

2026 Iowa Traffic Fatality Count for Friday, 05/08/2026

A fatality is considered "crash-related" when death occurs within 30 days (720 hours) of a crash. Because fatal crashes can involve complex investigations, this can delay the official report of fatalities. The numbers for the most recent months are preliminary and can change considerably.

Number of fatalities reported on **this** day by year

2026	92	Comparison to previous 5 years (2021-2025)		
		Change	Count	% change
2025	75	Increase from Last Year	17	22.67%
2024	82	Increase from Low Year of Last 5 yrs.	17	22.67%
2023	100	Decrease from High Year of Last 5 yrs.	-8	-8.00%
2022	90	Increase from 5 Year Average	7	8.24%
2021	76	Average fatalities year to date for this day (2021-2025)		85

Monthly Fatality Count (2021-2025 figures are end-of-year totals)

MONTH	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
January	24	17	15	26	17	16
February	10	17	17	20	22	14
March	31	17	26	26	28	18
April	22	20	19	26	22	28
May	5	24	29	34	38	44
June		26	32	38	21	33
July		28	39	42	41	34
August		36	44	47	33	41
September		23	39	28	33	38
October		23	40	28	33	34
November		17	21	30	26	29
December		11	36	34	22	27
TOTAL	92	259	357	379	336	356

By Select Vehicle & Crash Location (2021-2025 are end-of-year totals)

TYPE	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Motorcycle	10	38	64	64	49	68
Bicycle	1	4	4	5	4	11
Pedestrian	7	29	31	30	17	32
ATV/UTV	2	10	20	12	12	4
Urban	27	73	128	116	103	113
Rural	65	186	229	263	233	243

Fatalities' Seat Belt Usage - Year to Date

Belt usage may change as additional information is received

Belt Status	Count	Percentage	Comments	County	Type*
With belt	44	59.46%	No New Fatalities		
Without belt	25	33.78%			
Unknown	5	6.76%			
N/A (Motorcycle, Pedestrian, etc)	18	24.32%			
Total Fatalities	92				

* A=ATV/UTV
 B=Bicyclist
 MC=Motorcyclist
 MV=Motor Vehicle
 P=Pedestrian
 U=Unknown

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<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/stats/daily.pdf>