

# EL SALVADOR

Population: **6 857 328**

Income group: **Middle**

Gross national income per capita: **\$2 850**



INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK	
Lead agency	Deputy Ministry of Transportation
Funded in national budget	Yes
National road safety strategy	Yes
Measurable targets	No
Funded	No

NATIONAL LEGISLATION	
Speed limits set nationally	Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits	No
Maximum limit urban roads	50 km/h
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 3 <b>4</b> 5 6 7 8 9 10
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 and/or police checkpoints	Yes
Road traffic deaths involving alcohol	4% <sup>b</sup>
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 3 4 <b>5</b> 6 7 8 9 10
Motorcycle helmet law	Yes
Applies to all riders	Yes
Helmet standards mandated	No
Helmet wearing rate	—
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 3 4 5 <b>6</b> 7 8 9 10
Seat-belt law	Yes
Applies to all occupants	No
Seat-belt wearing rate	—
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 3 4 5 <b>6</b> 7 8 9 10
Child restraints law	Yes
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	<b>0</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

<sup>a</sup> Enforcement score represents consensus based on professional opinion of respondents, on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is not effective and 10 is highly effective.

<sup>b</sup> 2007, Assistant Director's Office of Ground Transportation, National Civil Police.

VEHICLE STANDARDS	
No car manufacturers	
ROAD SAFETY AUDITS	
Formal audits required for major new road construction projects	Yes
Regular audits of existing road infrastructure	No
PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT	
National policies to promote walking or cycling	No
National policies to promote public transportation	No

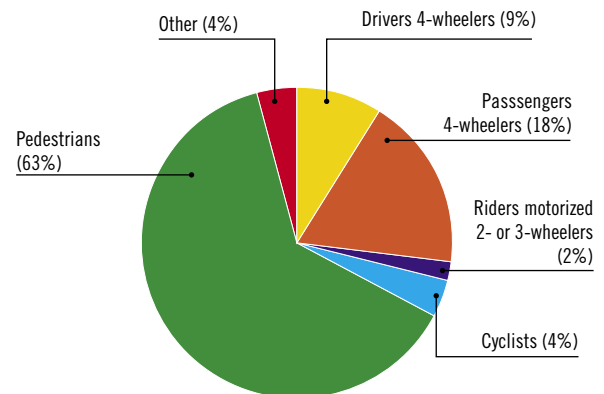
POST-CRASH CARE	
Formal, publicly available pre-hospital care system	No
National universal access number	n/a

DATA
Reported road traffic fatalities (2007) <b>1 493<sup>c</sup></b> (78% males, 22% females)
Reported non-fatal road traffic injuries (2007) <b>11 655<sup>d</sup></b>
Costing study available <b>Yes</b> (deaths and injuries)

<sup>c</sup> Forensic Medicine, Police and Health data, defined as died anytime after the crash.

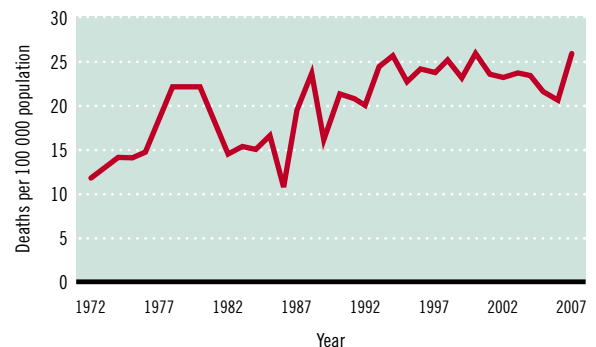
<sup>d</sup> Health data.

## DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



2008, Institute of Forensic Medicine, compared with data of the National Civil Police and the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare

## TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: Data for 1970 to 1998, General Bureau of Statistics and Census. Data for 1999 to 2007, Forensic Statistics Section of the Institute of Forensic Medicine.

REGISTERED VEHICLES	
<b>630 638</b> total (2007)	
Motorcars	45%
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	7%
Minibuses, vans, etc. (seating <20)	38%
Trucks	7%
Buses	1%
Other	2%

Data cleared by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance.

— Data not available.  
n/a Data not required/not applicable.