

## Crashes by Roadway Classification

Table 9 compares the number of fatal, injury, and total crashes by urban and rural classification. Urban roadways are defined as those within the city limits of cities with 5,000 people or more. Urban roadways tend to carry higher volumes of traffic at lower speeds, while rural roads carry lower traffic volumes at higher speeds.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Change 2022-2023</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2019-2022</b>
Fatal Crashes	201	188	246	194	242	24.7%	1.1%
Urban	52	44	78	49	76	55.1%	8.2%
Rural	149	144	168	145	166	14.5%	-0.1%
Injury Crashes:	9,153	7,922	8,665	8,443	8,261	-2.2%	-2.2%
Urban	6,285	5,124	5,582	5,342	5,376	0.6%	-4.6%
Rural	2,868	2,798	3,083	3,101	2,885	-7.0%	2.8%
Total Crashes:	27,015	22,528	27,549	27,661	27,679	0.1%	2.0%
Urban	18,478	14,653	17,877	17,770	18,195	2.4%	0.2%
Rural	8,537	7,875	9,672	9,891	9,484	-4.1%	5.8%

In 2023, 69% of fatal crashes occurred on rural roads, whereas 34% of all crashes occurred on rural roads. In Idaho in 2023, 85% of the total road mileage was classified as rural roadway. Rural roads tend to have higher speed limits. Crashes at higher impact speeds have a greater probability of resulting in a fatality.<sup>3</sup>

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Fatal Crash Rate	1.21	1.11	1.08	1.27	1.23	-3.5%	2.2%
Urban Fatal Crash Rate	0.78	0.65	0.60	0.96	0.92	-4.7%	12.1%
Rural Fatal Crash Rate	1.53	1.47	1.44	1.50	1.45	-2.9%	-0.7%
Injury Crash Rate	51.29	50.69	45.64	44.88	41.98	-6.5%	-4.3%
Urban Injury Crash Rate	81.26	79.07	69.54	69.05	65.07	-5.8%	-5.1%
Rural Injury Crash Rate	29.13	28.37	28.01	27.47	25.27	-8.0%	-1.9%
Total Crash Rate	135.70	149.60	129.78	142.67	140.64	-1.4%	2.3%
Urban Total Crash Rate	215.39	232.47	198.86	221.14	220.23	-0.4%	1.6%
Rural Total Crash Rate	76.76	84.45	78.83	86.15	83.06	-3.6%	4.2%

Table 11 shows the number of crashes and crash rates on local and state system roadways (both interstate and non-interstate) for 2019-2023, and the number of crashes and crash rates statewide. Crash rates are lower than the statewide fatality and injury rates shown in Table 2 because multiple fatalities or injuries may result from a single crash.

<b>Table 11</b>							
<b>Crash Rates for Local and State System Roadways: 2019-2023</b>							
<b>Roadway Information</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Change 2022-2023</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2019-2022</b>
<b>Local Roads:</b>							
VMT (100 millions)	79.4	76.4	83.9	83.6	88.8	6.3%	1.9%
Fatal Crashes	82	75	94	75	99	32.0%	-1.1%
Injury Crashes	5,372	4,548	4,859	4,770	4,670	-2.1%	-3.4%
Total Crashes	16,083	12,632	15,414	15,422	15,702	1.8%	0.2%
Fatal Crash Rate	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.1	24.2%	-3.6%
Injury Crash Rate	67.7	59.5	57.9	57.1	52.6	-7.9%	-5.4%
Total Crash Rate	202.6	165.3	183.7	184.5	176.8	-4.2%	-2.3%
<b>U.S. and State Highways:</b>							
VMT (100 millions)	56.0	55.1	61.2	60.0	60.0	0.0%	2.5%
Fatal Crashes	88	91	115	90	111	23.3%	2.7%
Injury Crashes	2,727	2,530	2,715	2,720	2,720	0.0%	0.1%
Total Crashes	7,813	7,216	8,697	8,769	8,669	-1.1%	4.6%
Fatal Crash Rate	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.9	23.3%	-0.4%
Injury Crash Rate	48.7	45.9	44.4	45.4	45.4	0.0%	-2.3%
Total Crash Rate	139.4	130.9	142.2	146.3	144.6	-1.1%	1.8%
<b>Interstate Highways:</b>							
VMT (100 millions)	45.2	42.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	0.0%	2.4%
Fatal Crashes	31	22	37	29	32	10.3%	5.8%
Injury Crashes	1,054	844	1,091	953	871	-8.6%	-1.1%
Total Crashes	3,119	2,680	3,436	3,470	3,308	-4.7%	5.0%
Fatal Crash Rate	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7	10.3%	0.6%
Injury Crash Rate	23.3	20.1	22.7	19.8	18.1	-8.6%	-4.5%
Total Crash Rate	69.1	63.8	71.6	72.3	68.9	-4.7%	1.8%
<b>Statewide Totals:</b>							
VMT (100 millions)	180.6	173.6	193.1	191.5	196.8	2.7%	2.2%
Fatal Crashes	201	188	246	194	242	24.7%	1.1%
Injury Crashes	9,153	7,922	8,665	8,443	8,261	-2.2%	-2.2%
Total Crashes	27,015	22,528	27,549	27,661	27,679	0.1%	2.0%
Fatal Crash Rate	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.2	21.4%	-1.9%
Injury Crash Rate	50.7	45.6	44.9	44.1	42.0	-4.8%	-4.5%
Total Crash Rate	149.6	129.8	142.7	144.4	140.6	-2.6%	-0.7%