**SOUTH AFRICA**

**Population:** 48,576,763  
**Income group:** Middle  
**Gross national income per capita:** $5,760

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### INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

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| National road safety strategy   | Yes                                    |
| Measures targets                | Yes                                    |
| Funded                          | Yes                                    |

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### NATIONAL LEGISATION

**Speed limits set nationally**  
- Yes  
- Local authorities can set lower limits  
- Maximum limit urban roads: 60 km/h

**Enforcement¹**  
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Drink-driving law**  
- Yes  
- BAC limit – general population: 0.05 g/dl  
- BAC limit – young or novice drivers: 0.05 g/dl

**Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints**  
- Yes  
- Road traffic deaths involving alcohol: 60%  
- Enforcement¹  
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Motorcycle helmet law**  
- Applies to all riders: Yes¹  
- Helmet standards mandated: Yes  
- Helmet wearing rate: 95% Drivers, 90% Passengers²  
- Enforcement¹  
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Seat-belt law**  
- Applies to all occupants: Yes  
- Seat-belt wearing rate: 50% Front, 8% Rear³  
- Enforcement¹  
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Child restraints law**  
- Yes  
- Enforcement¹  
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### VEHICLE STANDARDS

- Car manufacturers required to adhere to standards on  
  - Fuel consumption: No  
  - Seat-belt installation for all seats: Yes

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### ROAD SAFETY AUDITS

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

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### PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT

- National policies to promote walking or cycling: Yes  
- National policies to promote public transportation: Yes

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### POSTCRASH CARE

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

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### DATA

**Reported road traffic fatalities (2007)**  
- 14,920⁴ (76% males, 24% females)

**Reported non-fatal road traffic injuries (2007)**  
- 219,978

**Costing study available**  
- Yes (deaths and injuries)

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### DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

- Drivers 4-wheelers (25%)
- Passengers 4-wheelers (32%)
- Pedestrians (39%)
- Cyclists (2%)
- Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (2%)

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### TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

- Deaths per 100,000 population

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### REGISTERED VEHICLES

- 9,237,574 total (2008)
  - Motorcars: 63%
  - Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 4%
  - Minibuses, vans, etc. (seating <20): 26%
  - Trucks: 4%
  - Buses: <1%
  - Other: 3%

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¹ 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.  
² 2006, Department of Transport.  
³ BMW C1 motorcycle exempt due to design.  
⁴ 2008, Road Traffic Management Corporation.  
⁵ 2007, Road Traffic Management Corporation, observational study.

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