

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.

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Emergency Medical Services Response to Crashes: 2019-2023							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change 2022-2023	Avg. Change 2019-2022
Total Crashes	27,015	22,528	27,547	27,661	27,679	0.1%	2.0%
Fatal & Injury Crashes							
With EMS Response	6,272	5,598	6,254	5,981	6,034	0.9%	-1.1%
% with EMS Response	67.1%	69.0%	70.2%	69.2%	71.0%	2.5%	1.1%
Persons Killed or Injured in Crashes	13,555	11,669	12,887	12,370	12,134	-1.9%	-2.5%
Transported from Urban Areas	2,437	2,035	2,252	2,173	2,306	6.1%	-3.1%
Transported from Rural Areas	2,182	2,073	2,307	2,310	2,138	-7.4%	2.1%
Total Transported by EMS	4,619	4,108	4,559	4,483	4,444	-0.9%	-0.6%
% of Killed/Injured Transported	34.1%	35.2%	35.4%	36.2%	36.6%	1.1%	2.1%
Trapped and Extricated	523	444	504	504	501	-0.6%	-0.5%
Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported by Helicopter	149	166	233	182	184	1.1%	10.0%

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.