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April Traffic Fatality Toll

May 16, 2023 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of April 2023, 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 19 fatal crashes.
- ◆ Eleven of the nineteen vehicle occupants killed were not using seatbelts, six was using a seatbelt, and two had seatbelt usage marked as unknown.
- ◆ Seventeen of the fatalities were in rural locations*
- ◆ There was one fatality on the interstate, fifteen on other highways, and six on local roads.
- ◆ One fatality crash collided with a cow.
- ◆ Three of the fatalities were motorcyclists.

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

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY - APRIL	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2023 (FATALITIES)
2023	65	60	
2022	79	67	+22.0
2021	61	50	-6.0
2020	56	54	-14.0
2019	63	55	-3.0
2019-2022 Avg.	65	57	+0.0

- ◆ There were 14 fatalities in April of 2022.
- ◆ Only 10 of the 56 vehicle occupants killed during 2023 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 May 15, 2023, from the Highway Safety Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Transportation. For additional information, contact NDOT Communication and Public Policy Division at (402) 479-4512.

