VENEZUELA
(Bolivarian Republic of)

Population: 27 656 832
Income group: Middle
Gross national income per capita: $7 320

DATA
Reported road traffic fatalities (2006) 6 218c (79% males, 21% females)
Reported non-fatal road traffic injuries (2007) 40 968d
Costing study available No

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
Lead agency People's Ministry of Infrastructure (MINFRA)
Funded in national budget Yes
National road safety strategy Measurable targets
Funded n/a

NATIONAL LEGISLATION
Speed limits set nationally Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits No
Maximum limit urban roads 40 km/h
Enforcementa 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Drink–driving law Yes
BAC limit – general population 0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers 0.08 g/dl
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints Yes
Road traffic deaths involving alcohol —
Enforcementa 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Motorcycle helmet law Applies to all riders Yes
Helmet standards mandated Yes
Helmet wearing rate 55%c
Enforcementa 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Seat-belt law Applies to all occupants Yes
Seat-belt wearing rate —
Enforcementa 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Child restraints law Yes
Enforcementa 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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 Yes
Regular audits of existing road infrastructure Yes

PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE TRANSFER
National policies to promote walking or cycling No
National policies to promote public transportation Yes

POSTCRASH CARE
Formal, publicly available pre-hospital care system Yes
National universal access number Yes

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

REGISTERED VEHICLES
4 044 013 total (2007)
Motorcars 73%
Minibuses, vans, etc. (seating <20) 7%
Trucks 19%
Buses 1%

Source: 2007, People’s Ministry of Infrastructure

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 2007, People’s Ministry of Infrastructure (MINFRA).

— Data not available.
n/a Data not required/not applicable.