

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.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Change 2019-2020	Avg. Change 2016-2019
Total Crashes	25,328	25,851	24,031	27,015	22,528	-16.6%	2.5%
Fatal & Injury Crashes							
With EMS Response	6,476	6,024	6,213	6,272	5,598	-10.7%	-1.0%
% with EMS Response	67.7%	66.6%	66.8%	67.1%	69.0%	2.9%	-0.3%
Persons Killed or Injured in Crashes	13,917	13,214	13,535	13,555	11,669	-13.9%	-0.8%
Transported from Urban Areas	2,755	2,561	2,565	2,437	2,035	-16.5%	-4.0%
Transported from Rural Areas	2,503	2,273	2,288	2,182	2,073	-5.0%	-4.4%
Total Transported by EMS	5,258	4,834	4,853	4,619	4,108	-11.1%	-4.2%
% of Killed/Injured Transported	37.8%	36.6%	35.9%	34.1%	35.2%	3.3%	-3.4%
Trapped and Extricated	491	480	523	523	444	-15.1%	2.2%
Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported by Helicopter	178	154	155	149	166	11.4%	-5.6%

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.