NEW ZEALAND

Population: 4 505 761  •  Income group: High  •  Gross national income per capita: US$ 35 550

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency  
Land Transport Safety Team, Ministry of Transport

Funded in national budget  
Yes

National road safety strategy  
Yes

Funding to implement strategy  
Fully funded

Fatality reduction target  
Multiple

* Targets vary for specific groups. See New Zealand Road Safety Strategy 2010-2020, p.11.

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 2012  
3 250 066

Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles  
2 643 624

Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers  
114 930

Heavy trucks  
112 856

Buses  
8 286

Other  
370 370

Vehicle standards applied

Frontal impact standard  
Yes

Electronic stability control  
Yes

Pedestrian protection  
Yes

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POST-CRASH CARE

Emergency room injury surveillance system  
No

Emergency access telephone numbers  
111

Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash  
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DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013)  
253  (70% M, 30% F)

WHO estimated road traffic fatalities  
272

WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population  
6

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes  
1.6%

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law  
Yes

Max urban speed limit  
50 km/h

Max rural speed limit  
100 km/h

Max motorway speed limit  
100 km/h

Local authorities can modify limits  
Yes

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  
0.00 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  
31%

National 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 8 9 10

Helmet wearing rate  
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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  
96% Front seats, 90% Rear seats

National 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 8 9 10

% children using child restraints  
92% 0–4 years, 96% 5–9 years

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

SAFETY BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (48%)

Passengers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (18%)

Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (15%)

Cyclists (3%)

Pedestrians (12%)

Drivers/passengers heavy trucks (3%)

Drivers/passengers buses (≤ 1%)

Other (≤ 1%)

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: Combined Police and Statistics New Zealand data.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Source: 2013, Police reported data.

Legend—review conducted by WHO. Vehicle safety data from UNECE WP29. Other data collected by questionnaire and cleared by the Ministry of Transport.

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