

BELIZE



Population: 311 627
 Income group: Middle
 Gross national income per capita: US\$ 3 640

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency	National Road Safety Committee
Funded in national budget	Yes
National road safety strategy	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	Partially funded
Fatality reduction targets set	Yes (2007–2012)
Fatality reduction target	—

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

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

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles	—
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	—
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	—
Heavy trucks	—
Buses	—
Other	—
Vehicle standards applied	
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards	Yes
New car assessment programme	Yes
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)	42 ^b , 86%M, 14%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes	0.9% ^c

^b Combined sources (Ministry of Health and others). Defined as died within a year of crash.
^c Pérez-Núñez R, et al. Economic impact of fatal and nonfatal road traffic injuries in Belize in 2007. *Rev Panam Salud Publica*, 2010, 28(5):326–36.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



SAFER ROAD USERS

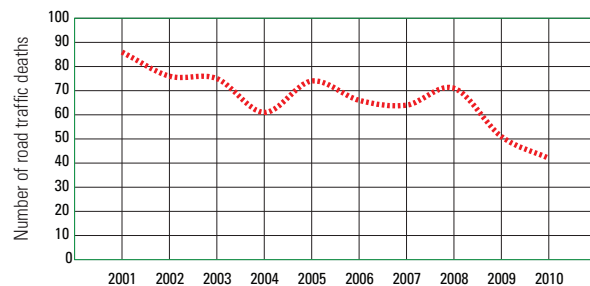
Penalty/demerit point system in place	Yes
National speed limits	Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits	No
Maximum limit urban roads	40 km/h
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
National drink-driving law	Yes
BAC limit – general population	0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	0.08 g/dl
BAC 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	—
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 ^d 15% Passengers ^d
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	60% Front seats ^d 30% Rear seats ^d
National child restraint law	No
Enforcement	—
National law on mobile phones while driving	No
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	—
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	—

^d 2011, Police/Department of Transport.

POST-CRASH CARE

Vital registration system	Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system	No
Emergency access telephone number(s)	911
Seriously injured transported by ambulance	≥75%
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash	—
Emergency medicine training for doctors	No
Emergency medicine training for nurses	No

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: 2010, Epidemiology Unit.