

Executive Summary

A summary of findings for 2012 are listed below:

- The number of motor vehicle crashes increased by 2.7 percent, from 20,833 in 2011 to 21,402 in 2012. The number of fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes increased from 167 in 2011 to 184 in 2012, a 10.2 percent increase. The number of fatal crashes increased 152 in 2011 to 169 in 2012. The number of serious injuries decreased from 1,293 in 2011 to 1,287 in 2012, a 0.5 percent decrease.
- Idaho's fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.16 in 2012, up from 1.08 in 2011.
- While 64 percent of all motor vehicle crashes occurred on urban roadways, 81 percent of the fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred on rural roadways in 2012.
- Fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes increased in 2012 by 11 percent and 40 percent of all fatalities resulted from impaired driving, which is consistent with most other recent years. Of the 73 persons killed in impaired driving crashes, 92 percent were either the impaired driver, a person riding with an impaired driver, and impaired bicyclist, or an impaired pedestrian.
- Idaho's observed seat belt use remained virtually unchanged at 79 percent in 2012. While the observed rate was 79 percent, only 43 percent of the motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes were wearing seat belts. If everyone had been wearing seat belts, 37 of the 73 unbelted motor vehicle occupants may have been saved.
- Aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 54 percent of the motor vehicle crashes and 66 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes in 2012.
- Distracted driving was a factor in 23 percent of the motor vehicle crashes on 2012 and 41 people were killed in distracted driving crashes.
- Youthful drivers, ages 15 to 19, continue to be over-involved in motor vehicle crashes. In 2012, youthful drivers were 2.6 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a fatal or injury crash. However, there were only 14 people killed in crashes involving youthful drivers in 2012.
- There were 13 pedestrians and 2 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2012.
- The number of motorcyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes increased from 17 in 2011 to 22 in 2012. Just over half (52 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes in 2012 involved just the motorcycle, while more than one-third (35 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes involved an impaired driver.
- Fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles decreased by 36 percent in 2012, while the number of injury crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased by 6 percent. There were 15 people killed and 673 people injured in commercial motor vehicle crashes in 2012.

Idaho's Traffic Crash Clock: 2012

