

Aggressive Driving

Table 33 shows information about crashes in Idaho from 2006 through 2010 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.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Change 2009-2010	Avg. Change 2006-2009
Total Aggressive Driving Crashes	13,037	14,364	13,570	12,044	11,815	-1.9%	-2.2%
Fatalities	116	108	100	105	88	-16.2%	-3.1%
Serious Injuries	902	928	746	638	637	-0.2%	-10.4%
Visible Injuries	2,399	2,283	1,867	1,778	1,929	8.5%	-9.3%
Possible Injuries	4,858	4,784	4,326	3,920	3,986	1.7%	-6.8%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Fail to Yield Right of Way	396	371	268	274	292	6.6%	-10.6%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	303	366	334	264	218	-17.4%	-3.0%
Exceeded Posted Speed	173	135	103	91	94	3.3%	-19.1%
Following Too Close	111	134	92	85	88	3.5%	-6.1%
Passed Stop Sign	71	59	47	38	29	-23.7%	-18.8%
Disregarded Signal	56	38	48	35	47	34.3%	-11.0%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	6.67	6.78	5.54	4.82	4.66	-3.2%	-9.9%

* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each crash

In 2010, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 52% of all crashes in Idaho. While 68% of all aggressive driving crashes occur in urban areas, 76% of the fatal aggressive driving crashes occur in rural areas.

Only 24% of all aggressive driving crashes involved a single vehicle, while 61% of fatal aggressive driving crashes involved only one vehicle. Of the 46 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 37 (or 80%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of crashes involving aggressive driving was nearly \$1.2 billion dollars in 2010. This represents 47% 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 4.3 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 (37%) 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%		12	0.3%	
15	2,592	0.2%	154	1.3%	5.3	59	1.3%	5.4
16	9,635	0.9%	432	3.6%	4.0	158	3.5%	3.9
17	14,594	1.4%	648	5.4%	3.9	246	5.4%	4.0
18	16,858	1.6%	714	5.9%	3.8	260	5.7%	3.6
19	18,788	1.8%	571	4.7%	2.7	210	4.6%	2.6
20	19,344	1.8%	463	3.8%	2.1	156	3.4%	1.9
21	17,431	1.6%	451	3.7%	2.3	158	3.5%	2.1
22	18,708	1.7%	344	2.9%	1.6	120	2.6%	1.5
23	18,920	1.8%	380	3.2%	1.8	129	2.8%	1.6
24	19,613	1.8%	302	2.5%	1.4	117	2.6%	1.4
25-34	191,583	17.9%	2,325	19.3%	1.1	886	19.5%	1.1
35-44	177,226	16.6%	1,578	13.1%	0.8	604	13.3%	0.8
45-54	195,441	18.3%	1,347	11.2%	0.6	516	11.4%	0.6
55-64	177,521	16.6%	1,028	8.5%	0.5	397	8.7%	0.5
65-74	106,276	9.9%	568	4.7%	0.5	230	5.1%	0.5
75+	65,012	6.1%	531	4.4%	0.7	220	4.8%	0.8
Not Stated or Other			179	1.5%		62	1.4%	
TOTALS	1,069,542		12,035			4,540		

** 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.*