

# VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)



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

## INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

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

## SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

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

## SAFER VEHICLES

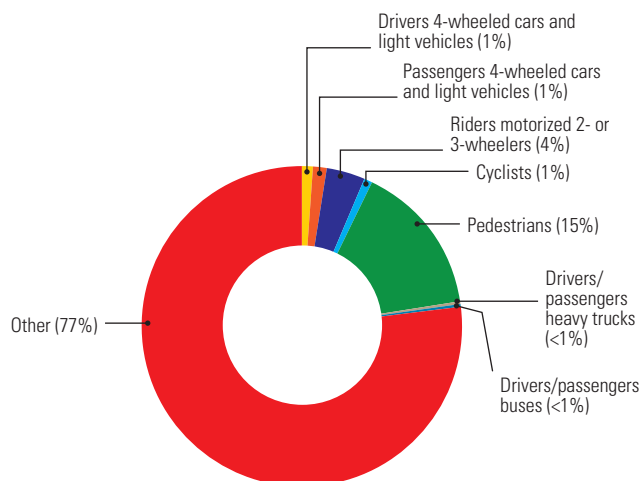
<b>Total registered vehicles (2007)</b>	4 051 705
Motorcars	2 982 495
Trucks	838 441
Buses	41 543
Unspecified	189 226
<b>Vehicle standards applied</b>	
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards	No
New car assessment programme	Yes
<b>Vehicle regulations</b>	
Front and rear seat-belts required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

## DATA

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

<sup>a</sup> Vital registration data. Defined as died within a year of crash.  
<sup>b</sup> 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

<b>Penalty/demerit point system in place</b>	No
<b>National speed limits</b>	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
<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	8% <sup>c</sup>
<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	45% All riders <sup>d</sup>
<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>	Yes
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	Yes
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	No

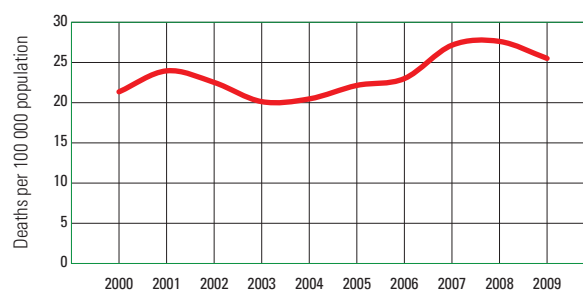
<sup>c</sup> PAHO-WHO (2009); Alcohol and Public Policies in Venezuela: Two Studies. Caracas, PAHO-WHO.  
<sup>d</sup> 2008, Ministry of Infrastructure (MINFRA).

## POST-CRASH CARE

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

<sup>e</sup> 2001, National Institute of Statistics CENSO.

## TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



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