

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Population: 9 927 320
Income group: Middle
Gross national income per capita: US\$ 5 020

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK	
Lead agency	No
Funded in national budget	—
National road safety strategy	No
Funding to implement strategy	—
Fatality reduction targets set	—
Fatality reduction target	—

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

SAFER VEHICLES	
Total registered vehicles (2010)	2 734 740
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	914 628
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	1 352 720
Heavy trucks	380 549
Buses	73 716
Other	13 127
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)	1 902 ^b , 85%M, 14%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes	0.32% ^c

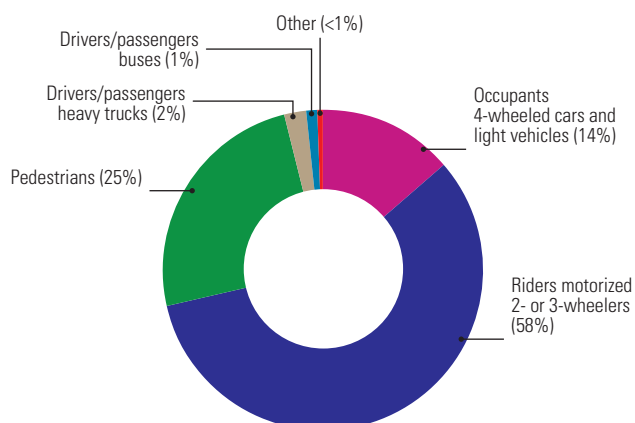
^b Police records. Defined as died at scene of crash.

^c 2009, Office for the reorganization of traffic, Data of the Dominican Capital.

SAFER ROAD USERS	
Penalty/demerit point system in place	No
National speed limits	Subnational
Local authorities can set lower limits	No
Maximum limit urban roads	35 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	0.03 g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers	0.03 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	—
National motorcycle helmet law	Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers	No
Helmet standard mandated	No
Enforcement	0 1 2 ③ 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Helmet wearing rate	—
National seat-belt law	Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants	No
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 ④ 5 6 7 8 9 10
Seat-belt wearing rate	—
National child restraint law	No
Enforcement	—
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

POST-CRASH CARE	
Vital registration system	No
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system	No
Emergency access telephone number(s)	911
Seriously injured transported by ambulance	—
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash	—
Emergency medicine training for doctors	Yes
Emergency medicine training for nurses	No

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2010, National Police.

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Year	Number of road traffic deaths
2005	1 366
2006	1 386
2007	1 414
2010	1 902

Source: *Global Status Report on Road Safety: Time for action*. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2009 (years 2005–2007); National Police (2010).

Further data on each country can be found in the statistical annex.