

South Africa

Population: 56 015 472 | Income group: Middle | Gross national income per capita: US\$ 5 480



INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency	Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), Department of Transport
Funded in national budget	Yes
National road safety strategy	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	Partially funded
Fatality reduction target	50% (2010-2020)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Audits or star rating required for new road infrastructure	Partial
Design standards for the safety of pedestrians / cyclists	Partial
Inspections / star rating of existing roads	Yes
Investments to upgrade high risk locations	Yes
Policies & investment in urban public transport	Yes

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles	—
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	—
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	—
Heavy trucks	—
Buses	—
Other	—

Vehicle standards applied (UNECE WP.29)

Frontal impact standard	No
Electronic stability control	Yes
Pedestrian protection	Yes
Motorcycle anti-lock braking system	No

POST-CRASH CARE

National emergency care access number	National, multiple numbers
Trauma registry	National
Formal certification for prehospital providers	Yes
National assessment of emergency care systems	No

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2016)	14 071 ^a (77% M, 23% F)
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities (2016)	14 507
WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population (2016)	25.9

^a Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), Traffic calendar report 2016. Died within 30 days of crash

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law	Yes
Max urban speed limit	60 km/h
Max rural speed limit	100 km/h
Max motorway speed limit	120 km/h
Local authorities can modify limits	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Predominant type of enforcement	Manual and automated

National drink-driving law	Yes
BAC limit – general population	< 0.05 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	< 0.05 g/dl
Random breath testing carried out	Yes
Testing carried out in case of fatal crash	Some drivers tested
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol	58% ^b

National motorcycle helmet law	Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers	Yes
Helmet fastening required	Yes
Helmet standard referred to and/or specified	No
Children passengers on motorcycles	Not restricted
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Helmet wearing rate	—

National seat-belt law	Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Seat-belt wearing rate	33% Drivers ^c , 31% Front seats ^c

National child restraint law	Yes
Children seated in front seat	Not restricted ^d
Child restraint required	Up to 3 yrs
Child restraint standard referred to and/or specified	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% children using child restraints	—

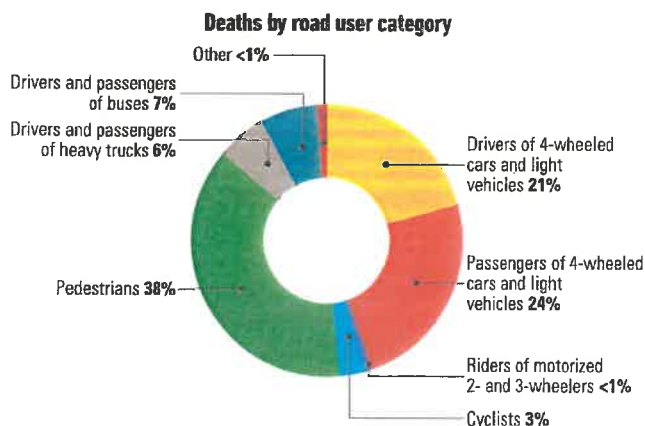
National law on mobile phone use while driving	Yes
Ban on hand-held mobile phone use	Yes
Ban on hands-free mobile phone use	No

National drug-driving law	Yes
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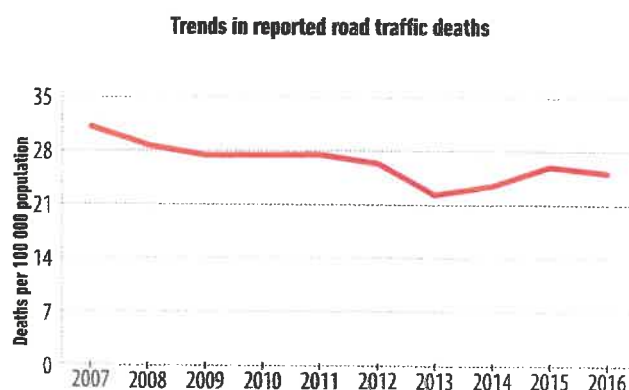
^b 2010, National Injury Mortality Surveillance System (NIMSS)

^c 2010, Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) Traffic Offence Survey 2010

^d Obligation to place children in the rear only applies in vehicles not fitted with seat belts and having rear seats



Source: 2016, Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), Traffic calendar report 2016



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