

VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)



Population: 28 979 857
 Income group: Middle
 Gross national income per capita: US\$ 11 660

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency	National Institute of Transportation and Ground Transit/People's Ministry of Justice and Internal Relations
Funded in national budget	Yes
National road safety strategy	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	Partially funded
Fatality reduction targets set	Yes (2012–2017)
Fatality reduction target	5–10%

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

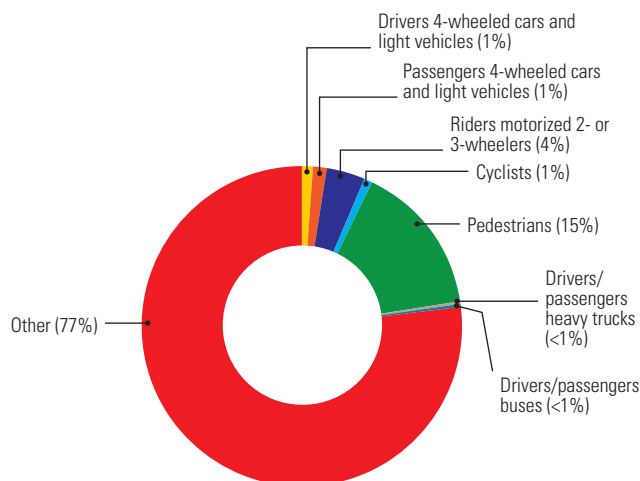
Total registered vehicles (2007)	4 051 705
Motorcars	2 982 495
Trucks	838 441
Buses	41 543
Unspecified	189 226
Vehicle standards applied	
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards	No
New car assessment programme	Yes
Vehicle regulations	
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars	Yes
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars	Yes

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2008)	7 714 ^a , 81%M, 19%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes	6.6% ^b

^a Vital registration data. Defined as died within a year of crash.
^b PAHO-WHO (2009); Alcohol and Public Policies in Venezuela: Two Studies. Caracas, PAHO-WHO.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2008, Annual Mortality, Ministry of People's Power for Health.

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	40 km/h
Enforcement	0 1 2 ③ 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
National drink-driving law	Yes
BAC limit – general population	0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers	0.08 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	8% ^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% All riders ^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
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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

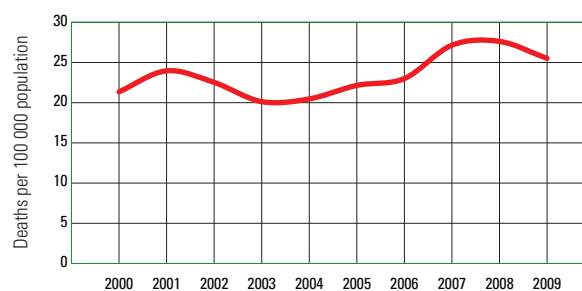
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^d 2008, Ministry of Infrastructure (MINFRA).

POST-CRASH CARE

Vital registration system	Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system	Yes
Emergency access telephone number(s)	Multiple numbers
Seriously injured transported by ambulance	11–49%
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash	0.4% ^e
Emergency medicine training for doctors	Yes
Emergency medicine training for nurses	Yes

^e 2001, National Institute of Statistics CENSO.

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: 2009, Annual mortality, Ministry of People's Power for Health.

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