PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Population: 7 321 262 • Income group: Middle • Gross national income per capita: US$ 2 010

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency National Road Safety Council*
Funded in national budget Yes
National road safety strategy No
Funding to implement strategy —
Fatality reduction target —

* National Road Safety Council and National Department of Transport and Road Safety merged in February 2015 to form the National Road Transport Authority.

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 No
Policies to encourage investment in public transport No
Policies to separate road users and protect VRUs No

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2014 94 297
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles 61 255
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers 1 155
Heavy trucks 21 075
Buses 10 812
Other 0

Vehicle standards applied:
Frontal impact standard No
Electronic stability control No
Pedestrian protection No

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law Yes
Max urban speed limit 60 km/h4
Max rural speed limit 75 km/h
Max motorway speed limit No
Local authorities can modify limits No
Enforcement 012345678910
National drink–driving law Yes*
BAC limit – general population —
BAC limit – young or novice drivers —
Random breath testing carried out No
Enforcement 012345678910
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol 56%†
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 012345678910
Helmet wearing rate —
National seat-belt law Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants Yes
Enforcement 012345678910
Seat-belt wearing rate —
National child restraint law No
Restrictions on children sitting in front seat No
Child restraint law based on —
Enforcement —
% children using child restraints —
National law on mobile phone use while driving No
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use —
Law also applies to hands-free phones —
National drug-driving law Yes

POST-CRASH CARE

Emergency room injury surveillance system Yes
Emergency access telephone numbers Multiple numbers
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash —

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013) 2488
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities 1 232 (95% CI 1 058–1 405)
WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population 16.8
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes —

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Source: 2013, Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary, Traffic Police records.

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: National Road Safety Council.