

2017 Minnesota Preliminary Fatality Total Lowest Since 1943

New Beginnings

- Minnesotans are starting 2018 out on the right foot by making a commitment to safe driving: no fatalities have been reported on Minnesota roads to start the new year.
- The last reported death on Minnesota roads was Dec. 28.

A Step in the Right Direction

- Preliminary numbers from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS) show 348 people died on Minnesota roads in 2017.
- These numbers may change, but this is the lowest number of fatalities in Minnesota since 1943 (274) and second lowest since 1926 (326).
- Through education and enforcement efforts, more Minnesotans are making the right choices behind the wheel by:
 - Driving sober.
 - Wearing their seat belt.
 - Paying attention.
 - Driving the speed limit.

The 348 Fatalities Include

- 235 motor vehicle occupants.
- 52 motorcyclists, compared with 53 reported this time last year.
- 38 pedestrians, compared with 60 reported this time last year.
- Six bicyclists, compared with seven reported this time last year.
- 17 people died in other vehicles.

2017 Fatalities by Month (preliminary)

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
24	23	19	24	31	41	34	36	33	39	18	26	348

Fatality Crash Factors

Four main factors continue to contribute to the loss of life. Of the 348 fatalities, there were:

- 98 alcohol-related deaths
- 16 distracted-related deaths
- 82 speed-related deaths
- 80 unbelted motorist deaths

Minnesota Traffic Fatalities

2017 (preliminary*)	2016 (preliminary*)	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
348	392	411	361	387	395	368

* Data are preliminary until reviewed, verified and confirmed by DPS-OTS.

2017 Fatality Breakdown (preliminary)

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	96	28 percent
Male	252	72 percent
Total	348	100 percent

Fatalities by Age Group

10 and under	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71+	Total
5	32	61	51	50	49	42	58	348