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### October Traffic Fatality Toll

**Nov. 15, 2023 (Lincoln, Neb.)** — During the month of Oct. 2023, twenty-seven people were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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- ◆ These 27 fatalities occurred in 22 fatal crashes.
- ◆ Twelve of the twenty-one vehicle occupants killed were not using seatbelts, four were using a seatbelt, and five had seatbelt usage marked as unknown.
- ◆ Twenty-two of the fatalities were in rural locations\*.
- ◆ There were four fatalities on the interstate, fourteen on other highways, and nine on local roads.
- ◆ Four of the fatalities were motorcyclists.
- ◆ Two of the fatalities were pedestrians.
- ◆ One fatality crash involved a train.

For the Daily Count, visit this website:

[dot.nebraska.gov/media/3beh405g/tollcompare.pdf](https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/3beh405g/tollcompare.pdf)

#### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY - OCTOBER	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2023 (FATALITIES)
2023	182	164	
2022	209	179	+15.0
2021	188	161	+3.0
2020	209	198	+15.0
2019	208	178	+14.0
2019-2022 Avg.	204	179	+12.0

- ◆ There were 16 fatalities in Oct. of 2022.
- ◆ Only 37 of the 148 vehicle occupants killed during 2023 were using seatbelts.

\* The Federal Highway Administration definition for urban is an area with a population of 5,000 or more.

This report includes information available through Nov. 14, 2023 from the Highway Safety Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Transportation. For additional information, contact NDOT Communication and Public Policy Division at (402) 479-4512.

