

## Distracted Driving

Distracted driving crashes are those where investigating law enforcement officer indicates that either inattention or a distraction in or on the vehicle was a contributing factor in the crash. Distraction is defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity. Distraction is categorized into the three following types: visual (taking your eyes off the road), manual (taking your hands off the wheel), and cognitive (taking your mind off the road).

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Change 2014-2015</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2011-2014</b>
Total Distracted Driving Crashes	4,925	4,890	4,757	4,781	5,470	14.4%	-1.0%
Fatalities	41	41	43	39	51	30.8%	-1.5%
Serious Injuries	372	422	339	364	425	16.8%	0.4%
Visible Injuries	1,064	1,005	996	1,033	1,285	24.4%	-0.9%
Possible Injuries	1,906	1,792	1,831	1,846	2,211	19.8%	-1.0%
Distracted Driving Crashes as a % of All Crashes	23.6%	22.8%	21.3%	21.6%	22.8%	5.4%	-2.9%
Distracted Driving Fatalities as a % of All Fatalities	24.6%	22.3%	20.1%	21.0%	23.6%	12.6%	-4.9%
Distracted Driving Injuries as a % of All Injuries	30.8%	29.3%	27.9%	27.6%	29.7%	7.7%	-3.6%
All Fatal and Injury Crashes	7,644	8,049	8,049	8,392	9,248	10.2%	3.2%
Distracted Fatal/Injury Crashes	2,248	2,153	2,096	2,182	2,568	17.7%	-0.9%
% Distracted Driving	29.4%	26.7%	26.0%	26.0%	27.8%	6.8%	-3.9%
Distracted Driving Fatality and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Of Travel	2.68	2.92	2.41	2.50	2.86	14.5%	-1.6%

Distracted driving crashes made up 23% of all crashes in 2015 and were responsible for 24% of all fatalities. While 73% of all distracted driving crashes occurred on urban roadways, 74% of the fatal distracted driving crashes occurred on rural roadways.

While only 19% of all distracted driving crashes involved a single vehicle, 48% of fatal distracted driving crashes involved a single vehicle.

The economic cost of crashes involving distracted driving was over \$985 million dollars in 2015. This represents 27% of the total costs of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Figures 15 and 16 on the following page show what the distractions were for crashes where the officer indicated Distracted in or on Vehicle as a contributing circumstance. There were 11 fatal and 1,009 total crashes that involved Distracted in or on Vehicle. Inattention makes up a larger portion of the distracted driving crashes. Of course, both Inattention and Distracted in or on Vehicle could be contributing circumstances in a single crash.

Figure 15  
**Percentage of Fatal Distracted In or On Vehicle Crashes by Type of Distraction: 2015**

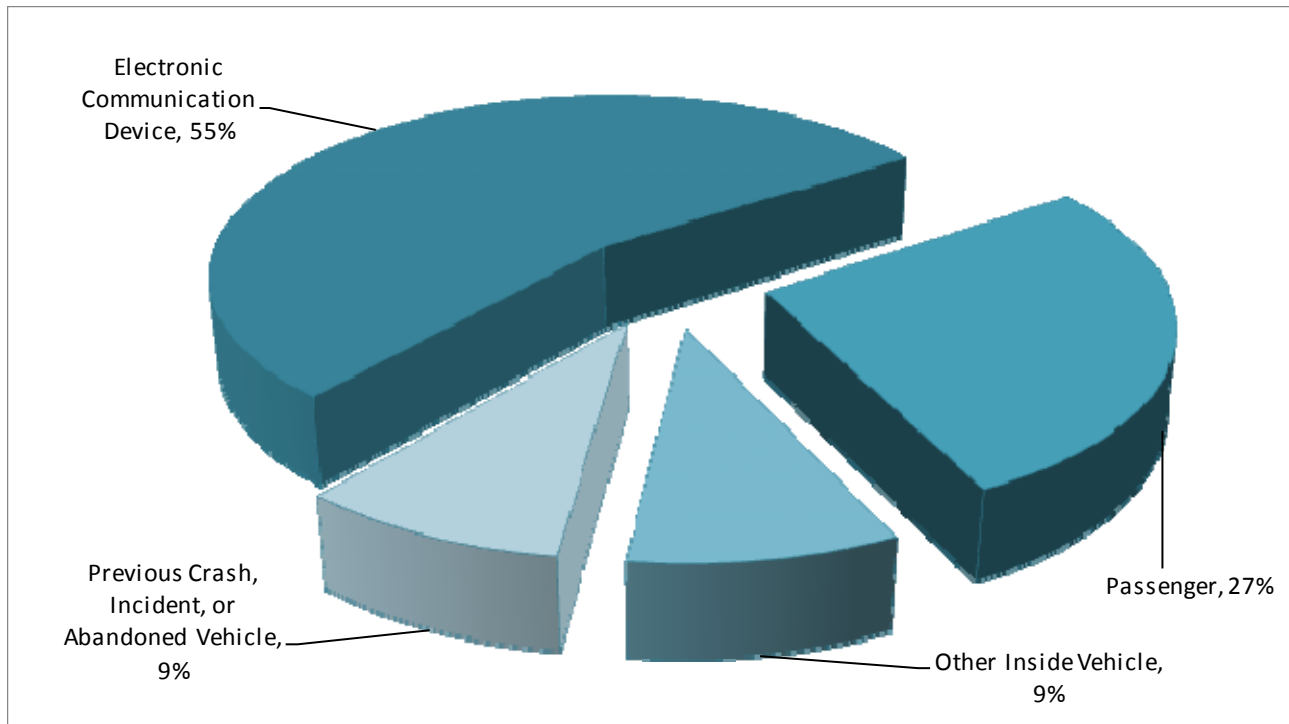


Figure 16  
**Percentage of Total Distracted In or On Vehicle Crashes by Type of Distraction: 2015**

