

Impaired Driving

An impaired driving crash is identified by information provided on the crash report. A law enforcement officer determines whether the driver was alcohol or drug impaired or whether alcohol or drugs contributed to the crash, regardless of whether a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) test was given or not. Crashes where a sober driver collided with an impaired pedestrian or bicyclist are also included.

Table 21							
Impaired Driving Crashes: 2019-2023							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change 2022-2023	Avg. Change 2019-2022
Impaired Driving Crashes	1,501	1,513	1,729	1,799	1,708	-5.1%	6.4%
Fatalities	99	92	108	110	105	-4.5%	4.1%
Suspected Serious Injury	217	234	272	291	246	-15.5%	10.4%
Suspected Minor Injury	329	385	437	455	487	7.0%	11.5%
Possible Injuries	525	548	496	551	445	-19.2%	2.0%
Impaired Driving Crashes as a % of All Crashes	5.6%	6.7%	6.3%	6.5%	6.2%	-5.1%	6.0%
Impaired Driving Fatalities as a % of All Fatalities	44.2%	43.0%	39.9%	51.2%	38.2%	-25.4%	6.1%
Impaired Driving Injuries as a % of All Injuries	8.0%	10.2%	9.6%	10.7%	9.9%	-6.9%	10.8%
All Fatal and Injury Crashes	9,354	8,110	8,909	8,637	8,503	-1.6%	-2.2%
Impaired Fatal/Injury Crashes	789	831	904	947	906	-4.3%	6.3%
% Impaired Driving	8.4%	10.2%	10.1%	11.0%	10.7%	-2.8%	9.5%
Impaired Driving Fatality and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Of Travel	1.75	1.88	1.97	2.09	1.78	-14.8%	6.2%
Annual DUI Arrests by Agency*							
Idaho State Police	1,555	1,410	1,498	1,378	1,205	-12.6%	-3.7%
Local Agencies	6,529	5,509	5,904	6,350	6,440	1.4%	-0.3%
Total Arrests	8,084	6,919	7,402	7,728	7,645	-1.1%	-1.0%
DUI Enforcement Rate**	0.63	0.53	0.55	0.56	0.54	-3.5%	-3.6%

*Source: Idaho State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification

**DUI Arrests per 100 Licensed Drivers per Year.

In 2023, impaired driving crashes decreased by 5%, and fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes decreased by almost 5%. Eleven percent of all fatal and injury crashes involved an impaired driver, an impaired pedestrian, or an impaired bicyclist. In 2023, 38% of all fatalities were the result of an impaired driving crash. Only 29% of the passenger motor vehicle occupants killed in impaired driving crashes were wearing a seatbelt.

Table 21 also presents a five-year summary of annual DUI arrests by the Idaho State Police (ISP) and local agencies. Local agency DUI arrests increased in 2023 while ISP DUI arrests decreased in 2023. Overall, DUI arrests decreased by 1.1% from 2022 levels.

Economic Costs of Impaired Driving Crashes

Table 22 contains the estimated economic costs for impaired driving-related motor vehicle crashes in 2023. The estimated cost of Idaho impaired driving crashes in 2023 was more than \$1.67 billion dollars. This estimate represents 28% of the total cost of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Incident Description	Total Occurrences	Cost Per Occurrence	Cost Per Category
Fatalities	105	\$13,200,000	\$1,386,000,000
Suspected Serious Injury	246	\$631,290	\$155,297,437
Suspected Minor Injury	487	\$171,944	\$83,736,531
Possible Injuries	445	\$87,800	\$39,070,970
No Injuries	1,908	\$4,448	\$8,486,540
Total Estimate of Economic Cost			\$1,672,591,478

Victims of Fatal Crashes Involving Impaired Drivers

Impaired Status*	Passenger Vehicles		Commercial Vehicle	Motorcycle	Pedestrian	ATV	Other
	Driver	Passenger	Driver	Driver		Driver	Driver
Impaired	46	19	4	8	11	1	1
Not Impaired	8	2	0	2	3	0	0

* For drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians, impaired status implies whether the person killed was impaired or not.
For passengers, it implies whether the passenger killed was riding with an impaired driver.

Of the 105 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 90 (or 86%) were impaired drivers, impaired pedestrians, or passengers of a motor vehicle riding with an impaired driver.

Impaired Driving by Age

Table 24 shows the number and percent of licensed drivers, DUI arrests, and impaired drivers in crashes by age. Drivers, ages 21 to 25, were the most over-represented in impaired driving crashes in 2023. They are involved in 2.3 times as many impaired driving crashes as you would expect them to be. Drivers, ages 26 to 30 years-old, were the next most over-represented ages. They are involved in 1.8 times as many impaired driving crashes as you would expect them to be. In 2023, 11% of the impaired drivers involved in crashes were under 21 years of age.

Age	Licensed Drivers		Impaired Drivers in Crashes		Crash Involvement
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
0 to 15	4,892	0.3%	4	0.2%	0.69
16-20	100,664	7.1%	181	10.8%	1.52
21-25	117,093	8.2%	315	18.7%	2.28
26-30	116,010	8.1%	248	14.7%	1.81
31-35	119,421	8.4%	225	13.4%	1.59
36-40	118,197	8.3%	187	11.1%	1.34
41-45	118,350	8.3%	127	7.6%	0.91
46-50	104,169	7.3%	84	5.0%	0.68
51-55	103,363	7.3%	116	6.9%	0.95
56-60	102,040	7.2%	70	4.2%	0.58
61-65	112,550	7.9%	43	2.6%	0.32
66 +	306,915	21.6%	63	3.7%	0.17
Missing or Unknown			19	1.1%	
TOTALS	1,423,664		1,682		

Males comprised 74% of the drivers involved in impaired driving crashes in 2023.

Impaired Driving by Counties and Cities

Table 25 presents information on impaired driving crashes for Idaho counties by population groupings. Population numbers are based on 2023 U.S. Census estimates for counties.

Table 25							
Impaired Driving Crashes by County: 2023							
	2023 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
50,000 and over							
Ada	524.673	422	16	190	16	262	0.4
Bannock	90.400	93	4	45	4	68	0.5
Bingham	50.395	57	4	30	6	42	0.7
Bonner	52.547	38	1	20	1	22	0.4
Bonneville	131.366	81	10	44	12	69	0.4
Canyon	257.674	228	7	109	7	168	0.5
Kootenai	185.010	161	7	62	7	93	0.4
Madison	54.547	11	0	6	0	11	0.1
Twin Falls	95.156	123	6	49	6	76	0.6
Mean Crash Rate							0.4
20,000 - 49,999							
Blaine	25.041	26	2	8	2	19	0.4
Cassia	25.696	38	4	18	4	28	0.9
Elmore	29.724	30	3	13	5	17	0.5
Gem	21.071	17	1	10	1	12	0.5
Jefferson	34.198	10	1	6	1	8	0.2
Jerome	25.479	49	8	23	12	37	1.2
Latah	41.301	20	1	12	1	13	0.3
Minidoka	22.480	28	3	16	3	23	0.8
Nez Perce	42.987	49	4	26	4	43	0.7
Payette	27.279	26	2	14	2	20	0.6
Mean Crash Rate							0.5
10,000 - 19,999							
Benewah	10.369	11	0	8	0	12	0.8
Boundary	13.557	14	0	7	0	8	0.5
Franklin	15.494	3	1	1	1	6	0.1
Fremont	14.196	14	0	6	0	6	0.4
Gooding	16.061	13	1	8	1	9	0.6
Idaho	17.890	17	0	13	0	14	0.7
Owyhee	12.722	13	0	7	0	7	0.6
Shoshone	14.026	18	0	13	0	14	0.9
Teton	12.549	5	0	0	0	0	0.0
Valley	12.644	14	2	8	2	11	0.8
Washington	11.425	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
Mean Crash Rate							0.5

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	2023 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
5,000 - 9,999							
Bear Lake	6.766	6	0	4	0	6	0.6
Boise	8.517	21	1	15	1	21	1.9
Caribou	7.219	2	0	1	0	1	0.1
Clearwater	9.214	7	2	4	2	7	0.7
Lemhi	8.441	10	1	3	1	5	0.5
Lincoln	5.450	8	2	2	2	9	0.7
Power	8.253	6	0	2	0	2	0.2
Mean Crash Rate							0.7
0 - 4,999							
Adams	4.903	2	0	2	0	3	0.4
Butte	2.758	2	0	1	0	1	0.4
Camas	1.232	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clark	0.801	1	0	1	0	1	1.2
Custer	4.523	1	1	0	1	0	0.2
Lewis	3.739	2	0	1	0	1	0.3
Oneida	4.953	8	0	3	0	3	0.6
Mean Crash Rate							0.4
Statewide Totals	1,964.7	1,708	95	811	105	1,178	0.5

Table 26 presents information on impaired driving crashes for cities with populations exceeding 2,000 people by population groupings. Population figures are from the U. S. Census Bureau's estimates for cities for 2023.

Table 26
Impaired Driving Crashes by City: 2023

	2023 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
40,000 and over							
Boise	235.4	207	8	90	8	117	0.4
Caldwell	68.3	69	2	32	2	49	0.5
Coeur d'Alene	56.9	52	0	19	0	32	0.3
Idaho Falls	68.0	37	3	24	4	34	0.4
Meridian	134.8	109	1	56	1	87	0.4
Nampa	114.3	93	3	42	3	64	0.4
Pocatello	58.1	66	1	32	1	49	0.6
Post Falls	44.8	32	2	15	2	21	0.4
Rexburg	40.0	9	0	4	0	4	0.1
Twin Falls	54.9	40	1	13	1	16	0.3
Mean Crash Rate							0.4

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	2023 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
15,000 - 39,999							
Ammon	19.6	2	0	1	0	2	0.1
Chubbuck	16.4	9	1	7	1	8	0.5
Eagle	32.3	21	2	10	2	12	0.4
Hayden	16.4	11	2	1	2	1	0.2
Kuna	28.1	18	0	8	0	8	0.3
Lewiston	34.8	24	1	9	1	14	0.3
Moscow	26.4	9	0	4	0	4	0.2
Mountain Home	16.7	10	0	3	0	3	0.2
Star	16.3	4	0	1	0	1	0.1
Mean Crash Rate							0.1
5,000 - 14,999							
Blackfoot	13.0	18	1	9	2	14	0.8
Burley	12.1	16	0	6	0	9	0.5
Emmett	8.5	4	0	2	0	2	0.2
Fruitland	6.9	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Garden City	12.8	7	0	1	0	2	0.1
Hailey	9.8	5	0	3	0	6	0.3
Jerome	13.1	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Kimberly	5.4	1	0	1	0	2	0.2
Middleton	11.0	3	0	1	0	1	0.1
Payette	8.6	3	1	2	1	2	0.3
Preston	6.1	2	0	1	0	2	0.2
Rathdrum	11.6	2	0	1	0	1	0.1
Rigby	5.6	2	0	1	0	1	0.2
Rupert	6.3	2	0	2	0	3	0.3
Sandpoint	10.0	4	0	2	0	2	0.2
Shelley	5.2	2	0	2	0	2	0.4
Weiser	6.1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Mean Crash Rate							0.2

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	2023 Population (in 1,000s)	Number of Crashes			Number of Persons		Impaired Driving Fatal and Injury Crash Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	
2,000 - 4,999							
American Falls	4.8	4	0	1	0	1	0.2
Bellevue	2.6	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Bonnars Ferry	2.7	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
Buhl	4.7	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dalton Gardens	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Driggs	2.3	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
Filer	3.0	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
Gooding	3.8	3	0	2	0	2	0.5
Grangeville	3.6	1	0	1	0	1	0.3
Heyburn	3.7	7	1	4	1	7	1.3
Homedale	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Iona	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Kellogg	2.5	2	0	1	0	1	0.4
Ketchum	3.6	3	0	1	0	1	0.3
Malad	2.3	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
McCall	4.1	3	1	1	1	4	0.5
Montpelier	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Orofino	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Parma	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
St. Anthony	4.0	3	0	2	0	2	0.5
St. Maries	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Salmon	3.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Soda Springs	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Spirit Lake	2.5	1	0	1	0	1	0.4
Sugar City	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Victor	2.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Wendell	3.0	1	0	1	0	1	0.3
Mean Crash Rate							0.2