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### March Traffic Fatality Toll

April 19, 2018 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of March 2018, seventeen persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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- ◆ These 17 fatalities occurred in 15 crashes.
- ◆ Seven of the 14 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts.
- ◆ Three fatalities occurred on the interstate, four were on other highways, and ten took place on local roads
- ◆ Twelve of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Three of the fatalities were pedestrians
- ◆ Eight of the fatalities were age 24 or younger

For the Daily Count, visit this website:

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

#### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY THRU MARCH	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2018 (FATALITIES)
2018	49	40	
2017	55	50	- 10.9
2016	37	35	+ 32.4
2015	62	59	- 21.0
2014	48	43	+ 12.7
2014-2017 AVG.	51	47	- 3.9

- ◆ There were 18 fatalities in March of 2017.
- ◆ Twenty-seven of the 42 vehicle occupants killed in 2018 (64%) were not wearing safety belts.

This report includes information available through April 18, 2018, 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.

