

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.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change 2020-2021	Avg. Change 2017-2020
Total Crashes	25,851	24,031	27,015	22,528	27,547	22.3%	-3.7%
Fatal & Injury Crashes							
With EMS Response	6,024	6,213	6,272	5,598	6,254	11.7%	-2.2%
% with EMS Response	66.6%	66.8%	67.1%	69.0%	70.2%	1.7%	1.2%
Persons Killed or Injured in Crashes	13,214	13,535	13,555	11,669	12,887	10.4%	-3.8%
Transported from Urban Areas	2,561	2,565	2,437	2,035	2,252	10.7%	-7.1%
Transported from Rural Areas	2,273	2,288	2,182	2,073	2,307	11.3%	-3.0%
Total Transported by EMS	4,834	4,853	4,619	4,108	4,559	11.0%	-5.2%
% of Killed/Injured Transported	36.6%	35.9%	34.1%	35.2%	35.4%	0.5%	-1.2%
Trapped and Extricated	480	523	523	444	504	13.5%	-2.0%
Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported by Helicopter	154	155	149	166	233	40.4%	2.7%

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.