BHUTAN

Population: 753,947  •  Income group: Middle  •  Gross national income per capita: US$ 2,330

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency  
Road Safety and Transport Authority (RSTA)

Funded in national budget  
Yes

National road safety strategy  
Yes

Funding to implement strategy  
Partially funded

Fatality reduction target  
Less than 10 deaths per 10,000 vehicles (2011–2020)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction projects  
No

Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure  
No

Policies to promote walking or cycling  
Yes

Policies to encourage investment in public transport  
Yes

Policies to separate road users and protect VRUs  
No

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2014  
68,173

Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles  
46,575

Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers  
9,758

Heavy trucks  
9,397

Buses  
475

Other  
1,968

Vehicle standards applied  

Frontal impact standard  
No

Electronic stability control  
No

Pedestrian protection  
No

* UNECE WP29.

POST-CRASH CARE

Emergency room injury surveillance system  
No

Emergency access telephone numbers  
112

Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash  
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DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013)  
59* (76% M, 24% F)

WHO estimated road traffic fatalities  
114 (95%CI 98–130)

WHO estimated rate per 100,000 population  
15.1

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes  
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* Royal Bhutan Police (Traffic Division). Defined as died within 30 days of crash.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (46%)

Passengers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (46%)

Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (2%)

Pedestrians (3%)

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: Royal Bhutan Police (Traffic Division) (data from 2013).