

BULGARIA



Population: 7 494 332
Income group: Middle
Gross national income per capita: US\$ 6 320

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency	State-Public Consultative Commission on the Problems of Road Safety
Funded in national budget	No
National road safety strategy	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	No
Fatality reduction targets set	Yes (2011–2020)
Fatality reduction target	50% (<388 deaths by 2020)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction	Yes
Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure	Parts of network
Policies to promote walking or cycling	Subnational
Policies to encourage investment in public transport	Subnational
Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs	Subnational

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2010)	3 284 837
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	2 602 400
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	125 371
Heavy trucks	335 788
Buses	23 857
Other	197 421
Vehicle standards applied	
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards	Yes
New car assessment programme	No
Vehicle regulations	
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars	— ^a
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars	No

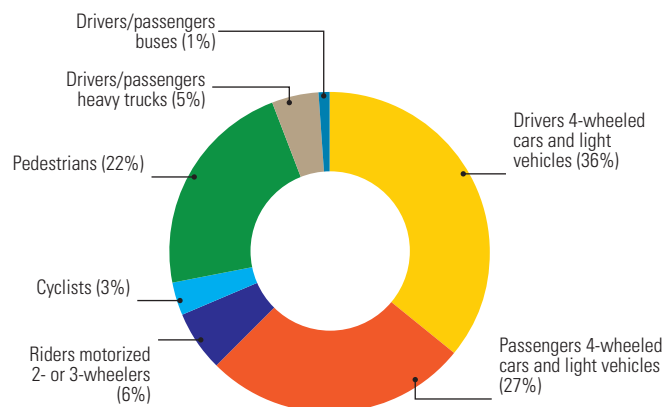
^a No car manufacturers/assemblers.

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010)	775 ^b , 74%M, 25%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes	2% ^c

^b Police records. Defined as died within 30 days of crash.
^c 2010, State-Public Consultative Commission on the Problems of Road Safety.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2010, State-Public Consultative Commission on the Problems of Road Safety.

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place	Yes
National speed limits	Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits	No
Maximum limit urban roads	50 km/h
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
National 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	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol	4% ^d
National motorcycle helmet law	Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers	Yes
Helmet standard mandated	No
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Helmet wearing rate	80% Drivers ^e 30% Passengers ^e
National seat-belt law	Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Seat-belt wearing rate	85% Front seats ^e 30% Rear seats ^e
National child restraint law	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
National law on mobile phones while driving	Yes
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	Yes
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	No

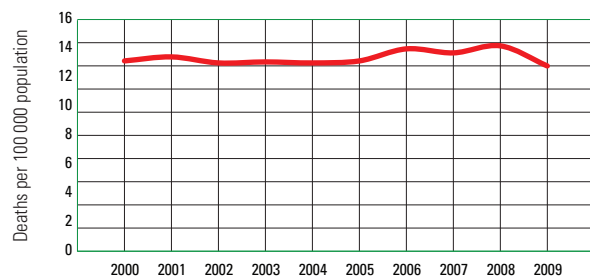
^d 2010, Traffic police department.
^e 2010, Monitoring of Traffic police.

POST-CRASH CARE

Vital registration system	Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system	Yes
Emergency access telephone number(s)	112 ^f
Seriously injured transported by ambulance	≥75%
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash	0.1% ^g
Emergency medicine training for doctors	Yes
Emergency medicine training for nurses	No

^f 112 is for all kinds of emergencies; 150 for emergency medical care only.
^g Ministry of Health, Department of Emergency Medical Care.

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



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