ICELAND

Population: 329 535 • Income group: High • Gross national income per capita: US$ 46 400

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency
The Icelandic Transport Authority

Funded in national budget
Yes

National road safety strategy
Yes

Funding to implement strategy
Fully funded

Fatality reduction target
5% combined fatality and serious injury (2011-2022)

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
Subnational

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2013
245 949

Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles
—

Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers
—

Heavy trucks
—

Buses
—

Other
—

Vehicle standards applied

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
100 km/h

Local authorities can modify limits
No

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
20%†

National motorcycle helmet law
Yes

Applies to drivers and passengers
Yes

Law requires helmet to be fastened
No

Law refers to helmet standard
No

Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Helmet wearing rate
—

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
87% Drivers*†

National child restraint law
Yes

Restrictions on children sitting in front seat
No

Child restraint law based on
Age/Weight/Height

Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

% children using child restraints
—

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
—

Data

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013)
15† (47% M, 53% F)

WHO estimated road traffic fatalities
15

WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population
4.6

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes
2.2%†

† The yearly traffic accident report of the Icelandic Transport Authority. Defined as died within 30 days of crash.

* 2013, Statistics Iceland and a report on costs of traffic accidents from May 2014.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Source: 2013, The yearly traffic accident report of the Icelandic Transport Authority.

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: The yearly traffic accident report of the Icelandic Transport Authority and Statistics Iceland.