

Georgetown drivers are the best in Halton— according to Allstate Canada Safe Driving Study

The seventh-annual Allstate Canada Safe Driving Study, released recently, has revealed that collisions are on the rise across the country— and in Ontario, there was an 8.4 per cent increase in collision claims.

In this year's study, Georgetown ranked 12th out of 81 communities, with a collision frequency rate of 4.20 per cent (collision claims frequency per 100 cars from 2013-2015). In 2013, Georgetown ranked #41 (4.84%) resulting in a 13 per cent decrease in frequency reporting of claims from 2013 to 2015.

Georgetown was deemed the safest community in Halton Region. In the 2015 study, Burlington was #44 (5.6 %) on the list, while Oakville was #50 (5.86%) and Milton #73 (6.57%).

Nationally, the frequency of collisions has risen from 5.19 per cent in the previous study to 5.57 per cent in this year's study— this represents a 7.3 per cent increase in collisions.

The study, which looks at Allstate Canada data to track collision frequency among Allstate Canada customers in Alberta, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Ontario, and ranked 81 cities across the country. The community with the lowest collision frequency

rate was Spruce Grove, Alta. (3.43 per cent) while Halifax, N.S. had the highest collision frequency rate (7.12 per cent).

The survey also revealed:

- Ontario was home to seven of the top 10 safest cities in Canada: Chelmsford (#2, 3.54 per cent); St. Thomas (#3, 3.66 per cent); LaSalle (#4, 3.70 per cent); Brockville (#5, 3.83 per cent); Belle River (#6, 3.90 per cent); Sarnia (#7, 4.01 per cent); and Amherstburg (#10, 4.09 per cent)

- Chelmsford reported the most significant decrease in collision claims (-23 per cent), followed closely by St. Thomas (-23 per cent)

- In looking at the provincial collision frequency rates, Ontario reported an increase of 8.4 per cent

- The Ontario community with the highest collision frequency was Ajax (#80, 7.12%), followed by North York (#79, 7.02%) and Ottawa (#78, 6.97%).

Data tables with regional details, including the full rankings of the 81 communities included in the study, can be found at: <http://www.allstate.ca/webpages/docs/newsroom/current/Data-Table-National-2015-EN-Nov-2015.pdf>



From left, Mary McPherson and Jennifer McNally of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation accept a cheque for more than \$10,000 from Casey and Tim O'Connor, owners of the two McDonald's Restaurants in Halton Hills, from the chain's annual McHappy Day. Photo by Eamonn Maher

Hospital Foundation is McHappy with \$10K donation

Local McDonald's Restaurant owner/operators Tim and Casey O'Connor were pleased to make one of their larger donations from the annual McHappy Day fundraiser held back in May, with \$10,767.34 donated to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the more than 10,000 children and

families who visit Georgetown Hospital each year.

The McDonald's outlets in Georgetown and Acton donated \$1 from each Big Mac, coffee and Happy Meal sold on McHappy Day and also generated funds from Drive-Thru collections and its Helping Hands program.

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