

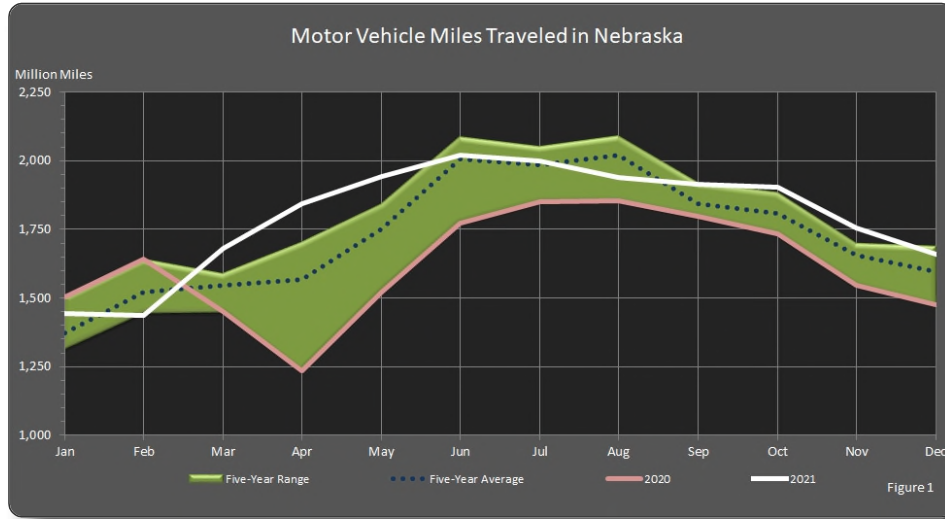
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Motor Vehicle Miles Traveled in Nebraska

Figure 1 below shows travel in Nebraska in 2021, the previous year, the five-year range, and the five-year average. Travel in 2021 started out in January below last year's travel, above the five-year average, and in the upper half of the five-year range. There was a slight dip in February pulling miles traveled below the five-year average, last year's travel, and the five-year range. In March, travel increased steadily through June and then steadily decreased to December. December travel ended the year in the upper boundary of the five-year range and above both the five-year average and last year's travel. From March to May, miles traveled was very much above last year's miles, the five-year average, and the five-year range.

In the data table below Figure 1, the annual total of miles traveled in 2021 was 21,532 million miles, which was 11.1 percent (or 2,152 million miles) higher than miles traveled in 2020.

Note: An [archive](#) is available.



Motor Vehicle Miles Traveled in Nebraska 1978 – 2021 (Million Miles)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Total
2021	1,442	1,436	1,680	1,843	1,941	2,021	1,999	1,938	1,914	1,903	1,756	1,659	21,532
2020	1,502	1,641	1,452	1,234	1,520	1,772	1,850	1,854	1,797	1,735	1,546	1,477	19,380
2019	1,364	1,446	1,543	1,669	1,838	2,085	2,047	2,083	1,917	1,883	1,698	1,689	21,262
2018	1,333	1,495	1,587	1,577	1,840	2,066	2,044	2,088	1,861	1,821	1,672	1,612	20,996
2017	1,316	1,545	1,577	1,703	1,800	2,069	1,995	2,057	1,820	1,803	1,698	1,628	21,011
2016	1,343	1,487	1,567	1,658	1,754	2,035	1,994	2,011	1,823	1,790	1,666	1,581	20,709
2015	1,326	1,424	1,529	1,628	1,722	1,961	1,963	1,974	1,786	1,761	1,585	1,571	20,230
2014	1,264	1,391	1,451	1,570	1,690	1,888	1,900	1,924	1,722	1,709	1,568	1,535	19,612
2013	1,260	1,378	1,440	1,529	1,661	1,863	1,859	1,903	1,702	1,647	1,571	1,510	19,323
2012	1,284	1,386	1,478	1,558	1,644	1,837	1,828	1,881	1,674	1,622	1,561	1,471	19,224
2011	1,210	1,357	1,415	1,536	1,604	1,851	1,849	1,882	1,699	1,660	1,547	1,501	19,111
2010	1,219	1,371	1,454	1,596	1,670	1,908	1,901	1,926	1,712	1,699	1,573	1,491	19,520
2009	1,254	1,388	1,438	1,545	1,677	1,856	1,881	1,889	1,680	1,610	1,581	1,348	19,147
2008	1,251	1,381	1,450	1,521	1,615	1,801	1,802	1,851	1,618	1,606	1,528	1,440	18,864
2007	1,251	1,363	1,453	1,564	1,646	1,857	1,854	1,893	1,688	1,642	1,576	1,415	19,202
2006	1,306	1,423	1,412	1,569	1,640	1,865	1,839	1,846	1,666	1,629	1,558	1,470	19,223
2005	1,210	1,398	1,456	1,546	1,643	1,854	1,867	1,859	1,625	1,577	1,481	1,422	18,938
2004	1,216	1,312	1,427	1,550	1,598	1,801	1,821	1,866	1,659	1,596	1,504	1,462	18,812
2003	1,227	1,313	1,382	1,484	1,592	1,803	1,812	1,853	1,633	1,597	1,480	1,416	18,592
2002	1,220	1,338	1,352	1,482	1,583	1,783	1,782	1,827	1,611	1,533	1,469	1,424	18,404
2001	1,154	1,211	1,361	1,456	1,521	1,722	1,744	1,804	1,585	1,539	1,460	1,383	17,940
2000	1,191	1,297	1,375	1,435	1,527	1,703	1,710	1,769	1,564	1,487	1,391	1,274	17,723

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Total
1999	1,130	1,259	1,316	1,404	1,502	1,690	1,702	1,753	1,537	1,497	1,433	1,347	17,570
1998	1,116	1,259	1,212	1,395	1,497	1,646	1,679	1,714	1,517	1,468	1,386	1,330	17,219
1997	1,085	1,201	1,296	1,303	1,448	1,621	1,633	1,681	1,467	1,413	1,363	1,280	16,791
1996	1,027	1,185	1,212	1,296	1,380	1,557	1,571	1,612	1,425	1,403	1,286	1,240	16,194
1995	1,041	1,139	1,172	1,245	1,341	1,519	1,549	1,578	1,411	1,351	1,259	1,204	15,809
1994	984	1,064	1,204	1,243	1,341	1,457	1,521	1,527	1,372	1,340	1,240	1,171	15,464
1993	939	985	1,106	1,207	1,286	1,411	1,444	1,474	1,318	1,291	1,172	1,144	14,777
1992	974	1,044	1,097	1,174	1,272	1,372	1,433	1,426	1,291	1,270	1,139	1,082	14,574
1991	913	1,012	1,061	1,145	1,244	1,354	1,390	1,397	1,254	1,202	1,040	1,083	14,095
1990	941	980	1,045	1,154	1,236	1,328	1,363	1,377	1,219	1,199	1,105	1,010	13,957
1989	939	919	1,021	1,147	1,211	1,295	1,320	1,341	1,231	1,206	1,126	1,025	13,781
1988	850	925	1,005	1,097	1,167	1,258	1,314	1,293	1,186	1,165	1,068	1,043	13,371
1987	868	916	908	1,082	1,151	1,228	1,295	1,276	1,173	1,145	1,055	994	13,091
1986	839	834	971	1,001	1,109	1,187	1,239	1,248	1,117	1,095	1,019	971	12,630
1985	763	816	932	982	1,085	1,154	1,199	1,194	1,052	1,062	936	879	12,054
1984	778	811	857	946	1,071	1,158	1,190	1,186	1,077	1,032	975	853	11,934
1983	754	768	843	929	1,035	1,129	1,181	1,162	1,066	1,018	885	764	11,534
1982	677	783	851	934	1,008	1,101	1,153	1,138	1,038	1,001	918	834	11,436
1981	775	770	865	949	1,022	1,101	1,136	1,143	1,030	987	902	832	11,512
1980	729	741	807	899	989	1,065	1,120	1,126	1,006	982	921	837	11,222
1979	688	794	897	981	1,036	1,091	1,117	1,133	1,041	1,001	881	869	11,529
1978	727	720	906	972	1,101	1,182	1,245	1,246	1,089	1,059	932	850	12,029

Sources: "State of Nebraska Automatic Traffic Recorder Data." Nebraska Department of Transportation, Lincoln, NE. Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, Lincoln, NE.

Notes: Travel was affected by winter weather in the following months: January of 1996, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2010; February of 1994, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2018, 2019, and 2021; March of 1995, 1998, 2002, 2006, and 2019; April of 2018; October of 1997 and 2009; November of 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2018; and December of 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2018, and 2020. NA = Not Available. Numbers in red have been revised.

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