

1. 9Wants to Know has learned that when people are accused of street racing, few are convicted of that – 16% (497 of 3,026) from 2016 to 2021.
 - a. But – 82% of street racing cases reached some type of sentence. The street racing charge(s) may not have stuck, but others did in those cases.
 - i. $(2,485/3,026)*100 = 82\%$
 - b. The most common categories for conviction if not convicted for street racing include:
 - i. Speeding, reckless driving and careless driving are the most common convictions if someone is not convicted for street racing.
 1. <https://public.flourish.studio/visualisation/9332088/>

law_description	law_count
SPEEDING	597
RECKLESS DRIVING	540
CARELESS DRIVING	433
DRIVING IMPAIRED BY DRUGS OR ALCOHOL	318
DRIVER'S LICENSE PROBLEM	139

2.
 - a. 66% of cases start as street racing but are sentenced to a different charge.
 - b. 1,988 cases that started with a street racing charge but didn't lead to a street racing conviction. They were convicted of something else.
 - c. $(1,988/3026)*100 = 66\%$
3. Jail or prison is an uncommon punishment.
 - a. 11% of those convicted for street racing spent time in jail/prison as a punishment.
 - i. $55/497 = 11\%$
 - b. 15% of those charged with street racing and convicted of that or another charge spent time in jail/prison as a punishment.
 - i. $380/2485 = 15\%$
 - c. The most common type of punishment is _____.
4. Over six years, from 2016 to 2021 –
 - a. Flourish: <https://public.flourish.studio/visualisation/9383988/>
 - b. 54% of street racing cases were sentenced in 2021, down from the norm of more than 80% from years prior.
 - i. But – it's possible that drop is because 2021 cause may not have been adjudicated with a sentence when I got the data.
 - c. The number of street racing cases dipped from 2016 to 2019 and then returned to those levels in 2020 and 2019
 - d. Street racing sentences followed a similar pattern as charges.
 - i. Sentencing to street racing charges peaked in 2020 (at 103 cases), but that is a return to a 2016 standard. Street racing convictions had plummeted to 65 in 2019 and dipped again to 72 in 2021.
 - e. 2021 was a new low for sentencing in cases that started as street racing but were not convicted of it.

year	street_charge_count	street_sentence_count	non_street_sentence_count	total_sentence_count	total_sentence_perc
2016	549	100	387	487	88.70673953
2017	479	88	342	430	89.77035491
2018	451	69	344	413	91.57427938
2019	431	65	318	383	88.86310905
2020	592	103	387	490	82.77027027
2021	524	72	210	282	53.81679389

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5. Counties with lowest street racing conviction rates:

- Weld: 5% street racing conviction, 78% conviction of something after street racing charge (overall)
- Larimer: 8% street racing, 72% overall
- Adams: 10% street racing, 78% overall
 - Adams County has one of the lowest street racing conviction rates with a sizeable sample size of more than 500 cases across six years.

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Weld County	245	13	179	192	78.36734694	5.306122449	1	7.692308	25
Larimer County	165	14	105	119	72.12121212	8.484848485		37	31.09244
Morgan County	46	4	36	40	86.95652174	8.695652174		7	17.5
Pueblo County	66	6	48	54	81.81818182	9.090909091		5	9.259259
Adams County	503	51	342	393	78.13121272	10.13916501	6	11.76471	44
Jefferson County	215	26	170	196	91.1627907	12.09302326	12	46.15385	35
El Paso County	214	34	111	145	67.75700935	15.88785047	1	2.941176	12
Larimer County Court-Loveland	40	8	26	34	85	20	1	12.5	10
Denver County & District	588	123	432	555	94.3877551	20.91836735	10	8.264463	47
Arapahoe County	219	55	134	189	86.30136986	25.11415525	8	14.54545	16
Mesa County	124	34	62	96	77.41935484	27.41935484	8	23.52941	16
Prowers County	43	12	22	34	79.06976744	27.90697674	2	5.882353	2
Douglas County	118	47	55	102	86.44067797	39.83050847	2	4.255319	9

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6. Denver has double the street racing conviction that Adams county has with a similar sample size

- Douglas county has the best (nearly 40%)

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