

PARAGUAY



Population: 6 454 548
Income group: Middle
Gross national income per capita: US\$ 2 730

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency	National Road Safety Council
Funded in national budget	No
National road safety strategy	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	Partially funded
Fatality reduction targets set	Yes (2008–2013)
Fatality reduction target	10%

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	No
Policies to encourage investment in public transport	—
Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs	No

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2011)	919 247
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	490 674
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	237 174
Heavy trucks	51 655
Buses	6 844
Other	132 900

Vehicle standards applied

UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards	—
New car assessment programme	—

Vehicle regulations

Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars	— ^a
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars	No

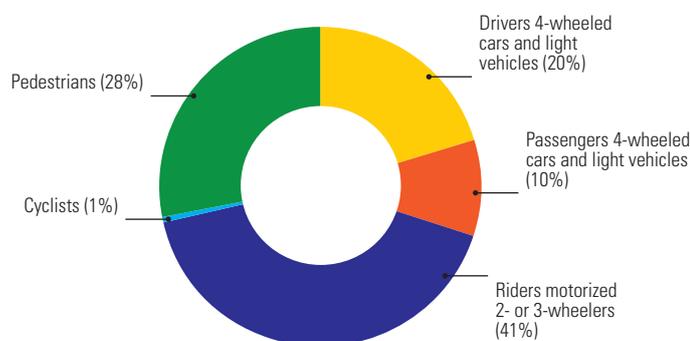
^a No car manufacturers/assemblers.

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010)	1 206 ^b , 82%M, 18%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes	—

^b Health facility records. Defined as died within 30 days of crash.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2009, Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, Database of the Vital Statistics Subsystem.

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place	No
National speed limits	Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits	Yes
Maximum limit urban roads	50 km/h
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 ④ 5 6 7 8 9 10
National drink-driving law	Subnational
BAC limit – general population	—
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	—
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers	—
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	60% ^c
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	45% Drivers ^d 20% Passengers ^d
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 50% Rear seats ^e

National child restraint law

Enforcement	—
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National law on mobile phones while driving

Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	—
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	—

^c 2009, Statistical data analysis of inspections carried out by highway patrol and municipal traffic police during weekends and holidays.

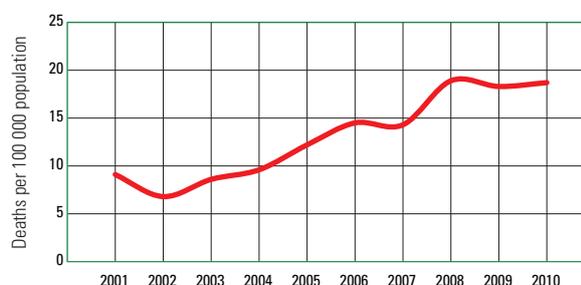
^d 2010, Asuncion's statistical records of highway patrol and traffic police.

^e 2009, Highway Patrol.

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	No

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: 2010, Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare.