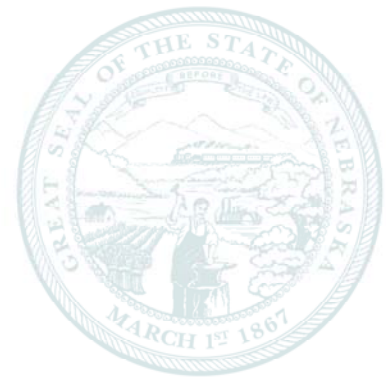


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August Traffic Fatality Toll

September 18, 2019 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of August, 2019, twenty-eight persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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- ◆ These 28 fatalities occurred in 23 crashes.
- ◆ Seven of the 20 vehicle occupants killed were not wearing safety belts.
- ◆ There were three fatalities on the interstate, eighteen fatalities on other highways, and seven fatalities on local roads.
- ◆ Twenty-two of the fatalities were in rural locations.
- ◆ Five of the fatalities were motorcyclists, two fatalities were pedestrians, one fatality was a bicyclist and one fatality involved an ATV.
- ◆ Six of the 28 fatalities were 15 and younger.

For the Daily Count, visit this website:

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

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY - JULY	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2019 (FATALITIES)
2019	160	135	
2018	139	122	+13.1
2017	155	141	+3.2
2016	151	133	+5.6
2015	153	139	+4.4
2015-2018 Avg.	150	134	+0.6

- ◆ There were 12 fatalities in August of 2018
- ◆ Only 44 of the 132 vehicle occupants killed during 2019 were using safety belts.

This report includes information available through September 17, 2019 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.

