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### December Traffic Fatality Toll

**Jan. 15, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.)** – During the month of December 2025, fifteen people were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

**15**

- ◆ These 15 fatalities occurred in 15 fatal crashes.
- ◆ Four of the nine vehicle occupants killed were not using seatbelts, four were using a seatbelt, and one had seatbelt usage marked as unknown.
- ◆ Ten of the fatalities were in rural locations\*.
- ◆ There was one fatality on the interstate, seven on other highways, and seven on local roads.
- ◆ Four of the fatalities were pedestrians.
- ◆ One of the fatalities was a bicyclist.
- ◆ One of the fatalities was an occupant of a motorized wheelchair.
- ◆ One of the fatalities was riding an all-terrain vehicle (ATV).

For the daily count, visit this website: [ndot.info/tollcompare](https://ndot.info/tollcompare)

#### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

JANUARY - DECEMBER	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2025 (FATALITIES)
2025	227	206	
2024	252	224	11.0
2023	227	206	0.0
2022	244	214	7.0
2021	221	192	-3.0
2021-2024 Avg.	236	209	4.0

- ◆ There were 17 fatalities in December of 2024.
- ◆ Only 62 of the 170 vehicle occupants killed during 2025 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 January 14, 2026 from the Highway Safety Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Transportation. For additional information, contact NDOT Communications and Public Policy Division at (402) 479-4316.

