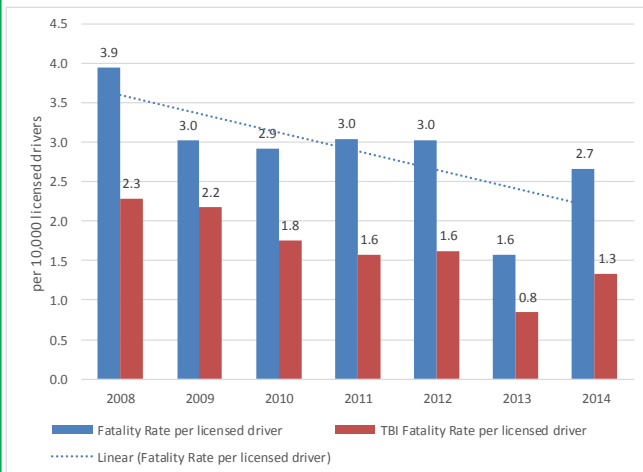


Motorcycle Injuries and Fatalities, Nebraska 2008-2014



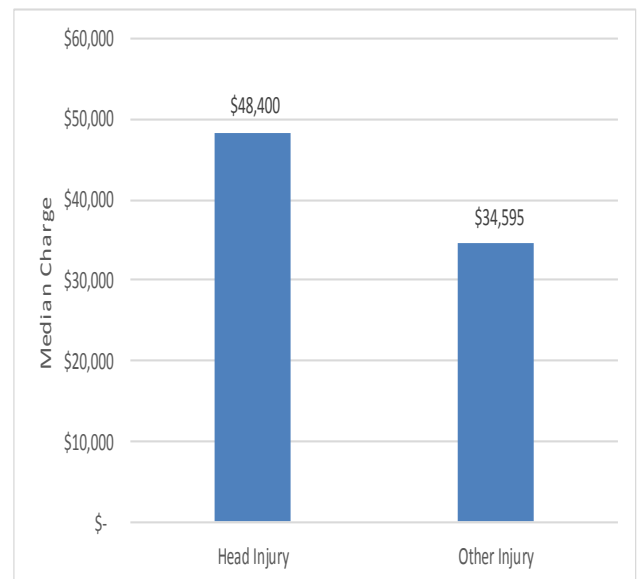
In Nebraska, family and community is our priority. Keeping all citizens safe on our states highways is a vital part of maintaining a healthy family and community. From 2008-2014 there were 177 deaths resulting from a motorcycle crash, of those 101 (57%) were the result of a head injury³.

Figure 1: Motorcycle Fatality Rate per Licensed Driver, NE, 2008-2014 (N=177)³



- During 2008-2014, Nebraskans 45-54 years old had the highest motorcycle fatality rate³.
- In Nebraska, for hospitalizations due to a motorcycle injury the primary injury for 1 in 3 riders (30%) was a head injury³.
- Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists fatalities occurred 26 times more often than passenger car occupant fatalities in traffic crashes.¹
- From 2008-2014, the total charges for all riders hospitalized as a result of a motorcycle injury was \$74 million, \$6 million (8%) was charged to Medicare or Medicaid³.

Figure 2: Median Charges for Motorcycle Hospitalization, Head Injury vs. Other Injuries, NE, 2008-2014³ (N=1,046)



Motorcycle Safety Tips²

- Always wear a DOT-approved helmet
- Never ride your motorcycle after drinking alcohol
- Wear protective clothing that provides some level of injury protection, with bright colors or reflective materials
- Avoid tailgating
- Maintain a safe speed and exercise caution when traveling over slippery surfaces or gravel.

Impact of Helmets

- Helmets are estimated to prevent 37% of crash deaths among motorcycle riders and 41% of crash deaths for motorcycle passengers.²

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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