

Executive Summary

A summary of findings for 2017 are listed below:

- The number of motor vehicle crashes increased by 2.1 percent, from 25,328 in 2016 to 25,851 in 2017. The number of fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes decreased from 253 in 2016 to 245 in 2017, a 3.2 percent decrease. The number of fatal crashes decreased from 232 in 2016 to 224 in 2017. The number of serious injuries decreased from 1,332 in 2016 to 1,246 in 2017, a 6.5 percent decrease.
- Idaho's fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.42 in 2017, down from 1.48 in 2016.
- While 66 percent of all motor vehicle crashes occurred on urban roadways, 76 percent of the fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred on rural roadways in 2017.
- Fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes decreased in 2017 by 9.1 percent and 33 percent of all fatalities resulted from impaired driving. Of the 80 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 71 (89 percent) were either the impaired driver, a person riding with an impaired driver, or an impaired pedestrian.
- Idaho's observed seat belt use decreased slightly to 81 percent in 2017. While the observed rate was 81 percent, only 35 percent of the motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes were wearing seat belts. If everyone had been wearing seat belts, 48 of the 96 unbelted motor vehicle occupants may have been saved.
- Aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 51 percent of the motor vehicle crashes and 82 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes in 2017.
- Distracted driving was a factor in 19 percent of the motor vehicle crashes in 2017 and 39 people were killed in distracted driving crashes.
- Youthful drivers, ages 15 to 19, continue to be over-involved in motor vehicle crashes. In 2017, youthful drivers were 2.3 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a fatal or injury crash. There were 31 people killed in crashes involving youthful drivers in 2017.
- The number of motorcyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes increased to 26 in 2017. Nearly half (42 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes in 2017 involved just the motorcycle and nearly half (46 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes involved an impaired motorcycle driver.
- There were 17 pedestrians and 3 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2017.
- Fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased from 35 in 2016 to 42 in 2017. The number of injury crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased by 19 percent. There were 44 people killed and 1,129 people injured in commercial motor vehicle crashes in 2017.

Idaho's Traffic Crash Clock: 2017

