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### January Traffic Fatality Toll

**Feb. 15, 2024 (Lincoln, Neb.)** — During the month of January 2024, eighteen people were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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- ◆ These 18 fatalities occurred in 17 fatal crashes.
- ◆ Eight of the fourteen vehicle occupants killed were not using seatbelts, two were using a seatbelt, and four had seatbelt usage marked as unknown.
- ◆ Eleven of the fatalities were in rural locations\*.
- ◆ There were two fatalities on the interstate, six on other highways, and ten on local roads.
- ◆ One of the fatalities was driving an ATV.
- ◆ Four of the fatalities were pedestrians.
- ◆ Icy roads were a contributing factor in two of the fatality crashes.

For the Daily Count, visit the NDOT website:

<https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/3beh405g/tollcompare.pdf>

#### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2024 (FATALITIES)
2024	18	17	
2023	9	9	-50.0
2022	24	21	+33.0
2021	24	17	+33.4
2020	17	17	-6.0
2020-2023 Avg.	19	16	+6.0

- ◆ There were 9 fatalities in January of 2023.
- ◆ Only 2 of the 14 vehicle occupants killed during 2024 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 February 14, 2024 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.

