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December Traffic Fatality Toll

January 14, 2020 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of December, 2019, Twenty persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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- ◆ These 20 fatalities occurred in 14 crashes.
- ◆ Ten of the 18 vehicle occupants killed were not wearing safety belts.
- ◆ There were five fatalities on the interstate, ten on other highways, and five on local roads.
- ◆ Fourteen of the fatalities were in rural locations.
- ◆ Two of the fatalities were pedestrians.
- ◆ Five crashes resulting in nine fatalities had icy/snow road conditions as contributing circumstances.

For the Daily Count, visit this website:

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

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY - DECEMBER	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2019 (FATALITIES)
2019	249	213	
2018	230	201	+ 7.6
2017	228	210	+ 8.4
2016	218	194	+12.4
2015	246	218	+ 1.2
2015-2018 Avg.	231	206	+ 7.2

- ◆ There were 16 fatalities in December of 2018
- ◆ Only 69 of the 204 vehicle occupants killed during 2019 were using safety belts.

This report includes information available through January 13, 2020 from the Highway Safety/Accident Records Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Transportation. For additional information, contact NDOT Communications and Public Policy Division at (402) 479-4512.

