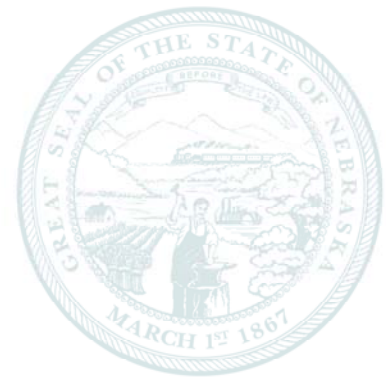


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August Traffic Fatality Toll

September 16, 2020 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of August 2020, twenty-four people were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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- ◆ These 24 fatalities occurred in 23 fatal crashes.
- ◆ Eleven of the nineteen vehicle occupants killed were not using seatbelts, four were using seatbelts, and four had seatbelt usage marked as unknown.
- ◆ 16 of the fatalities were in rural locations*.
- ◆ There were three fatality on the interstate, sixteen on other highways, and five on local roads.
- ◆ Three of the fatalities were pedestrians.
- ◆ Two of the fatalities were motorcyclists.
- ◆ One fatal crash involved a train.

For the Daily Count, visit this website:

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

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY - AUGUST	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2020 (FATALITIES)
2020	152	143	
2019	159	134	+5.0
2018	139	122	-9.0
2017	155	141	+2.0
2016	141	133	-7.0
2016-2019 Avg.	149	133	-2.0

- ◆ There were 28 fatalities in August of 2019.
- ◆ Only 18 of the 116 vehicle occupants killed during 2020 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 September 15, 2020 from the Highway Safety Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Transportation. For additional information, contact NDOT Communications and Public Policy Division at (402) 479-4512.

