DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Population: 9 927 320
Income group: Middle
Gross national income per capita: US$ 5 020

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: No
Funded in national budget: No
National road safety strategy: No
Funding to implement strategy: No
Fatality reduction targets set: No
Fatality reduction target: —

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

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

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2010): 2 734 740
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 914 628
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 1 352 720
Heavy trucks: 380 549
Buses: 73 716
Other: 13 127

Vehicle standards applied:
- UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards: No
- New car assessment programme: No

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

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place: No
National speed limits: Subnational
Local authorities can set lower limits: No
Maximum limit urban roads: 35 km/h
Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
National drink—driving law:
- BAC limit — general population: 0.05 g/dl
- BAC limit — young or novice drivers: 0.03 g/dl
- BAC limit — professional/commercial drivers: 0.03 g/dl
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints: Yes
Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol: —
National motorcycle helmet law:
- Applies to drivers and passengers: No
- Helmet standard mandated: No
- Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Helmet wearing rate: —
National seat-belt law:
- Applies to front and rear seat occupants: No
- Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Seat-belt wearing rate: —
National child restraint law:
- Enforcement: —
National law on mobile phones while driving:
- Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use: Yes
- Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones: No

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010): 1 902b, 85%M, 14%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: 0.32%c

b Police records. Defined as died at scene of crash.
c 2009, Office for the reorganization of traffic, Data of the Dominican Capital.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers/passengers:
- Buses (1%)
Drivers/passengers:
- Heavy trucks (2%)
Pedestrians (25%)

Occidents 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (14%)
Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (58%)

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

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