

Driver Age Distribution

Table 16 shows the changes in the number of licensed drivers in Idaho since 2010.

Age	2010	2015	2020	2023	Change 2010-2020	Change 2015-2020
15* (%)	2,592 0.2%	3,443 0.3%	3,447 0.3%	4,892 0.3%	88.7%	42.1%
16-24 (%)	153,891 14.4%	160,140 14.0%	176,921 13.4%	195,302 13.7%	26.9%	22.0%
25-34 (%)	191,583 17.9%	196,056 17.1%	217,998 16.6%	234,190 16.4%	22.2%	19.5%
35-44 (%)	177,226 16.6%	186,231 16.3%	220,029 16.7%	237,511 16.7%	34.0%	27.5%
45-54 (%)	195,441 18.3%	186,222 16.3%	194,912 14.8%	210,073 14.8%	7.5%	12.8%
55-64 (%)	177,521 16.6%	195,777 17.1%	212,609 16.2%	212,630 14.9%	19.8%	8.6%
65+ (%)	171,288 16.0%	216,423 18.9%	290,484 22.1%	329,066 23.1%	92.1%	52.0%
TOTALS	1,069,542	1,144,292	1,316,400	1,423,664	33.1%	24.4%

**On September 1, 1989, legislation took effect increasing the driving age from 14 to 16 years old.
On September 1, 1991, legislation lowered the driving age from 16 to 15 years old.*

The graduated driver's license law took effect January 1, 2001. The law changed the requirements for operating a vehicle with a supervised instruction permit. These requirements must be met to obtain a class D driver's license: the permittee may not apply for a driver's license sooner than 15 years of age and no sooner than 6 months after completing a driver's training course; during the 6 month period, the permittee must accumulate 50 hours of supervised driving time with a licensed driver 21 years of age or older and 10 of the hours must be at night. All occupants of the vehicle must be properly restrained. If the permittee is convicted of any traffic violation or is found in violation of any of the restrictions of the supervised instruction permit, the permit is canceled and the 6 month period starts over from the date a supervised driving permit is reissued. The conditions of the supervised driving permit apply to everyone under 17 years of age that is attempting to obtain a driver's license. Once a class D license is obtained, driving is restricted to daylight hours for persons under 16 years of age. An amendment, taking effect July 1, 2003, allows 15 year old drivers to drive at night, as long as another licensed driver over the age of 21 is present. Another amendment, taking effect July 1, 2007, increased the number of months for the supervised driving period to 6 months and restricted the number of passengers not related to the driver to no more than one for drivers under the age of 17.

Also of note is the increase in the driving population over the age of 65 since 2010. That segment of drivers has increased from 16% of all licensed drivers in 2010 to 23% of licensed drivers in 2023. This is why we are seeing increased numbers of drivers over 65 in crashes. While being the safest drivers, there are more of them.

Driver Age and Crash Involvement

Age	Licensed Drivers		Drivers in All Crashes			Drivers in Fatal and Injury Crashes		
	Number	%	Number	%	Involvement*	Number	%	Involvement*
15	4,892	0.3%	547	1.1%	3.3	144	0.9%	2.8
16	13,849	1.0%	1,325	2.8%	2.8	382	2.5%	2.6
17	19,405	1.4%	1,569	3.3%	2.4	443	2.9%	2.1
18	20,233	1.4%	1,686	3.5%	2.5	487	3.2%	2.3
19	23,407	1.6%	1,497	3.1%	1.9	474	3.1%	1.9
20	23,770	1.7%	1,370	2.9%	1.7	394	2.6%	1.6
21	22,041	1.5%	1,298	2.7%	1.7	389	2.6%	1.7
22	23,624	1.7%	1,228	2.6%	1.5	367	2.4%	1.5
23	24,208	1.7%	1,141	2.4%	1.4	350	2.3%	1.4
24	24,765	1.7%	1,026	2.1%	1.2	312	2.1%	1.2
25-34	234,190	16.4%	9,369	19.5%	1.2	3,020	19.9%	1.2
35-44	237,511	16.7%	7,853	16.4%	1.0	2,628	17.3%	1.0
45-54	210,073	14.8%	5,964	12.4%	0.8	1,956	12.9%	0.9
55-64	212,630	14.9%	5,062	10.5%	0.7	1,674	11.0%	0.7
65-74	199,291	14.0%	3,575	7.4%	0.5	1,164	7.7%	0.5
75+	129,775	9.1%	2,063	4.3%	0.5	673	4.4%	0.5
Not Stated or Other			1,438	3.0%		336	2.2%	
TOTALS	1,423,664		48,011			15,193		

** Involvement is calculated by dividing the percent of drivers in Crashes by the percent of licensed drivers.
Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.*

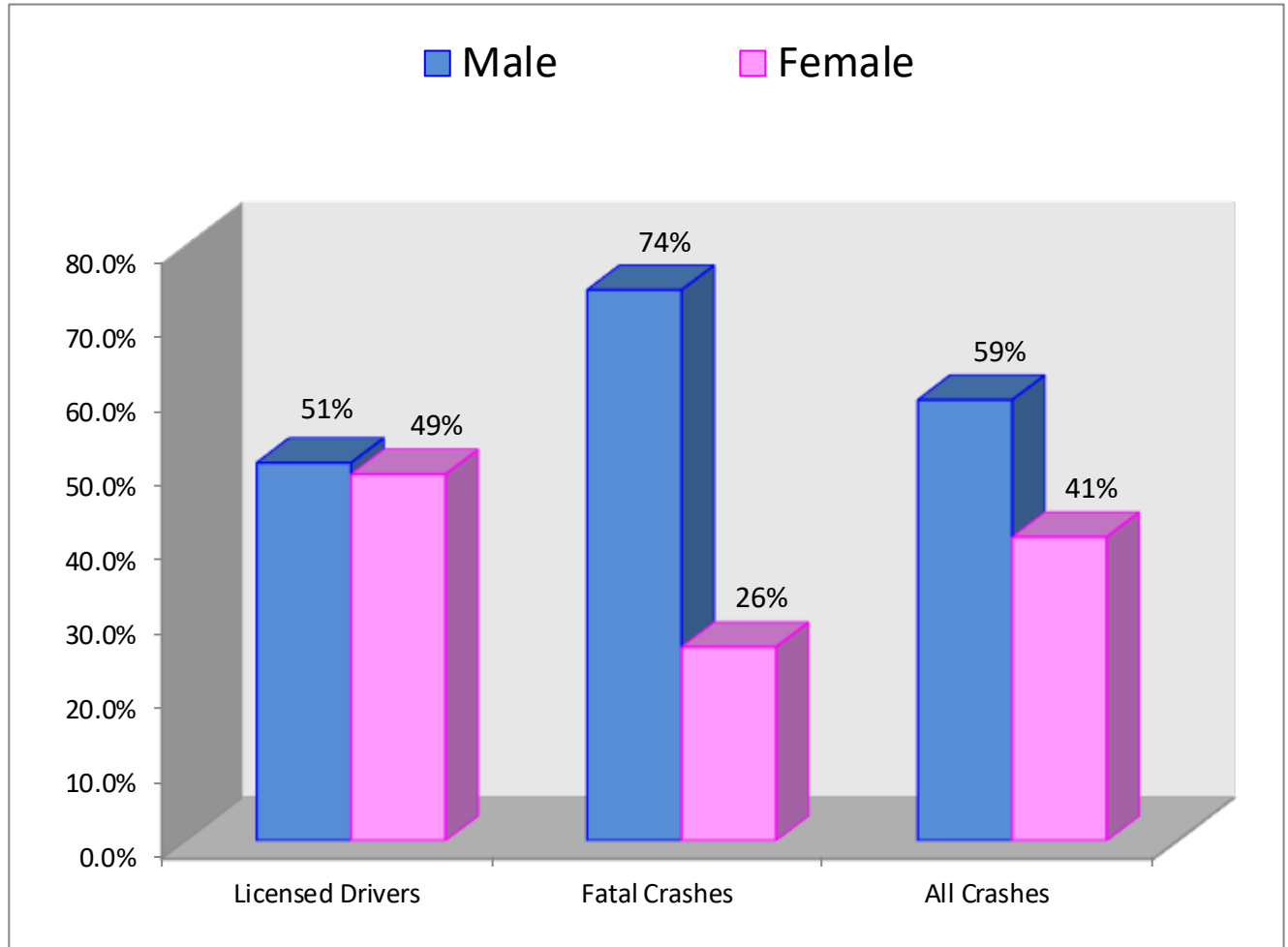
Drivers, ages 19 and under, were involved in 2.2 times as many fatal or injury traffic crashes as expected. This age group comprised 5.7% of all licensed drivers and accounted for 12.7% of drivers in fatal & injury crashes. Drivers, ages 20 to 24, were involved in 1.4 times as many fatal or injury crashes as expected. Young drivers continue to be over-involved in crashes.

Drivers 65 and older continue to be involved in half as many crashes as you would expect them to be.

Driver Gender Information

Figure 9 shows the distribution of male and female licensed drivers, the percentage of drivers involved in all crashes, and the percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes. Males comprise just over 50% of the licensed drivers, but accounted for 59% of the drivers in all crashes and 74% of the drivers in fatal crashes.

Figure 9
Comparison by Gender for Driver Licensure, and Crash Involvement: 2023



In 2023, males were 1.4 times more likely than females to be involved in any crash but were 2.8 times as likely as females to be involved in a fatal crash.

Crash Involvement by Driver Age and Gender

Figure 10 shows driver involvement by age and gender for all crashes and Figure 11 shows driver involvement by age and gender for fatal and injury crashes. Figure 11 corresponds with the involvement numbers in Table 17 and shows how the involvement numbers breakdown by gender. For example (in Figure 11), 15-year-old male drivers were involved in 2.7 times as many fatal and injury crashes as expected, while female 15-year-old drivers were involved in 2.9 times as many fatal and injury crashes as expected.

Figure 10
Involvement by Driver Age and Gender in All Crashes: 2023

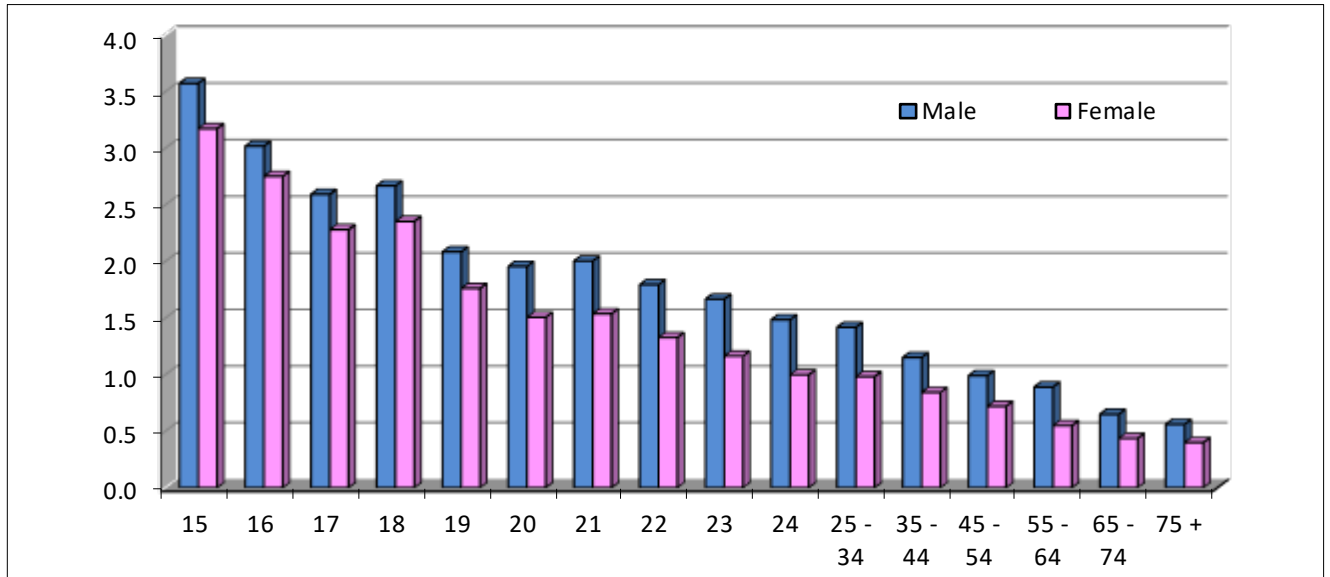
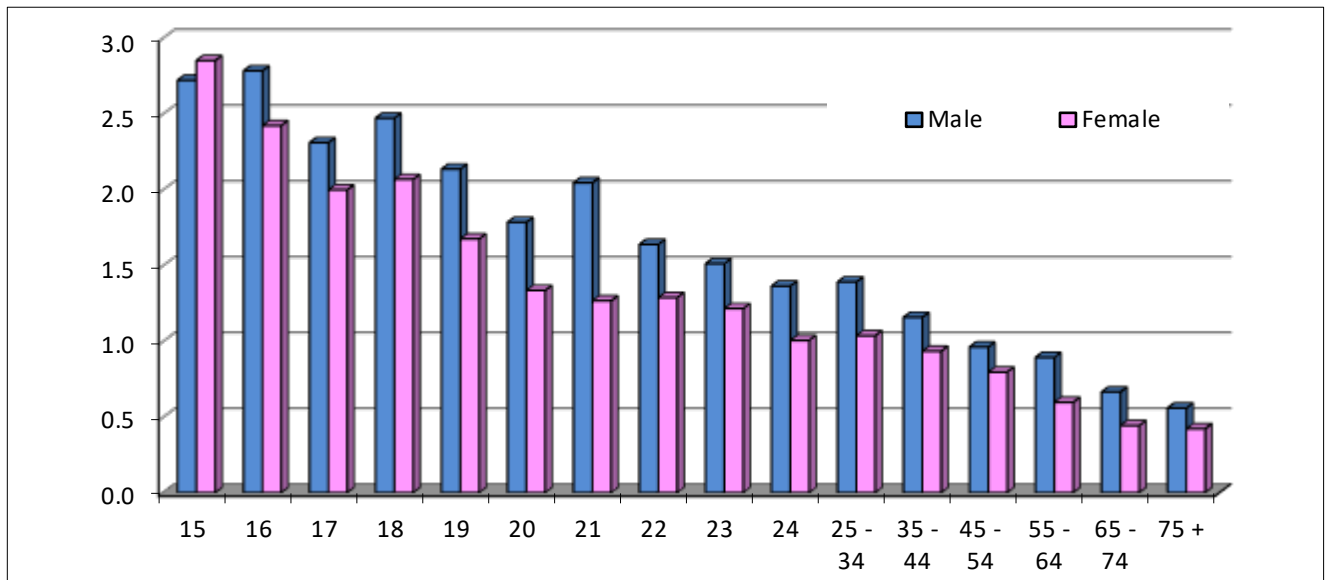


Figure 11
Involvement by Driver Age and Gender in Fatal & Injury Crashes: 2023



Traffic Violations and Driver's License Suspensions

The top ten traffic violations for which drivers were convicted in 2023 are presented in Table 18. The basic rule violations refer to Idaho Code that requires drivers to operate vehicles at a reasonable, prudent speed for the conditions and with consideration for actual and potential hazards.

Violation Type	Number	% of Total
1. Basic Rule / Speeding Violations	46,213	45.4%
2. Insurance Violations	10,519	10.3%
3. Seat Belt Violations	7,893	7.8%
4. Failure to Obey Traffic Control Devices	7,639	7.5%
5. Driving Under the Influence	6,369	6.3%
6. Texting, Inattentive, or Reckless Driving	6,174	6.1%
7. Following Too Close	3,933	3.9%
8. Failure to Yield Right of Way	2,941	2.9%
9. Lane Change Violations	2,328	2.3%
10. Driving Without Privileges - Suspended License	2,218	2.2%
All Other	5,548	5.5%
TOTAL	101,775	

Information from the driving record is provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles within the Idaho Transportation Department.

Table 19 is a breakdown by age groups for selected traffic violations. The five violations shown comprise 69% of all violations for 2023. The basic rule violations refer to Idaho Code requiring drivers to operate vehicles at a reasonable, prudent speed for the conditions and with consideration for actual and potential hazards.

Age	Licensed Drivers	Basic Rule/Speed	Fail to Stop at Stop Sign and Signals	DUI Idaho Residents	Following Too Close	Reckless or Inattentive
to 15	4,892	4.5	1.5	0.4	1.2	0.1
16-19	76,894	9.5	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.4
20-24	118,408	7.6	0.8	1.8	0.6	0.4
25-34	234,190	4.9	0.6	1.6	0.4	0.3
35-44	237,511	3.6	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.2
45-54	210,073	2.9	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.1
55-64	212,630	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1
65-74	199,291	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
75+	129,775	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Mean		3.5	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.2

Younger drivers, especially those 19 years of age and younger, had violation rates well above the mean in areas shown to be major contributing factors in crashes, i.e., speeding, inattention, following too close, and failing to stop at stop signs and signals. Drivers age 20-24 had the highest rate for DUI violations.

This information is provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles within the Idaho Transportation Department and comes directly from driver’s license records.

**Table 20
Driver's License Suspensions by Violation Type: 2023**

Violation	Number	% of All Suspensions
Failure to Maintain Insurance	14,969	36.6%
Administrative License Suspension (ALS)*	7,200	17.6%
Driving Under the Influence	7,098	17.4%
Unable to Pass DL Test or Meet Qualifications	2,983	7.3%
Family Responsibility Law	1,965	4.8%
Points	1,016	2.5%
Reckless/Inattentive Driving	1,153	2.8%
Refused Evidentiary BAC Test	617	1.5%
Driving Without Privileges	454	1.1%
Unsatisfied Judgement	367	0.9%
Fleeing or Evading Police	295	0.7%
Failure to Pay Fine	39	0.1%
All Others	2,705	6.6%
TOTALS	40,861	100.0%

**On July 1, 1994, legislation took effect creating the Administrative License Suspension (ALS) Program to suspend licenses of drivers who fail or refuse to submit to evidentiary testing for DUI. The ALS Program was placed in moratorium on March 17, 1995. The law was reinstated January 1, 1998.*

The two largest categories of driver's license suspensions are failure to maintain insurance and administrative license suspension. These two suspensions accounted for 54% of all license suspensions. Driving under the influence accounted for 17% of all license suspensions.

The Division of Motor Vehicles of the Idaho Transportation Department provides the information concerning driver's license suspensions.