



OCTOBER TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

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During the month of October 2003, 35 persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 35 fatalities occurred in 31 crashes.
- ◆ Only nine of the 32 vehicle occupants killed were using safety belts.
- ◆ One fatality occurred on the Interstate, twenty-three happened on non-Interstate highways, and eleven took place on local roads.
- ◆ Twenty-two of the fatalities occurred in rural locations.
- ◆ Two of the fatalities were motorcyclists.
- ◆ One of the fatalities was a pedestrian.

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2003	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January-October	250	217

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2003 (FATALITIES)
2002	260	230	- 3.9
2001	194	166	+ 28.9
2000	236	205	+ 5.9
1999	241	207	+ 3.7
1999-2002 Avg.	233	202	+ 7.3

- ◆ There were 31 fatalities in October of 2002.
- ◆ Only 57 of 226 vehicle occupant fatalities during 2003 were using safety belts.

This report includes information available through November 18, 2003, from the Highway Safety Section, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information contact Bob Grant (402) 479-4645.