

COOK ISLANDS



Population: 20 277
Income group: Middle
Gross national income per capita: —

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency	Ministry of Police
Funded in national budget	Yes
National road safety strategy	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	Partially funded
Fatality reduction targets set	Yes (1 July 2009–30 June 2010)
Fatality reduction target	Not more than 2 per year

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction	Yes
Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure	—
Policies to promote walking or cycling	No
Policies to encourage investment in public transport	No
Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs	No

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2010)	9 439
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	4 470
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	4 849
Heavy trucks	—
Buses	25
Other	95
Vehicle standards applied	
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards	—
New car assessment programme	—
Vehicle regulations	
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars	— ^a
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars	No

^a No car manufacturers/assemblers.

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010)	2 ^b , 100%M, 0%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes	—

^b Health facility records. Defined as death caused by a road traffic crash (unlimited time period).

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Year	Category	Deaths
2010	Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers	2

Source: Ministry of Health.

SAFER ROAD USERS

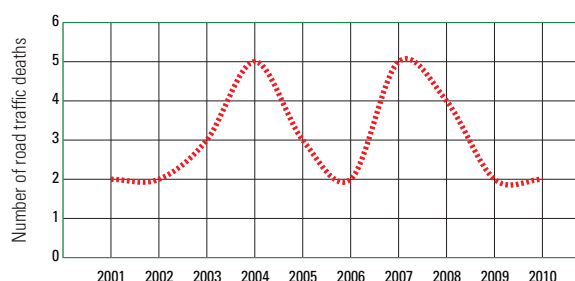
Penalty/demerit point system in place	No
National speed limits	Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits	No
Maximum limit urban roads	50 km/h
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
National drink-driving law	Yes
BAC limit – general population	0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers	0.08 g/dl
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol	100% ^c
National motorcycle helmet law	Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers	Yes
Helmet standard mandated	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Helmet wearing rate	—
National seat-belt law	No
Applies to front and rear seat occupants	—
Enforcement	—
Seat-belt wearing rate	—
National child restraint law	No
Enforcement	—
National law on mobile phones while driving	No
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	—
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	—

^c 2010, Ministry of Health.

POST-CRASH CARE

Vital registration system	Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system	Yes
Emergency access telephone number(s)	999
Seriously injured transported by ambulance	≥75%
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash	—
Emergency medicine training for doctors	No
Emergency medicine training for nurses	No

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: Ministry of Health.