

Aggressive Driving

Table 33 shows information about crashes in Idaho from 2009 through 2013 involving aggressive driving. Aggressive driving behaviors include: failure to yield right of way, fail to obey stop sign, exceeded posted speed, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, and fail to obey signal. Aggressive driving is not to be confused with road rage, which is a deliberate and violent act against another driver or individual and is a criminal offense.

An officer may indicate up to three contributing circumstances for each vehicle in a crash. Thus the total number of fatalities and injuries attributed to these behaviors in the top portion of the table do not equal the sum of the fatalities and injuries attributed to individual behaviors in the bottom of the table.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Change 2012-2013	Avg. Change 2009-2012
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	12,044	11,815	10,266	11,442	12,522	9.4%	-1.2%
Fatalities	105	88	64	66	84	27.3%	-13.4%
Serious Injuries	638	637	573	629	635	1.0%	-0.1%
Visible Injuries	1,778	1,929	1,726	1,944	2,109	8.5%	3.5%
Possible Injuries	3,920	3,986	3,546	3,964	4,255	7.3%	0.8%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	274	292	238	233	244	4.7%	-4.7%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	264	218	174	215	219	1.9%	-4.7%
Fail to Obey Stop Sign	38	29	65	100	97	-3.0%	51.4%
Following Too Close	85	88	79	93	95	2.2%	3.7%
Exceeded Posted Speed	91	94	65	63	68	7.9%	-10.2%
Fail to Obey Signal	35	47	59	63	50	-20.6%	22.2%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	4.82	4.66	4.13	4.39	4.53	3.2%	-2.8%

* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash

In 2013, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 56% of all crashes in Idaho. While 75% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 74% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 19% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 42% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 32 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 27 (or 84%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was just over \$1.2 billion dollars in 2013. This represents 48% of the total costs of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Involvement in Aggressive Driving Crashes by Driver Age

Table 34 shows the involvement in aggressive driving crashes by driver age. Drivers ages 19 and younger were 4.3 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving crashes as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 2.1 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in aggressive driving crashes. (Note: the odds ratios above compare the involvement of a group of drivers to the involvement of all other drivers combined.) Drivers under the age of 25 represent more than one-third (37%) of the drivers involved in aggressive driving crashes.

Age	Licensed Drivers		Drivers in All Aggressive Driving Crashes			Drivers in Fatal and Injury Aggressive Driving Crashes		
	Number	%	Number	%	Involvement*	Number	%	Involvement*
0-14	0	0.0%	20	0.2%		10	0.2%	
15	2,751	0.2%	191	1.5%	6.0	58	1.2%	4.8
16	9,694	0.9%	487	3.8%	4.4	150	3.1%	3.5
17	14,892	1.3%	673	5.3%	3.9	230	4.7%	3.5
18	16,529	1.5%	633	5.0%	3.3	217	4.5%	3.0
19	18,532	1.7%	619	4.8%	2.9	246	5.1%	3.0
20	19,346	1.7%	513	4.0%	2.3	199	4.1%	2.3
21	18,255	1.6%	485	3.8%	2.3	176	3.6%	2.2
22	19,667	1.8%	439	3.4%	1.9	164	3.4%	1.9
23	20,218	1.8%	386	3.0%	1.7	153	3.1%	1.7
24	20,536	1.8%	334	2.6%	1.4	113	2.3%	1.3
25-34	193,918	17.4%	2,466	19.3%	1.1	974	20.0%	1.1
35-44	182,371	16.4%	1,645	12.9%	0.8	647	13.3%	0.8
45-54	188,545	17.0%	1,333	10.4%	0.6	540	11.1%	0.7
55-64	188,774	17.0%	1,092	8.6%	0.5	438	9.0%	0.5
65-74	126,769	11.4%	720	5.6%	0.5	282	5.8%	0.5
75+	70,688	6.4%	550	4.3%	0.7	222	4.6%	0.7
Not Stated or Other			180	1.4%		51	1.0%	
TOTALS	1,111,485		12,766			4,870		

** Involvement is calculated by dividing the percent of Crashes by the percent of licensed drivers. Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.*