## TONGA

Population: **100,336**  
Income group: **Middle**  
Gross national income per capita: **$2,320**

### INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

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### NATIONAL LEGISLATION

| Speed limits set nationally | Yes | Local authorities can set lower limits | No |
| Maximum limit urban roads | 40 km/h | Enforcement | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

| Drink–driving law | Yes | BAC limit – general population | None ¹ |
| BAC limit – young or novice drivers | None ¹ | Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints | Yes |
| Road traffic deaths involving alcohol | 25% ⁴ | Enforcement | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

| Motorcycle helmet law | Yes | Applies to all riders | Yes |
| Helmet standards mandated | No | Helmet wearing rate | — |
| Enforcement | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

| Seat-belt law | No | Applies to all occupants | n/a |
| Seat-belt wearing rate | <1% ⁴ | Enforcement | n/a |

| Child restraints law | No | Enforcement | n/a |

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 Drink–driving not defined by BAC limit.  
³ 2007 Police data.  
⁴ 2003, Ministry of Health and World Health Organization observational study.

### VEHICLE STANDARDS

No car manufacturers

### ROAD SAFETY AUDITS

Formal audits required for major new road construction projects | Yes  
Regular audits of existing road infrastructure | Yes

### PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT

National policies to promote walking or cycling | No  
National policies to promote public transportation | No

### POST-CRASH CARE

Formal, publicly available pre-hospital care system | No  
National universal access number | n/a

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**DATA**

**Reported road traffic fatalities (2007)**  
8* (75% males, 25% females)

**Reported non-fatal road traffic injuries**  
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**Costing study available**  
No

* Police data, defined as died within 1 year and one day of the crash.

### DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

- Pedestrians (44%)
- Drivers 4-wheelers (31%)
- Cyclists (6%)
- Passengers 4-wheelers (19%)

Source: 2006–2007, Ministry of Police

### TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: Report by Dr G. Anthony Ryan: WHO STC to Tonga, 1995

### REGISTERED VEHICLES

2,226 total (2007)  
- Motorcars | 36%  
- Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers | 1%  
- Minibuses, vans, etc. (seating <20) | 57%  
- Trucks | <1%  
- Buses | <1%  
- Other | 5%

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Data cleared by the Ministry of Health.