AUSTRALIA

Population: 23 342 553 • Income group: High • Gross national income per capita: US$ 65 390

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Funded in national budget: Yes

National road safety strategy: Yes

Funding to implement strategy: Not funded

Fatality reduction target: 30% annually (2011–2020)

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 2013: 17 180 596

Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 15 871 827

Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 744 732

Heavy trucks: 416 902

Buses: 93 034

Other: 54 101

Vehicle standards applied:

Frontal impact standard: Yes

Electronic stability control: 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 ROAD USERS*

Speed limit law: Yes

Max urban speed limit: 50 km/h

Max rural speed limit: 100–130 km/h

Max motorway speed limit: 100–130 km/h

Local authorities can modify limits: Yes

Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Drink–driving law: Yes

BAC limit – general population: 0.049 g/dl

BAC limit – young or novice drivers: 0.00 g/dl

Random breath testing carried out: Yes

Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

% road traffic deaths involving alcohol: 30%

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

Helmet wearing rate: 99% Drivers

Seat-belt law: Yes

Applies to front and rear seat occupants: Yes

Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Seat-belt wearing rate: 97% Front seats

Child restraint law: Yes

Restrictions on children sitting in front seat: Yes

Child restraint law based on: Age

Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

% children using child restraints:

Law on mobile phone use while driving: Yes

Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use: Yes

Law also applies to hands-free phones: No

Drug-driving law: Yes

* 2002-2006, Fatal Road Crash Database, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.


† These data take into consideration subnational laws. For more information please see Explanatory Note 1.

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013): 1 192

WHO estimated road traffic fatalities: 1 252

WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population: 5.4

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: 2.1%

† Australian Road Deaths Database, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. Defined as died within 30 days of crash.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: Australian Road Deaths Database and Australian Bureau of Statistics.