

# BAHAMAS



Population: 342 877  
Income group: High  
Gross national income per capita: US\$ 21 970

## INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

<b>Lead agency</b>	Road Traffic Department
Funded in national budget	Yes
<b>National road safety strategy</b>	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	Partially funded
Fatality reduction targets set	Yes (2006–2012)
Fatality reduction target	20%

## SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

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

## SAFER VEHICLES

<b>Total registered vehicles (2008)</b>	131 365
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	125 472
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	821
Heavy trucks	4 285
Buses	787
Other	0

### 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	— <sup>a</sup>
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars	Yes

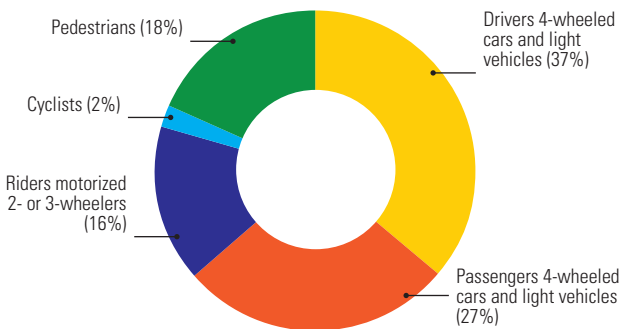
<sup>a</sup> No car manufacturers/assemblers.

## DATA

<b>Reported road traffic fatalities (2010)</b>	44 <sup>b</sup> , 75%M, 25%F
<b>Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes</b>	—

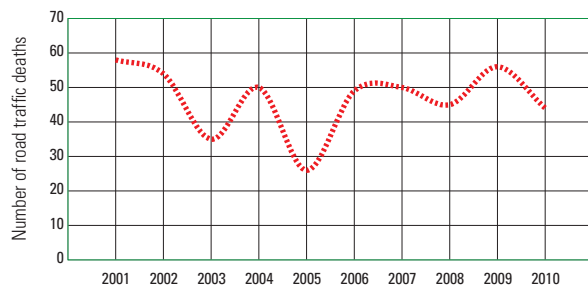
<sup>b</sup> Police records. Defined as died within a year of crash.

## DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2010, Royal Bahamas Police Force Traffic Division.

## TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



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## SAFER ROAD USERS

<b>Penalty/demerit point system in place</b>	No
<b>National speed limits</b>	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
<b>National drink-driving law</b>	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	—
<b>National motorcycle helmet law</b>	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	—
<b>National seat-belt law</b>	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	—
<b>National child restraint law</b>	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 ⑥ 7 8 9 10
<b>National law on mobile phones while driving</b>	No
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	—
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	—

## POST-CRASH CARE

<b>Vital registration system</b>	Yes
<b>Emergency Room based injury surveillance system</b>	No
<b>Emergency access telephone number(s)</b>	Multiple numbers
<b>Seriously injured transported by ambulance</b>	50–74%
<b>Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash</b>	—
<b>Emergency medicine training for doctors</b>	—
<b>Emergency medicine training for nurses</b>	Yes