**Backgrounder: Surgical Wait Times**

* Starting in March 2015, wait times for surgeries across the province started increasing.

**Waiting more than 3 months:**

* The number of people waiting over three months for their surgery has tripled in just eleven months.
	+ In Regina, the amount of people waiting more than three months for surgery has increased by 285%.
	+ In Saskatoon, the amount of people waiting more than three months for surgery has increased by 120%.

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|   | All Regions | Saskatoon | Regina |
| Feb -15 | 4641 | 2628 | 1834 |
| Jan - 15 | 4100 | 2396 | 1528 |
| Dec – 15 | 3650 | 2175 | 1357 |
| Nov – 15 | 3134 | 1940 | 1126 |
| Oct – 15 | 3182 | 1937 | 1156 |
| Sept – 15 | 2900 | 1831 | 971 |
| Aug – 15 | 2561 | 1623 | 836 |
| Jul -15 | 2191 | 1409 | 671 |
| Jun – 15 | 1804 | 1237 | 482 |
| May – 15 | 1767 | 1232 | 478 |
| Apr – 15 | 1720 | 1192 | 484 |
| Mar- 2015 | 1693 | 1201 | 469 |

**Waiting more than 6 months:**

* The amount of people waiting more than 6 months for surgery has increased by 174%.

**A shifting trend:**

* Up until March 2015 wait times were decreasing, and now we see a dramatic increase. Rates are increasing at a faster rate than they were decreased in the last few years.



Graph retrieved from: http://www.sasksurgery.ca/tableau/waitingmonthend.html