

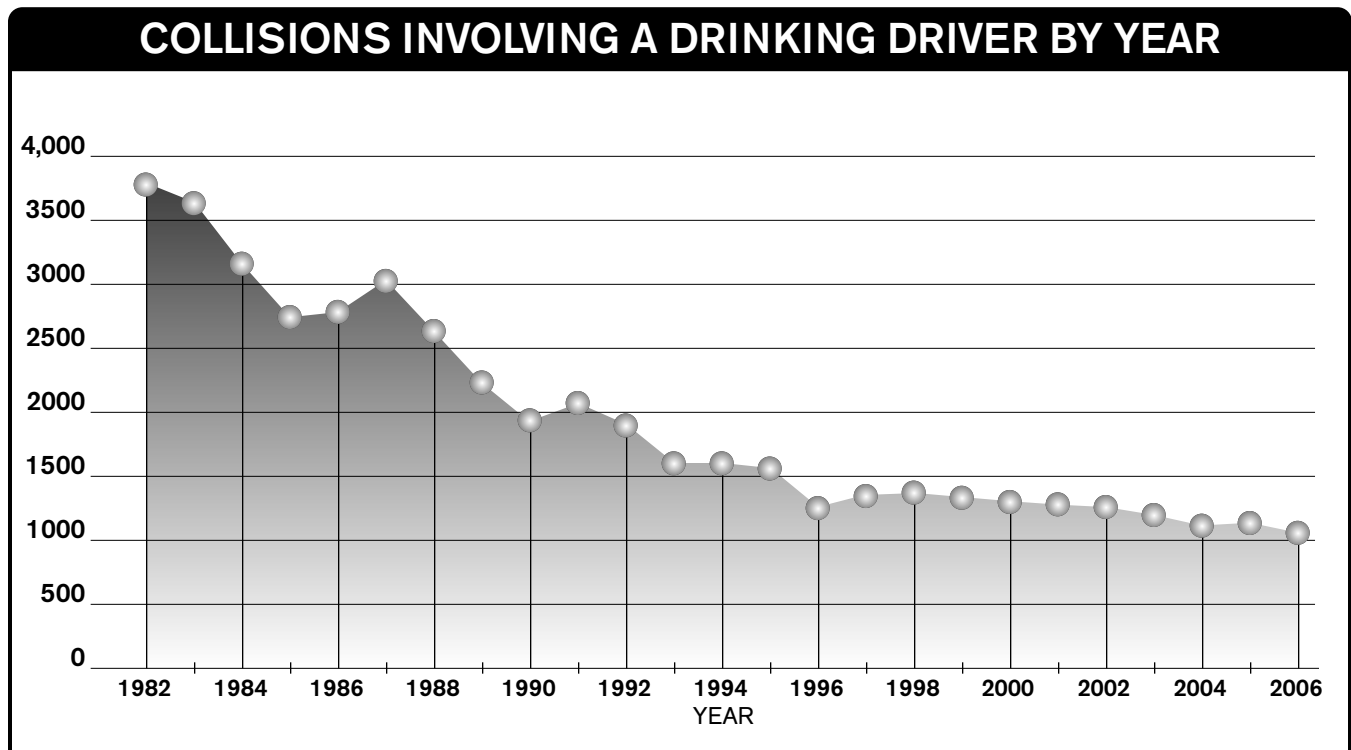
# 2006 Casualty Collisions

In 2006, 137 people died as a result of traffic collisions in Saskatchewan. Of these, 115 were vehicle occupants, eight were pedestrians, six were snowmobile riders, five were motorcyclists, two were bicyclists and one was an operator of an ATV. This number represents a 6.8 per cent decrease from the 2005 figure of 147. The previous three-year average was 140 fatalities.

Fewer people were injured in 2006 than in the previous year. Traffic collisions resulted in 6,836 injuries – 3.9 per cent lower than the 2005 number of 7,111 and 8.2 per cent lower than the previous three-year average of 7,446.

The proportion of fatally injured vehicle occupants who were unbelted increased from 38 per cent in 2005 to 44 per cent in 2006. The issue of low seatbelt use among fatally injured vehicle occupants continues to be of great concern, especially on our rural and First Nations roads. Of the 21 vehicle occupant deaths on rural roads, 62 per cent involved unbelted occupants. All of the fatalities reported on First Nation roads involved unbelted people.

We continue to see a long-term decreasing trend in the overall number of alcohol-related traffic collisions and associated casualties (injuries and deaths) in Saskatchewan. Unfortunately, alcohol use continues to be the dominant contributing factor in fatal collisions. In 2006, it was a factor in 45 fatal collisions, which is a six per cent decrease from the previous three-year average of 48 collisions. The number of injuries resulting from alcohol-related crashes was 733 – a 3.4 per cent drop from the previous three-year average of 759.



## FATAL COLLISIONS BY ROAD SYSTEM

Road System	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2003-2005	2006	% Change
Urban	18	17	18	16	23	19.0	14	-26.3
Highways	68	70	76	64	79	73.0	77	5.5
Rural	42	29	34	22	23	26.3	25	-5.1
Other	12	7	8	3	4	5.0	8	60.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>123.3</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>0.5</b>

## DEATHS BY ROAD SYSTEM

Road System	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2003-2005	2006	% Change
Urban	18	18	20	17	24	20.3	16	-21.3
Highways	85	81	85	82	95	87.3	87	-0.4
Rural	45	31	35	24	24	27.7	26	-6.0
Other	19	7	8	3	4	5.0	8	60.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>140.3</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>-2.4</b>

## (ALCOHOL INVOLVED) FATAL COLLISIONS BY ROAD SYSTEM

Road System	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2003-2005	2006	% Change
Urban	8	3	4	6	5	5.0	4	-20.0
Highways	29	23	32	19	24	25.0	26	4.0
Rural	25	18	15	17	9	13.7	9	-34.1
Other	6	4	7	2	4	4.3	6	38.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-6.3</b>

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Road System	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2003-2005	2006	% Change
Urban	8	3	4	6	6	5.3	5	-6.2
Highways	37	25	37	28	27	30.7	27	-12.0
Rural	25	19	15	17	9	13.7	9	-34.1
Other	9	4	7	2	4	4.3	6	38.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-13.0</b>

## INJURY COLLISIONS BY ROAD SYSTEM

Road System	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2003-2005	2006	% Change
Urban	3,067	3,279	3,607	3,494	3,396	3,499.0	3,086	-11.8
Highways	1,066	1,084	1,069	1,218	1,132	1,139.7	1,157	1.5
Rural	621	582	628	533	462	541.0	480	-11.3
Other	157	172	150	157	197	168.0	141	-16.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,911</b>	<b>5,117</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>5,402</b>	<b>5,187</b>	<b>5,347.7</b>	<b>4,864</b>	<b>-9.0</b>

## INJURIES BY ROAD SYSTEM

Road System	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2003-2005	2006	% Change
Urban	4,055	4,343	4,722	4,554	4,408	4,561.3	4,055	-11.1
Highways	1,716	1,744	1,758	1,960	1,762	1,826.7	1,807	-1.1
Rural	952	947	963	812	647	807.3	728	-9.8
Other	241	278	241	217	294	250.7	246	-1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,964</b>	<b>7,312</b>	<b>7,684</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>7,111</b>	<b>7,446</b>	<b>6,836</b>	<b>-8.2</b>

## (ALCOHOL INVOLVED) INJURY COLLISIONS BY ROAD SYSTEM

Road System	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2003-2005	2006	% Change
Urban	211	239	253	264	216	244.3	188	-23.1
Highways	134	130	110	94	95	99.7	116	16.4
Rural	73	77	68	72	61	67.0	61	-9.0
Other	47	64	46	35	39	40.0	40	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>-10.2</b>

## (ALCOHOL INVOLVED) INJURIES BY ROAD SYSTEM

Road System	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2003-2005	2006	% Change
Urban	340	339	370	406	327	367.7	285	-22.5
Highways	269	211	212	192	178	194.0	242	24.7
Rural	142	158	127	148	103	126.0	121	-4.0
Other	83	113	98	53	63	71.3	85	19.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>-3.4</b>

## CASUALTIES BY ROAD USER CLASS

Victim Class	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Injuries	Deaths	Injuries	Deaths	Injuries	Deaths	Injuries	Deaths	Injuries	Deaths	Injuries	Deaths
Drivers	3,913	93	4,235	70	4,525	87	4,443	66	4,274	73	3,983	79
Passengers	2,302	49	2,360	43	2,388	34	2,418	37	2,111	49	2,096	36
Pedestrians	367	15	365	17	328	16	282	14	347	15	354	8
Bicyclists	191	3	166	2	216	0	187	4	165	1	158	2
Motorcyclists	132	3	127	3	176	4	165	2	147	4	184	5
Snowmobilst	29	3	27	0	23	2	19	1	15	0	30	6
ATV	13	0	23	1	18	2	16	1	23	2	20	1
Const/Farm*	7	1	9	1	8	3	7	1	4	2	9	0
Not Stated	10	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	25	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,964</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>7,312</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>7,684</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>7,111</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>6,836</b>	<b>137</b>

\*construction, maintenance and unregistered farm equipment

## PER CENT SEATBELT USE OF INJURED DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS IN 2006

	Injuries	Seatbelt Use (%)			Deaths	Seatbelt Use (%)		
		Yes	No	Not Stated		Yes	No	Not Stated
Urban streets	3,427	90.1	2.8	7.1	12	66.7	25.0	8.3
Highways	1,732	85.1	10.2	4.7	77	57.1	39.0	3.9
Rural roads	700	77.1	16.6	6.3	21	33.3	61.9	4.8
Other	220	54.5	34.5	10.9	5	0.0	100.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,079</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>

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