

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.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013-2014	Avg. Change 2010-2013
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	11,815	10,266	11,442	12,522	12,366	-1.2%	2.6%
Fatalities	88	64	66	84	72	-14.3%	1.0%
Serious Injuries	637	573	629	635	649	2.2%	0.2%
Visible Injuries	1,929	1,726	1,944	2,109	2,077	-1.5%	3.5%
Possible Injuries	3,986	3,546	3,964	4,255	4,356	2.4%	2.7%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	292	238	233	244	229	-6.1%	-5.3%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	218	174	215	219	205	-6.4%	1.7%
Following Too Close	88	79	93	95	124	30.5%	3.2%
Fail to Obey Stop Sign	29	65	100	97	102	5.2%	58.3%
Exceeded Posted Speed	94	65	63	68	58	-14.7%	-8.7%
Fail to Obey Signal	47	59	63	50	60	20.0%	3.9%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	4.66	4.13	4.39	4.53	4.47	-1.4%	-0.6%

** Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash*

In 2014, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 56% of all crashes in Idaho. While 76% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 80% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 18% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 51% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 33 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 28 (or 85%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was nearly \$1.8 billion dollars in 2014. This represents 48% of the total costs of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Involvement in Aggressive Driving Crashes by Driver Age

Drivers ages 19 and younger were 4.1 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving crashes as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 2.2 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.

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Involvement in Aggressive Driving Crashes by Drivers Age: 2014

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%	25	0.2%		15	0.3%	
15	2,882	0.3%	170	1.3%	5.3	66	1.3%	5.2
16	9,760	0.9%	442	3.5%	4.0	168	3.4%	3.9
17	14,645	1.3%	617	4.9%	3.8	224	4.5%	3.5
18	16,818	1.5%	655	5.2%	3.5	227	4.6%	3.1
19	18,790	1.7%	579	4.6%	2.8	212	4.3%	2.6
20	19,305	1.7%	508	4.0%	2.4	184	3.7%	2.2
21	18,142	1.6%	480	3.8%	2.4	191	3.9%	2.4
22	19,785	1.8%	425	3.4%	1.9	187	3.8%	2.2
23	20,485	1.8%	405	3.2%	1.8	149	3.0%	1.7
24	20,924	1.9%	360	2.9%	1.5	149	3.0%	1.6
25-34	195,129	17.3%	2,499	19.8%	1.1	987	19.9%	1.2
35-44	184,753	16.4%	1,654	13.1%	0.8	624	12.6%	0.8
45-54	187,169	16.6%	1,246	9.9%	0.6	535	10.8%	0.7
55-64	192,086	17.0%	1,076	8.5%	0.5	449	9.1%	0.5
65-74	133,383	11.8%	787	6.2%	0.5	319	6.4%	0.5
75+	74,441	6.6%	540	4.3%	0.6	225	4.5%	0.7
Not Stated or Other			154	1.2%		49	1.0%	
TOTALS	1,128,497		12,622			4,960		

* 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.