

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.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change 2018-2019	Avg. Change 2015-2018
Total Crashes	24,018	25,328	25,851	24,031	27,015	12.4%	0.2%
Fatal & Injury Crashes							
With EMS Response	6,142	6,476	6,024	6,213	6,272	0.9%	0.5%
% with EMS Response	66.4%	67.7%	66.6%	66.8%	67.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Persons Killed or Injured in Crashes	13,423	13,917	13,214	13,535	13,555	0.1%	0.4%
Transported from Urban Areas	2,589	2,755	2,561	2,565	2,437	-5.0%	-0.2%
Transported from Rural Areas	2,321	2,503	2,273	2,288	2,182	-4.6%	-0.2%
Total Transported by EMS	4,910	5,258	4,834	4,853	4,619	-4.8%	-0.2%
% of Killed/Injured Transported	36.6%	37.8%	36.6%	35.9%	34.1%	-5.0%	-0.6%
Trapped and Extricated	504	491	480	523	523	0.0%	1.4%
Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported by Helicopter	173	178	154	155	149	-3.9%	-3.3%

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.