

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.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change 2014-2015	Avg. Change 2011-2014
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	10,266	11,442	12,522	12,366	12,383	0.1%	6.5%
Fatalities	64	66	84	72	77	6.9%	5.4%
Serious Injuries	573	629	635	649	637	-1.8%	4.3%
Visible Injuries	1,726	1,944	2,109	2,077	2,282	9.9%	6.5%
Possible Injuries	3,546	3,964	4,255	4,356	4,652	6.8%	7.2%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	238	233	244	229	276	20.5%	-1.2%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	174	215	219	205	171	-16.6%	6.3%
Following Too Close	79	93	95	124	115	-7.3%	16.8%
Fail to Obey Stop Sign	65	100	97	102	92	-9.8%	18.7%
Exceeded Posted Speed	65	63	68	58	49	-15.5%	-3.3%
Fail to Obey Signal	59	63	50	60	50	-16.7%	2.0%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	4.13	4.39	4.53	4.47	4.29	-4.0%	2.7%

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

In 2015, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 52% of all crashes in Idaho. While 74% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 70% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 15% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 39% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 28 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 22 (or 79%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was nearly \$1.7 billion dollars in 2015. This represents 44% 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 4.4 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 (38%) 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%	17	0.1%		12	0.2%	
15	3,443	0.3%	174	1.4%	4.6	59	1.1%	3.8
16	10,545	0.9%	525	4.2%	4.5	197	3.8%	4.1
17	14,989	1.3%	661	5.2%	4.0	266	5.1%	3.9
18	17,106	1.5%	692	5.5%	3.7	284	5.4%	3.6
19	19,181	1.7%	605	4.8%	2.9	246	4.7%	2.8
20	19,352	1.7%	463	3.7%	2.2	185	3.5%	2.1
21	18,343	1.6%	468	3.7%	2.3	186	3.6%	2.2
22	19,598	1.7%	408	3.2%	1.9	173	3.3%	1.9
23	20,400	1.8%	406	3.2%	1.8	150	2.9%	1.6
24	20,626	1.8%	379	3.0%	1.7	159	3.1%	1.7
25-34	196,056	17.1%	2,442	19.4%	1.1	1,021	19.6%	1.1
35-44	186,231	16.3%	1,624	12.9%	0.8	696	13.4%	0.8
45-54	186,222	16.3%	1,316	10.4%	0.6	558	10.7%	0.7
55-64	195,777	17.1%	1,067	8.5%	0.5	446	8.6%	0.5
65-74	139,818	12.2%	690	5.5%	0.4	295	5.7%	0.5
75+	76,605	6.7%	518	4.1%	0.6	229	4.4%	0.7
Not Stated or Other			157	1.2%		50	1.0%	
TOTALS	1,144,292		12,612			5,212		

** 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.*