

Latvia

Population: 1 970 530 | Income group: High | Gross national income per capita: US\$ 14 630



INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency	No
Funded in national budget	—
National road safety strategy	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	Not funded
Fatality reduction target	50% (2010-2020)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Audits or star rating required for new road infrastructure	Yes
Design standards for the safety of pedestrians / cyclists	Yes
Inspections / star rating of existing roads	Yes
Investments to upgrade high risk locations	Yes
Policies & investment in urban public transport	No

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for on 01.01.2017	803 628
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	665 284
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	49 581
Heavy trucks	84 067
Buses	4 696
Other	0

Vehicle standards applied (UNECE WP.29)

Frontal impact standard	Yes
Electronic stability control	Yes
Pedestrian protection	Yes
Motorcycle anti-lock braking system	Yes

POST-CRASH CARE

National emergency care access number	National, single number
Trauma registry	National
Formal certification for prehospital providers	Yes
National assessment of emergency care systems	Yes

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2016)	158 ^a (78% M, 22% F)
Reported rate per 100 000 population (2016)	8.0 ^a
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities (2016)	184 ^b
WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population (2016)	9.3 ^b

^a Road traffic safety directorate. Died within 30 days of crash
^b WHO's method to obtain comparable country estimates: Group 1. Countries/areas with good death registration data. See explanatory note 3 in *Global status report on road safety 2018* for full details

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law	Yes
Max urban speed limit	50 km/h
Max rural speed limit	90 km/h
Max motorway speed limit	No
Local authorities can modify limits	No
Self-reported enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Predominant type of enforcement	Manual and automated

National drink-driving law

BAC limit – general population	≤ 0.05 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	≤ 0.02 g/dl
Random breath testing carried out	Yes ^c
Testing carried out in case of fatal crash	All drivers tested
Self-reported enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol	11% ^d

National motorcycle helmet law

Applies to drivers and passengers	Yes
Helmet fastening required	Yes
Helmet standard referred to and/or specified	No
Children passengers on motorcycles	Prohibited under 150 cm ^e
Self-reported 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	Yes
Self-reported enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Seat-belt wearing rate	85% Front seats ^e , 53% Rear seats ^f

National child restraint law

Children seated in front seat	Allowed in a child restraint ^g
Child restraint required	Up to 150 cm
Child restraint standard referred to and/or specified	No
Self-reported enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% children using child restraints	—

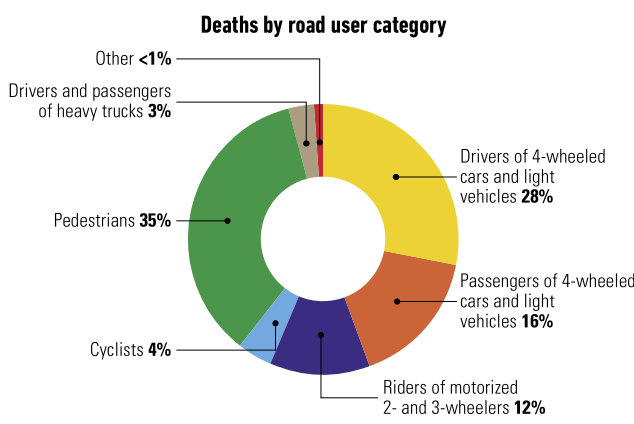
National law on mobile phone use while driving

Ban on hand-held mobile phone use	Yes
Ban on hands-free mobile phone use	No

National drug-driving law

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^c Legislation requires probable cause to test drivers
^d 2016, Road traffic safety directorate
^e Or until the child can hold the balance and reach feet support or is sitting on a seat corresponding to its age and weight
^f 2016, Health behaviour among Latvian adult population, 2016
^g Except if no seat belt is fitted in the vehicle, in which case children under 150cm shall be travelling in the rear



Source: 2016, Road traffic safety directorate

Trends in reported road traffic deaths



Source: Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia