

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: 2020-2024							
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Change 2023-2024	Avg. Change 2020-2023
Impaired Driving Crashes	1,513	1,729	1,799	1,708	1,665	-2.5%	4.4%
Fatalities	92	108	110	105	86	-18.1%	4.9%
Suspected Serious Injuries	234	272	291	246	241	-2.0%	2.6%
Suspected Minor Injuries	385	437	455	487	467	-4.1%	8.2%
Possible Injuries	548	496	551	445	450	1.1%	-5.9%
Impaired Driving Crashes as a % of All Crashes	6.7%	6.3%	6.5%	6.2%	5.9%	-4.2%	-2.7%
Impaired Driving Fatalities as a % of All Fatalities	43.0%	39.9%	51.2%	38.2%	36.1%	-5.4%	-1.4%
Impaired Driving Injuries as a % of All Injuries	10.2%	9.6%	10.7%	9.9%	9.7%	-2.0%	-0.5%
All Fatal and Injury Crashes	8,110	8,909	8,637	8,503	8,596	1.1%	1.7%
Impaired Fatal/Injury Crashes	831	904	947	906	875	-3.4%	3.1%
% Impaired Driving	10.2%	10.1%	11.0%	10.7%	10.2%	-4.5%	1.4%
Impaired Driving Fatality and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Of Travel	1.88	1.97	2.09	1.78	1.63	-8.5%	-1.2%
Annual DUI Arrests by Agency*							
Idaho State Police	1,410	1,498	1,378	1,205	1,175	-2.5%	-4.8%
Local Agencies	5,509	5,904	6,350	6,440	6,303	-2.1%	5.4%
Total Arrests	6,919	7,402	7,728	7,645	7,478	-2.2%	3.4%
DUI Enforcement Rate**	0.53	0.55	0.56	0.54	0.52	-3.1%	0.7%

*Source: Idaho State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification

**DUI Arrests per 100 Licensed Drivers per Year.

In 2024, impaired driving crashes decreased by 3%, and fatalities resulting from impaired driving crashes decreased by 18%. Ten percent of all fatal and injury crashes involved an impaired driver, an impaired pedestrian, or an impaired bicyclist. In 2024, 36% of all fatalities were the result of an impaired driving crash.

Only 30% 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. Overall, DUI arrests decreased by 2.5% from 2023 levels.

Economic Costs of Impaired Driving Crashes

Table 22 contains the estimated economic costs for impaired driving-related motor vehicle crashes in 2024. The estimated cost of Idaho impaired driving crashes in 2024 was nearly \$1.5 billion dollars. This estimate represents 26% of the total cost of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Table 22 Economic Costs of Impaired Driving Crashes: 2024 Estimates			
Incident Description	Total Occurrences	Cost Per Occurrence	Cost Per Category
Fatalities	86	\$13,700,000	\$1,178,200,000
Suspected Serious Injuries	241	\$655,203	\$157,903,902
Suspected Minor Injuries	467	\$178,457	\$83,339,237
Possible Injuries	450	\$91,126	\$41,006,559
No Injuries	2,041	\$4,616	\$9,421,974
Total Estimate of Economic Cost			\$1,469,871,672

Victims of Fatal Crashes Involving Impaired Drivers

Table 23 Persons Killed in Impaired Driving Crashes: 2024 by Vehicle Type, Seating Position, and Impaired Status									
Impaired Status*	Passenger Vehicles		Commercial Vehicle	Motorcycle		Pedestrian	Bicyclist	ATV	
	Driver	Passenger	Driver	Driver	Passenger			Driver	Passenger
Impaired	48	4	1	16	1	7	0	2	1
Not Impaired	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	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 86 people killed in impaired driving crashes, 80 (or 93%) 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 percentage 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 2024. They are involved in 2.1 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 1.7 times as many impaired driving crashes as you would expect them to be. In 2024, 11% of the impaired drivers involved in crashes were under 21 years of age.

Table 24 Impaired Driving Crashes and Involvement by Driver Age: 2024							
Age	Licensed Drivers		DUI Arrests		Impaired Drivers in Crashes		Crash
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Involvement
0 to 15	5,072	0.4%	9	0.1%	3	0.2%	0.51
16-20	103,872	7.2%	615	8.2%	179	10.8%	1.50
21-25	120,665	8.4%	1,257	16.8%	294	17.7%	2.11
26-30	117,967	8.2%	1,106	14.8%	230	13.9%	1.69
31-35	121,449	8.4%	1,095	14.6%	200	12.1%	1.43
36-40	120,048	8.4%	874	11.7%	181	10.9%	1.31
41-45	120,733	8.4%	700	9.4%	136	8.2%	0.98
46-50	107,820	7.5%	551	7.4%	98	5.9%	0.79
51-55	103,053	7.2%	412	5.5%	81	4.9%	0.68
56-60	100,317	7.0%	292	3.9%	85	5.1%	0.74
61-65	110,902	7.7%	277	3.7%	66	4.0%	0.52
66 +	305,671	21.3%	290	3.9%	76	4.6%	0.22
Missing or Unknown				0.0%	28	1.7%	
TOTALS	1,437,569		7,478		1,657		

Males comprised 73% of the drivers involved in impaired driving crashes in 2024.

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 2024 U.S. Census estimates for counties.

Table 25 Impaired Driving Crashes by County: 2024							
	2024 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	535.799	376	14	167	14	245	0.3
Bannock	91.010	82	3	36	3	45	0.4
Bingham	50.889	40	1	17	1	23	0.4
Bonner	53.955	55	2	30	2	49	0.6
Bonneville	133.644	71	8	35	10	59	0.3
Canyon	266.892	269	8	130	8	201	0.5
Kootenai	188.323	141	5	60	5	78	0.3
Madison	55.549	18	0	12	0	18	0.2
Twin Falls	96.509	89	1	49	1	64	0.5
Mean Crash Rate							0.4
20,000 - 49,999							
Blaine	25.261	16	0	8	0	11	0.3
Cassia	25.976	42	5	17	6	24	0.8
Elmore	29.729	27	0	15	0	18	0.5
Gem	21.857	7	0	3	0	3	0.1
Jefferson	34.854	7	0	6	0	13	0.2
Jerome	26.056	39	2	20	2	32	0.8
Latah	42.180	16	1	10	1	12	0.3
Minidoka	22.691	23	0	13	0	17	0.6
Nez Perce	42.847	61	2	21	2	28	0.5
Payette	27.662	29	3	15	3	28	0.7
Mean Crash Rate							0.4
10,000 - 19,999							
Benewah	10.529	15	1	9	1	13	0.9
Boundary	14.040	9	0	4	0	6	0.3
Franklin	15.638	9	2	3	2	5	0.3
Fremont	14.399	12	0	6	0	9	0.4
Gooding	16.189	17	1	12	1	17	0.8
Idaho	17.912	31	4	14	6	19	1.0
Owyhee	12.748	8	1	4	1	8	0.4
Shoshone	14.074	22	3	13	3	19	1.1
Teton	12.932	10	0	4	0	5	0.3
Valley	12.777	35	4	14	4	19	1.4
Washington	11.539	10	0	4	0	7	0.3
Mean Crash Rate							0.7

Table 25 (Continued) Impaired Driving Crashes by County: 2024							
	2024 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	6.779	4	1	1	1	2	0.3
Boise	8.581	17	2	11	2	15	1.5
Caribou	7.239	7	0	3	0	3	0.4
Clearwater	9.151	6	0	5	0	6	0.5
Lemhi	8.397	12	0	8	0	11	1.0
Lincoln	5.556	7	1	4	2	5	0.9
Power	8.381	9	1	3	1	8	0.5
Mean Crash Rate							0.7
0 - 4,999							
Adams	4.998	2	1	0	1	0	0.2
Butte	2.735	3	0	1	0	1	0.4
Camas	1.247	1	0	1	0	1	0.8
Clark	0.794	1	0	1	0	1	1.3
Custer	4.597	3	1	2	1	3	0.7
Lewis	3.728	3	1	2	1	3	0.8
Oneida	4.976	4	1	2	1	4	0.6
Mean Crash Rate							0.6
Statewide Totals	2,001.6	1,665	80	795	86	1,158	0.4

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 2024.

Table 26 Impaired Driving Crashes by City: 2024							
	2024 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	238.0	171	5	70	5	101	0.3
Caldwell	73.1	71	2	35	2	50	0.5
Coeur d'Alene	57.4	40	0	16	0	19	0.3
Idaho Falls	69.5	21	1	10	2	21	0.2
Meridian	139.7	95	2	47	2	67	0.4
Nampa	117.4	132	5	56	5	81	0.5
Pocatello	58.2	51	1	16	1	19	0.3
Post Falls	45.8	23	0	11	0	13	0.2
Rexburg	40.7	7	0	5	0	8	0.1
Twin Falls	55.6	51	0	22	0	26	0.4
Mean Crash Rate							0.4

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	2024 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	20.1	6	0	2	0	2	0.1
Chubbuck	16.6	14	0	11	0	15	0.7
Eagle	33.5	20	0	9	0	15	0.3
Hayden	16.9	12	0	5	0	5	0.3
Kuna	29.1	11	1	5	1	5	0.2
Lewiston	34.7	31	0	11	0	16	0.3
Moscow	26.9	7	0	5	0	6	0.2
Mountain Home	16.9	8	0	1	0	1	0.1
Star	18.2	9	1	3	1	9	0.2
Mean Crash Rate							0.1
5,000 - 14,999							
Blackfoot	13.2	11	0	5	0	7	0.4
Burley	12.2	23	0	8	0	14	0.7
Emmett	8.8	2	0	1	0	1	0.1
Fruitland	7.1	5	1	3	1	6	0.6
Garden City	12.9	13	1	6	1	13	0.5
Hailey	10.0	4	0	1	0	3	0.1
Jerome	13.5	9	0	0	0	0	0.0
Kimberly	5.6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Middleton	11.7	5	1	2	1	7	0.3
Payette	8.8	6	0	2	0	2	0.2
Preston	6.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Rathdrum	12.6	3	1	0	1	0	0.1
Rigby	5.7	1	0	1	0	1	0.2
Rupert	6.3	3	0	1	0	1	0.2
Sandpoint	10.4	3	0	1	0	1	0.1
Shelley	5.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Weiser	6.1	2	0	1	0	1	0.2
Mean Crash Rate							0.2

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	2024 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	4.9	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Bellevue	2.6	2	0	2	0	2	0.8
Bonnars Ferry	2.8	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Buhl	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dalton Gardens	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Driggs	2.3	1	0	1	0	2	0.4
Filer	3.0	2	0	1	0	1	0.3
Gooding	3.8	3	0	3	0	3	0.8
Grangeville	3.6	1	0	1	0	1	0.3
Heyburn	3.7	4	0	2	0	3	0.5
Homedale	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Iona	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Kellogg	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Ketchum	3.6	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Malad	2.3	2	0	1	0	2	0.4
McCall	4.1	3	0	3	0	4	0.7
Montpelier	2.7	2	0	1	0	1	0.4
Orofino	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Parma	2.2	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Ponderay	2.0	1	0	1	0	1	0.5
St. Anthony	3.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
St. Maries	4.1	2	0	1	0	1	0.2
Salmon	2.5	3	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	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Victor	2.4	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Wendell	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Mean Crash Rate							0.2