

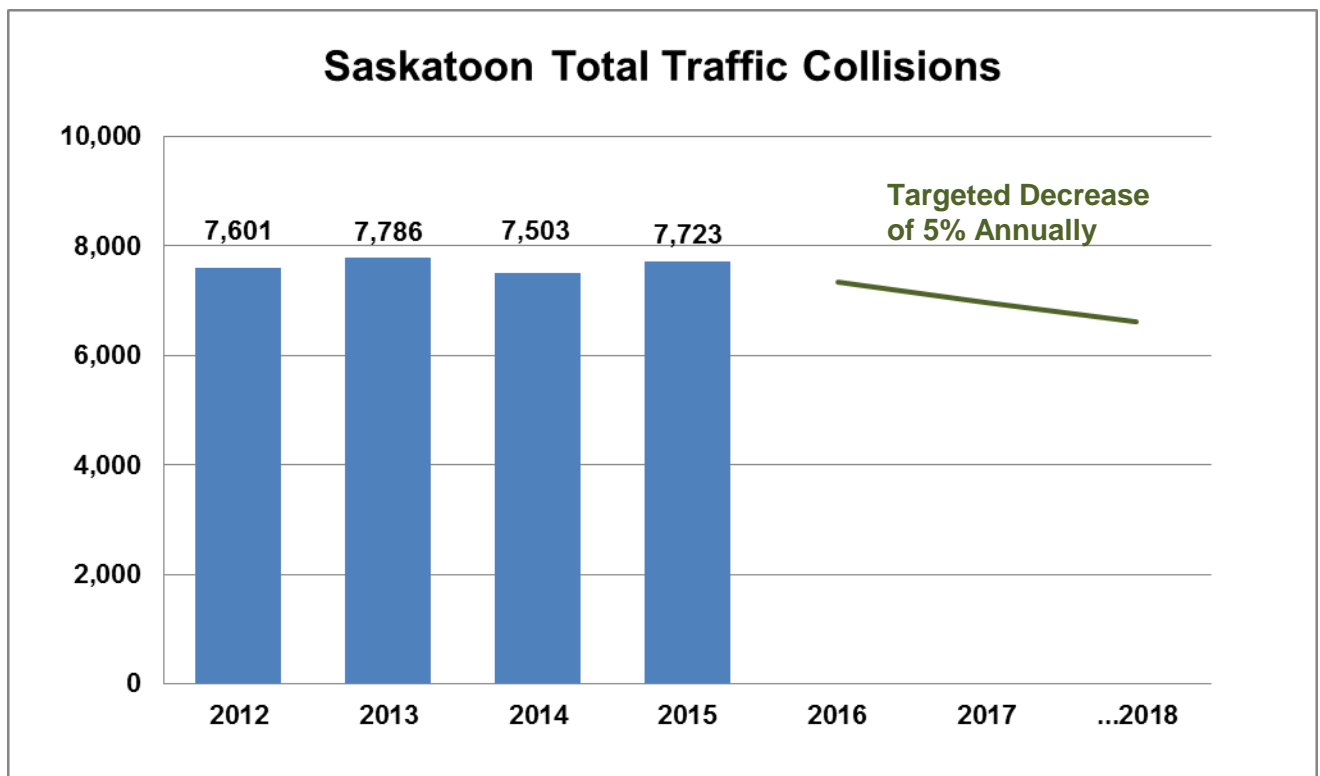
Traffic Collisions

5-Year Target: Decrease traffic collisions by 5% annually

Description: Decreasing traffic collisions indicates success in increasing public safety on our streets.

How are we doing?

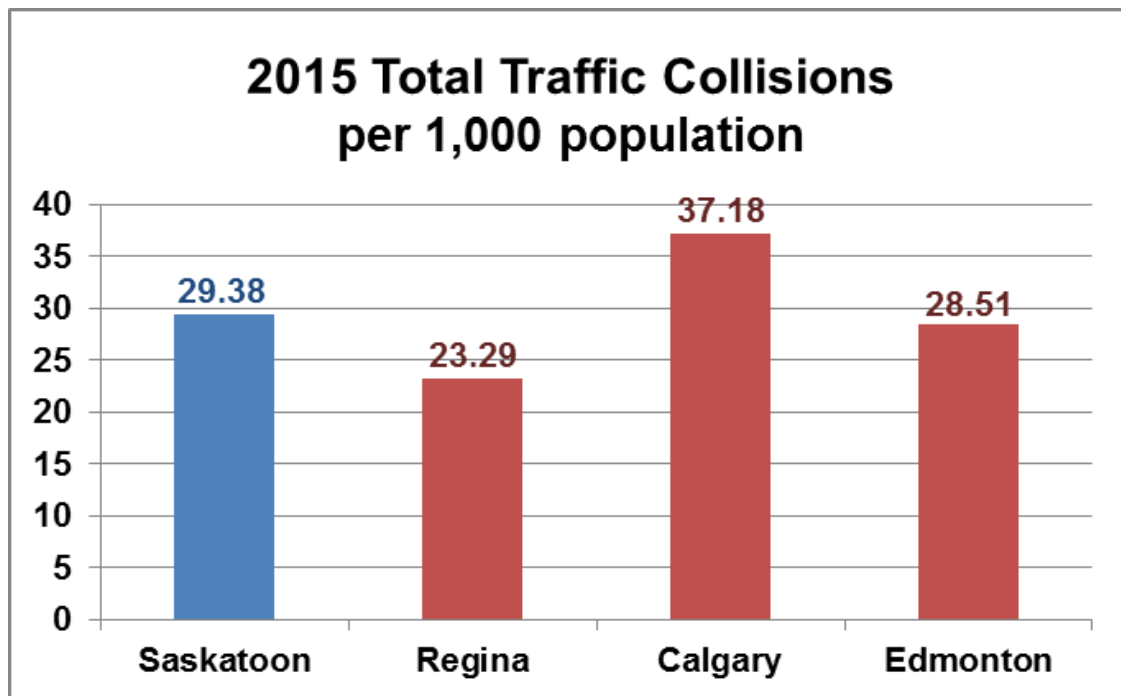
In 2015, the number of traffic collisions in Saskatoon increased by 2.9% to 7,723 from 2014 numbers.



Source: Saskatoon Police Service

How are other cities doing?

The number of traffic collisions in Saskatoon per 1,000 people is second only to Calgary when compared to other Western cities.



Source: Saskatoon Police Service

What do we need to do to achieve this target?

Saskatoon Police Service is working to reduce traffic accidents as one of four priority areas in their *2015–2019 Business Plan* to create a safe and secure community. The addition of a new integrated traffic section with the RCMP, funded by SGI, will enforce traffic laws and reduce accidents.

The City of Saskatoon's 2014 *Traffic Safety Action Plan* (TSAP) will focus on reducing accidents associated with the following:

- Aggressive driving
- Distracted driving
- Impaired driving
- Intersections
- Older drivers
- Young drivers
- Vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians, bikers)

What are the benefits of achieving the target?

A reduction in vehicle collisions means

- Fewer fatalities and injuries
- Less property damage
- Smoother traffic flow
- Increased productivity (less time off for injuries and dealing with damaged vehicles)

The TSAP identified the direct cost of collisions to be \$57.52 million per year and societal costs to be \$261.2 million per year in Saskatoon. A 5% reduction in collisions means a \$2.9 million savings in direct costs and a \$13.1 million savings in societal costs.

What are the risks?

- Unusually bad weather conditions increase traffic collisions.
- More vehicles and road infrastructure congestion increase traffic violations and collisions.