

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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change 2022-2023	Avg. Change 2019-2022
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	13,638	10,742	13,633	14,036	13,948	-0.6%	2.9%
Fatalities	66	78	94	81	103	27.2%	8.3%
Suspected Serious Injury	547	481	626	602	577	-4.2%	4.7%
Suspected Minor Injury	2,126	1,868	2,391	2,558	2,573	0.6%	7.6%
Possible Injuries	4,887	3,835	4,063	3,720	3,674	-1.2%	-8.0%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Suspected Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	258	183	279	235	268	14.0%	2.5%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	161	183	221	220	191	-13.2%	11.3%
Fail to Obey Stop Sign	77	61	88	84	73	-13.1%	6.3%
Exceeded Posted Speed	59	63	87	79	96	21.5%	11.9%
Following Too Close	71	72	79	69	59	-14.5%	-0.5%
Fail to Obey Signal	51	40	51	53	53	0.0%	3.3%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	3.34	3.39	3.22	3.57	3.46	-3.1%	2.4%

* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash

In 2023, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 50% of all crashes in Idaho. While 74% of all aggressive driving crashes occurred in urban areas, 61% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 15% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 31% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 27 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 18 (or 67%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was over \$2.6 billion dollars in 2023. This represents 44% 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 43.9 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving crashes as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 1.9 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 (34%) 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%	26	0.2%		14	0.3%	
15	4,892	0.3%	249	1.7%	5.1	77	1.6%	4.6
16	13,849	1.0%	602	4.2%	4.3	173	3.6%	3.7
17	19,405	1.4%	648	4.5%	3.3	193	4.0%	2.9
18	20,233	1.4%	679	4.7%	3.3	196	4.1%	2.9
19	23,407	1.6%	576	4.0%	2.4	207	4.3%	2.6
20	23,770	1.7%	492	3.4%	2.1	156	3.2%	1.9
21	22,041	1.5%	491	3.4%	2.2	151	3.1%	2.0
22	23,624	1.7%	410	2.9%	1.7	136	2.8%	1.7
23	24,208	1.7%	393	2.7%	1.6	114	2.4%	1.4
24	24,765	1.7%	335	2.3%	1.3	107	2.2%	1.3
25-34	234,190	16.4%	2,768	19.3%	1.2	923	19.1%	1.2
35-44	237,511	16.7%	2,091	14.6%	0.9	762	15.8%	0.9
45-54	210,073	14.8%	1,379	9.6%	0.7	476	9.9%	0.7
55-64	212,630	14.9%	1,178	8.2%	0.6	426	8.8%	0.6
65-74	199,291	14.0%	946	6.6%	0.5	342	7.1%	0.5
75+	129,775	9.1%	737	5.1%	0.6	269	5.6%	0.6
Not Stated or Other			324	2.3%		99	2.1%	
TOTALS	1,423,664		14,324			4,821		

** 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.*