

The 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 is the national road safety day in Germany.

## New Spike in Cases of Driving without a License

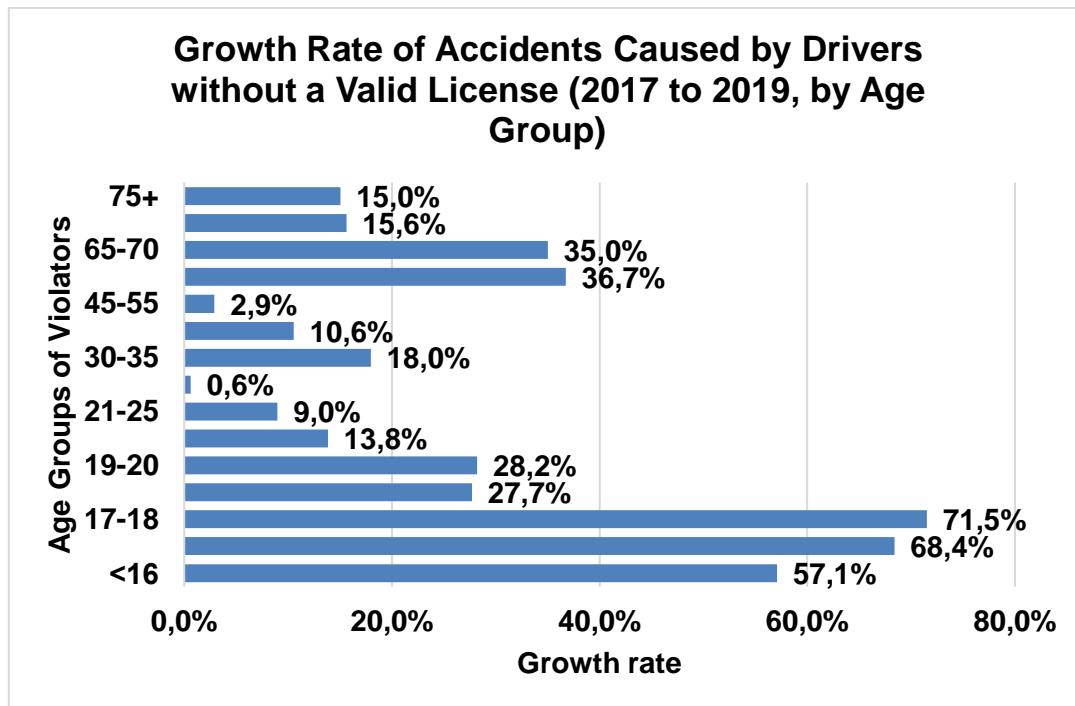
**Teaser:** MOVING has been warning about this issue since 2019. Driving without a valid driver's license poses a major risk to road safety on German roads and is rooted all throughout the various age groups. Therefore, MOVING International Road Safety Association e.V. wants to emphasize the importance of this problem on this year's Road Safety Day, on June the 19<sup>th</sup>: "The phenomenon of driving without a license has increased dramatically. We would like to raise awareness about how many people put other people's lives and their own at risk by driving without a valid license. And not just in Germany. Because driving without a license is not just a regional problem."

**Berlin, 19<sup>th</sup> June of 2021.** The number of violations of the issuance of driving bans is alarmingly high. Of the approximately 457,000 driving bans ordered in Germany, 138,000 motorists were nevertheless caught behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. This corresponds to a share of 30 percent. Compared to previous years, there has even been an increase in this type of violation. In 2017 and 2018, the number of violations of imposed driving bans was 28 to 29 percent.

Year	Driving Bans Ordered	Violations against Ordered Driving Bans	Change in %
2017	455.558	131.359	28,8%
2018	464.179	130.627	28,1%
2019	457.251	138.360	30,3%

Source: Federal Motor Transport Authority, Flensburg 2019 - and own calculations

In addition, the number of accidents caused by people without a valid driver's license increased by 18 percent from 2017 to 2019. Motorists in the 35 to 45 age group were responsible for most of these accidents. However, the highest growth rate of the problem can be seen at the edges of the statistics by age group.



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The evaluation shows that especially the under 18-year-olds and the drivers over 55 years are statistically more often prone to be driving without a license. The number of 17-year-old drivers without a driver's license caught grew by 72 percent from 2017 to 2019.

Jörg-Michael Satz, President of MOVING says: "Driving without a license is a risk to road safety which cannot be disregarded. In line with the federal government's goal of implementing the "Vision Zero", the issue of driving without a valid license must also be discussed. As part of the national Road Safety Day, MOVING calls for the problem to be placed on the agenda of a dialogue to find appropriate countermeasures."

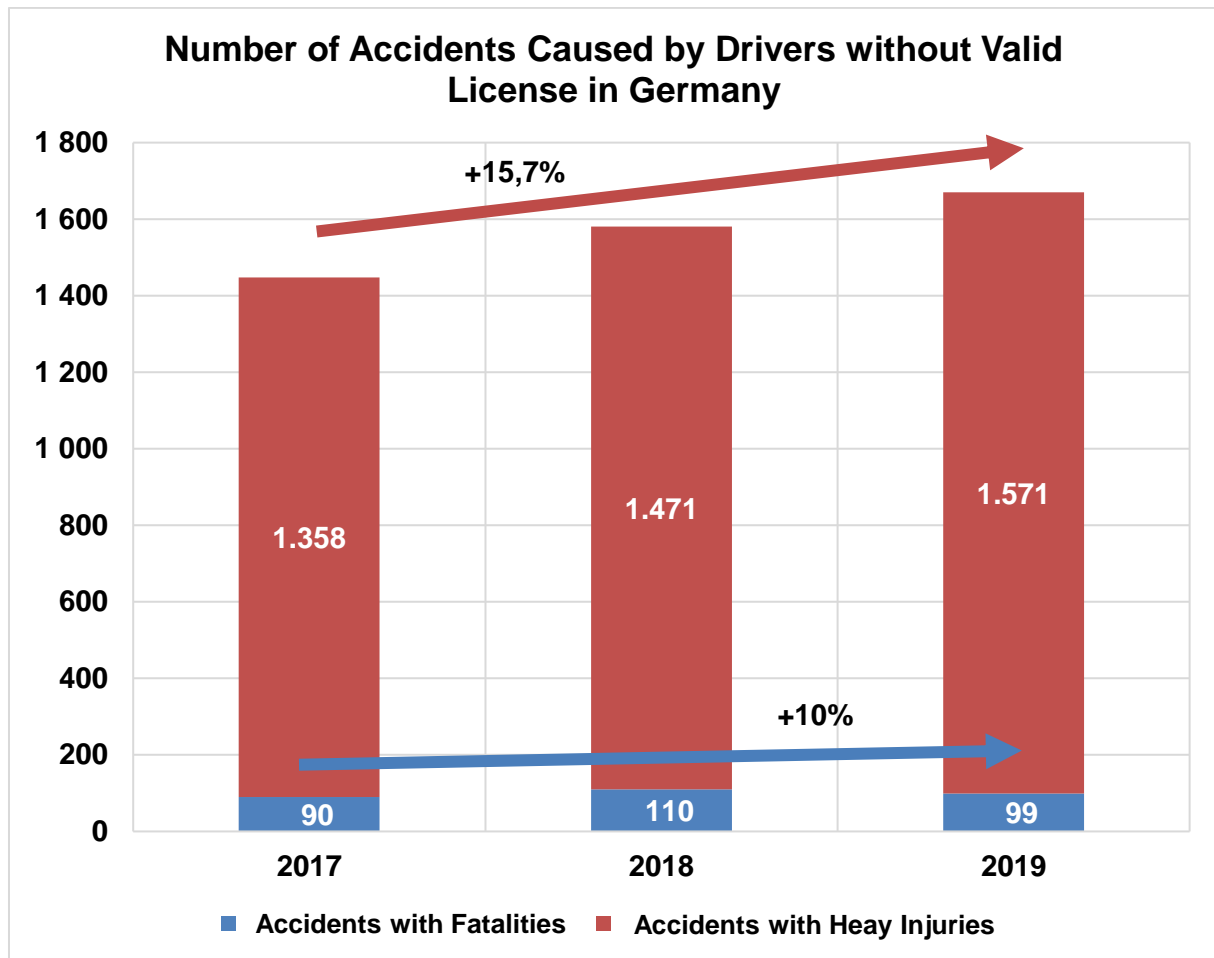
As the statistics show, the most cases of drivers turned in by the authorities without a valid driving license are registered in the most populous German states: Bavaria (28,000), North Rhine-Westphalia (27,000) and Baden-Württemberg (25,000). However, 2019 in Hamburg, with a growth rate of 26 percent, and Bremen, with an increase of 62 percent in cases of driving without a license compared to 2017, the problem reaches its greatest extent.

Cases of Driving without a Valid License				
Federal State	2017	2018	2019	Change from 2017 to 2019
Baden-Wurttemberg	20.553	20.304	25.095	22,1%
Bavaria	25.162	24.510	28.037	11,4%

<b>Berlin</b>	<b>3.851</b>	<b>3.859</b>	<b>3.982</b>	<b>3,4%</b>
<b>Brandenburg</b>	<b>3.070</b>	<b>3.569</b>	<b>3.620</b>	<b>17,9%</b>
<b>Bremen</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1.279</b>	<b>61,5%</b>
<b>Hamburg</b>	<b>1.687</b>	<b>1.619</b>	<b>2.118</b>	<b>25,5%</b>
<b>Hesse</b>	<b>7.509</b>	<b>7.693</b>	<b>7.629</b>	<b>1,6%</b>
<b>Mecklenburg Western Pomerania</b>	<b>2.762</b>	<b>2.211</b>	<b>2.145</b>	<b>-22,3%</b>
<b>Lower-Saxony</b>	<b>14.698</b>	<b>14.015</b>	<b>12.439</b>	<b>-15,4%</b>
<b>Northrhine-Westfaia</b>	<b>25.003</b>	<b>25.409</b>	<b>27.451</b>	<b>9,8%</b>
<b>Rheinland-Pfalz</b>	<b>7.349</b>	<b>8.264</b>	<b>7.701</b>	<b>4,8%</b>
<b>Saarland</b>	<b>1.770</b>	<b>1.489</b>	<b>1.807</b>	<b>2,1%</b>
<b>Saxony</b>	<b>6.556</b>	<b>7.483</b>	<b>5.911</b>	<b>-9,8%</b>
<b>Saxony-Anhalt</b>	<b>4.078</b>	<b>3.100</b>	<b>3.181</b>	<b>-22,0%</b>
<b>Schleswig Holstein</b>	<b>3.056</b>	<b>2.950</b>	<b>2.919</b>	<b>-4,5%</b>
<b>Thuringia</b>	<b>3.463</b>	<b>3.218</b>	<b>3.046</b>	<b>-12,0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.359</b>	<b>130.627</b>	<b>138.360</b>	<b>5,3%</b>

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Hence, the number of accidents caused by drivers without a license resulting in serious injuries increased by 16 percent from 2017 to 2019. The number of people killed by unlicensed drivers also grew by 10 percent over the same period. Driving without a valid license was shown to be responsible for 3.4 percent of crashes resulting in fatalities in 2019.



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