

## Executive Summary

A summary of findings for 2018 are listed below:

- The number of motor vehicle crashes decreased by 7.0 percent, from 25,851 in 2017 to 24,031 in 2018. The number of fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes decreased from 245 in 2017 to 234 in 2018, a 4.5 percent decrease. The number of fatal crashes decreased from 224 in 2017 to 215 in 2018. The number of suspected serious injuries increased slightly from 1,246 in 2017 to 1,250 in 2018, a 0.3 percent increase.
- Idaho's fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.32 in 2018, down from 1.42 in 2017.
- While 67 percent of all motor vehicle crashes occurred on urban roadways, 73 percent of the fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred on rural roadways in 2018.
- Fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes decreased in 2018 by 2.5 percent and 33 percent of all fatalities resulted from impaired driving. Of the 78 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 66 (85 percent) were either the impaired driver, a person riding with an impaired driver, or an impaired pedestrian.
- Idaho's observed seat belt use increased to 85.4 percent in 2018. However, the increase may be due to changes made to the observational seat belt survey. While the observed rate was 85 percent, only 37 percent of the motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes were wearing seat belts. If everyone had been wearing seat belts, 41 of the 82 unbelted motor vehicle occupants may have been saved.
- Aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 50 percent of the motor vehicle crashes and 75 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes in 2018.
- Distracted driving was a factor in 20 percent of the motor vehicle crashes in 2018 and 48 people were killed in distracted driving crashes.
- Youthful drivers, ages 15 to 19, continue to be over-involved in motor vehicle crashes. In 2018, youthful drivers were 2.6 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a fatal or injury crash. There were 36 people killed in crashes involving youthful drivers in 2018.
- The number of motorcyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes increased to 38 in 2018. Just over half (51 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes in 2018 involved just the motorcycle and nearly a third (32 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes involved an impaired motorcycle driver.
- There were 19 pedestrians and 2 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2018.
- Fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased from 42 in 2017 to 44 in 2018. The number of injury crashes involving commercial motor vehicles decreased by 3 percent. There were 51 people killed and 1,059 people injured in commercial motor vehicle crashes in 2018.

# Idaho's Traffic Crash Clock: 2018

