

VISION ZERO CHICAGO ACTION PLAN 2017-2019

Chicago's initiative to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2026.



Vision Zero is Chicago's commitment to eliminating death and serious injury from traffic crashes by 2026.

This Action Plan is a guiding document identifying the City's priorities and resources for traffic safety initiatives through 2019. Under the leadership of the Office of the Mayor, more than a dozen City departments and sister agencies collaborated to develop the plan.

Vision Zero commits to several principles, most importantly, that traffic crashes are not "accidents," and that the tools and technology exist to prevent loss of life. This comprehensive approach to traffic safety is a partnership between the City, community members, and the private sector to create a transportation system that will better serve all roadway users.

Action Plan Benchmarks

- Reduce deaths from traffic crashes **20% citywide by 2020.**
- Reduce serious injuries from traffic crashes **35% by 2020.**

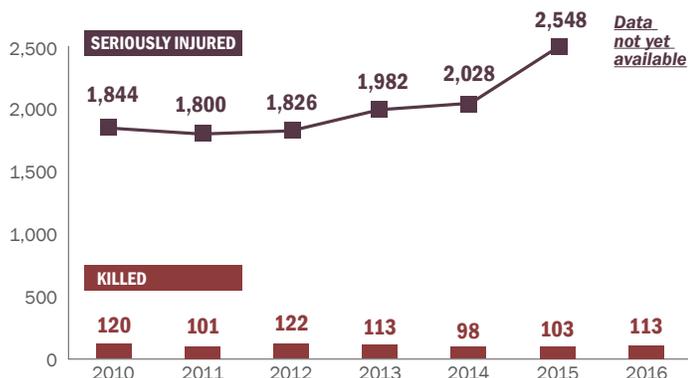
Five people are seriously injured in a traffic crash every day.

Every three days, someone dies in a traffic crash on Chicago's streets.

Citywide Policies

- Approach death and serious injury from traffic crashes as a public health issue.
- Design streets so that speeds are safe for all users of the roadway.
- Lead by example on vehicle safety equipment and driver training.
- Police traffic laws fairly, focusing on education and the dangerous driving behaviors that cause most severe crashes.
- Commit to investing resources equitably.

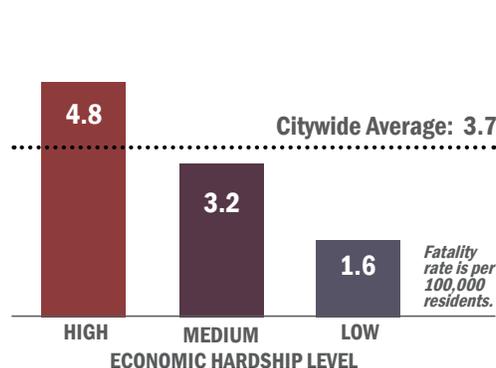
PEOPLE KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED IN TRAFFIC CRASHES, CITY OF CHICAGO, 2010-2016



554 people were killed and another 9,480 were seriously injured while in vehicles, walking, or riding a bicycle on Chicago streets from 2010-2014.

Recently issued data indicate that the number of people killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes on Chicago streets is on the rise.

TRAFFIC CRASH FATALITY RATE BY ECONOMIC HARDSHIP LEVEL, CITY OF CHICAGO, 2010-2014



Areas of High Economic Hardship have more than 3 times the number of fatalities per 100,000 residents than Low Economic Hardship areas.

Vision Zero Action Plan Goals

1. Invest equitably in communities that are most affected by severe traffic crashes.

While severe traffic crashes are a persistent problem across the city, crash data show certain communities are more seriously impacted than others. Communities and corridors with disproportionately high rates of severe crashes have been identified as High Crash Areas and High Crash Corridors to prioritize investments for the biggest impact in the shortest amount of time.



2. Work to change behaviors and perceptions to build a citywide culture of safety.

A traffic crash is not simply an “accident,” but the result of preventable behaviors and conditions that led to the crash. Identifying and changing behaviors and conditions is key to preventing severe crashes from occurring.

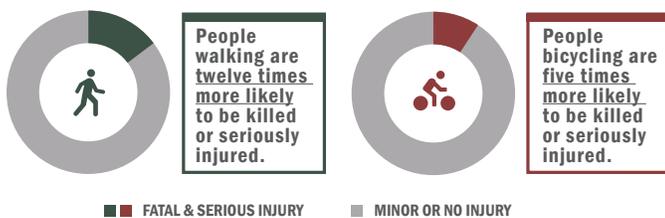
400 people were killed 2010-2014 in crashes that involved five identified dangerous driving behaviors:

- Speeding
- Failure to Give the Right of Way
- Using a Cell Phone While Driving
- Driving Under the Influence
- Disobeying Traffic Signals

3. Make streets safer for all users.

There is safety in numbers. When more people are walking and biking, the risk of severe crashes decreases. Fostering safety in numbers is achieved in two ways: redesigning streets so they are comfortable and safe for all users, and developing encouragement programs that promote walking, biking, and taking public transit.

CRASH SEVERITY, CITY OF CHICAGO, 2010-2014



4. Encourage and implement policies, training, and technologies that create safer vehicles and professional drivers.

Those who drive vehicles professionally have a special responsibility to prioritize safety on the roadway. Improved driver training and vehicle safety features can help to prevent crashes or reduce the severity of injuries if they occur.



12%

of fatal pedestrian and bicyclist crashes involved a large vehicle between 2010 and 2014.

Transparency & Accountability

Chicago is committed to transparency and accountability. Vision Zero progress reports will be made quarterly and an annual report of all progress will be completed for each plan year.

Traffic Crash Data

Official traffic crash data for the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois between 2010 and 2015 are provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on an annual basis and analyzed by the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT). Crashes that occurred on freeways and interstate highways were removed. The City of Chicago is responsible for any data analyses and conclusions drawn from IDOT's data. Interim traffic crash fatality statistics for 2016 were reported by the Chicago Police Department (CPD).