

Aggressive Driving

Table 33 shows information about crashes in Idaho from 2005 through 2009 involving aggressive driving. Aggressive driving behaviors include: failure to yield right of way, passed stop sign, exceeded posted speed, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, and disregarded signal. Aggressive driving is not to be confused with road rage, which is a deliberate and violent act against another driver 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.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change 2008-2009	Avg. Change 2005-2008
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	15,572	13,037	14,364	13,570	12,044	-11.2%	-3.9%
Fatalities	133	116	108	100	105	5.0%	-9.0%
Serious Injuries	975	902	928	746	638	-14.5%	-8.1%
Visible Injuries	2,511	2,399	2,283	1,867	1,778	-4.8%	-9.2%
Possible Injuries	5,295	4,858	4,784	4,326	3,920	-9.4%	-6.4%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	391	396	371	268	274	2.2%	-10.9%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	404	303	366	334	264	-21.0%	-4.3%
Exceeded Posted Speed	168	173	135	103	91	-11.7%	-14.2%
Following Too Close	114	111	134	92	85	-7.6%	-4.4%
Passed Stop Sign	59	71	59	47	38	-19.1%	-5.6%
Disregarded Signal	65	56	38	48	35	-27.1%	-6.6%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	7.26	6.67	6.78	5.54	4.82	-13.0%	-8.3%
<i>* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash</i>							

In 2009, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 52% of all crashes in Idaho. While 69% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 78% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 24% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 48% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 444 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 39 (or 89%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was nearly \$1.2 billion dollars in 2009. This represents 49% of the total costs of Idaho crashes (as shown in Table 4).

Involvement in Aggressive Driving Crashes by Driver Age

Table 34 shows the involvement in aggressive driving crashes by driver age. Drivers ages 19 and younger were 4.4 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving crashes as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 2.0 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 (38%) of the drivers involved in aggressive driving crashes.

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%	20	0.2%		14	0.3%	
15	2,544	0.2%	186	1.5%	6.3	62	1.4%	5.8
16	9,686	0.9%	519	4.2%	4.6	180	4.0%	4.4
17	15,095	1.4%	691	5.6%	3.9	231	5.2%	3.6
18	16,989	1.6%	717	5.8%	3.6	258	5.8%	3.6
19	18,598	1.8%	577	4.7%	2.7	212	4.8%	2.7
20	18,957	1.8%	485	3.9%	2.2	159	3.6%	2.0
21	17,301	1.6%	403	3.3%	2.0	134	3.0%	1.8
22	18,344	1.7%	380	3.1%	1.8	140	3.1%	1.8
23	18,987	1.8%	388	3.2%	1.8	145	3.3%	1.8
24	19,973	1.9%	334	2.7%	1.4	125	2.8%	1.5
25-34	189,251	17.9%	2,319	18.8%	1.1	834	18.8%	1.0
35-44	176,679	16.7%	1,607	13.1%	0.8	588	13.2%	0.8
45-54	197,215	18.7%	1,380	11.2%	0.6	509	11.4%	0.6
55-64	171,059	16.2%	1,056	8.6%	0.5	382	8.6%	0.5
65-74	102,260	9.7%	567	4.6%	0.5	221	5.0%	0.5
75+	62,331	5.9%	485	3.9%	0.7	190	4.3%	0.7
Not Stated or Other			197	1.6%		64	1.4%	
TOTALS	1,055,269		12,311			4,448		

** 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.*