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October Traffic Fatality Toll

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

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- ◆ These 22 fatalities occurred in 21 fatal crashes.
- ◆ Ten of the eighteen vehicle occupants killed were not using seatbelts, five were using seatbelts, and three had seatbelt usage marked as unknown.
- ◆ 12 of the fatalities were in rural locations*.
- ◆ There were four fatalities on the interstate, ten on other highways, and eight on local roads.
- ◆ One of the fatalities were pedestrians.
- ◆ Three of the fatalities were motorcyclists.

For the Daily Count, visit this website:

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

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY - OCTOBER	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2020 (FATALITIES)
2020	201	189	
2019	208	178	+3.0
2018	197	169	-2.0
2017	186	171	-7.0
2016	185	164	-8.0
2016-2019 Avg.	194	171	-3.0

- ◆ There were 23 fatalities in October of 2019.
- ◆ Only 30 of the 153 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 November 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.

