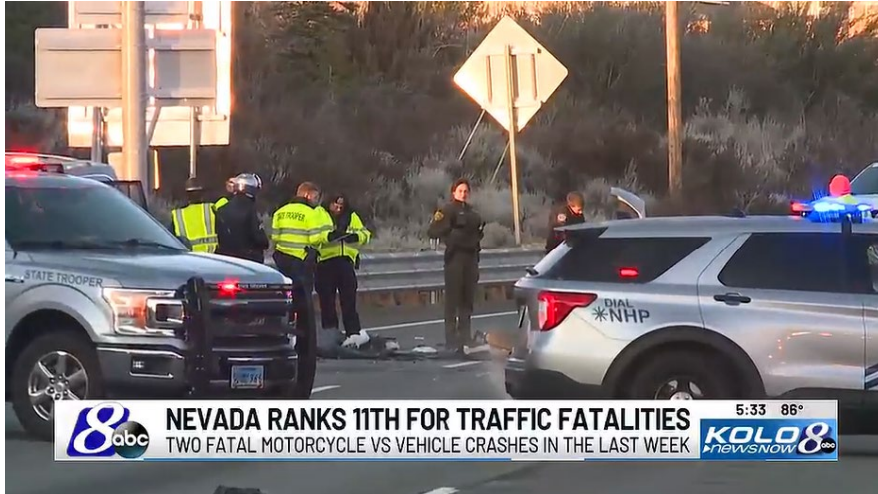




## Zero Fatalities Nevada releases new data showing decrease in fatal traffic accidents



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RENO, Nev. (KOLO) - The Nevada Office of Traffic Safety in partnership with [Zero Fatalities](#) released new data finding Nevada is seeing a decrease in fatal vehicle crashes overall.

That being said, a study by the [National Transportation Research nonprofit, also known as TRIP](#), found Nevada ranks

11th in the nation for fatal traffic accidents.

“The reality is the number of traffic fatalities in Nevada in 2025 was 18 percent higher than a decade ago,” said Rocky Moretti the Director of Policy and Research at [TRIP](#).

Anita Pepper, public information officer for the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety says data shows pedestrian versus vehicle crashes have increased in Washoe County, with 11 fatal pedestrian versus vehicle crashes in 2026, compared to seven that had occurred by this time last year.

Thousands of motorcyclists are participating in Street Vibrations throughout Washoe County. Motorcyclists are being warned to be careful on the roads following two fatal motorcycle crashes in the past week.

On Saturday, a couple on a motorcycle was killed after being hit in a head-on crash with a vehicle in Gardnerville.

On the 22nd, another fatal crash occurred in Dayton between a pickup truck and a motorcycle.

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“You don’t need to drive impaired. You can buckle up when you get in your car. You don’t need to drive distracted. You don’t need to speed,” Pepper said.

Pepper said it also comes down to passengers in vehicles to refuse to get in the car with impaired drivers.

“You should not be getting behind the car if you’re impaired. If you are with people who are impaired, take the keys from them. Don’t be afraid to tell them that you’re not going to get in the car with them,” Pepper said.