

Impaired Driving

An impaired driving crash is identified by information provided on the crash report. A law enforcement officer determines whether the driver was alcohol or drug impaired or whether alcohol or drugs contributed to the crash, regardless of whether a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) test was given or not. Crashes where a sober driver collided with an impaired pedestrian or bicyclist are also included.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change 2018-2019	Avg. Change 2015-2018
Impaired Driving Crashes	1,367	1,535	1,529	1,456	1,501	3.1%	2.4%
Fatalities	87	88	80	78	99	26.9%	-3.5%
Suspected Serious Injury	219	223	218	212	217	2.4%	-1.1%
Suspected Minor Injury	350	397	338	334	329	-1.5%	-0.9%
Possible Injuries	477	482	489	523	525	0.4%	3.2%
Impaired Driving Crashes as a % of All Crashes	5.7%	6.1%	5.9%	6.1%	5.6%	-8.3%	2.2%
Impaired Driving Fatalities as a % of All Fatalities	40.3%	34.8%	32.7%	33.3%	44.2%	32.6%	-5.9%
Impaired Driving Injuries as a % of All Injuries	7.9%	8.1%	8.1%	8.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.5%
All Fatal and Injury Crashes	9,248	9,559	9,042	9,298	9,354	0.6%	0.3%
Impaired Fatal/Injury Crashes	781	821	764	808	789	-2.4%	1.3%
% Impaired Driving	8.4%	8.6%	8.4%	8.7%	8.4%	-2.9%	1.0%
Impaired Driving Fatality and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Of Travel	1.84	1.81	1.72	1.64	1.75	6.9%	-3.7%
Annual DUI Arrests by Agency*							
Idaho State Police	1,089	1,305	1,400	1,518	1,555	2.4%	11.8%
Local Agencies	6,298	6,015	5,927	6,412	6,529	1.8%	0.7%
Total Arrests	7,387	7,320	7,327	7,930	8,084	1.9%	2.5%
DUI Enforcement Rate**	0.65	0.63	0.61	0.63	0.63	-0.2%	-0.7%

In 2019, impaired driving crashes increased by 3%, while fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes increased by 27%. More than 8% of all fatal and injury crashes involved an impaired driver, an impaired pedestrian, or an impaired bicyclist. Just over 44% of all fatalities were the result of an impaired driving crash in 2019. Only 32% of the passenger motor vehicle occupants killed in impaired driving crashes were wearing a seatbelt.

Table 21 also presents a five-year summary of annual DUI arrests by the Idaho State Police (ISP) and local agencies. Both local agency DUI arrests and ISP DUI arrests increased by close to 2% in 2019. Overall, DUI

arrests increased by 2% from 2018 levels.

Economic Costs of Impaired Driving Crashes

Table 22 contains the estimated economic costs for impaired driving-related motor vehicle crashes in 2019. The estimated cost of Idaho impaired driving crashes in 2019 was nearly \$1.2 billion dollars. This estimate represents 29% of the total cost of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Incident Description	Total Occurrences	Cost Per Occurrence	Cost Per Category
Fatalities	99	\$10,179,994	\$1,007,819,371
Suspected Serious Injury	217	\$486,859	\$105,648,295
Suspected Minor Injury	329	\$132,605	\$43,627,013
Possible Injuries	525	\$67,712	\$35,548,973
No Injuries	1,686	\$3,430	\$5,783,403
Total Estimate of Economic Cost			\$1,198,427,055

Victims of Fatal Crashes Involving Impaired Drivers

Impaired Status*	Passenger Vehicles		Motorcycle	Pedestrian	Bicyclist	ATV		Other
	Driver	Passenger	Driver			Driver	Passenger	
Impaired	56	10	8	2	0	4	1	1
Not Impaired	5	10	1	0	1	0	0	0

Of the 99 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 82 (or 83%) were impaired drivers, impaired pedestrians, or passengers of a motor vehicle riding with an impaired driver.

Impaired Driving by Age

Table 24 shows the number and percent of licensed drivers, DUI arrests, and impaired drivers in crashes by age. Drivers, ages 18 to 44, are over-represented in impaired driving crashes. Drivers, ages 21 to 23 years-old, were the most over-represented ages. They are involved in 2.6 times as many impaired driving crashes as you would expect them to be. In 2019, 9% of the impaired drivers involved in crashes were under 21 years of age.

Age	Licensed Drivers		DUI Arrests		Impaired Drivers in Crashes	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0 to 14	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
15	3,532	0.3%	5	0.1%	4	0.3%
16	11,485	0.9%	20	0.2%	8	0.5%
17	16,562	1.3%	55	0.7%	18	1.2%
18	18,436	1.4%			26	1.8%
19	21,048	1.6%	282	3.5%	33	2.2%
20	21,727	1.7%			43	2.9%
21	19,552	1.5%			70	4.7%
22	20,926	1.6%			58	3.9%
23	21,916	1.7%			61	4.1%
24	22,155	1.7%	1,256	15.5%	47	3.2%
25-29	107,357	8.4%	1,360	16.8%	245	16.5%
30-34	105,961	8.3%	1,083	13.4%	180	12.2%
35-39	109,605	8.5%	997	12.3%	138	9.3%
40-44	102,751	8.0%	785	9.7%	137	9.3%
45-49	96,705	7.5%	628	7.8%	90	6.1%
50-54	94,471	7.4%	518	6.4%	82	5.5%
55-59	104,525	8.1%	485	6.0%	79	5.3%
60+	384,020	29.9%	608	7.5%	132	8.9%
Missing or Unknown			0	0.0%	30	2.0%
TOTALS	1,282,734		8,084		1,481	

* 18-19 year old drivers combined

** 20-24 year old drivers combined

Males comprised 73% of the drivers involved in impaired driving crashes in 2019.

Impaired Driving by Counties and Cities

Table 25 presents information on impaired driving crashes for Idaho counties by population groupings. Population numbers are based on 2019 U.S. Census estimates for counties.

Table 25							
Impaired Driving Crashes by County: 2019							
	2019 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
50,000 and over							
Ada	481.6	344	10	143	15	215	0.3
Bannock	87.8	84	3	44	3	67	0.5
Bonneville	119.1	82	4	41	4	66	0.4
Canyon	229.8	203	5	99	5	172	0.5
Kootenai	165.7	149	6	62	6	88	0.4
Twin Falls	86.9	80	3	37	4	60	0.5
Mean Crash Rate							0.4
20,000 - 49,999							
Bingham	46.8	39	4	18	5	33	0.5
Blaine	23.0	19	4	6	6	9	0.4
Bonner	45.7	36	3	24	4	36	0.6
Cassia	24.0	22	3	11	3	15	0.6
Elmore	27.5	24	3	9	3	9	0.4
Jefferson	29.9	15	1	10	1	12	0.4
Jerome	24.4	35	5	13	6	22	0.7
Latah	40.1	26	1	10	1	14	0.3
Madison	39.9	10	2	5	2	10	0.2
Minidoka	21.0	19	1	6	1	7	0.3
Nez Perce	40.4	60	2	31	2	44	0.8
Payette	24.0	22	1	12	1	16	0.5
Mean Crash Rate							0.5
10,000 - 19,999							
Boundary	12.2	6	1	1	1	1	0.2
Franklin	13.9	7	2	4	2	4	0.4
Fremont	13.1	14	3	4	4	13	0.5
Gem	18.1	7	0	2	0	2	0.1
Gooding	15.2	27	3	17	3	28	1.3
Idaho	16.7	13	1	7	1	8	0.5
Owyhee	11.8	10	1	7	1	8	0.7
Shoshone	12.9	18	1	7	1	10	0.6
Teton	12.1	9	1	4	2	7	0.4
Valley	11.4	22	1	12	1	16	1.1
Washington	10.2	8	1	1	1	2	0.2
Mean Crash Rate							0.5

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		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
5,000 - 9,999							
Bear Lake	6.1	4	0	3	0	4	0.5
Benewah	9.3	10	1	8	1	12	1.0
Boise	7.8	12	2	4	2	5	0.8
Caribou	7.2	8	1	5	1	8	0.8
Clearwater	8.8	15	1	10	1	11	1.3
Lemhi	8.0	10	0	7	0	8	0.9
Lincoln	5.4	3	0	3	0	5	0.6
Power	7.7	3	0	1	0	1	0.1
Mean Crash Rate							0.8
0 - 4,999							
Adams	4.3	6	0	3	0	3	0.7
Butte	2.6	2	0	2	0	6	0.8
Camas	1.1	2	0	1	0	1	0.9
Clark	0.8	2	0	1	0	1	1.2
Custer	4.3	5	2	2	2	4	0.9
Lewis	3.8	6	2	4	2	6	1.6
Oneida	4.5	3	1	2	1	2	0.7
Mean Crash Rate							0.9
Statewide Totals	1,787.1	1,501	86	703	99	1,071	0.4

Table 26 presents information on impaired driving crashes for cities with populations exceeding 2,000 people by population groupings. Population figures are from the U. S. Census Bureau's estimates for cities for 2019.

Table 26							
Impaired Driving Crashes by City: 2019							
	2019 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
40,000 and over							
Boise	229.0	180	1	70	1	108	0.3
Caldwell	58.5	52	2	22	2	38	0.4
Coeur d'Alene	52.4	42	2	10	2	14	0.2
Idaho Falls	62.9	40	0	16	0	18	0.3
Meridian	114.2	78	2	38	2	55	0.4
Nampa	99.3	88	0	39	0	68	0.4
Pocatello	56.6	61	0	32	0	48	0.6
Twin Falls	50.2	39	0	18	0	28	0.4
Mean Crash Rate							0.3

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	2019 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
15,000 - 39,999							
Ammon	17.1	6	0	2	0	10	0.1
Chubbuck	15.6	7	0	3	0	7	0.2
Eagle	29.8	14	1	6	1	11	0.2
Hayden	15.4	7	0	4	0	5	0.3
Kuna	22.3	14	0	6	0	6	0.3
Lewiston	32.8	28	1	11	1	16	0.4
Moscow	25.7	11	1	3	1	4	0.2
Post Falls	36.3	30	1	14	1	17	0.4
Rexburg	29.4	5	0	4	0	7	0.1
Mean Crash Rate							0.1
5,000 - 14,999							
Blackfoot	12.0	7	0	6	0	7	0.5
Burley	10.6	7	0	2	0	4	0.2
Emmett	7.1	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Fruitland	5.4	5	0	3	0	3	0.6
Garden City	12.0	15	1	5	1	5	0.5
Hailey	8.7	7	0	1	0	1	0.1
Jerome	12.0	10	0	2	0	3	0.2
Middleton	8.5	1	0	1	0	1	0.1
Mountain Home	14.6	8	0	2	0	2	0.1
Payette	7.7	5	0	3	0	3	0.4
Preston	5.6	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Rathdrum	9.2	4	1	0	1	0	
Rupert	5.9	5	0	0	0	0	0.0
Sandpoint	8.9	5	0	3	0	3	0.3
Star	10.5	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Weiser	5.4	3	0	1	0	1	0.2
Mean Crash Rate							0.2

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	2019 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
2,000 - 4,999							
American Falls	4.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Bellevue	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Bonnars Ferry	2.6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Buhl	4.5	2	0	1	0	1	0.2
Dalton Gardens	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Filer	2.9	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Gooding	3.4	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Grangeville	3.2	1	0	1	0	1	0.3
Heyburn	3.4	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Homedale	2.7	1	0	1	0	1	0.4
Iona	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Kellogg	2.1	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
Ketchum	2.9	3	0	1	0	1	0.4
Kimberly	4.1	1	0	1	0	2	0.2
Malad	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
McCall	3.6	4	0	3	0	3	0.8
Montpelier	2.5	1	0	1	0	1	0.4
Orofino	3.1	4	0	1	0	1	0.3
Parma	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Rigby	4.3	2	0	2	0	3	0.5
St. Anthony	3.6	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
St. Maries	2.4	1	0	1	0	1	0.4
Salmon	3.2	4	0	3	0	3	0.9
Shelley	4.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Soda Springs	3.0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Spirit Lake	2.5	1	0	1	0	1	0.4
Victor	2.5	2	0	0	0	0	
Wendell	2.7	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Mean Crash Rate							0.2