

# Introduction



## Background

- The Seattle Police Department publishes a record of 136,485 collision accidents which happened in Seattle from 2004 to 2020.
- To gain **insights** from the tabular data, some exploratory data analyses are needed.
- Some **machine learning** models may also be applied to mine the data and gain more valuable information.
- The information may help the Seattle government plan and execute effective **policies** in order to reduce the severity and the number of potential collision accidents in the future.

## The significant questions

In order to achieve the goals, some questions need to be addressed and answered:

- What **insights** can be obtained from the data by exploratory data analysis and data visualization?
- Which **classification** model is best for predicting the severity status of an accident?
- Can the accident data be **segmented** to identify which features lead to high collision accident frequency?