

HIGHLIGHTS

Saskatchewan Comprehensive Injury Surveillance Report, 1995 – 2005

Snapshot Picture

- 14.6% of Saskatchewan residents 12 years and older reported being injured over the 12-month period prior to the survey in 2005.
- Injury is the fourth major cause of death in Saskatchewan.
- Children, young adults and seniors were most likely to suffer an injury.

Injury Hospitalizations

- The top six causes of hospitalized injuries included falls; motor vehicle transport incidents (traffic and non-traffic); suicide attempts and self-harm; assault and homicide; poisoning; and drowning, submersion and suffocation.

Falls in Seniors

- The percentage of seniors reporting falls as the cause of serious injury increased with age group. In the 65 to 74 year age group 49.8% reported falls, compared to 76.5% of the 75 to 84 year age group and 90.2% over 85 years.

Deaths

- The top causes of injury-related deaths include motor vehicle-related (26%); self-injury (19.1%); and drowning (8.6%).

Age Groups

- Falling was the most frequent cause of injury for newborns to nine years of age, 10-14, 35-64 and 65 years of age and older.
- Motor vehicle transport incident was the most frequent cause of injury for the 15 to 19 years of age and 20 to 34 years of age groups.

Collisions

- Most (63.7%) injury collisions in Saskatchewan occurred on urban roads, while significantly fewer (21.7%) occurred on highways.
- The rate of serious injuries per 1,000 licensed drivers has been decreasing since 1994. After peaking in 1999, the fatality rate has also decreased.
- Alcohol was the most common factor in traffic deaths in Saskatchewan.
- The severity of injury is much lower for people using seat belts. Ninety-one per cent of those using seatbelts sustained minor or moderate injuries.

Workplace

- Back injuries were the most common type of workplace injury.
- In 2005, there were 13,904 accepted time loss claims, which represents a 3.3% decrease over an average of seven years.

Farms:

- 77% of fatal farm injuries involved a farm machine.
- Machinery-related injuries accounted for 46% of hospitalized farm injuries.