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October Traffic Fatality Toll

Nov. 16, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of October 2026, 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
- Seven of the fourteen vehicle occupants killed were not using seatbelts, four were using a seatbelt, and three had seatbelt usage marked as unknown
- Thirteen of the fatalities were in rural locations*
- There was one fatality on the interstate, ten on other highways, and seven on local roads
- One of the fatalities was a motorcyclist
- Three of the fatalities were pedestrians
- One of the fatalities was driving all-terrain vehicle. (ATV)

For the daily count, visit this website: ndot.info/tollcompare
COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY-OCTOBER	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2026 (FATALITIES)
2026	174	158	
2025	184	167	6.0
2024	222	197	28.0
2023	183	165	5.0
2022	206	176	18.0
2022-2025 Avg.	199	176	14.0

- There were 17 fatalities in October of 2025
- Only 53 of the 138 vehicle occupants killed during 2026 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 Nov. 15, 2026 from the Traffic Engineering Division at the Nebraska Department of Transportation. For additional information, contact NDOT Communications and Public Policy Division at 402-430-9768.

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