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### October Traffic Fatality Toll

November 17, 2017 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of October 2017, twelve persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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- ◆ These 12 fatalities occurred in 11 crashes
- ◆ Four of the eight vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ No fatalities occurred on the interstate, four were on other highways, and eight took place on local roads
- ◆ Three of the fatalities were pedestrians
- ◆ One of the fatalities was a motorcyclist
- ◆ One fatality resulted from a collision with a train
- ◆ Five of the fatalities were age 24 or younger
- ◆ Seven of the fatalities occurred in rural locations

For the Daily Count, visit this website:

<http://www.dot.nebraska.gov/media/3340/tollcompare.pdf>

#### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY THRU OCTOBER	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2017 (FATALITIES)
2017	184	169	
2016	185	164	- 0.54
2015	198	179	- 7.07
2014	193	173	- 4.66
2013	179	161	+ 2.79
2013-2016 Avg.	189	169	- 2.65

- ◆ There were 14 fatalities in October of 2016.
- ◆ 106 of the 140 vehicle occupants killed during 2017 (76%) were not wearing safety belts.

This report includes information available through November 16, 2017, from the Highway Safety/Accident Records Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Transportation. For additional information, contact NDOT Communication Division at (402) 479-4512.

