



Highway Safety Report



FAST FACTS

Wyoming crash data from 2020-2024 report that:

- ✓ Nearly 30% of all traffic crashes involved at least one passenger.
- ✓ 41.5% of all critical crashes involved at least one passenger.
- ✓ 40.2% of all serious crashes involved at least one passenger.
- ✓ Passengers account for 26.4% of all individuals involved in a traffic crash.
- ✓ Passengers make up 20.3% of all fatal injuries.
- ✓ Passengers represent 26.4% of all suspected serious injuries.
- ✓ Passengers comprise 25.6% of all suspected minor injuries.

CRASH CATEGORIES:

Critical Crashes – fatal and suspected serious injury crashes.

Serious Crashes – suspected minor injury and possible injury crashes.

Damage Crashes – no apparent injury and injury unknown crashes.

Passenger Safety

On average over the last five years, the United States loses nearly 41,000 people annually in traffic crashes. Of those, about 24% are passengers. January hosts *National Passenger Safety Week*, a critical lifesaving initiative that strives to empower passengers to take an active role in promoting safety and preventing crashes by speaking up when in a vehicle being driven unsafely. With dangerous driving behaviors such as impaired, distracted, or aggressive driving on the rise, passengers need to play a more active role in their own safety and that of others.

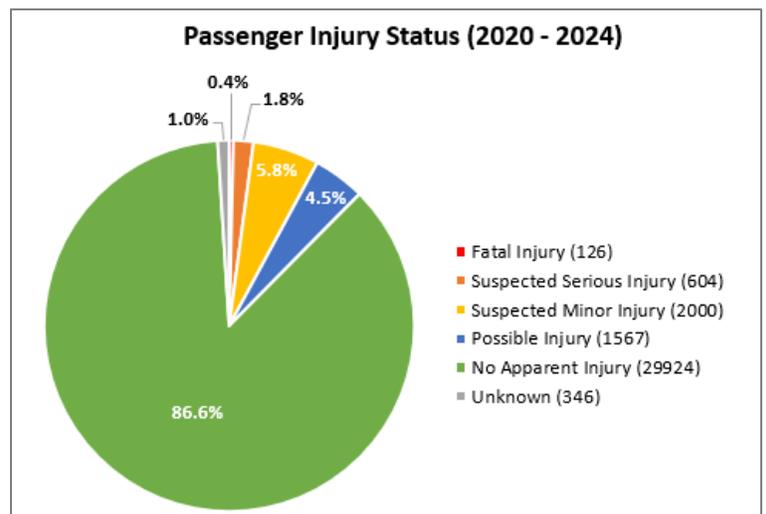


The National Passenger Safety Campaign is sponsored by more than 70 traffic safety and advocacy groups nationwide that believe it's time to focus on the passenger, and not just

the driver. The goal is to promote safe driving practices and prevent unsafe ones by empowering passengers to speak up when their lives are in danger due to an unsafe driver. Passengers have the power to prevent crashes and save lives by speaking up against dangerous driving practices.

In Wyoming, during the most recent five-year period (2020-2024), 19,858 traffic crashes involved at least one passenger, which accounts for nearly 30% of all crashes. These crashes included 979 critical crashes (41.5% of all critical crashes), 3,987 serious crashes (40.2% of all serious crashes), and 14,892 damage crashes (27.4% of all damage crashes).

The 34,567 passengers involved in traffic crashes in 2020-2024 account for 26.4% of all individuals involved in a crash. When looking at injury status, 126 passengers were fatally injured (20.3% of all fatal injuries), 604 were suspected to have a serious injury (26.4% of all suspected serious injuries), 2,000 were suspected to have a minor injury (25.6% of all suspected minor injuries), and 1,567 were suspected to have a possible injury (27.4% of all possible injuries).



BY THE NUMBERS

WYDOT Crash Data February 1, 2026 vs. (February 1, 2025)

Fatalities: 8 (5)

Serious Injuries: 21 (25)

**Alcohol-Involved
Fatalities: 4 (1)**

**Bicycle-Involved
Fatalities: 0 (0)**

**CMV-Involved
Fatalities: 1 (2)**

**Drug-Involved
Fatalities: 0 (0)**

**Motorcycle-Involved
Fatalities: 0 (0)**

**Pedestrian-Involved
Fatalities: 0 (1)**

**Speed-Related
Fatalities: 4 (2)**

Data current as of 02/25/2026



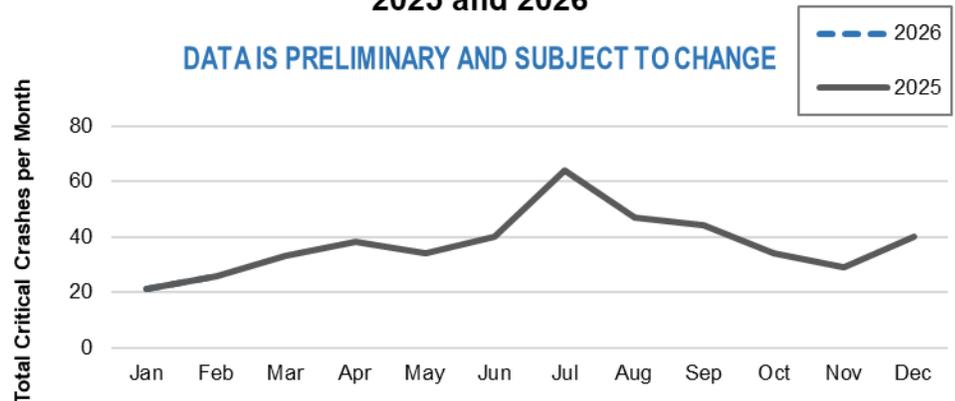
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If you are riding in a vehicle and you don't feel safe because the driver is texting/using their cell phone, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, driving too fast, tailgating, driving while tired, or engaging in any other dangerous driving behavior, please **SPEAK UP!** It's not just your life at risk, but the life of the driver and other people on the road. Passengers can make a difference. One courageous voice can change a deadly choice and having the courage to intervene can save lives.

Passengers can – and should – play a critical role in keeping our roads and highways safe for everyone by saying something as it's happening. **SPEAKING UP** can make a difference and prevent tragedy. More information on passenger safety and how you can make a difference, including tips on how to speak up, is on nationalpassengersafety.org.

Monthly Critical Crash Comparison: 2025 and 2026



Total as of 02/25/2026

WYDOT Completed Safety Treatment Locations (Active) as of February 25, 2026

District	Count	Annual Lifecycle Cost	Average Benefit to Cost	Annual Critical Crash Reduction
1	294	\$ 128,229.00	166.83	8.1
2	338	\$ 274,396.00	56.29	5.24
3	661	\$ 367,399.00	85.48	10.66
4	538	\$ 111,728.00	100.22	6.56
5	59	\$ 14,309.00	205.46	0.53
State	1,890	\$ 896,061.00	100.86	31.09