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Police-Reported Motor Vehicle Collision	Police agencies are required to investigate and complete a motor vehicle accident report for all collisions that involve bodily injury or death, hit and run, where the driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, where a motor vehicle must be towed from the scene or a collision involving an out-of-province vehicle.
Motor Vehicle Collision Captured By Claims	An incident involving one or more motor vehicles in transport resulting in personal injury or a minimum of \$1,000 in property damage, not including damage to cargo and has not been reported by police.
Incident	Any set of motor vehicle events, not under human control, that include at least one occurrence of injury or damage. It originates when human control of the vehicle is lost and terminates when control is regained, or in the absence of persons who are able to regain control, when all persons and property are at rest. This excludes events that are the result of deliberate intent, legal intervention or natural disasters. For example, if a vehicle catches fire due to mechanical failure and the driver is able to stop safely, a motor vehicle collision did not occur because control of the vehicle was never lost.
Motor Vehicle	Any motorized mechanically or electrically powered land vehicle not operated on rails. Collisions that involve only construction or maintenance equipment within the right of way are not reportable on TAIS.
In Transport	Means “in motion or being operated” on a roadway. Harm to property that reduces the monetary value of that property. It includes harm to animals that have monetary value. It excludes mechanical failure during normal operation, such as a tire blowout.
Public Roadway	Any highway, secondary road, rural road, street, avenue, parkway, lane, alley or bridge designed and intended for or used by the general public for the passage of motor vehicles. This includes sidewalks, boulevards and the immediate right of way adjacent to and parallel with the roadway. It does not include privately maintained roads, driveways or parking lots.
Snowmobiles and Off-Roadway Vehicles	Collisions involving snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles that occur within the right-of-way of a public roadway are recorded as part of that roadway. If they occur outside of the right of way, they are on private property.
Road Authority	The jurisdiction responsible for the general maintenance and traffic safety of the road.
Urban Streets	Any street, lane or back alley within the incorporated limits of a city, town, village or hamlet, except those streets recorded as a numbered highway. Street: Any public road of an urban street system under the maintenance or jurisdiction of the municipal government. In the case where a road is maintained by a municipal government and would more easily be coded as a numbered highway, exceptions may be made.

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Lane/Back Alley: Any alley or lane within an urban area intended for use by the public and maintained by the local government.

Provincial Highways

Any rural/urban highway, provincial road, community access or service road, or other highway as described below.

Rural/Urban Highway: Any numbered provincial highway in a rural area or urban area with a population less than 1,000 that is maintained by Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation, and any roadways within urban limits that the police have been permitted to code as a highway for convenience (see street definitions).

Provincial Roads (900 series highways): Any public highway with a highway number greater than 900.

Community Access, Service Road/Other: Roads built and maintained by Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation providing access to communities, industrial plants and/or land parcels.

Rural Roads

Any designated grid, municipal or other road as defined below.

Designated Grid Road: A municipal road designated as a municipal grid or main farm access road on the Saskatchewan Municipal Road Inventory Maps and posted with customary grid road signs. Collisions on grid roads going through First Nations are coded to the First Nations (code 09).

Municipal/Other Rural Road: Any rural municipal road not designated as a grid road. These will include trails, bladed and non-bladed roads, and local streets in unorganized hamlets. Collisions on municipal roads going through First Nations are coded to the First Nations (code 09).

Other Roads

Any location not identified under urban, highway or rural road locations.

First Nation Grid or Municipal Road: Any public road within a First Nation boundary, other than a provincial highway, serving as an access or internal road for a First Nation.

Northern Forest Road: Roads in forested areas built and maintained with the primary intent of providing access to forestry operations.

Federal/Provincial Lands: Any road other than a numbered provincial highway serving as a public access or internal road to federal or provincial land such as parks, federal community pastures, etc.

Not Known: This code is intended for use only when a general location is definitely not known.

Private Property

Privately-owned property, both in rural and urban areas, such as parking lots, parkades, farmyards, private roads, driveways, service station lots, etc. Collisions coded to this Road Authority are not recorded on TAIS.

Property Damage Only Collisions	A motor vehicle collision resulting in total damages over the prescribed amount as defined in <i>The Traffic Safety Act</i> (\$1,000) with no personal injuries or deaths.
Injury Collisions	A motor vehicle collision resulting in a non-fatal injury to one or more persons. An injury is defined as any bodily harm resulting from the collision.
Fatal Collisions	A motor vehicle collision resulting in death within 30 days to one or more involved persons.
Impaired	A person with a blood alcohol content exceeding the legal limit.
Had Been Drinking	A person that had consumed alcohol but has a blood alcohol content less than the legal limit.
Major Contributing Factors	Contributing factors are those circumstances or factors that have directly contributed to the collision or its severity. TAIS recognizes that a collision usually results from many causal factors. The collision data system accepts up to four contributing factors for each vehicle involved in a collision. Factors can be selected from four categories: human condition, human action, vehicle condition or driving environment.

Due to differences in reporting definitions, the numbers of collisions and associated casualties published in this report do not necessarily reflect the collision and injury claims experience of the Saskatchewan Auto Fund. Traffic collisions are reported in the Traffic Accident Information System (TAIS) only when the estimated repair costs for all vehicles exceed \$1,000 or when personal injuries are sustained, whereas a collision claim may occur for any amount of property damage over the applicable deductible. Private property and parking lot collisions as well as deliberate acts of vandalism or natural causes are also not recorded in TAIS.

The information presented in this publication reflects all police and insurance claim reports known to SGI as of August 2007. Since the TAIS is updated on a continual basis, information in future publications may vary from what is published in this report.