

Aggressive Driving

Aggressive driving behaviors include: failure to yield right of way, fail to obey stop sign, exceeded posted speed, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, and fail to obey signal. Aggressive driving is not to be confused with road rage, which is a deliberate and violent act against another driver or individual and is a criminal offense.

An officer may indicate up to three contributing circumstances for each vehicle in a crash. Thus the total number of fatalities and injuries attributed to these behaviors in the top portion of the table do not equal the sum of the fatalities and injuries attributed to individual behaviors in the bottom of the table.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change 2017-2018	Avg. Change 2014-2018
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	12,366	12,383	12,793	13,149	11,985	-8.9%	2.1%
Fatalities	72	77	83	82	75	-8.5%	4.5%
Suspected Serious Injury	649	637	612	582	516	-11.3%	-3.6%
Suspected Minor Injury	2,077	2,282	2,164	2,064	2,166	4.9%	0.0%
Possible Injuries	4,356	4,652	4,706	4,627	4,596	-0.7%	2.1%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Suspected Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	229	276	266	259	261	0.8%	4.8%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	205	171	174	148	113	-23.6%	-9.9%
Following Too Close	124	115	93	95	71	-25.3%	-8.1%
Fail to Obey Stop Sign	102	92	89	75	82	9.3%	-9.6%
Exceeded Posted Speed	58	49	69	78	69	-11.5%	12.8%
Fail to Obey Signal	60	50	67	61	63	3.3%	2.8%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	4.47	4.29	4.05	3.84	3.34	-13.0%	-4.9%

* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash

In 2018, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 50% of all crashes in Idaho. While 77% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 66% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 13% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 39% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 27 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 23 (or 85%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was nearly \$1.7 billion dollars in 2018. This represents 40% of the total costs of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Involvement in Aggressive Driving Crashes by Driver Age

Drivers ages 19 and younger were 3.8 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving crashes as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 2.0 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in aggressive driving crashes. (Note: the odds ratios above compare the involvement of a group of drivers to the involvement of all other drivers combined.) Drivers under the age of 25 represent more than one-third (35%) of the drivers involved in aggressive driving crashes.

Age	Licensed Drivers		Drivers in All Aggressive Driving Crashes			Drivers in Fatal and Injury Aggressive Driving Crashes		
	Number	%	Number	%	Involvement*	Number	%	Involvement*
0-14	0	0.0%	14	0.1%		8	0.2%	
15	3,415	0.3%	193	1.6%	5.8	67	1.3%	4.9
16	11,001	0.9%	444	3.6%	4.1	164	3.3%	3.8
17	16,309	1.3%	564	4.6%	3.6	222	4.5%	3.4
18	18,226	1.5%	630	5.2%	3.6	257	5.2%	3.6
19	20,776	1.7%	510	4.2%	2.5	198	4.0%	2.4
20	21,174	1.7%	497	4.1%	2.4	212	4.3%	2.5
21	19,045	1.5%	408	3.3%	2.2	156	3.1%	2.1
22	21,093	1.7%	378	3.1%	1.8	154	3.1%	1.8
23	21,440	1.7%	321	2.6%	1.5	130	2.6%	1.5
24	22,099	1.8%	324	2.7%	1.5	124	2.5%	1.4
25-34	210,775	16.8%	2,401	19.6%	1.2	974	19.6%	1.2
35-44	207,102	16.5%	1,576	12.9%	0.8	648	13.0%	0.8
45-54	189,343	15.1%	1,243	10.2%	0.7	533	10.7%	0.7
55-64	208,888	16.6%	1,097	9.0%	0.5	456	9.2%	0.6
65-74	166,753	13.3%	818	6.7%	0.5	359	7.2%	0.5
75+	97,749	7.8%	591	4.8%	0.6	243	4.9%	0.6
Not Stated or Other			212	1.7%		73	1.5%	
TOTALS	1,255,188		12,221			4,978		

* Involvement is calculated by dividing the percent of Crashes by the percent of licensed drivers.
Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.