In 2010, Nebraska motor vehicle crash deaths dropped to 190, the second lowest total since recordkeeping began 73 years ago.

The decline in motor vehicle crash deaths is a success. Many factors may have contributed, including:

- Increasing seat belt usage
- Decreasing alcohol involvement
- Improved trauma care
- Stronger traffic safety laws and stricter enforcement
- Timely EMS response
- Higher vehicle safety standards
- Safer road design
- Public awareness campaigns

Special points of interest:

- Both numbers of injuries and deaths resulting from motor vehicle crashes have declined about 40% in the last decade.
- Percentages of people who engaged in risky behavior (not wearing seat belt and alcohol use) declined, especially in the last 5 years (figure 1 & 2).
- Case-fatality rate for patients at trauma care hospitals who were severely injured has declined by about 10%.