

Emergency Medical Services

Table 37 shows Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response to crashes in Idaho. EMS response to crashes indicates the number of crashes where an EMS unit responded and transported persons to medical facilities.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change 2014-2015	Avg. Change 2011-2014
Total Crashes	20,833	22,347	22,347	22,134	24,018	8.5%	2.1%
Fatal & Injury Crashes							
With EMS Response	5,140	5,150	5,342	5,602	6,142	9.6%	2.9%
% with EMS Response	65.9%	64.0%	66.4%	66.8%	66.4%	-0.5%	0.5%
Persons Killed or Injured in Crashes	11,033	11,557	11,557	11,954	13,423	12.3%	2.7%
Transported from Urban Areas	2,258	2,288	2,272	2,278	2,589	13.7%	0.3%
Transported from Rural Areas	2,236	2,214	2,189	2,288	2,321	1.4%	0.8%
Total Transported by EMS	4,494	4,502	4,461	4,566	4,910	7.5%	0.5%
% of Killed/Injured Transported	40.7%	39.0%	38.6%	38.2%	36.6%	-4.2%	-2.1%
Trapped and Extricated	457	439	424	459	504	9.8%	0.3%
Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported by Helicopter	149	147	142	110	173	57.3%	-9.1%

The availability and quality of services provided by local EMS may mean the difference between life and death for someone injured in a traffic crash. Improved post-crash victim care works to reduce the severity of trauma incurred by crash victims. The sooner someone receives appropriate medical care, the better their chances of recovery. This care is especially critical in rural areas because of the time needed to transport a victim to a trauma hospital.