

Impaired Driving

An impaired driving crash is identified by information provided on the crash report. A law enforcement officer determines whether the driver was alcohol or drug impaired or whether alcohol or drugs contributed to the crash, regardless of whether a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) test was given or not. Crashes where a sober driver collided with an impaired pedestrian or bicyclist are also included.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change 2014-2015	Avg. Change 2011-2014
Impaired Driving Crashes	1,456	1,454	1,425	1,378	1,367	-0.8%	-1.8%
Fatalities	66	73	96	72	87	20.8%	5.7%
Serious Injuries	277	241	228	227	219	-3.5%	-6.3%
Visible Injuries	400	399	362	383	350	-8.6%	-1.2%
Possible Injuries	474	535	445	443	477	7.7%	-1.5%
Impaired Driving Crashes as a % of All Crashes	7.0%	6.8%	6.4%	6.2%	5.7%	-8.6%	-3.8%
Impaired Driving Fatalities as a % of All Fatalities	39.5%	39.7%	44.9%	38.7%	40.3%	4.1%	-0.1%
Impaired Driving Injuries as a % of All Injuries	10.6%	10.7%	9.1%	8.9%	7.9%	-11.5%	-5.2%
All Fatal and Injury Crashes	8,049	8,049	8,049	8,392	9,248	10.2%	1.4%
Impaired Fatal/Injury Crashes	822	843	797	784	781	-0.4%	-1.5%
% Impaired Driving	10.2%	10.5%	9.9%	9.3%	8.4%	-9.6%	-2.9%
Impaired Driving Fatality and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Of Travel	2.22	1.98	2.04	1.85	1.84	-0.8%	-5.7%
Annual DUI Arrests by Agency*							
Idaho State Police	1,846	1,659	1,304	1,197	1,089	-9.0%	-13.2%
Local Agencies	7,840	7,482	6,825	6,248	6,298	0.8%	-7.3%
Total Arrests	9,686	9,141	8,129	7,445	7,387	-0.8%	-8.4%
DUI Enforcement Rate**	0.89	0.84	0.73	0.66	0.65	-2.1%	-9.6%

*Source: Idaho State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification

**DUI Arrests per 100 Licensed Drivers per Year.

In 2015, impaired driving crashes decreased by 1%, while fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes increased by 21%. Just more than 8% of all fatal and injury crashes involved an impaired driver, an impaired pedestrian, or an impaired bicyclist. Over 40% of all fatalities were the result of an impaired driving crash in 2015. Only 25% of the passenger motor vehicle occupants killed in impaired driving crashes were wearing a seatbelt.

Table 21 also presents a five-year summary of annual DUI arrests by the Idaho State Police (ISP) and local agencies. Local agency DUI arrests were up 1% in 2015 from the prior year, but ISP DUI arrests decreased by 9%. Overall, DUI arrests decreased by 1% from 2014 levels.

Economic Costs of Impaired Driving Crashes

Table 22 contains the estimated economic costs for impaired driving-related motor vehicle crashes in 2015. The estimated cost of Idaho impaired driving crashes in 2015 was more than \$1 billion dollars. This estimate represents just more than 26% of the total cost of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Incident Description	Total Occurrences	Cost Per Occurrence	Cost Per Category
Fatalities	87	\$9,498,816	\$826,397,006
Serious Injuries	219	\$454,281	\$99,487,576
Visible Injuries	350	\$123,732	\$43,306,152
Possible Injuries	477	\$63,181	\$30,137,562
No Injuries	1,448	\$3,201	\$4,634,644
Total Estimate of Economic Cost			\$1,003,962,940

Victims of Fatal Crashes Involving Impaired Drivers

Of the 87 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 77 (or 89%) were impaired drivers, impaired pedestrians, or passengers of a motor vehicle riding with an impaired driver.

Impaired Status*	Passenger Vehicles		Motorcycle		Pedestrian	ATV Driver
	Driver	Passenger	Driver	Passenger		
Impaired	40	18	13	2	2	2
Not Impaired	4	5	1	0	0	0

* For drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians, impaired status implies whether the person killed was impaired or not. For passengers, it implies whether the passenger killed was riding with an impaired driver.

Impaired Driving by Age

Table 24 shows the number and percent of licensed drivers, DUI arrests, and impaired drivers in crashes by age. Drivers, ages 18 to 39, are over-represented in impaired driving crashes. Drivers, ages 21 to 23 years-old, are the most over-represented ages. They are involved in close to three times as many impaired driving crashes as you would expect them to be. Ten percent of the impaired drivers involved in crashes were under 21 years of age.

Age	Licensed Drivers		DUI Arrests		Impaired Drivers in Crashes	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0 to 14	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
15	3,443	0.3%	5	0.1%	2	0.1%
16	10,545	0.9%	23	0.3%	5	0.4%
17	14,989	1.3%	41	0.6%	15	1.1%
18	17,106	1.5%			34	2.5%
19	19,181	1.7%	252	3.4%	43	3.2%
20	19,352	1.7%			36	2.7%
21	18,343	1.6%			61	4.5%
22	19,598	1.7%			68	5.1%
23	20,400	1.8%			63	4.7%
24	20,626	1.8%	1,261	17.1%	42	3.1%
25-29	97,264	8.5%	1,195	16.2%	210	15.6%
30-34	98,792	8.6%	987	13.4%	160	11.9%
35-39	97,172	8.5%	825	11.2%	139	10.3%
40-44	89,059	7.8%	718	9.7%	110	8.2%
45-49	90,225	7.9%	642	8.7%	109	8.1%
50-54	95,997	8.4%	546	7.4%	79	5.9%
55-59	100,852	8.8%	460	6.2%	85	6.3%
60+	311,348	27.2%	375	5.1%	81	6.0%
Missing or Unknown			57	0.8%	3	0.2%
TOTALS	1,144,292		7,387		1,345	

* 18-19 year old drivers combined

** 20-24 year old drivers combined

Impaired Driving by Counties and Cities

Table 25 presents information on impaired driving crashes for Idaho counties by population groupings. Population numbers are based on 2015 U.S. Census estimates for counties.

Table 25							
Impaired Driving Crashes by County: 2015							
	2015 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
50,000 and over							
Ada	434.2	316	11	155	11	225	0.4
Bannock	83.7	104	3	58	4	90	0.7
Bonneville	110.1	84	1	48	1	64	0.4
Canyon	207.5	152	10	84	11	139	0.5
Kootenai	150.3	171	4	80	7	114	0.6
Twin Falls	82.4	56	4	32	5	54	0.4
Mean Crash Rate							0.5
20,000 - 49,999							
Bingham	45.0	47	7	23	7	37	0.7
Blaine	21.6	16	0	8	0	9	0.4
Bonner	41.9	41	6	26	7	40	0.8
Cassia	23.5	21	1	10	1	12	0.5
Elmore	25.9	15	5	6	6	12	0.4
Jefferson	27.2	10	2	5	2	8	0.3
Jerome	22.8	22	4	8	4	15	0.5
Latah	38.8	27	0	14	0	16	0.4
Madison	38.3	15	1	3	1	6	0.1
Minidoka	20.5	13	1	8	1	10	0.4
Nez Perce	40.0	43	2	11	2	23	0.3
Payette	22.9	10	0	6	0	11	0.3
Mean Crash Rate							0.4
10,000 - 19,999							
Boundary	11.3	11	0	8	0	10	0.7
Franklin	13.1	6	0	4	0	4	0.3
Fremont	12.8	7	0	5	0	8	0.4
Gem	16.9	7	0	4	0	10	0.2
Gooding	15.3	15	2	8	2	13	0.7
Idaho	16.3	20	0	15	0	15	0.9
Owyhee	11.3	6	1	2	1	2	0.3
Shoshone	12.4	21	1	10	1	13	0.9
Teton	10.6	3	0	2	0	3	0.2
Valley	10.1	17	0	8	0	9	0.8
Mean Crash Rate							0.1

Table 25 (Continued)
Impaired Driving Crashes by County: 2015

	2015 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
5,000 - 9,999							
Bear Lake	5.9	5	0	4	0	5	0.7
Benewah	9.1	11	0	4	0	7	0.4
Boise	7.1	12	4	5	5	6	1.3
Caribou	6.8	6	0	5	0	8	0.7
Clearwater	8.5	7	1	4	1	5	0.6
Lemhi	7.7	12	1	8	1	12	1.2
Lincoln	5.3	3	1	2	1	3	0.6
Power	7.6	11	2	7	2	12	1.2
Washington	9.9	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Mean Crash Rate							0.7
0 - 4,999							
Adams	3.8	2	1	1	1	2	0.5
Butte	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Camas	1.1	3	0	2	0	2	1.9
Clark	0.9	2	0	2	0	2	2.3
Custer	4.1	10	1	7	1	9	2.0
Lewis	3.8	1	1	0	1	0	0.3
Oneida	4.3	4	0	1	0	1	0.2
Mean Crash Rate							0.8
Statewide Totals	1,654.9	1,367	78	703	87	1,046	0.5

Table 26 presents information on impaired driving crashes for cities with populations exceeding 2,000 people by population groupings. Population figures are from the U. S. Census Bureau's estimates for cities for 2015.

Table 26
Impaired Driving Crashes by City: 2015

	2015 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
40,000 and over							
Boise	218.3	165	6	80	6	105	0.4
Caldwell	51.7	38	2	19	2	39	0.4
Coeur d'Alene	49.1	53	0	22	0	30	0.4
Idaho Falls	59.2	48	0	25	0	27	0.4
Meridian	90.7	69	1	28	1	44	0.3
Nampa	89.8	62	1	30	1	44	0.3
Pocatello	54.4	74	2	35	3	56	0.7
Twin Falls	47.5	21	0	10	0	13	0.2
Mean Crash Rate							0.4

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Impaired Driving Crashes by City: 2015

	2015 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
15,000 - 39,999							
Eagle	23.6	12	0	9	0	12	0.4
Kuna	17.2	5	0	4	0	7	0.2
Lewiston	32.5	30	1	6	1	14	0.2
Moscow	25.1	10	0	4	0	5	0.2
Post Falls	30.5	28	2	14	3	22	0.5
Rexburg	27.7	5	0	1	0	1	0.0
Mean Crash Rate							0.1
5,000 - 14,999							
Ammon	15.0	4	0	1	0	1	0.1
Blackfoot	11.7	15	3	5	3	12	0.7
Burley	10.4	9	0	4	0	4	0.4
Chubbuck	14.4	6	0	5	0	6	0.3
Emmett	6.6	2	0	2	0	3	0.3
Fruitland	5.1	3	0	2	0	5	0.4
Garden City	11.6	10	0	3	0	4	0.3
Hailey	8.1	2	0	2	0	2	0.2
Hayden	14.1	13	0	4	0	4	0.3
Jerome	11.2	5	0	2	0	2	0.2
Middleton	6.8	2	1	1	1	5	0.3
Mountain Home	13.7	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Payette	7.4	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Preston	5.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Rathdrum	7.5	3	0	2	0	3	
Rupert	5.7	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Sandpoint	7.8	3	0	2	0	2	0.3
Star	7.8	1	0	1	0	1	0.1
Weiser	5.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Mean Crash Rate							0.2

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	2015 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
2,000 - 4,999							
American Falls	4.3	3	0	2	0	2	0.5
Bellevue	2.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Bonnars Ferry	2.5	1	0	1	0	2	0.4
Buhl	4.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dalton Gardens	2.4	1	0	1	0	1	0.4
Filer	2.7	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Gooding	3.5	1	0	1	0	1	0.3
Grangeville	3.2	2	0	2	0	2	0.6
Heyburn	3.2	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Homedale	2.6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Iona	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Kellogg	2.1	5	0	3	0	3	1.4
Ketchum	2.7	2	0	1	0	1	0.4
Kimberly	3.6	1	1	0	1	0	0.3
Malad	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
McCall	3.1	3	0	2	0	2	0.6
Montpelier	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Orofino	3.1	5	0	4	0	4	1.3
Parma	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Rigby	4.0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
St. Anthony	3.4	1	0	1	0	1	0.3
St. Maries	2.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Salmon	3.0	4	0	2	0	5	0.7
Shelley	4.3	3	1	1	1	2	0.5
Soda Springs	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Spirit Lake	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Wendell	2.7	1	0	1	0	1	0.4
Mean Crash Rate							0.3