

## Executive Summary

A summary of findings for 2015 are listed below:

- The number of motor vehicle crashes increased by 8.5 percent, from 22,134 in 2014 to 24,018 in 2015. The number of fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes increased from 186 in 2014 to 216 in 2015, a 16.1 percent increase. The number of fatal crashes increased from 175 in 2014 to 198 in 2015. The number of serious injuries increased from 1,273 in 2014 to 1,351 in 2015, a 6.1 percent increase. Although, the numbers of fatal crashes and fatalities were virtually the same as they were in 2013.
- Idaho's fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.30 in 2015, up from 1.15 in 2014.
- While 64 percent of all motor vehicle crashes occurred on urban roadways, 78 percent of the fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred on rural roadways in 2015.
- Fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes increased in 2015 by 20.8 percent and 40 percent of all fatalities resulted from impaired driving. Of the 87 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 77 (89 percent) were either the impaired driver, a person riding with an impaired driver, or an impaired pedestrian.
- Idaho's observed seat belt use increased slightly to 81 percent in 2015. While the observed rate was 81 percent, only 38 percent of the motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes were wearing seat belts. If everyone had been wearing seat belts, 47 of the 93 unbelted motor vehicle occupants may have been saved.
- Aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 52 percent of the motor vehicle crashes and 77 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes in 2015.
- Distracted driving was a factor in 23 percent of the motor vehicle crashes in 2015 and 51 people were killed in distracted driving crashes.
- Youthful drivers, ages 15 to 19, continue to be over-involved in motor vehicle crashes. In 2015, youthful drivers were 2.6 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a fatal or injury crash. There were 34 people killed in crashes involving youthful drivers in 2015.
- The number of motorcyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes increased to 28 in 2015. Almost two-thirds (64 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes in 2015 involved just the motorcycle, while over half (54 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes involved an impaired driver.
- Fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased from 22 in 2014 to 30 in 2015. The number of injury crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased by 9 percent. There were 34 people killed and 872 people injured in commercial motor vehicle crashes in 2015.

# Idaho's Traffic Crash Clock: 2015

