2. Nearly half of those dying on the world’s roads are vulnerable road users

- Pedestrians, cyclists, and riders of motorized two-wheeler and their passengers ("vulnerable road users") account for around 46% of global road traffic deaths. This proportion is much greater in low-income countries than in high-income countries: for example, in low-income countries of South East Asia over 80% of those killed are vulnerable road users, while in the high-income countries of the Americas the corresponding figure is 22%. In some countries users of unsafe public transport may also be considered to be vulnerable road users - for example, passengers hanging off the sides of buses, or overcrowded minibuses. If data on deaths among users of unsafe modes of public transport were available and could be included in the global figure of vulnerable road users then it is likely that the proportion of deaths would be even higher than the 46% found in this survey.

Proportion of global road traffic deaths by type of road user
Reported deaths by type of road user (%), by WHO region and income group