

## 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.

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Change 2019-2020</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2016-2019</b>
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	12,793	13,149	11,985	13,638	10,742	-21.2%	2.6%
Fatalities	83	82	75	66	78	18.2%	-7.2%
Suspected Serious Injury	612	582	516	547	481	-12.1%	-3.4%
Suspected Minor Injury	2,164	2,064	2,166	2,126	1,868	-12.1%	-0.5%
Possible Injuries	4,706	4,627	4,596	4,887	3,835	-21.5%	1.3%
<b>Number of Traffic Fatalities and Suspected Serious Injuries Involving:*</b>							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	266	259	261	258	183	-29.1%	-1.0%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	174	148	113	161	183	13.7%	1.3%
Following Too Close	93	95	71	71	72	1.4%	-7.7%
Fail to Obey Stop Sign	89	75	82	77	61	-20.8%	-4.2%
Exceeded Posted Speed	69	78	69	59	63	6.8%	-4.3%
Fail to Obey Signal	67	61	63	51	40	-21.6%	-8.2%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	4.05	3.84	3.34	3.39	3.22	-5.1%	-5.5%

*\* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash*

In 2020, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 48% of all crashes in Idaho. While 75% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 71% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 16% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 40% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 26 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 21 (or 81%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was over \$1.6 billion dollars in 2020. This represents 43% 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 4 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving crashes as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 2.2 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%	20	0.2%		14	0.3%	
15	3,447	0.3%	143	1.3%	5.0	64	1.5%	5.8
16	11,395	0.9%	396	3.6%	4.2	124	2.9%	3.4
17	16,925	1.3%	466	4.3%	3.3	153	3.6%	2.8
18	18,178	1.4%	542	4.9%	3.6	205	4.8%	3.5
19	21,264	1.6%	477	4.4%	2.7	188	4.4%	2.8
20	22,176	1.7%	442	4.0%	2.4	184	4.4%	2.6
21	20,056	1.5%	362	3.3%	2.2	132	3.1%	2.0
22	21,819	1.7%	369	3.4%	2.0	149	3.5%	2.1
23	22,182	1.7%	351	3.2%	1.9	140	3.3%	2.0
24	22,926	1.7%	303	2.8%	1.6	117	2.8%	1.6
25-34	217,998	16.6%	2,225	20.3%	1.2	842	19.9%	1.2
35-44	220,029	16.7%	1,452	13.3%	0.8	569	13.5%	0.8
45-54	194,912	14.8%	1,085	9.9%	0.7	441	10.4%	0.7
55-64	212,609	16.2%	980	8.9%	0.6	376	8.9%	0.6
65-74	184,195	14.0%	704	6.4%	0.5	289	6.8%	0.5
75+	106,289	8.1%	444	4.1%	0.5	185	4.4%	0.5
Not Stated or Other			194	1.8%		57	1.3%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,316,400</b>		<b>10,955</b>			<b>4,229</b>		

*\* 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.*