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### October Traffic Fatality Toll

November 16, 2018 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of October 2018, 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 21 crashes.
- ◆ Seventeen of the 26 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts.
- ◆ No fatalities occurred on the interstate, twenty were on other highways, and eight took place on local roads.
- ◆ Twenty of the fatalities occurred in rural locations.
- ◆ Two of the fatalities were pedestrians.
- ◆ Seven of the fatal crashes were right angle collisions.
- ◆ Twelve of the fatalities were age 24 or younger.

For the Daily Count, visit this website:  
<https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/3340/tollcompare.pdf>

#### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY THRU OCTOBER	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2018 (FATALITIES)
2018	196	168	
2017	186	171	+ 5.4
2016	185	164	+ 5.9
2015	198	179	- 1.0
2014	193	173	+ 1.6
2014-2017 AVG.	191	172	+ 2.6

- ◆ There were 15 fatalities in October of 2017.
- ◆ 100 of the 155 vehicle occupants killed in 2018 (65%) were not wearing safety belts.
- ◆ Combined with the 28 fatalities in September, the two month total of 56 is the largest number for consecutive months since the 67 recorded in October-November of 2005.

This report includes information available through November 15, 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.

