Motor vehicle crashes (MVC) were the leading cause of injury death for Nebraskans accounting for nearly 27% of all injury deaths. MVC killed an average of 242 Nebraskans each year, 4 to 5 Nebraskans every week. More males (65%) than females (35%) were killed in MVC. Age-adjusted MVC death rate of males (17.8 per 100,000) was almost double that of females (9.3 per 100,000).

Nebraskans age 15 to 24 year had highest death rate (29.1 per 100,000), making up nearly 32% of MVC deaths.

Motor vehicle crash deaths and injuries can be prevented. The use of safety belts cuts the risk of death or serious injury in a crash by 45% to 50%.

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