

Executive Summary

A summary of findings for 2019 are listed below:

- The number of motor vehicle crashes increased by 12.4 percent, from 24,031 in 2018 to 27,015 in 2019. The number of fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes decreased from 234 in 2018 to 224 in 2019, a 4.3 percent decrease. The number of fatal crashes decreased from 215 in 2018 to 201 in 2019. The number of suspected serious injuries decreased from 1,250 in 2018 to 1,154, a 7.7 percent decrease.
- Idaho's fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.24, down from 1.32 in 2018.
- While 68 percent of all motor vehicle crashes occurred on urban roadways, 74 percent of the fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred on rural roadways in 2019.
- Fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes increased in 2019 by 26.9 percent and 44 percent of all fatalities resulted from impaired driving. Of the 99 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 82 (83 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 85.7 percent in 2019. While the observed rate was 86 percent, only 44 percent of the motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes were wearing seat belts. If everyone had been wearing seat belts, 42 of the 83 unbelted motor vehicle occupants may have been saved.
- Aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 50 percent of the motor vehicle crashes and 66 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes in 2019.
- Distracted driving was a factor in 19 percent of the motor vehicle crashes in 2019 and 36 people were killed in distracted driving crashes.
- Youthful drivers, ages 15 to 19, continue to be over-involved in motor vehicle crashes. In 2019, youthful drivers were 2.6 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a fatal or injury crash. There were 18 people killed in crashes involving youthful drivers in 2019.
- The number of motorcyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes decreased to 25 in 2019. Just over half (54 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes in 2019 involved just the motorcycle and a third (33 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes involved an impaired motorcycle driver.
- There were 14 pedestrians and 4 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2019.
- Fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles decreased from 44 in 2018 to 34 in 2019. The number of injury crashes involving commercial motor vehicles decreased by 3 percent. There were 40 people killed and 997 people injured in commercial motor vehicle crashes in 2019.

Idaho's Traffic Crash Clock: 2019

