

Table A.6: Helmet laws, enforcement and wearing rates by country/area

COUNTRY/AREA	THERE IS A NATIONAL HELMET LAW	THE LAW APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING ROAD USERS		
		Drivers	Adult passengers	Child passengers
Afghanistan	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Albania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Angola	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Argentina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Armenia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Australia	Subnational	Yes	Yes	Yes
Austria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Azerbaijan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bahamas (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bahrain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bangladesh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barbados	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belarus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belgium	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belize	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Benin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bhutan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Yes ^a	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botswana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brazil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
British Virgin Islands ^b	Yes	—	—	—
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Burkina Faso	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Burundi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cambodia	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cameroon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Canada	Subnational	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cape Verde	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Central African Republic (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
China	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Colombia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Comoros (the)	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Congo (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cook Islands	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Costa Rica	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Croatia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cuba	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cyprus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Czech Republic (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

EXCEPTIONS TO LAW			EFFECTIVENESS OF OVERALL ENFORCEMENT (RESPONDENT CONSENSUS) (SCALE 0–10)	THERE ARE HELMET STANDARDS	ESTIMATED NATIONAL HELMET WEARING RATE (%)
There are exceptions to the helmet law	The helmet law applies to all road types	The helmet law applies to all engine types			
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
—	Yes	Yes	10	Yes	—
No	Yes	—	5	Yes	—
No	No	No	1	Yes	13
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	95
No	Yes	Yes	9	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	10–15
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	3	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	8	Yes	—
No	Yes	No	9	Yes	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Yes	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	1	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
No	No	No	No consensus	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	3	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	98
No	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	21 ^c
No	Yes	No	1	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	10	Yes	99
Yes	Yes	Yes	9	No	90
Yes	Yes	No	3	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	4	No	51
No	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	100 ^d
No	Yes	Yes	No consensus	Yes	16 ^e
—	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	70
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	8	No	95
Yes	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	68 ^o
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	97 ^f
No	Yes	Yes	7	No	—

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COUNTRY/AREA	THERE IS A NATIONAL HELMET LAW	THE LAW APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING ROAD USERS		
		Drivers	Adult passengers	Child passengers
Dominican Republic	Yes	Yes	—	—
Ecuador	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Egypt	Yes	Yes	No	No
El Salvador	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eritrea	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Estonia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ethiopia	Subnational	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fiji	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Finland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
France	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gambia (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Germany	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ghana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greece	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guatemala	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guinea-Bissau	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Guyana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Honduras	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hungary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iceland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
India	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Indonesia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iraq	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Israel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Italy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jamaica	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Japan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jordan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kazakhstan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kenya	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kiribati	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kuwait	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lao People's Democratic Republic (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Latvia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lebanon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lesotho	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Liberia	No ⁱ	Yes	Yes	Yes
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (the)	Yes	Yes	—	—
Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Madagascar	Yes	Yes	Yes	—
Malawi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Malaysia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maldives	No	n/a	n/a	n/a

EXCEPTIONS TO LAW			EFFECTIVENESS OF OVERALL ENFORCEMENT (RESPONDENT CONSENSUS) (SCALE 0–10)	THERE ARE HELMET STANDARDS	ESTIMATED NATIONAL HELMET WEARING RATE (%)
There are exceptions to the helmet law	The helmet law applies to all road types	The helmet law applies to all engine types			
No	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	2	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	6	No	70%
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	9	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	60
No	Yes	Yes	10	Yes	90
Yes	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	95 ⁱ
Yes	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	95
No	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	—	Yes	97 ⁱ
No	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	58 ⁱ
No	Yes	Yes	3	No	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	5	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	60
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	95
No	Yes	Yes	8	No	95
Yes	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	93 ^a
No	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	13–15
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	No consensus	—	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	No	95
Yes	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	60
No	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	7 ⁱ
No	Yes	Yes	No consensus	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	4	No	—
—	Yes	No	5	No	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	3	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	7	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	6	No	77 ⁱ
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	93 ^b
No	Yes	Yes	2	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	2	No	—
Yes	Yes	No	7	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	90 ⁱ
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—

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COUNTRY/AREA	THERE IS A NATIONAL HELMET LAW	THE LAW APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING ROAD USERS		
		Drivers	Adult passengers	Child passengers
Mali	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Malta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marshall Islands (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mauritania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mauritius	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mexico	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Subnational	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mongolia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Montenegro	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morocco	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Mozambique	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Myanmar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Namibia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nauru	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nepal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Netherlands (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Zealand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nicaragua	Yes	Yes	Yes	—
Niger (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nigeria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Norway	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pakistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palau	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Panama	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Papua New Guinea	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paraguay	Subnational	Yes	Yes	Yes
Peru	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Philippines (the)	Subnational	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portugal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Puerto Rico ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Qatar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Republic of Korea (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Republic of Moldova (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Romania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Russian Federation (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rwanda	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Saint Lucia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Samoa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Marino	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sao Tome and Principe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saudi Arabia	Yes	Yes	No	No
Senegal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Serbia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seychelles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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	The helmet law applies to all road types	The helmet law applies to all engine types			
No	Yes	No	2	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	7	No	95
No	Yes	Yes	4	No	50 ¹
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100
—	Yes	Yes	3	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	67 ¹
No	Yes	Yes	7	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	60
No	Yes	Yes	8	Yes	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	No	—
Yes	Yes	No	No consensus	Yes	92 ¹
Yes	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
No	Yes	No	3	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	1	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	<5
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	100
No	Yes	Yes	7	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	4	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	34
Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	—	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	90
No	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	85
No	Yes	No	1	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	90 ¹
Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	No consensus
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	8	—	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	—	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	3	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	No	95

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		Drivers	Adult passengers	Child passengers
Sierra Leone	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Singapore	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slovakia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slovenia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Solomon Islands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Africa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sri Lanka	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sudan (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Suriname	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Swaziland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweden	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Switzerland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Syrian Arab Republic (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tajikistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thailand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timor-Leste	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Togo	No ⁱ	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tonga	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trinidad and Tobago	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tunisia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turkey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turkmenistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuvalu	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Uganda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ukraine	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
United Arab Emirates (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Kingdom (the)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Republic of Tanzania (the)	Yes	Yes	No	No
United States of America (the)	Subnational	n/a	n/a	n/a
Uruguay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uzbekistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vanuatu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Viet Nam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Bank and Gaza Strip ^b	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yemen	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

^a Law lax or not enforced.^b Non-member area.^c Phnom Penh only.^d Metropolitan area only.^e Guangxi province only.^f Drivers only.^g Survey conducted in 10 provinces and 31 cities.^h Riga only.ⁱ No law, but regulations enforced.^j Associate WHO Member State.^k Montevideo only.

— Data not available.

n/a Data not applicable.

There are exceptions to the helmet law	EXCEPTIONS TO LAW		EFFECTIVENESS OF OVERALL ENFORCEMENT (RESPONDENT CONSENSUS) (SCALE 0–10)	THERE ARE HELMET STANDARDS	ESTIMATED NATIONAL HELMET WEARING RATE (%)
	The helmet law applies to all road types	The helmet law applies to all engine types			
Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	56
No	Yes	Yes	8	Yes	—
No	Yes	No	7	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	100
Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	95 ⁱ
Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Yes	98 ⁱ
Yes	Yes	No	7	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	—
No	No	Yes	7	No	90
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	80
Yes	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	95
Yes	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	100
No	Yes	Yes	4	No	—
No	Yes	No	6	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	27
No	Yes	Yes	2	No	2 ⁱ
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	70 ⁱ
No	Yes	Yes	2	No	1
No	Yes	Yes	7	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	—
No	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	12 ⁱ
No	Yes	No	8	No	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	3	No	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	8	No	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	No consensus	Yes	98
Yes	Yes	No	4	No	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	58
No	Yes	Yes	5	No	50 ^k
No	Yes	Yes	9	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	8	No	—
No	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	55
Yes	Yes	Yes	7	Yes	85
Yes	No	No	3	No	—
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—
No	Yes	Yes	10	No	100
No	Yes	Yes	9	—	—