to an increase in number of vehicle test certificate offences and parking offences;
- endorsable fixed penalties increased by 10.2% or 1,204;
- offences referred for prosecution fell by 11.0% or 3,661

Table 1: Number of motoring offences by disposal type, 2017 and 2018

| | 2017 | 2018 | Change over last 12 months | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | | | Number | % |
| Endorsable Fixed Penalty | 11,764 | 12,968 | 1,204 | 10.2 |
| Non Endorsable Fixed Penalty | 5,788 | 8,000 | 2,212 | 38.2 |
| Referred for Prosecution | 33,432 | 29,771 | -3,661 | -11.0 |
| Speed Awareness Course | 1,157 | 1,382 | 225 | 19.4 |
| Total | 52,141 | 52,121 | -20 | 0.0 |

Figure 1: Comparisons of disposal types for motoring offences, 2017 and 2018



3. Trends

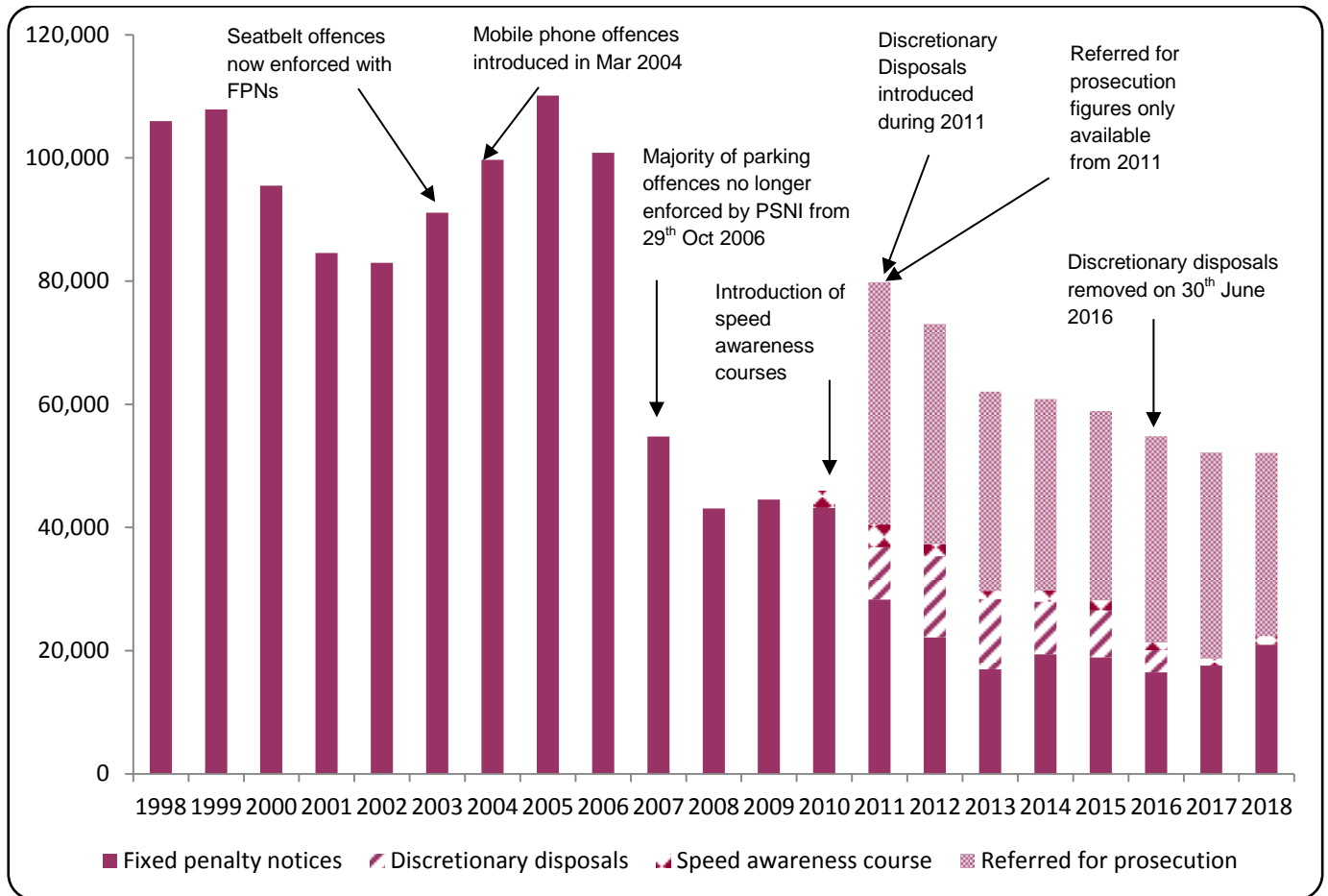
The number of FPNs has significantly decreased over the past number of years from a total 105,966 recorded in 1998 to 20,968 recorded in 2018.

A large proportion of the decrease is due to the introduction of the Traffic Management (NI) Order 2005 which came into effect on 30th October 2006. This legislation decriminalised the vast majority of parking and waiting offences in Northern Ireland. Enforcement of parking/waiting restrictions is now the responsibility of Traffic Attendants employed by National Car Parks Limited on behalf of Transport NI.

The total number of motoring offences has been steadily decreasing over the past number of years from 79,795 recorded in 2011 to 52,121 in 2018.

The removal of discretionary disposals as an option for motoring offences has had a notable impact on the number of motoring offences, albeit other disposals have also seen a decline over the years.

Figure 2: Number of motoring offences by disposal type, 1998 –2018

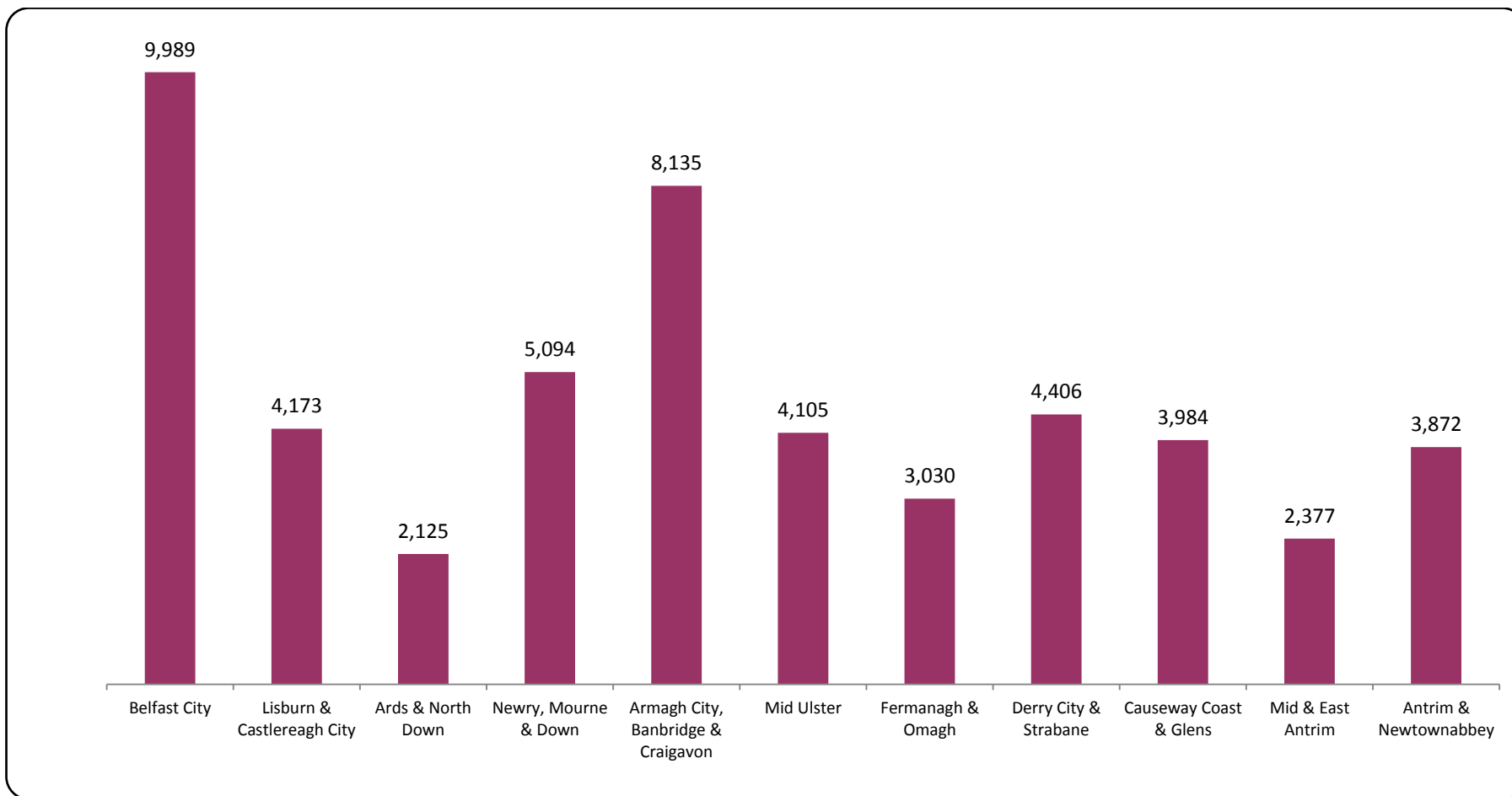


4. Offence group

Table 2: Number of motoring offences by offence group and month of year, 2017 and 2018

| 2018 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total | Total | Change over last 12 months | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2017 | Number | % |
| Breach of signs & signals | 20 | 23 | 43 | 34 | 32 | 22 | 52 | 61 | 42 | 41 | 33 | 24 | 427 | 321 | 106 | 33.0 |
| Careless driving | 426 | 361 | 382 | 317 | 454 | 393 | 368 | 388 | 356 | 319 | 337 | 278 | 4,379 | 5,027 | -648 | -12.9 |
| Construction & use | 181 | 227 | 219 | 183 | 131 | 128 | 145 | 160 | 178 | 149 | 133 | 96 | 1,930 | 1,540 | 390 | 25.3 |
| Dangerous driving | 162 | 159 | 136 | 152 | 162 | 172 | 147 | 147 | 160 | 126 | 107 | 83 | 1,713 | 1,884 | -171 | -9.1 |
| Drink or drug driving | 235 | 238 | 260 | 247 | 222 | 250 | 233 | 221 | 252 | 190 | 202 | 235 | 2,785 | 3,038 | -253 | -8.3 |
| Driving licence | 424 | 453 | 398 | 363 | 387 | 389 | 342 | 360 | 337 | 332 | 293 | 264 | 4,342 | 4,882 | -540 | -11.1 |
| Driving whilst disqualified | 106 | 92 | 119 | 116 | 89 | 111 | 98 | 86 | 71 | 83 | 73 | 67 | 1,111 | 1,179 | -68 | -5.8 |
| Failing to stop / remain / report collision | 197 | 231 | 217 | 202 | 273 | 202 | 207 | 225 | 170 | 179 | 162 | 172 | 2,437 | 3,100 | -663 | -21.4 |
| Fraudulent use / declaration | 18 | 33 | 24 | 30 | 27 | 22 | 22 | 24 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 21 | 271 | 283 | -12 | -4.2 |
| Insurance | 849 | 817 | 787 | 721 | 771 | 706 | 672 | 674 | 622 | 652 | 670 | 576 | 8,517 | 8,965 | -448 | -5.0 |
| L & R driver | 169 | 148 | 128 | 137 | 170 | 147 | 120 | 142 | 95 | 108 | 121 | 104 | 1,589 | 1,608 | -19 | -1.2 |
| Miscellaneous | 66 | 79 | 69 | 64 | 53 | 62 | 61 | 60 | 50 | 42 | 44 | 45 | 695 | 797 | -102 | -12.8 |
| Mobile phone | 473 | 513 | 437 | 387 | 397 | 385 | 297 | 357 | 385 | 385 | 299 | 226 | 4,541 | 4,825 | -284 | -5.9 |
| Non motor vehicle | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 28 | 38 | -10 | -26.3 |
| Parking | 236 | 87 | 119 | 155 | 84 | 68 | 73 | 119 | 199 | 314 | 236 | 77 | 1,767 | 1,112 | 655 | 58.9 |
| Pedestrian | 7 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 76 | 76 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Seatbelt | 95 | 90 | 88 | 93 | 86 | 101 | 123 | 125 | 128 | 80 | 66 | 50 | 1,125 | 1,227 | -102 | -8.3 |
| Speeding | 762 | 660 | 592 | 724 | 812 | 777 | 653 | 677 | 732 | 846 | 651 | 393 | 8,279 | 6,969 | 1,310 | 18.8 |
| Vehicle TADA / tampering | 139 | 103 | 140 | 167 | 110 | 104 | 98 | 89 | 82 | 70 | 59 | 49 | 1,210 | 1,336 | -126 | -9.4 |
| Vehicle test certificate | 498 | 441 | 454 | 349 | 403 | 373 | 334 | 412 | 418 | 470 | 434 | 313 | 4,899 | 3,934 | 965 | 24.5 |
| Total | 5,066 | 4,761 | 4,622 | 4,447 | 4,673 | 4,418 | 4,056 | 4,338 | 4,303 | 4,412 | 3,943 | 3,082 | 52,121 | 52,141 | -20 | 0.0 |

Figure 3: Number of motoring offences by Policing District, 2018



Unknown district is excluded from the chart above

The number of motoring offences detected in Belfast City represented almost one-fifth (19.5%) of all motoring offences detected in 2018 where the district was known. Ards and North Down recorded the fewest detections, accounting for 4.1% of the total in 2018. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon recorded 38 offences per 1,000 population while Ards and North Down recorded the lowest number per 1,000 population, with 13.

6. Age and Gender

Table 3: Number of motoring offences by gender, age band and offence group, 2018

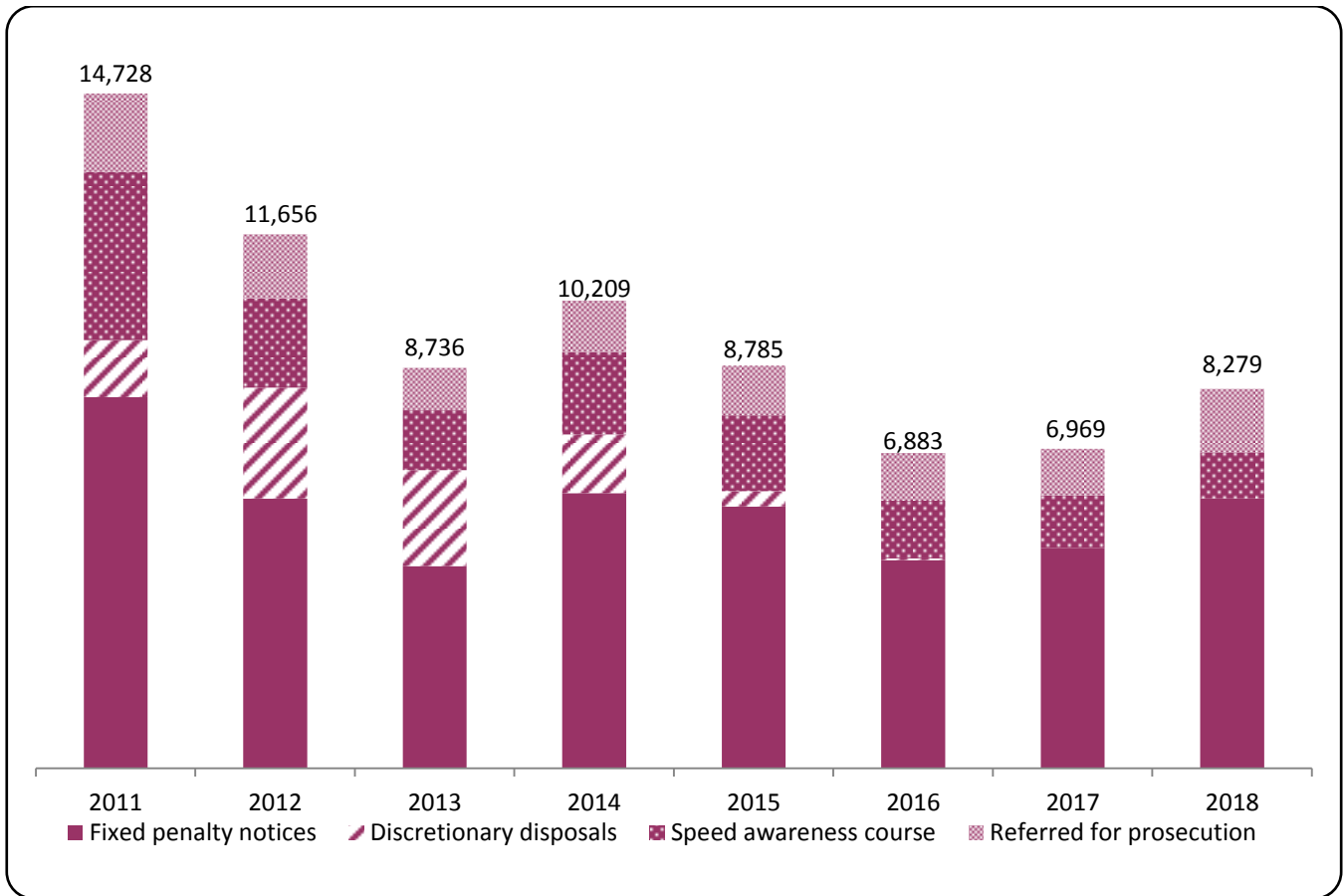
| 2018 | Gender | | | Age | | | | | | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | Unknown | Under 18 | 18 - 29 | 30 - 49 | 50 - 69 | 70+ | Unknown | |
| Breach of signs & signals | 294 | 101 | 32 | 4 | 95 | 131 | 65 | 10 | 122 | 427 |
| Careless driving | 3,313 | 1,064 | 2 | 109 | 1,548 | 1,636 | 850 | 223 | 13 | 4,379 |
| Construction & use | 1,696 | 228 | 6 | 74 | 1,114 | 487 | 185 | 20 | 50 | 1,930 |
| Dangerous driving | 1,516 | 196 | 1 | 62 | 880 | 559 | 183 | 28 | 1 | 1,713 |
| Drink or drug driving | 2,257 | 527 | 1 | 25 | 915 | 1,347 | 455 | 43 | 0 | 2,785 |
| Driving licence | 3,603 | 737 | 2 | 131 | 1,745 | 1,937 | 491 | 35 | 3 | 4,342 |
| Driving whilst disqualified | 995 | 116 | 0 | 63 | 427 | 516 | 98 | 7 | 0 | 1,111 |
| Failing to stop / remain / report collision | 1,974 | 460 | 3 | 69 | 968 | 942 | 329 | 126 | 3 | 2,437 |
| Fraudulent use / declaration | 236 | 35 | 0 | 4 | 98 | 132 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 271 |
| Insurance | 6,986 | 1,530 | 1 | 206 | 3,638 | 3,716 | 872 | 84 | 1 | 8,517 |
| L & R driver | 1,359 | 230 | 0 | 105 | 769 | 572 | 122 | 21 | 0 | 1,589 |
| Miscellaneous | 634 | 61 | 0 | 31 | 360 | 247 | 52 | 5 | 0 | 695 |
| Mobile phone | 3,610 | 931 | 0 | 24 | 1,114 | 2,309 | 1,023 | 71 | 0 | 4,541 |
| Non motor vehicle | 28 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Parking | 991 | 692 | 84 | 1 | 281 | 202 | 101 | 5 | 1,177 | 1,767 |
| Pedestrian | 67 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 42 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 76 |
| Seatbelt | 886 | 238 | 1 | 19 | 361 | 478 | 235 | 25 | 7 | 1,125 |
| Speeding | 5,805 | 2,473 | 1 | 108 | 2,803 | 3,512 | 1,680 | 174 | 2 | 8,279 |
| Vehicle TADA / tampering | 1,106 | 104 | 0 | 133 | 614 | 412 | 47 | 4 | 0 | 1,210 |
| Vehicle test certificate | 3,631 | 1,265 | 3 | 20 | 1,244 | 2,281 | 1,018 | 87 | 249 | 4,899 |
| Total | 40,987 | 10,997 | 137 | 1,194 | 19,035 | 21,445 | 7,846 | 971 | 1,630 | 52,121 |

7. Speeding

In Northern Ireland speeding offences can be detected by PSNI officers or by the fixed cameras and mobile cameras operated by the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership (NIRSP). More detailed information regarding the NIRSP can be obtained from the [NI RSP website](#). In 2017¹ (the most recent year available) the NIRSP detected 31,076 persons speeding which equated to approximately four fifths (81.7%) of the combined PSNI and NIRSP total for that year.

Prior to the formal change in policy on 30th June 2016 and in response to the increase in number of road traffic collision fatalities, advice was given to police officers to cease using discretionary disposals for speeding, mobile phone and seatbelt offences. This is reflected by the reduction in the number of discretionary disposals issued in recent years for speeding offences.

Figure 4: Number of speeding offences detected by PSNI, 2011 – 2018



In 2018, there were 8,279 detections for speeding offences, accounting for more than one in six (15.9%) of all motoring offences detected by PSNI. Over one quarter (29.8%) of these were detected at the weekend (Saturday or Sunday) – see Table 3.

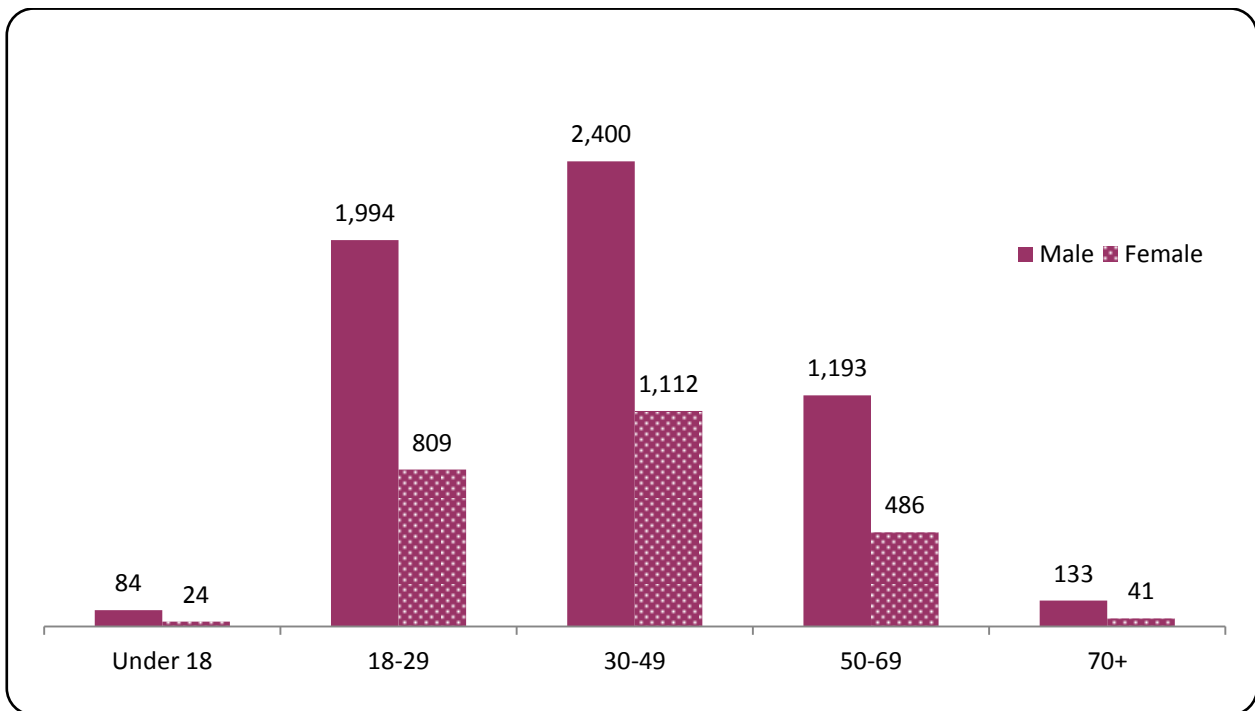
¹ 2018 figures will be published on 28th June 2019.

Table 4: Number of speeding offences by day of week and month of year, 2018

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Total |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| January | 103 | 152 | 107 | 89 | 110 | 70 | 131 | 762 |
| February | 119 | 113 | 85 | 81 | 89 | 85 | 88 | 660 |
| March | 92 | 70 | 120 | 71 | 78 | 90 | 71 | 592 |
| April | 159 | 89 | 79 | 103 | 101 | 72 | 121 | 724 |
| May | 132 | 50 | 101 | 182 | 163 | 74 | 110 | 812 |
| June | 134 | 110 | 108 | 83 | 114 | 98 | 130 | 777 |
| July | 93 | 87 | 130 | 102 | 73 | 91 | 77 | 653 |
| August | 100 | 97 | 76 | 83 | 123 | 123 | 75 | 677 |
| September | 96 | 85 | 101 | 82 | 157 | 90 | 121 | 732 |
| October | 82 | 145 | 131 | 118 | 141 | 114 | 115 | 846 |
| November | 88 | 62 | 63 | 73 | 134 | 134 | 97 | 651 |
| December | 62 | 40 | 44 | 52 | 57 | 65 | 73 | 393 |
| Total | 1,260 | 1,100 | 1,145 | 1,119 | 1,340 | 1,106 | 1,209 | 8,279 |

Where the gender is known males accounted for 70.1% of all persons detected for speeding offences. Persons aged 30 – 49 represented over two-fifths (42.4%) of all persons detected for speeding offences where age is known, followed by 18 -29 year olds accounting for a further 33.9%.

Figure 5: Number of speeding offences by age and gender, 2018

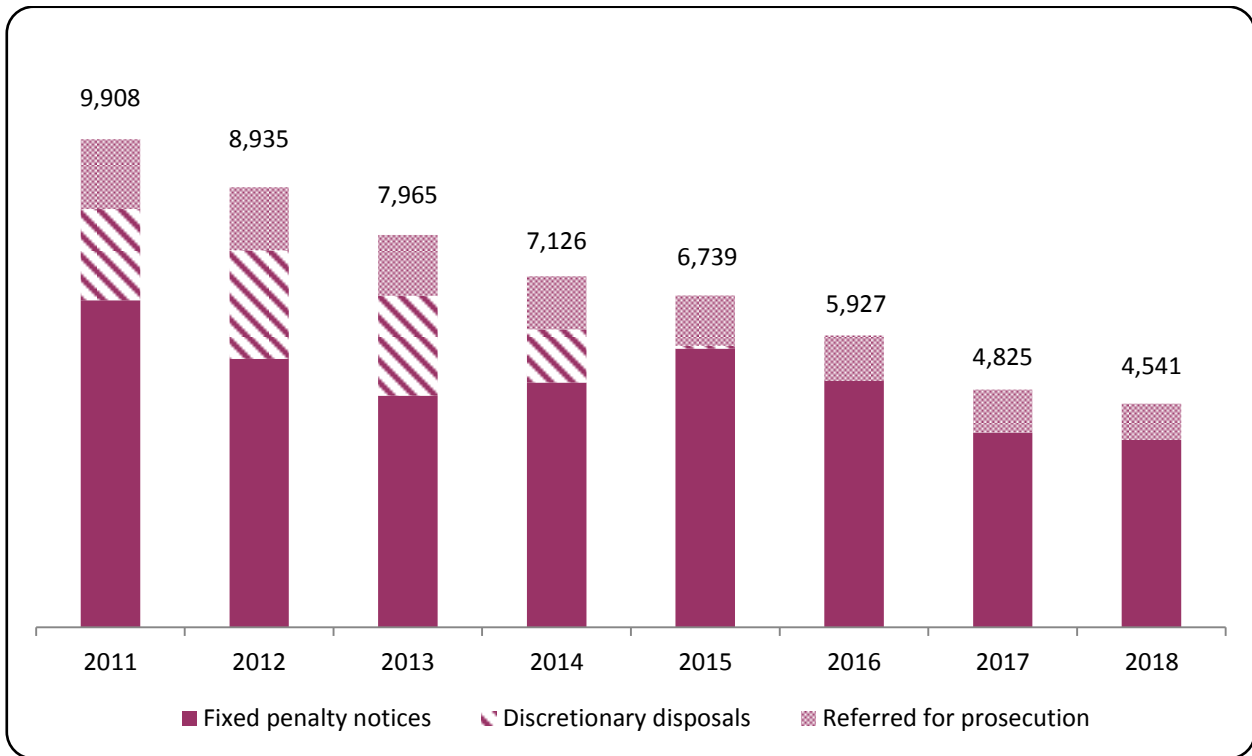


Unknown age and gender is excluded from the chart above

8. Mobile phone

The number of detections for mobile phone offences has steadily decreased from 9,908 in 2011 to 4,541 in 2018 (a decrease of 54.2%). As with speeding, the changes to discretionary disposals resulted in decreased use of this disposal in recent years for mobile phone offences.

Figure 6: Number of mobile phone offences, 2011 – 2018



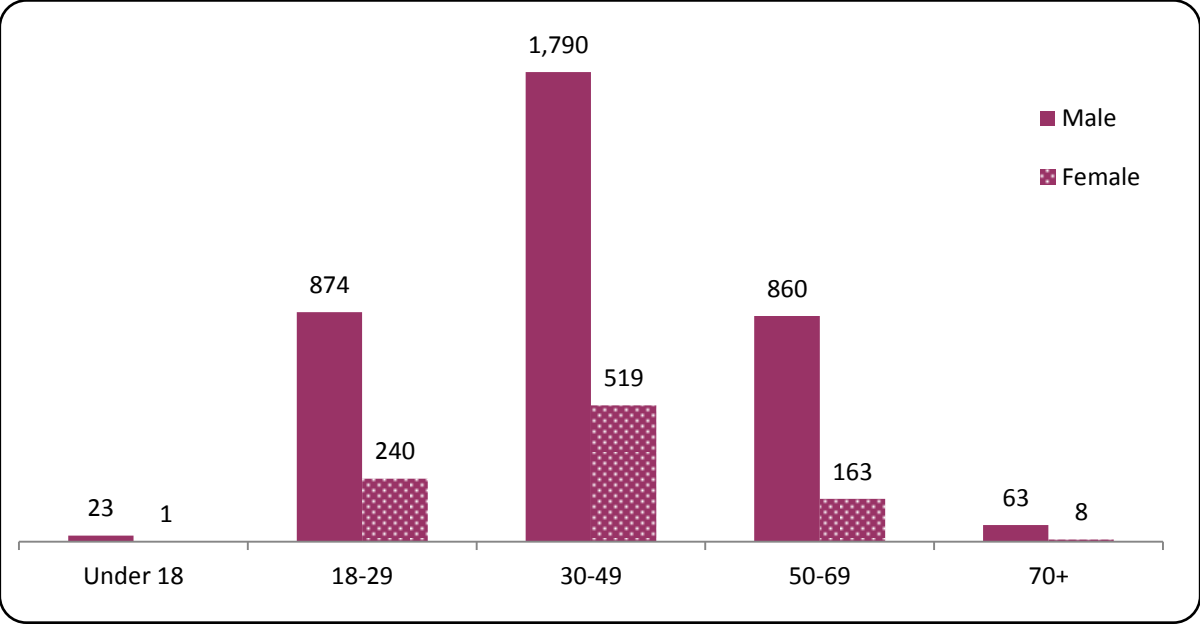
Mobile phone offences accounted for 8.7% of all motoring offences in 2018. There were fewer detections for this offence group on a Saturday and Sunday with the majority detected on a Thursday (18.9%).

Table 5: Number of mobile phone offences by day of week and month of year, 2018

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Total |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| January | 20 | 90 | 73 | 90 | 75 | 74 | 51 | 473 |
| February | 40 | 100 | 93 | 76 | 76 | 76 | 52 | 513 |
| March | 20 | 53 | 78 | 62 | 83 | 94 | 47 | 437 |
| April | 32 | 64 | 48 | 52 | 65 | 85 | 41 | 387 |
| May | 19 | 29 | 65 | 93 | 86 | 67 | 38 | 397 |
| June | 23 | 48 | 57 | 59 | 71 | 87 | 40 | 385 |
| July | 29 | 38 | 72 | 46 | 50 | 35 | 27 | 297 |
| August | 15 | 41 | 52 | 63 | 79 | 75 | 32 | 357 |
| September | 23 | 43 | 35 | 67 | 84 | 79 | 54 | 385 |
| October | 25 | 67 | 65 | 74 | 63 | 64 | 27 | 385 |
| November | 16 | 32 | 54 | 35 | 74 | 55 | 33 | 299 |
| December | 17 | 39 | 20 | 38 | 51 | 29 | 32 | 226 |
| Total | 279 | 644 | 712 | 755 | 857 | 820 | 474 | 4,541 |

Males accounted for four fifths (79.5%) of all persons detected for mobile phone offences while persons aged 30 – 49 accounted for over half (50.8%).

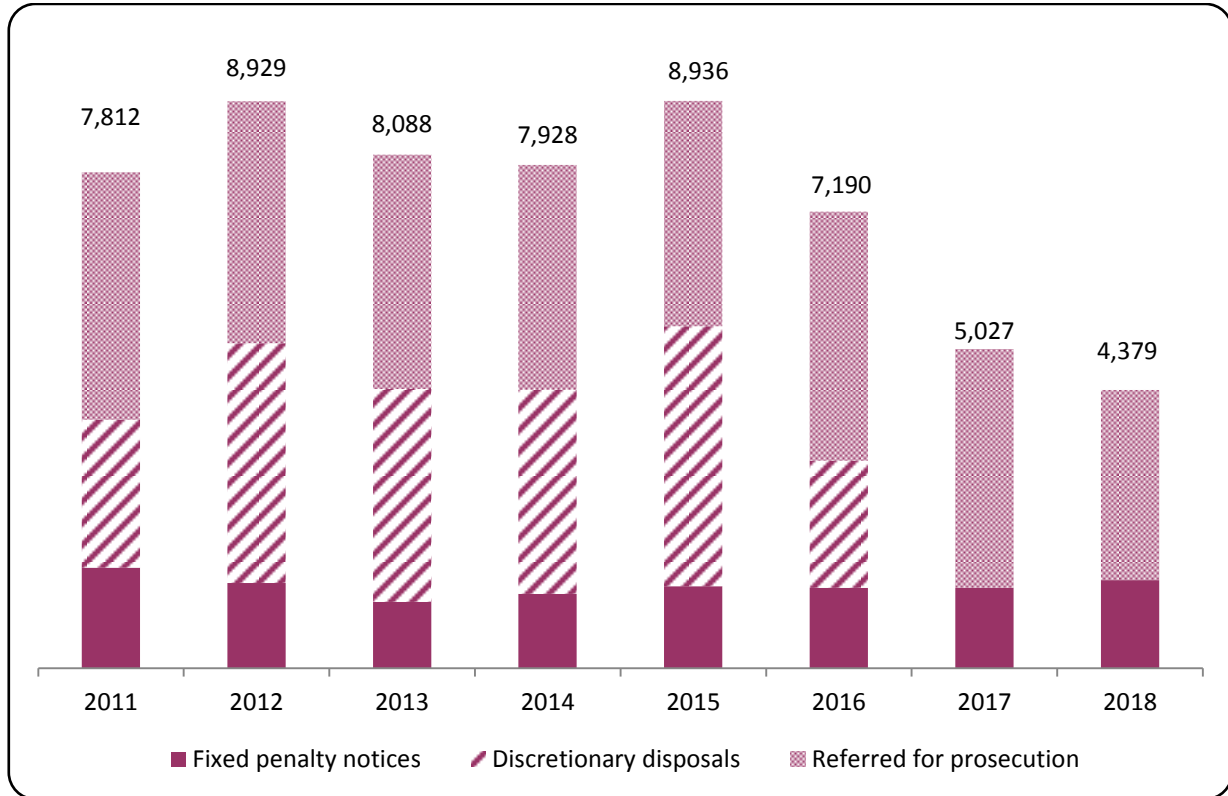
Figure 7: Number of mobile phones offences by age and gender, 2018



8. Careless driving

The number of careless driving offences has decreased from 7,812 in 2011 to 4,379 in 2018 (a decrease of 43.9%). Careless driving offences accounted for 8.4% of all motoring offences in 2018.

Figure 8: Number of careless driving offences, 2011 – 2018



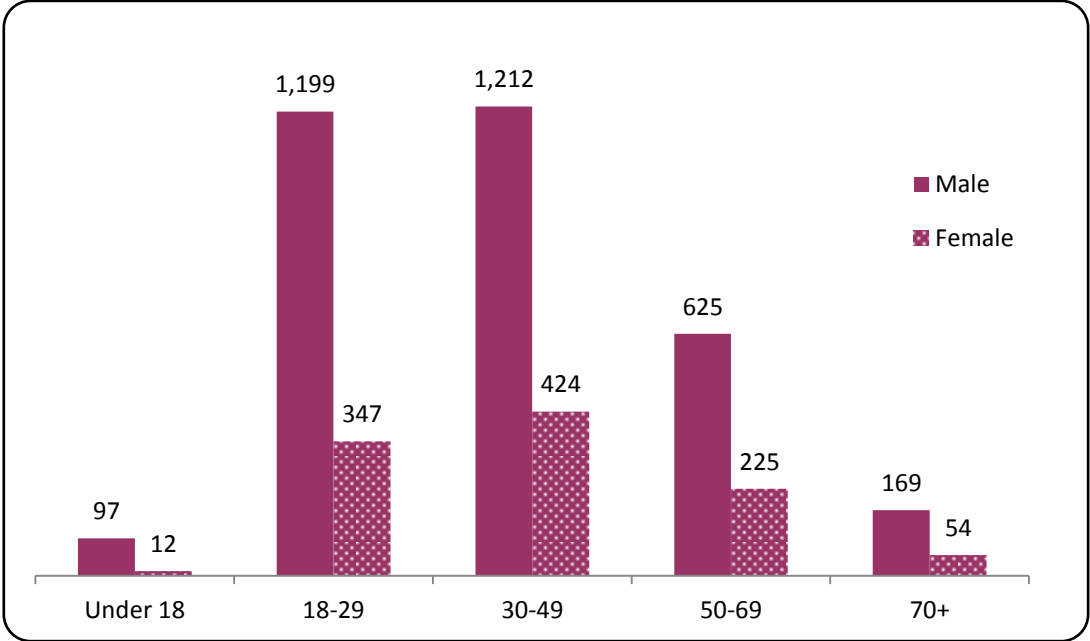
One in six (16.1%) were issued on a Friday while May was the month of year where most detections for careless driving offences occurred, accounting for 10.4% of the total.

Table 6: Number of careless driving offences by day of week and month of year, 2018

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Total |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| January | 43 | 70 | 75 | 48 | 72 | 59 | 59 | 426 |
| February | 47 | 41 | 60 | 55 | 59 | 56 | 43 | 361 |
| March | 51 | 42 | 47 | 61 | 64 | 62 | 55 | 382 |
| April | 50 | 45 | 36 | 38 | 47 | 52 | 49 | 317 |
| May | 55 | 57 | 56 | 83 | 85 | 60 | 58 | 454 |
| June | 54 | 46 | 39 | 57 | 56 | 80 | 61 | 393 |
| July | 56 | 51 | 62 | 37 | 47 | 68 | 47 | 368 |
| August | 50 | 50 | 49 | 56 | 71 | 64 | 48 | 388 |
| September | 62 | 45 | 40 | 47 | 40 | 68 | 54 | 356 |
| October | 48 | 39 | 40 | 51 | 47 | 45 | 49 | 319 |
| November | 41 | 36 | 40 | 47 | 66 | 56 | 51 | 337 |
| December | 39 | 41 | 25 | 39 | 47 | 37 | 50 | 278 |
| Total | 596 | 563 | 569 | 619 | 701 | 707 | 624 | 4,379 |

Where gender is known males accounted for 75.7% of careless driving offences and where age is known 30-49 year olds accounted for almost two fifths (37.5%).

Figure 9: Number of careless driving offences by age and gender, 2018



Unknown age and gender is excluded from the chart above

9. Disposal types

Offences referred for prosecution accounted for 57.1% (29,771) of all motoring offences detected in 2018, followed by endorsable FPNs comprising 24.9% (12,968). A further 15.3% were dealt with by means of a non endorsable FPN (8,000), while the remaining 2.7% completed a speed awareness course (1,382).

Figure 10: Breakdown of disposal types used for motoring offences, 2018

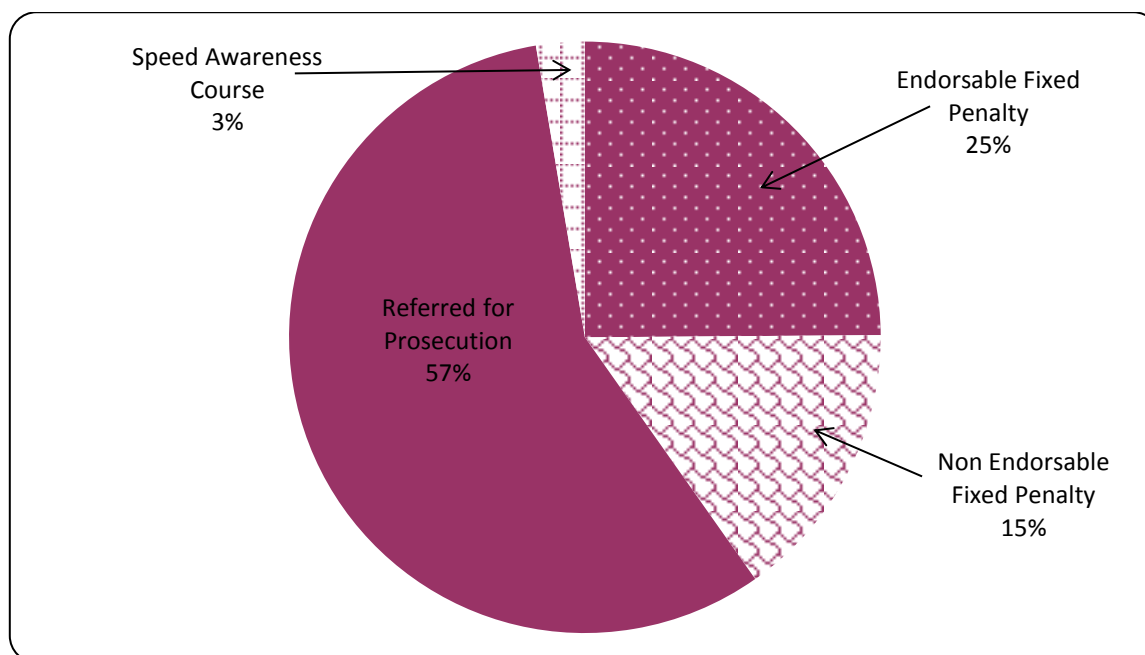


Table 7: Offence group by disposal type, 2018

| 2018 | Endorsable FPN | Non Endorsable FPN | Referred for prosecution | Speed Awareness | Total |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Breach of signs & signals | 0 | 427 | 0 | 0 | 427 |
| Careless driving | 1,137 | 248 | 2,994 | 0 | 4,379 |
| Construction & use | 0 | 1,615 | 315 | 0 | 1,930 |
| Dangerous driving | 369 | 0 | 1,344 | 0 | 1,713 |
| Drink or drug driving | 0 | 0 | 2,785 | 0 | 2,785 |
| Driving licence | 0 | 0 | 4,342 | 0 | 4,342 |
| Driving whilst disqualified | 0 | 0 | 1,111 | 0 | 1,111 |
| Failing to stop / remain / report collision | 0 | 0 | 2,437 | 0 | 2,437 |
| Fraudulent use / declaration | 0 | 2 | 269 | 0 | 271 |
| Insurance | 968 | 0 | 7,549 | 0 | 8,517 |
| L & R driver | 109 | 0 | 1,480 | 0 | 1,589 |
| Miscellaneous | 6 | 48 | 641 | 0 | 695 |
| Mobile phone | 3,807 | 0 | 734 | 0 | 4,541 |
| Non motor vehicle | 0 | 6 | 22 | 0 | 28 |
| Parking | 26 | 1,730 | 11 | 0 | 1,767 |
| Pedestrian | 0 | 36 | 40 | 0 | 76 |
| Seatbelt | 677 | 117 | 331 | 0 | 1,125 |
| Speeding | 5,869 | 15 | 1,013 | 1,382 | 8,279 |
| Vehicle TADA / tampering | 0 | 0 | 1,210 | 0 | 1,210 |
| Vehicle test certificate | 0 | 3,756 | 1,143 | 0 | 4,899 |
| Total | 12,968 | 8,000 | 29,771 | 1,382 | 52,121 |

9.1 Fixed penalty notices

FPNs originated as an administrative way to deal with simple parking offences without referring such matters to the courts. The scheme was then expanded to cover minor road traffic offences in the mid-1980s and was again further expanded to incorporate endorsable and non endorsable offences with the introduction of penalty points in October 1997.

Non endorsable offences are those which do not result in penalty points on your licence and which incur a fine of £30. The standard fine for endorsable offences is £60 along with three penalty points. More serious offences such as driving causing or permitting no insurance can incur fines of up to £200 and six points. Fine collection and revenue reporting are managed by NI Court Service.

A list of fixed penalty offences can be found at - [FPN list](#)

Endorsable fixed penalty notices

Endorsable FPNs accounted for almost one quarter (24.9%) of all disposal types used in 2018. Persons aged 30-49 represented 44.9% of those issued with an endorsable FPN, followed by persons aged 18-29 (30.4%). Females accounted for just over one quarter (26.1%) of all issued endorsable FPNs, while males accounted for 73.9%. Over half (52.3%) of all endorsable FPNs issued to females were for speeding offences.

Table 8: Number of endorsable FPNs issued by offence group, gender and age, 2018

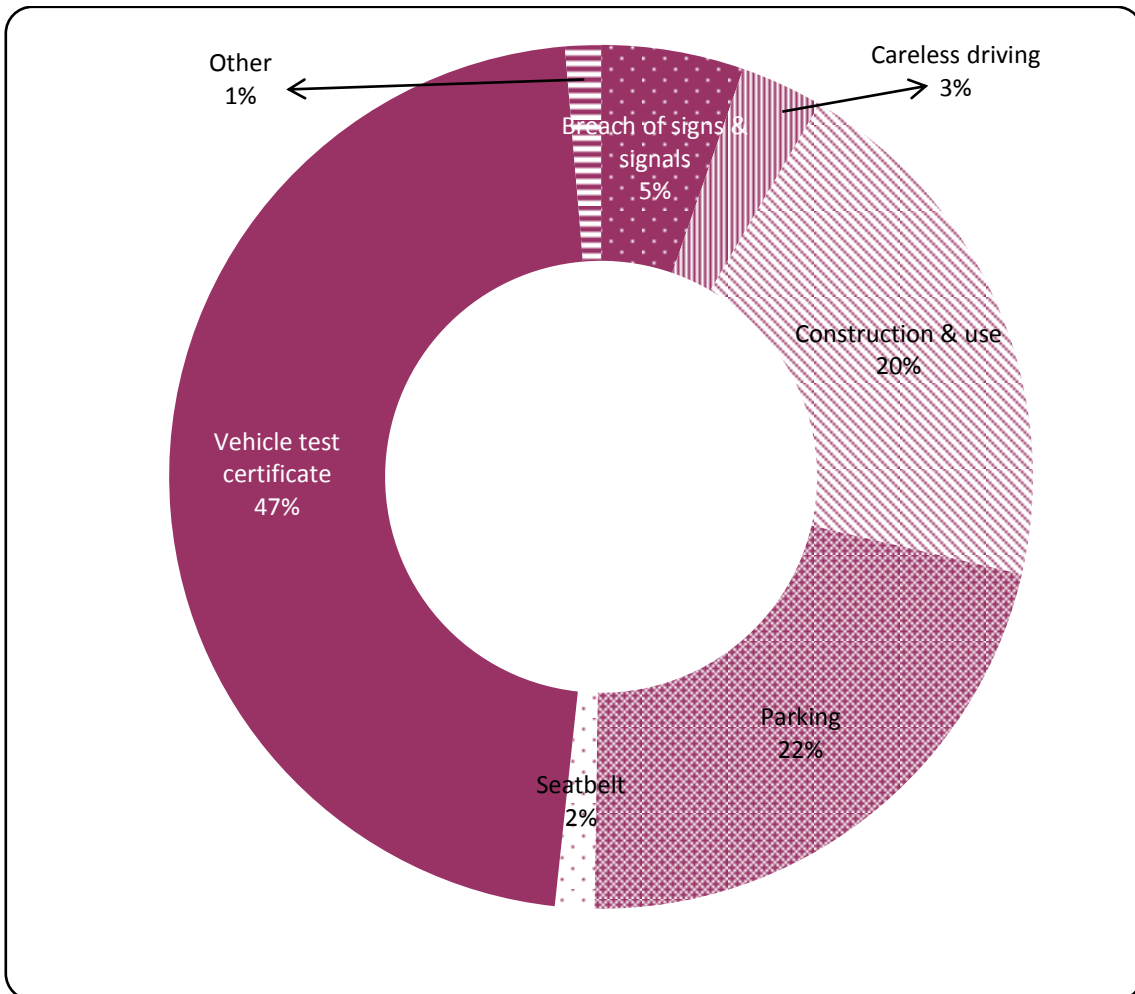
| 2018 | Gender | | Age | | | | | Total |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | Under 18 | 18 - 29 | 30 - 49 | 50 - 69 | 70+ | |
| Careless driving | 833 | 304 | 15 | 332 | 472 | 273 | 45 | 1,137 |
| Dangerous driving | 325 | 44 | 11 | 199 | 102 | 52 | 5 | 369 |
| Insurance | 680 | 288 | 0 | 309 | 483 | 155 | 21 | 968 |
| L & R driver | 96 | 13 | 26 | 63 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 109 |
| Miscellaneous | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Mobile phone | 2,993 | 814 | 22 | 885 | 1,917 | 918 | 65 | 3,807 |
| Parking | 19 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 26 |
| Seatbelt | 530 | 147 | 4 | 189 | 278 | 187 | 19 | 677 |
| Speeding | 4,097 | 1,772 | 56 | 1,958 | 2,550 | 1,177 | 128 | 5,869 |
| Total | 9,579 | 3,389 | 134 | 3,948 | 5,828 | 2,772 | 286 | 12,968 |

Non Endorsable fixed penalty notices

There were 8,000 non endorsable FPNs issued in 2018, an increase of 38.2% on the number issued in 2017. The increase can largely be attributed to the continued increase in the number of vehicle test certificate offences over the same period, due to the increased use of ANPR and also parking offences which increased by 60.2% when compared with 2017.

Non endorsable FPNs accounted for one in six (15.3%) of all motoring offences. Vehicle test certificate offences accounted for almost half (47.0%) of all non endorsable issued FPNs, followed by parking offences (21.6%).

Figure 11: Number of non endorsable FPNs issued by offence group, 2018



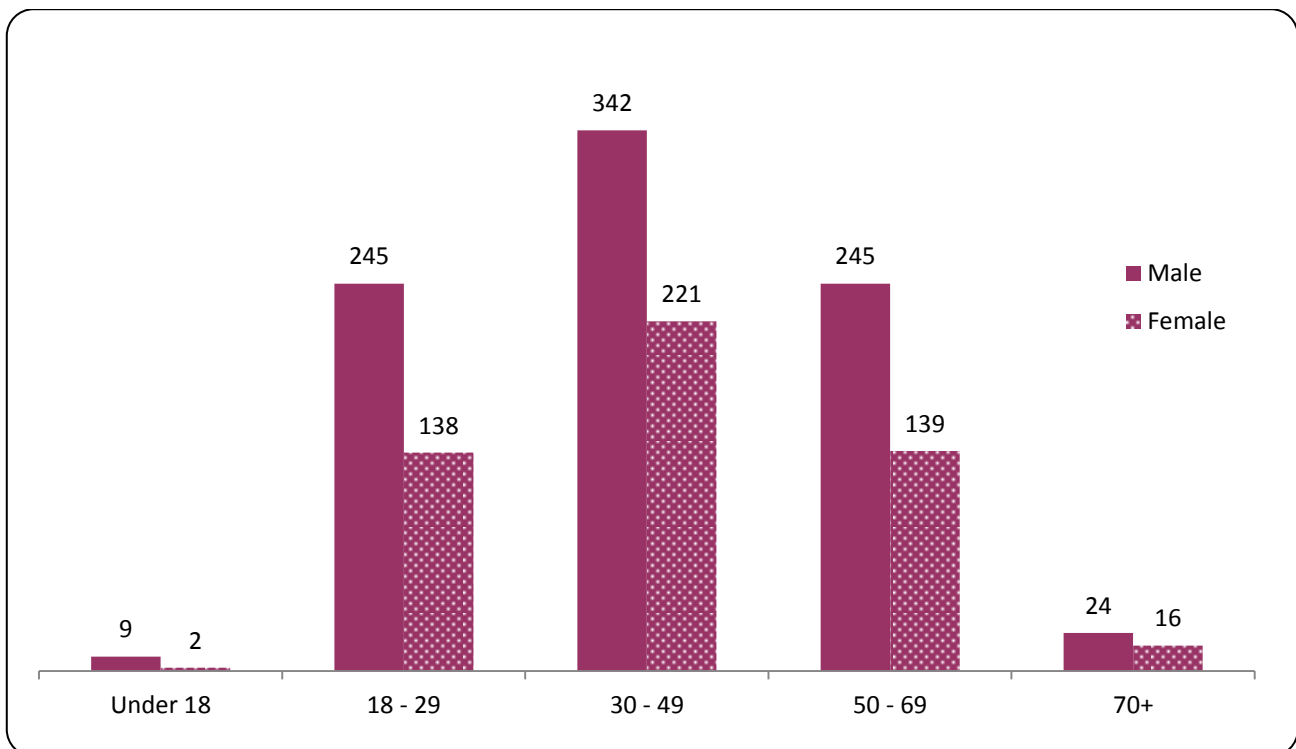
Other includes offence groups 'Fraudulent use / declaration', 'Miscellaneous', 'Non motor vehicle', 'Pedestrians' and 'Speeding'.

9.2 Speed awareness courses

Speed awareness courses were introduced in Northern Ireland in 2010. Drivers, depending on the speed at which they were detected, may be offered an opportunity to attend a speed awareness course as an alternative to penalty points. The course, which is available at eight locations throughout Northern Ireland and delivered and managed by an appointed contractor, must be attended within a period of 120 days from the date of detection. Certain restrictions apply to who can qualify for the speed awareness course option, for those not eligible they will be dealt with by means of an alternative disposal option.

Almost one in six (16.7%) of drivers caught speeding by police officers in 2018 completed a speed awareness course. Drivers aged 30-49 represented two-fifths (40.7%) of those who completed a course, followed by drivers aged 50-69 (27.8%).

Figure 12: Age and gender of drivers who completed a speed awareness course, 2018



Based on date of detection and not date course was completed, one persons age was unknown

9.3 Referred for prosecution

Police led prosecutions for motoring offences occur when the offence is of a serious nature and has no corresponding fixed penalty or where multiple offences have occurred or where the alleged offender wishes to have the matter(s) heard at court. Where an offending driver has already accumulated a number of penalty points, to the extent that a driving disqualification is now in scope, such cases must be heard at court and will consequently also be subject of a prosecution.

Motoring offences that have been referred for prosecution accounted for 57.1% of all motoring offences in 2018 with insurance offences making up one quarter (25.4%) of all offences referred for prosecution.

Where gender and age is known, males accounted for over four fifths (83.3%) of all persons referred for prosecution for motoring offences while persons aged 30-49 accounted for 41.7%.

Table 9: Number of offences referred for prosecution by offence group, gender and age, 2018

| 2018 | Gender | | | Age | | | | | | Total | |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | Unknown | Under 18 | 18 - 29 | 30 - 49 | 50 - 69 | 70+ | Unknown | | |
| Breach of signs & signals | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Careless driving | 2,275 | 718 | 1 | 92 | 1,113 | 1,061 | 543 | 177 | 8 | | 2,994 |
| Construction & use | 288 | 27 | 0 | 16 | 182 | 90 | 25 | 2 | 0 | | 315 |
| Dangerous driving | 1,191 | 152 | 1 | 51 | 681 | 457 | 131 | 23 | 1 | | 1,344 |
| Drink or drug driving | 2,257 | 527 | 1 | 25 | 915 | 1,347 | 455 | 43 | 0 | | 2,785 |
| Driving licence | 3,603 | 737 | 2 | 131 | 1,745 | 1,937 | 491 | 35 | 3 | | 4,342 |
| Driving whilst disqualified | 995 | 116 | 0 | 63 | 427 | 516 | 98 | 7 | 0 | | 1,111 |
| Failing to stop / remain / report collision | 1,974 | 460 | 3 | 69 | 968 | 942 | 329 | 126 | 3 | | 2,437 |
| Fraudulent use / declaration | 235 | 34 | 0 | 4 | 98 | 132 | 33 | 2 | 0 | | 269 |
| Insurance | 6,306 | 1,242 | 1 | 206 | 3,329 | 3,233 | 717 | 63 | 1 | | 7,549 |
| L & R driver | 1,263 | 217 | 0 | 79 | 706 | 557 | 118 | 20 | 0 | | 1,480 |
| Miscellaneous | 581 | 60 | 0 | 30 | 347 | 219 | 43 | 2 | 0 | | 641 |
| Mobile phone | 617 | 117 | 0 | 2 | 229 | 392 | 105 | 6 | 0 | | 734 |
| Non motor vehicle | 22 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 22 |
| Parking | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 11 |
| Pedestrian | 33 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 19 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 0 | | 40 |
| Seatbelt | 277 | 53 | 1 | 4 | 109 | 168 | 44 | 6 | 0 | | 331 |
| Speeding | 832 | 180 | 1 | 38 | 453 | 398 | 117 | 6 | 1 | | 1,013 |
| Vehicle TADA / tampering | 1,106 | 104 | 0 | 133 | 614 | 412 | 47 | 4 | 0 | | 1,210 |
| Vehicle test certificate | 935 | 208 | 0 | 13 | 421 | 527 | 162 | 18 | 2 | | 1,143 |
| Total | 24,798 | 4,962 | 11 | 962 | 12,375 | 12,410 | 3,464 | 541 | 19 | | 29,771 |

10. Revisions

Revisions are carried out in accordance with our [Revisions Policy](#), a copy of which is available in the Official Statistics section of the PSNI Statistics website.

Referred for prosecution figures from 2016 onwards are the only figures which have been subject to revision since the previous annual publication.

| | 2017 | 2018 | Change | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| | publication | publication | Number | % |
| Referred for Prosecution - 2016 | 33,400 | 33,490 | 90 | 0.3 |
| Referred for Prosecution - 2017 | 31,469 | 33,432 | 1,963 | 6.2 |
| Total | 64,869 | 66,922 | 2,053 | 3.2 |