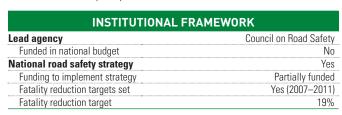
## **COSTA RICA**

Population: 4 658 887 Income group: Middle

Gross national income per capita: US\$ 6 860



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

SAFER VEHICLES	
Total registered vehicles (2009)	923 591
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	605 943
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	141 470
Heavy trucks	162 179
Buses	13 999
Other	0
/ehicle standards applied	
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards	No
New car assessment programme	No
/ehicle regulations	
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars	a
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars	Yes

а	No	car	manufacturers,	assemblers.
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DATA	
Reported road traffic fatalities (2009)	721 <sup>b</sup> , 87%M, 13%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes	<del>-</del>
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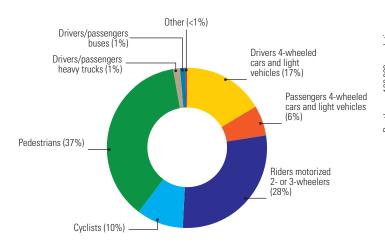
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Vital registration data. Defined as died within a year of crash.

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SAFER ROAD USERS	;
Penalty/demerit point system in place	Yes
lational speed limits	Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits	No
Maximum limit urban roads	40 km/h
Enforcement	01234567 (8) 910
lational drink–driving law	Yes
BAC limit – general population	0.05 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	0.05 g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers	0.05 g/dl
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints	Yes
Enforcement	012345678910
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol	
lational motorcycle helmet law	Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers	Yes
Helmet standard mandated	No
Enforcement	01234567 (8) 910
Helmet wearing rate	99.5% Drivers <sup>o</sup> 99% Passengers
lational seat-belt law	Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants	Yes
Enforcement	0123456 78910
Seat-belt wearing rate	79% Front seats <sup>o</sup> 48% Rear seats
lational child restraint law	Yes
Enforcement	012345678 9 10
lational law on mobile phones while driving	Yes
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	Yes
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	No

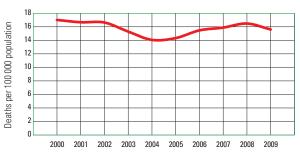
POST-CRASH CARE		
Vital registration system	Yes	
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system	Yes	
Emergency access telephone number(s)	911	
Seriously injured transported by ambulance	50-74%	
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash	_	
Emergency medicine training for doctors	Yes	
Emergency medicine training for nurses	Yes	

## DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2009, Judicial Branch.

## TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: 2009, Judicial Branch, National Institute for Statistics and Census.