

1: Why is this important?

Canada motor vehicle crash statistics

This table shows Injuries and fatalities due to motor vehicle crashes in Canada (2019).

Age Group	Fatalities	Serious Injuries	Moderate/ Minor Injuries
0-4	17	67	2,032
5-14	28	285	5,464
0-14	45	352	7,496

Injuries from motor vehicle collisions remain the leading cause of death in children and youth in Canada. In 2018, motor vehicle collisions in children under age 14 cost Canada 83 million dollars.¹

This table shows the most recently available Transport Canada (2019) statistics for injuries and fatalities due to motor vehicle crashes.²

While fatalities are the worst outcome, and typically the most reported events in the news, properly buckling children in motor vehicles can also reduce the risk of all types of injury. Only looking at fatalities is like looking at the tip of an iceberg.

This chart includes children involved in crashes where a fatality occurred or where medical treatment was sought at a hospital. It does not include medical treatment at a doctor's office or treated at home.

"Serious Injuries" include persons admitted to hospital for treatment or observation. "Total Injuries" include all reported severities of injuries ranging from minimal to serious.

Notes

¹ Parachute. (2021). *Cost of injury fall transport chat 3-EN*.

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/michael.gemar/viz/CostofInjuryFallTransportChart3-EN/MoreonFallsandTransport>

² Transport Canada. (2021). *Canadian Motor Vehicle Traffic Collision Statistics 2019*.

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/road-transportation/statistics-data/canadian-motor-vehicle-traffic-collision-statistics-2019>