FRANCE

Population: 64,291,280 • Income group: High • Gross national income per capita: US$ 43,460

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency
Interministerial Delegation for Road Safety
Funded in national budget
Yes
National road safety strategy
Yes
Funding to implement strategy
Partially funded
Fatality reduction target
50% by 2020

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction projects
Yes
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 and protect VRUs
Yes

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2014
42,792,103
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles
38,028,826
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers
4,138,800
Heavy trucks
532,209
Buses
92,268
Other
0
Vehicle standards applied
Yes
Frontal impact standard
Yes
Electronic stability control
Yes
Pedestrian protection
Yes

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law
Yes
Max urban speed limit
50 km/h
Max rural speed limit
90 km/h
Max motorway speed limit
130 km/h
Local authorities can modify limits
Yes
Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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
Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol
29%
National motorcycle helmet law
Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers
Yes
Law requires helmet to be fastened
Yes
Law refers to helmet standard
Yes
Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Helmet wearing rate
98% Drivers, 92% Passengers
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
99% Front seats, 87% Rear seats
National child restraint law
Yes
Restrictions on children sitting in front seat
Yes
Child restraint law based on
Weight/Height
Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% children using child restraints
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National law on mobile phone use while driving
Yes
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use
Yes
Law also applies to hands-free phones
No
National drug-driving law
Yes

POST-CRASH CARE

Emergency room injury surveillance system
Yes
Emergency access telephone numbers
112
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash
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DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013)
3,268
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities
3,268
WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population
5.1
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes
1.0%

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Cyclists (5%)
Drivers/passengers
Other (6%)
Pedestrians 14%
Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (24%)
Occupants 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (49%)

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: ONISR.