

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.

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Aggressive Driving Crashes: 2017-2021							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change 2020-2021	Avg. Change 2017-2020
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	13,149	11,985	13,638	10,742	13,633	26.9%	-5.4%
Fatalities	82	75	66	78	94	20.5%	-0.8%
Suspected Serious Injury	582	516	547	481	626	30.1%	-5.8%
Suspected Minor Injury	2,064	2,166	2,126	1,868	2,391	28.0%	-3.0%
Possible Injuries	4,627	4,596	4,887	3,835	4,063	5.9%	-5.3%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Suspected Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	259	261	258	183	279	52.5%	-9.8%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	148	113	161	183	221	20.8%	10.8%
Fail to Obey Stop Sign	75	82	77	61	88	44.3%	-5.8%
Exceeded Posted Speed	78	69	59	63	87	38.1%	-6.4%
Following Too Close	95	71	71	72	79	9.7%	-8.0%
Fail to Obey Signal	61	63	51	40	51	27.5%	-12.4%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	3.84	3.34	3.39	3.22	3.73	15.8%	-5.5%

* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash

In 2021, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 49% of all crashes in Idaho. While 74% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 66% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 16% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 36% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 31 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 24 (or 77%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was nearly \$2.3 billion dollars in 2021. This represents 42% 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 4.2 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving crashes as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 2.1 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 (36%) 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%	25	0.2%		15	0.3%	
15	4,231	0.3%	239	1.7%	5.5	69	1.4%	4.5
16	12,316	0.9%	535	3.8%	4.2	178	3.6%	4.0
17	17,777	1.3%	683	4.9%	3.8	215	4.4%	3.4
18	19,292	1.4%	720	5.2%	3.6	219	4.5%	3.2
19	22,004	1.6%	607	4.3%	2.7	197	4.0%	2.5
20	22,817	1.7%	534	3.8%	2.3	175	3.6%	2.1
21	21,082	1.5%	476	3.4%	2.2	181	3.7%	2.4
22	22,908	1.7%	437	3.1%	1.9	148	3.0%	1.8
23	23,088	1.7%	388	2.8%	1.6	124	2.5%	1.5
24	23,256	1.7%	385	2.8%	1.6	134	2.7%	1.6
25-34	225,868	16.6%	2,769	19.8%	1.2	982	20.1%	1.2
35-44	228,266	16.8%	1,861	13.3%	0.8	671	13.7%	0.8
45-54	201,087	14.8%	1,347	9.7%	0.7	506	10.3%	0.7
55-64	214,008	15.7%	1,145	8.2%	0.5	430	8.8%	0.6
65-74	191,462	14.1%	889	6.4%	0.5	335	6.8%	0.5
75+	112,732	8.3%	634	4.5%	0.5	244	5.0%	0.6
Not Stated or Other			282	2.0%		71	1.5%	
TOTALS	1,362,194		13,956			4,894		

* 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.