## Netherlands

**Population:** 16,418,824  
**Income group:** High  
**Gross national income per capita:** $45,820

### Institutional Framework

| Lead agency | Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management  
| National road safety strategy | yes  

### National Legislation

- **Speed limits set nationally:** yes  
- **Local authorities can set lower limits:** yes  
- **Maximum limit urban roads:** 50 km/h  
- **Enforcement:** no consensus

- **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 and/or police checkpoints:** yes  
  - **Road traffic deaths involving alcohol:** 25%  
  - **Enforcement:** no consensus

- **Motorcycle helmet law:** yes  
  - **Applies to all riders:** yes  
  - **Helmet standards mandated:** yes  
  - **Helmet wearing rate:** 92% drivers, 72% passengers  
  - **Enforcement:** no consensus

- **Seat-belt law:** yes  
  - **Applies to all occupants:** yes  
  - **Seat-belt wearing rate:** 94% front, 73% rear  
  - **Enforcement:** no consensus

- **Child restraints law:** yes  
  - **Enforcement:** no consensus

* Enforcement score represents consensus based on professional opinion of respondents, on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is not effective and 10 is highly effective.  
* Applies to mopeds only.  

### Vehicle Standards

- **No car manufacturers**

### Road Safety Audits

- **Formal audits required for major new road construction projects:** no  
- **Regular audits of existing road infrastructure:** no

### Promoting Alternative Transport

- **National policies to promote walking or cycling:** yes  
- **National policies to promote public transportation:** yes

### Post-Crash Care

- **Formal, publicly available pre-hospital care system:** yes  
- **National universal access number:** yes

### Data

- **Reported road traffic fatalities (2007):** 791 (73% males, 27% females)  
- **Reported non-fatal road traffic injuries (2006):** 16,750

### Costs

- **Costing study available:** yes (deaths and injuries)

### Deaths by Road User Category

- Drivers 4-wheelers (32%)  
- Cyclists (24%)  
- Passengers 4-wheelers (14%)  
- Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (18%)

### Trends in Road Traffic Deaths

![Graph showing trends in road traffic deaths from 1996 to 2007](image)

Source: Statistics Netherlands/Ministry of Transport, 2007

### Registered Vehicles

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