



## OCTOBER TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

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During the month of October 2009, seventeen persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 17 fatalities occurred in 16 crashes.
- ◆ Eleven of the 17 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts.
- ◆ Two fatalities occurred on the Interstate, nine happened on non-Interstate highways, and six took place on local roads.
- ◆ Fourteen of the fatalities occurred in rural locations.
- ◆ Seven of the fatal crashes were single vehicle run-off-the-road accidents.
- ◆ Five of the fatal crashes were head-on collisions.

### YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

| 2009            | FATALITIES | FATAL CRASHES |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| January-October | 182        | 167           |

### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

| YEAR           | FATALITIES | FATAL CRASHES | % CHANGE v. 2008<br>(FATALITIES) |
|----------------|------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 2008           | 171        | 154           | + 6.4                            |
| 2007           | 216        | 191           | - 15.7                           |
| 2006           | 220        | 187           | - 17.3                           |
| 2005           | 224        | 193           | - 18.8                           |
| 2005-2008 Avg. | 208        | 181           | - 12.5                           |

- ◆ There were 22 fatalities in October of 2008.
- ◆ 117 of the 154 vehicle occupants killed so far in 2009 were not wearing seat belts.

This report includes information available through November 19, 2009, from the Highway Safety/Accident Records Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact Mary Jo Oie (402) 479-4512.