

## Executive Summary

A summary of findings for 2023 are listed below:

- The number of motor vehicle crashes increased by 0.1 percent, from 27,661 in 2022 to 27,679 in 2023. The number of fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes increased from 215 in 2022 to 275 in 2023, a 28 percent increase. The number of fatal crashes increased from 194 in 2022 to 242 in 2023. The number of suspected serious injuries decreased from 1,336 in 2022 to 1,228 in 2023, an 8 percent decrease.
- Idaho's fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.40 in 2023, up from 1.12 in 2022.
- While 66 percent of all motor vehicle crashes occurred on urban roadways, 69 percent of the fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred on rural roadways in 2023.
- Fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes decreased in 2023 by 5 percent and 38 percent of all fatalities resulted from impaired driving. Of the 105 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 90 (86 percent) were either the impaired driver, a person riding with an impaired driver, or an impaired pedestrian.
- Idaho's observed seat belt was 87.5 percent in 2023, down, just slightly from 87.6% in 2022. Only 42 percent of the motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes were wearing seat belts. If everyone had been wearing seat belts, 43 of the 85 unbelted motor vehicle occupants killed, may have been survived.
- Aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 50 percent of motor vehicle crashes and 103 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes in 2023.
- Distracted driving was a factor in 17 percent of the motor vehicle crashes in 2023 and 48 people were killed in distracted driving crashes, with failing to yield being the largest contributing circumstance to the aggressive fatal crashes.
- Youthful drivers, ages 15 to 19, continue to be over-involved in motor vehicle crashes. In 2023, youthful drivers were 2.4 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a fatal or injury crash. There were 40 people killed in crashes involving youthful drivers in 2022.
- The number of motorcyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes increased to 39 in 2023. Almost half (44 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes in 2023 involved just the motorcycle and just over a fifth (21 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes involved an impaired motorcycle driver.
- There were 31 pedestrians and 8 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2023, roughly a 100% increase for both.
- Fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles increased from 27 in 2022 to 46 in 2023. The number of injury crashes involving commercial motor vehicles decreased by 9 percent. There were 59 people killed and 1,066 people injured in commercial motor vehicle crashes in 2023.

# Idaho's Traffic Crash Clock: 2023

