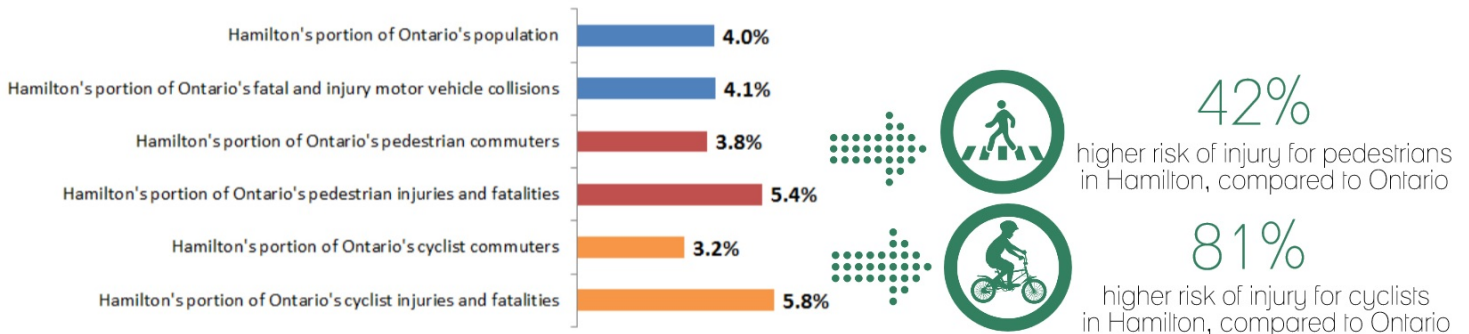


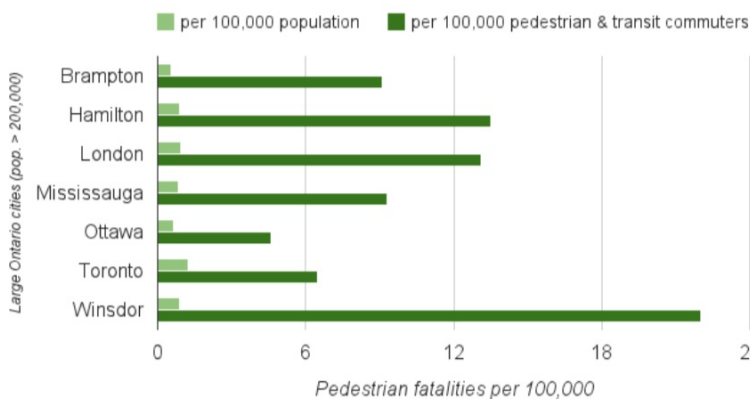
Hamilton's Risky Streets

Hamilton's streets put pedestrians and cyclists at risk. The City's own Road Classification Policy Paper says that most of Hamilton's streets have been designed for speeds much higher than the posted speed limit of 50km/h on most of Hamilton's streets. The following data explores the risk that Hamilton's pedestrians and cyclists face on local roads.

Risk of pedestrian and cycling injuries and fatalities in Hamilton compared to Ontario, 2010



Risk of pedestrian deaths, large Ontario Cities, 2000-2009



Risk of injury increases exponentially with speed



What can we do?



At a City-level, the adoption of a Complete Streets Policy would help improve safety for everyone by designing streets for all users and not just for cars.

The City can also adopt a goal of zero pedestrian fatalities, as has been done in cities such as Chicago, New York and Vancouver and target improvements to key intersection and roads to reduce fatalities.

On a personal level, we can all take actions to make our streets safer. Drivers can choose to slow down, especially in areas with pedestrians and cyclists. All road users can be courteous and treat streets as shared spaces to be enjoyed by everyone.

Each of us can also improve safety by choosing to walk and cycle more often. Research shows that the more pedestrian and cyclists on the roads, the safer they become, in part because drivers get more attuned to their presence and everyone remembers to share the road at all times.



Sources: 2011 Census, 2006 Census (Long Form), 2010 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report, 2010 Traffic Safety Status Report Volume 1 (City of Hamilton), 2010 Pedestrian Death Review (Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario), speed graphic from Strathcona County (Alberta), P. Jacobsen (2004): Safety in numbers: more walkers and bicyclists, safer walking and bicycling (Injury Prevention, Vol. 9 Issue 3)



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