

Executive Summary

A summary of findings for 2016 are listed below:

- The number of motor vehicle crashes increased by 5.5 percent, from 24,018 in 2015 to 25,328 in 2016. The number of fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes increased from 216 in 2015 to 253 in 2016, a 17.2 percent increase. The number of fatal crashes increased from 198 in 2015 to 232 in 2016. The number of serious injuries decreased from 1,351 in 2015 to 1,332 in 2016, a 1.4 percent decrease.
- Idaho's fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.48 in 2016, up from 1.30 in 2015.
- While 65 percent of all motor vehicle crashes occurred on urban roadways, 78 percent of the fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred on rural roadways in 2016.
- Fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes increased in 2016 by 1.1 percent and 35 percent of all fatalities resulted from impaired driving. Of the 88 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 80 (91 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 83 percent in 2016. While the observed rate was 83 percent, only 35 percent of the motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes were wearing seat belts. If everyone had been wearing seat belts, 57 of the 113 unbelted motor vehicle occupants may have been saved.
- Aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 51 percent of the motor vehicle crashes and 83 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes in 2016.
- Distracted driving was a factor in 20 percent of the motor vehicle crashes in 2016 and 64 people were killed in distracted driving crashes.
- Youthful drivers, ages 15 to 19, continue to be over-involved in motor vehicle crashes. In 2016, youthful drivers were 2.6 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a fatal or injury crash. There were 27 people killed in crashes involving youthful drivers in 2016.
- The number of motorcyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes decreased to 22 in 2016. Just over half (52 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes in 2016 involved just the motorcycle, while almost one in four (24 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes involved an impaired driver.
- There were 18 pedestrians and 6 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2016.
- Fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased from 30 in 2015 to 35 in 2016. The number of injury crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased by 4 percent. There were 37 people killed and 933 people injured in commercial motor vehicle crashes in 2016.

Idaho's Traffic Crash Clock: 2016

