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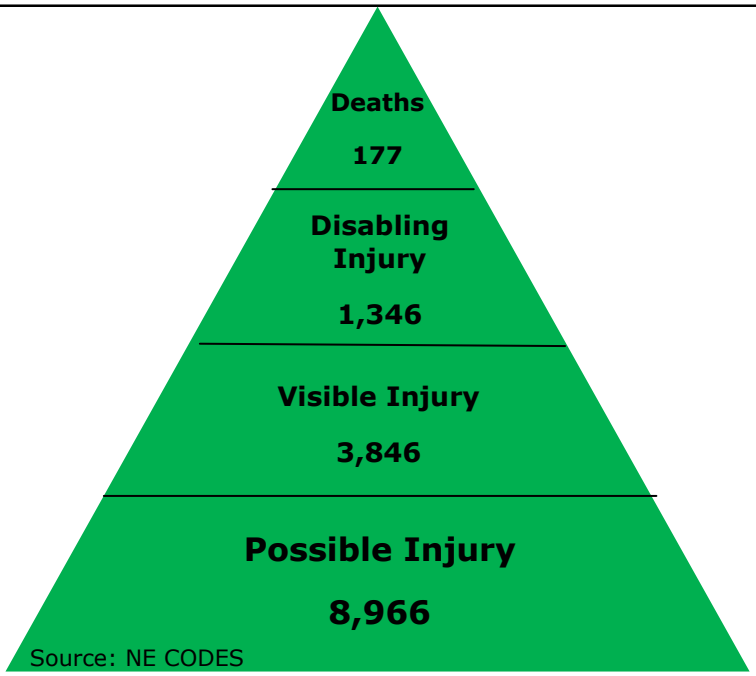
Nebraska Injury Prevention and Control Program

Traffic Crashes: A Public Health Problem

On average in Nebraska:

- One crash occurs every 17 minutes.
- 39 persons injured each day (figure 1).
- One person is killed every 48 hours (figure 1).

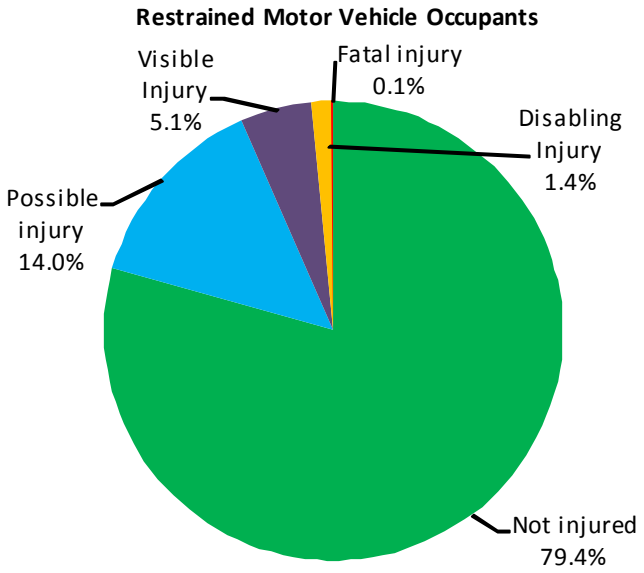
*Figure 1: Average Number of Deaths and Injuries Per Year to Motor Vehicle Crash Occupants, Nebraska, 2006-2010.

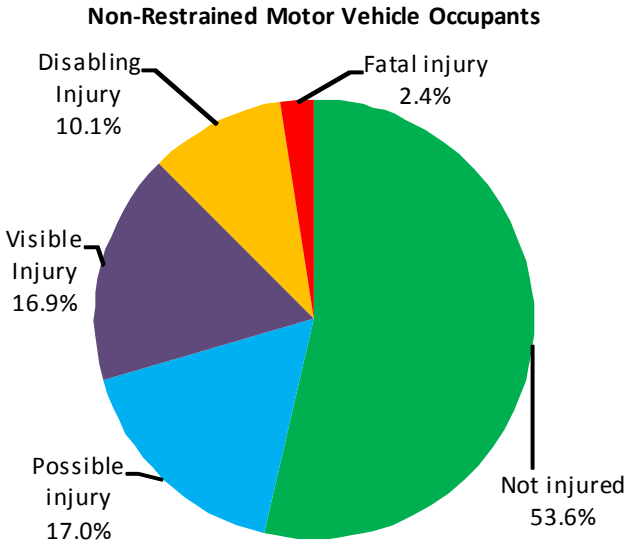


Source: NE CODES

In 2010, an estimated 72 lives were saved by seat belts in Nebraska. A total of 29 more lives could have been saved if seat belt use was at 100%. (Source: NHTSA)

Figure 2: Comparing Injury Severity by Restraint Type For Vehicle Occupants Involved in a Motor Vehicle Crash, Nebraska, 2006-2010





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*Numbers exclude motorcycle, pedestrian, school bus related deaths and injuries or records with unspecified vehicle body type.

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