

Aggressive Driving

Aggressive driving behaviors include: failure to yield right of way, fail to obey stop sign, exceeded posted speed, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, and fail to obey signal. Aggressive driving is not to be confused with road rage, which is a deliberate and violent act against another driver or individual and is a criminal offense.

An officer may indicate up to three contributing circumstances for each vehicle in a crash. Thus the total number of fatalities and injuries attributed to these behaviors in the top portion of the table do not equal the sum of the fatalities and injuries attributed to individual behaviors in the bottom of the table.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change 2016-2017	Avg. Change 2013-2016
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	12,522	12,366	12,383	12,793	13,149	2.8%	0.7%
Fatalities	84	72	77	83	82	-1.2%	0.2%
Serious Injuries	635	649	637	612	582	-4.9%	-1.2%
Visible Injuries	2,109	2,077	2,282	2,164	2,064	-4.6%	1.1%
Possible Injuries	4,255	4,356	4,652	4,706	4,627	-1.7%	3.4%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	244	229	276	266	259	-2.6%	3.6%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	219	205	171	174	148	-14.9%	-7.1%
Following Too Close	95	124	115	93	95	2.2%	1.4%
Fail to Obey Stop Sign	97	102	92	89	75	-15.7%	-2.6%
Exceeded Posted Speed	68	58	49	69	78	13.0%	3.5%
Fail to Obey Signal	50	60	50	67	61	-9.0%	12.4%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	4.53	4.47	4.29	4.05	3.84	-5.3%	-3.6%

** Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash*

In 2017, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 51% of all crashes in Idaho. While 74% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 65% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 17% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 35% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 26 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 22 (or 85%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was more than \$1.7 billion dollars in 2017. This represents 42% of the total costs of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Involvement in Aggressive Driving Crashes by Driver Age

Drivers ages 19 and younger were 3.8 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving crashes as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 2.2 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in aggressive driving crashes. (Note: the odds ratios above compare the involvement of a group of drivers to the involvement of all other drivers combined.) Drivers under the age of 25 represent more than one-third (36%) of the drivers involved in aggressive driving crashes.

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Involvement in Aggressive Driving Crashes by Drivers Age: 2017

Age	Licensed Drivers		Drivers in All Aggressive Driving Crashes			Drivers in Fatal and Injury Aggressive Driving Crashes		
	Number	%	Number	%	Involvement*	Number	%	Involvement*
0-14	0	0.0%	14	0.1%		8	0.2%	
15	4,864	0.4%	182	1.4%	3.4	72	1.4%	3.6
16	11,720	1.0%	493	3.7%	3.8	164	3.3%	3.4
17	16,145	1.3%	676	5.0%	3.8	222	4.5%	3.3
18	18,835	1.6%	670	5.0%	3.2	228	4.6%	2.9
19	19,959	1.7%	545	4.1%	2.5	199	4.0%	2.4
20	19,624	1.6%	527	3.9%	2.4	213	4.3%	2.6
21	19,595	1.6%	481	3.6%	2.2	184	3.7%	2.3
22	20,147	1.7%	454	3.4%	2.0	148	3.0%	1.8
23	20,604	1.7%	407	3.0%	1.8	138	2.8%	1.6
24	20,832	1.7%	395	2.9%	1.7	141	2.8%	1.6
25-34	204,233	16.9%	2,613	19.5%	1.2	967	19.4%	1.2
35-44	197,924	16.4%	1,842	13.7%	0.8	688	13.8%	0.8
45-54	186,933	15.5%	1,246	9.3%	0.6	460	9.2%	0.6
55-64	204,129	16.9%	1,224	9.1%	0.5	511	10.3%	0.6
65-74	156,501	13.0%	793	5.9%	0.5	317	6.4%	0.5
75+	86,332	7.1%	611	4.6%	0.6	249	5.0%	0.7
Not Stated or Other			241	1.8%		65	1.3%	
TOTALS	1,208,377		13,414			4,974		

* Involvement is calculated by dividing the percent of Crashes by the percent of licensed drivers.
 Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.