

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Population: **305 826 246**

Income group: **High**

Gross national income per capita: **\$46 040**



INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK	
Lead agency	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (US DOT/NHTSA)
Funded in national budget	Yes
National road safety strategy	Yes
Measurable targets	Yes
Funded	Yes

NATIONAL LEGISLATION	
Speed limits set nationally	No (subnationally)
Local authorities can set lower limits	n/a
Maximum limit urban roads	n/a
Enforcement ^a	n/a
Drink-driving law	No (subnational)
BAC limit – general population	0.08 g/dl ^b
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	0.0–0.02 g/dl ^c
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints	n/a
Road traffic deaths involving alcohol	32% ^d
Enforcement ^a	n/a
Motorcycle helmet law	No (subnational)
Applies to all riders	n/a
Helmet standards mandated	n/a
Helmet wearing rate	58% ^e
Enforcement ^a	n/a
Seat-belt law	No (subnational)
Applies to all occupants	n/a
Seat-belt wearing rate	82% Front, 76% Rear ^e
Enforcement ^a	n/a
Child restraints law	No (subnational)
Enforcement ^a	n/a

^a 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.

^b No national BAC limit, but all states and the District of Columbia have a BAC limit of 0.08 for general population.

^c No national BAC limit, but all states and the District of Columbia specify BAC limits of 0.02 or less for young/novice drivers.

^d 2006, US DOT/NHTSA study.

^e 2007, US DOT/NHTSA National Occupant Protection Use Survey.

VEHICLE STANDARDS	
Car manufacturers required to adhere to standards on	
Fuel consumption	Yes
Seat-belt installation for all seats	Yes
ROAD SAFETY AUDITS	
Formal audits required for major new road construction projects	No
Regular audits of existing road infrastructure	Yes
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

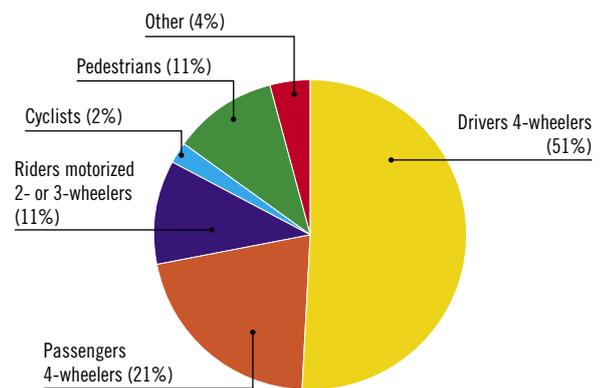
n/a Data not required/not applicable.

DATA
Reported road traffic fatalities (2006) 42 642^f (70% males, 30% females)
Reported non-fatal road traffic injuries (2006) 3 305 237^g
Costing study available Yes (deaths and injuries)

^f US DOT/NHTSA Fatality Analysis Reporting System, defined as died within 30 days of the crash.

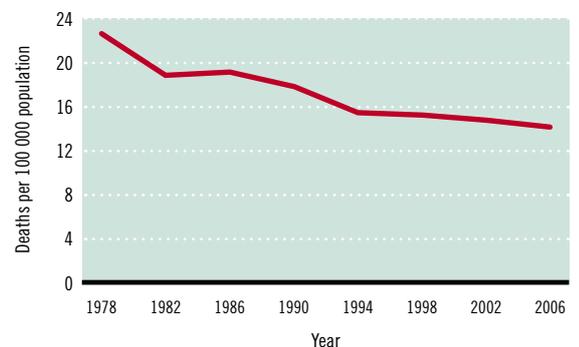
^g Health data.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2006, US DOT/NHTSA Fatality Analysis Reporting System

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: US DOT/NHTSA Fatality Analysis Reporting System

REGISTERED VEHICLES	
251 422 509 total (2006)	
Motorcars	54%
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	3%
Minibuses, vans, etc. (seating <20)	39%
Trucks	4%
Buses	<1%

Data cleared by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Transport's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.