

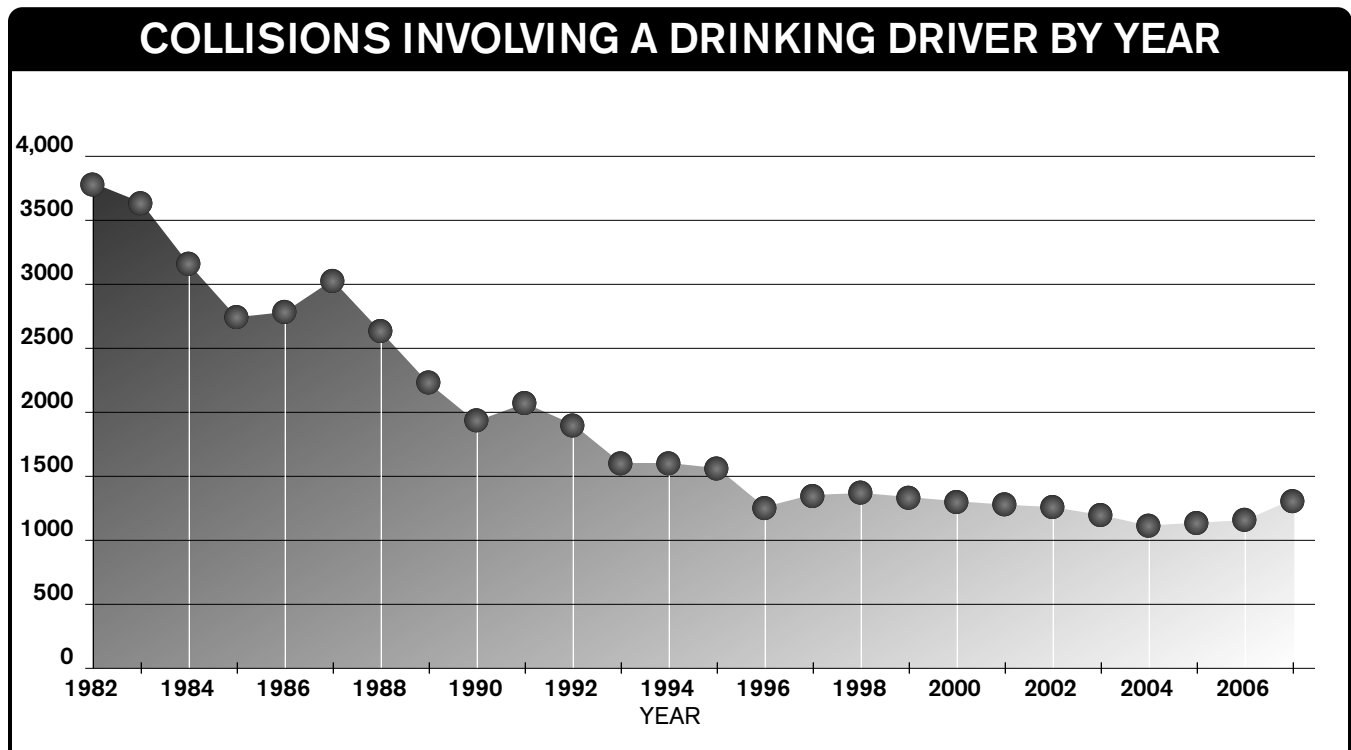
2007 Casualty Collisions

In 2007, 142 people died as a result of traffic collisions in Saskatchewan. Of these, 112 were vehicle occupants, 15 were pedestrians, nine were motorcyclists, two were snowmobile riders, two were bicyclists, one was the operator of an ATV and one was the occupant of an unidentified vehicle. The previous three-year average was 136 fatalities.

Fewer people were injured in 2007 than in the previous year. Traffic collisions resulted in 6,578 injuries, seven per cent lower than the 2006 number of 7,075 and 9.2 per cent lower than the previous three-year average of 7,242.

The proportion of fatally injured occupants who were unbelted increased slightly from 44 per cent in 2006 to 48 per cent in 2007. 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 25 vehicle occupant deaths on rural roads, 68 per cent involved unbelted occupants. All of the fatalities reported on First Nations 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 a dominant contributing factor in fatal collisions. In 2007, it was a factor in 42 fatal collisions, which is a 3.8 per cent decrease from the previous three-year average of 44 collisions. The number of injuries resulting from alcohol-related crashes was 454 – a 5.6 per cent increase from the previous three-year average of 430.



FATAL COLLISIONS BY ROAD SYSTEM

| Road System | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Average 2004-2006 | 2007 | % Change |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Urban | 17 | 18 | 16 | 23 | 14 | 17.7 | 20 | 13.2 |
| Highways | 70 | 76 | 65 | 79 | 77 | 73.7 | 71 | -3.6 |
| Rural | 29 | 34 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 23.0 | 24 | 4.3 |
| Other | 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5.0 | 10 | 100.0 |
| Totals | 123 | 136 | 105 | 129 | 124 | 119.3 | 125 | 4.7 |

DEATHS BY ROAD SYSTEM

| Road System | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Average 2004-2006 | 2007 | % Change |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Urban | 18 | 20 | 17 | 24 | 16 | 19.0 | 21 | 10.5 |
| Highways | 81 | 85 | 83 | 95 | 86 | 88.0 | 84 | -4.5 |
| Rural | 31 | 35 | 23 | 24 | 26 | 24.3 | 27 | 11.0 |
| Other | 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5.0 | 10 | 100.0 |
| Totals | 137 | 148 | 126 | 147 | 136 | 136.3 | 142 | 4.2 |

(ALCOHOL INVOLVED) FATAL COLLISIONS BY ROAD SYSTEM

| Road System | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Average 2004-2006 | 2007 | % Change |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Urban | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5.0 | 4 | -20.0 |
| Highways | 23 | 32 | 20 | 24 | 26 | 23.3 | 23 | -1.4 |
| Rural | 18 | 15 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 11.3 | 8 | -29.4 |
| Other | 4 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4.0 | 7 | 75.0 |
| Totals | 48 | 58 | 44 | 42 | 45 | 43.7 | 42 | -3.8 |

(ALCOHOL INVOLVED) DEATHS BY ROAD SYSTEM

| Road System | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Average 2004-2006 | 2007 | % Change |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Urban | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5.7 | 4 | -29.4 |
| Highways | 25 | 37 | 29 | 27 | 26 | 27.3 | 26 | -4.9 |
| Rural | 19 | 15 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 11.3 | 9 | -20.6 |
| Other | 4 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4.0 | 7 | 75.0 |
| Totals | 51 | 63 | 53 | 46 | 46 | 48.3 | 46 | -4.8 |

INJURY COLLISIONS BY ROAD SYSTEM

| Road System | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Average | | % Change |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | 2004-2006 | 2007 | |
| Urban | 3,279 | 3,607 | 3,494 | 3,396 | 3,217 | 3,369.0 | 3,183 | -5.5 |
| Highways | 1,084 | 1,069 | 1,218 | 1,132 | 1,205 | 1,185.0 | 1,025 | -13.5 |
| Rural | 583 | 629 | 533 | 462 | 495 | 496.7 | 481 | -3.2 |
| Other | 172 | 149 | 157 | 194 | 157 | 169.3 | 115 | -32.1 |
| Totals | 5,118 | 5,454 | 5,402 | 5,184 | 5,074 | 5,220.0 | 4,804 | -8.0 |

INJURIES BY ROAD SYSTEM

| Road System | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Average | | % Change |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | 2004-2006 | 2007 | |
| Urban | 4,343 | 4,722 | 4,554 | 4,408 | 4,196 | 4,386.0 | 4,159 | -5.2 |
| Highways | 1,744 | 1,758 | 1,965 | 1,762 | 1,868 | 1,865.0 | 1,569 | -15.9 |
| Rural | 948 | 963 | 807 | 647 | 747 | 733.7 | 663 | -9.6 |
| Other | 278 | 240 | 217 | 291 | 264 | 257.3 | 187 | -27.3 |
| Totals | 7,313 | 7,683 | 7,543 | 7,108 | 7,075 | 7,242.0 | 6,578 | -9.2 |

(ALCOHOL INVOLVED) INJURY COLLISIONS BY ROAD SYSTEM

| Road System | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Average | | % Change |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | | | 2004-2006 | 2007 | |
| Urban | 239 | 253 | 264 | 216 | 191 | 223.7 | 244 | 9.1 |
| Highways | 130 | 110 | 94 | 95 | 120 | 103.0 | 109 | 5.8 |
| Rural | 77 | 69 | 72 | 61 | 60 | 64.3 | 55 | -14.5 |
| Other | 64 | 45 | 35 | 38 | 44 | 39.0 | 46 | 17.9 |
| Totals | 510 | 477 | 465 | 410 | 415 | 430.0 | 454 | 5.6 |

(ALCOHOL INVOLVED) INJURIES BY ROAD SYSTEM

| Road System | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Average | | % Change |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | 2004-2006 | 2007 | |
| Urban | 339 | 370 | 406 | 327 | 289 | 340.7 | 382 | 12.1 |
| Highways | 211 | 212 | 197 | 178 | 248 | 207.7 | 248 | 19.4 |
| Rural | 158 | 128 | 143 | 103 | 120 | 122.0 | 106 | -13.1 |
| Other | 113 | 97 | 53 | 62 | 89 | 68.0 | 95 | 39.7 |
| Totals | 821 | 807 | 799 | 670 | 746 | 738.3 | 831 | 12.6 |

CASUALTIES BY ROAD USER CLASS

| Victim Class | 2002 | | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | | 2006 | | 2007 | |
|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Injuries | Deaths | Injuries | Deaths | Injuries | Deaths | Injuries | Deaths | Injuries | Deaths | Injuries | Deaths |
| Drivers | 4,235 | 70 | 4,525 | 87 | 4,443 | 66 | 4,274 | 73 | 4,146 | 78 | 3,932 | 84 |
| Passengers | 2,360 | 43 | 2,388 | 34 | 2,418 | 37 | 2,111 | 49 | 2,155 | 36 | 1,939 | 28 |
| Pedestrians | 365 | 17 | 328 | 16 | 282 | 14 | 347 | 15 | 357 | 8 | 301 | 15 |
| Bicyclists | 166 | 2 | 216 | 0 | 187 | 4 | 165 | 1 | 159 | 2 | 151 | 2 |
| Motorcyclists | 127 | 3 | 176 | 4 | 165 | 2 | 147 | 4 | 194 | 5 | 195 | 9 |
| Snowmobilst | 28 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 31 | 6 | 27 | 2 |
| ATV | 23 | 1 | 18 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 23 | 2 | 20 | 1 | 18 | 1 |
| Const/Farm | 9 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Veh Not Stated | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 25 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 1 |
| Total | 7,313 | 137 | 7,684 | 148 | 7,543 | 126 | 7,108 | 147 | 7,075 | 136 | 6,577 | 142 |

PER CENT SEATBELT USE OF INJURED DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS IN 2007

| | Injuries | Seatbelt Use (%) | | | Deaths | Seatbelt Use (%) | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| | | Yes | No | Not Stated | | Yes | No | Not Stated |
| Urban Streets | 3,581 | 90.5 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 10 | 50.0 | 20.0 | 30.0 |
| Highways | 1,494 | 82.9 | 11.7 | 5.4 | 74 | 25.0 | 43.2 | 2.7 |
| Rural Roads | 643 | 78.7 | 15.4 | 5.9 | 25 | 28.0 | 68.0 | 4.0 |
| Other | 155 | 48.7 | 35.7 | 15.6 | 3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 5,873 | 86.2 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 112 | 46.4 | 48.2 | 5.4 |

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