BAHAMAS

Population: 342,877
Income group: High
Gross national income per capita: US$ 21,970

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: Road Traffic Department
Funded in national budget: Yes
National road safety strategy: Yes
Funding to implement strategy: Partially funded
Fatality reduction target: 20%

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction: Yes
Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure: Yes
Policies to promote walking or cycling: No
Policies to promote cycling: No
Policies to encourage investment in public transport: No
Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs: No

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2008): 131,365
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 125,472
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 821
Heavy trucks: 4,285
Buses: 787
Other: 0

Vehicle standards applied:
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards
New car assessment programme

Vehicle regulations:
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars: Yes
Front and rear seat-belts required in all imported cars: No

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place: No
National speed limits: Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits: No
Maximum limit urban roads: 40 km/h

National drink–driving law: Yes
BAC limit – general population: 0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers: 0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers: 0.08 g/dl
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints: Yes

National motorcycle helmet law: Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers: Yes
Helmet standard mandated: No

National seat-belt law: Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants: Yes

National child restraint law: Yes
Enforcement

National law on mobile phones while driving: No
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use: No
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones: No

POST-CRASH CARE

Vital registration system: Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system: No
Emergency access telephone number(s): Multiple numbers
Seriously injured transported by ambulance: 50–74%

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (37%)
Passengers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (27%)
Pedestrians (18%)
Cyclists (2%)
Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (16%)