UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Population: 310 383 968
Income group: High
Gross national income per capita: US$ 47 350

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (US DOT/NHTSA)
Funded in national budget: Yes
National road safety strategy: Yes, fully funded
Fatality reduction target: 12.4 deaths per 100 000 population

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place: Subnational
National speed limits: Subnational
Local authorities can set lower limits —
Maximum limit urban roads —
Enforcement —
National drink–driving law: Subnational
BAC limit – general population: 0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers: 0.0–0.02 g/dl
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints: No
Enforcement —
National motorcycle helmet law: Subnational
Helmet standard mandated: Yes
Helmet wearing rate: 55% Drivers
51% Passengers
National child restraint law: Subnational
National seat-belt law: Subnational
National law on mobile phones while driving: Subnational

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

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

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2009): 258 957 503
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 239 212 572
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 7 929 724
Heavy trucks: 10 973 214
Buses: 841 993
Other: 0

Vehicle standards applied
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards: Yes
New car assessment programme: Yes

Vehicle regulations
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars: Yes
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars: Yes

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2009): 33 808, 70%M, 30%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: 2.3%

Post-crash care
Vital registration system: Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system: Yes
Emergency access telephone number(s): 911
Seriously injured transported by ambulance: ≥75%
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash: —
Emergency medicine training for doctors: Yes
Emergency medicine training for nurses: Yes

Deaths by road user category


Trends in road traffic deaths

Further data on each country can be found in the statistical annex.