NETHERLANDS

Population: 16 759 229 • Income group: High • Gross national income per capita: US$ 51 060

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency
Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment

Funded in national budget
Yes

National road safety strategy
Yes

Funding to implement strategy
Partially funded

Fatality reduction target
≤ 140 fatalities by 2020 (2010–2020)

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
9 612 273

Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles
8 747 734

Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers
653 245

Heavy trucks
137 518

Buses
10 464

Other
63 312

Vehicle standards applied
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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
80 km/h

Max motorway speed limit
130 km/h

Local authorities can modify limits
No

National drink–driving law
Yes

BAC limit – general population
< 0.05 g/dl

BAC limit – young or novice drivers
< 0.02 g/dl

Random breath testing carried out
Yes

National motorcycle helmet law
Yes

Applies to drivers and passengers
Yes

Law requires helmet to be fastened
Yes

Law refers to helmet standard
No

National seat-belt law
Yes

Applies to front and rear seat occupants
Yes

Seat-belt wearing rate
97% Front seats, 82% Rear seats

National child restraint law
Yes

Restrictions on children sitting in front seat
Yes

Child restraint law based on
Age/Height

% 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
5.0–8.0%

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013)
570 (74% M, 26% F)

WHO estimated road traffic fatalities
574

WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population
3.4

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes
2.2%

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Deaths per 100 000 population

Source: Statistics Netherlands (CBS).

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY