

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.

| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Change 2015-2016 | Avg. Change 2012-2015 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Crashes | 22,347 | 22,347 | 22,134 | 24,018 | 25,328 | 5.5% | 2.5% |
| Fatal & Injury Crashes | | | | | | | |
| With EMS Response | 5,150 | 5,342 | 5,602 | 6,142 | 6,476 | 5.4% | 6.1% |
| % with EMS Response | 64.0% | 66.4% | 66.8% | 66.4% | 67.7% | 2.0% | 1.3% |
| Persons Killed or Injured in Crashes | 11,557 | 11,557 | 11,954 | 13,423 | 13,917 | 3.7% | 5.2% |
| Transported from Urban Areas | 2,288 | 2,272 | 2,278 | 2,589 | 2,755 | 6.4% | 4.4% |
| Transported from Rural Areas | 2,214 | 2,189 | 2,288 | 2,321 | 2,503 | 7.8% | 1.6% |
| Total Transported by EMS | 4,502 | 4,461 | 4,566 | 4,910 | 5,258 | 7.1% | 3.0% |
| % of Killed/Injured Transported | 39.0% | 38.6% | 38.2% | 36.6% | 37.8% | 3.3% | -2.1% |
| Trapped and Extricated | 439 | 424 | 459 | 504 | 491 | -2.6% | 4.9% |
| Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported by Helicopter | 147 | 142 | 110 | 173 | 178 | 2.9% | 10.4% |

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.