

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.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2021-2022	Avg. Change 2018-2021
Total Crashes	24,031	27,015	22,528	27,547	27,661	0.4%	6.0%
Fatal & Injury Crashes							
With EMS Response	6,213	6,272	5,598	6,254	5,981	-4.4%	0.6%
% with EMS Response	66.8%	67.1%	69.0%	70.2%	69.2%	-1.4%	1.7%
Persons Killed or Injured in Crashes	13,535	13,555	11,669	12,887	12,370	-4.0%	-1.1%
Transported from Urban Areas	2,565	2,437	2,035	2,252	2,173	-3.5%	-3.6%
Transported from Rural Areas	2,288	2,182	2,073	2,307	2,310	0.1%	0.6%
Total Transported by EMS	4,853	4,619	4,108	4,559	4,483	-1.7%	-1.6%
% of Killed/Injured Transported	35.9%	34.1%	35.2%	35.4%	36.2%	2.4%	-0.4%
Trapped and Extricated	523	523	444	504	504	0.0%	-0.5%
Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported by Helicopter	155	149	166	233	182	-21.9%	16.0%

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.