MALAWI

Population: 16 362 567 • Income group: Low • Gross national income per capita: US$ 270

**INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK**

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**SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY**

- Formal audits required for new road construction projects: Yes
- Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure: No
- Policies to promote walking or cycling: No
- Policies to encourage investment in public transport: No
- Policies to separate road users and protect VRUs: No

**SAFER VEHICLES**

- Total registered vehicles until June 2014: 437 416
- Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 332 542
- Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 24 943
- Heavy trucks: 51 518
- Buses: 28 413
- Other: 0

**Vehicle standards applied**:
- TRENCE WP29.
- Frontal impact standard: No
- Electronic stability control: No
- Pedestrian protection: No

**POST-CRASH CARE**

- Emergency room injury surveillance system: Yes
- Emergency access telephone numbers: None
- Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash: —

**DATA**

- Reported road traffic fatalities (2013): 977 (84% M, 16% F)
- WHO estimated road traffic fatalities: 5 732 (95% CI 4 606–6 858)
- WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population: 35.0
- Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: —

**DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY**

- Drivers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles: 6%
- Passengers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles: 22%
- Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers: 1%
- Cyclists: 17%
- Pedestrians: 49%

**SAFER ROAD USERS**

- National speed limit law: Yes
- Max urban speed limit: 50 km/h
- Max rural speed limit: 80 km/h
- Max motorway speed limit: 100 km/h
- Local authorities can modify limits: No

**National drink–driving law**

- BAC limit – general population: < 0.08 g/dl
- BAC limit – young or novice drivers: < 0.08 g/dl
- Random breath testing carried out: Yes
- Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**National motorcycle helmet law**

- Applies to drivers and passengers: Yes
- Law requires helmet to be fastened: Yes
- Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**National seat-belt law**

- Applies to front and rear seat occupants: No
- Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**National drug-driving law**

- Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use: Yes
- Law applies to hands-free phones: No
- Law also applies to hands-free phones: No
- National drug–driving law: Yes

**TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS**

Source: National Statistics Office.

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Source: Road Traffic Accident Database (data from 2012).