UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Population: 310 383 968
Income group: High
Gross national income per capita: US$ 47 350

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SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place
Subnational

National speed limits
Subnational

Local authorities can set lower limits
—

Maximum limit urban roads
—

Enforcement
—

National drink–driving law
Subnational

BAC limit – general population
0.08 g/dl

BAC limit – young or novice drivers
0.0–0.02 g/dl

Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints
Yes

Enforcement
—

% road traffic deaths involving alcohol
32%

National motorcycle helmet law
Subnational

Helmet standard mandated
—

Enforcement
—

Helmet wearing rate
55% drivers,

51% passengers

National seat-belt law
Subnational

Enforcement
—

Seat-belt wearing rate
84% front seats,

70% rear seats

National child restraint law
Subnational

Enforcement
—

National law on mobile phones while driving
Subnational

Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use
—

Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones
—

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SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction
No

Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure
Yes

Policies to promote walking or cycling
Yes

Policies to encourage investment in public transport
Yes

Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs
Subnational

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SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2009)
258 957 503

Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles
239 212 572

Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers
7 929 724

Heavy trucks
10 973 214

Buses
841 993

Other
0

Vehicle standards applied
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards
Yes

New car assessment programme
Yes

Vehicle regulations
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars
Yes

Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars
Yes

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DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2009)
33 808,

70%M,

30%F

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes
2.3%

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DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY


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POST-CRASH CARE

Vital registration system
Yes

Emergency Room based injury surveillance system
Yes

Emergency access telephone number(s)
911

Seriously injured transported by ambulance
≥75%

Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash
—

Emergency medicine training for doctors
Yes

Emergency medicine training for nurses
Yes

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TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS


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