

Global status report on road safety 2023

Namibia

Population:
2 530 151 ↑

Income group:
Upper middle income =

WHO Region:
African Region

GSRRS participation:
2009, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2023

BURDEN E

Reported fatalities (year)	540 (2021)	↑
Reported fatalities sex distribution (Male; Female)	72%; 26%	N/A
Reported fatalities user distribution ¹	65%; 0%; 33%; 1%; 1%	N/A
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities (95% CI) (year)	557 (95% CI 488 - 625) (2021)	=
WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population (year)	22.0 (2021)	=

SAFE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Total paved kilometers (year)	56 938 (2022)	N/A
Presence of technical standards for new roads that take account of all road-user safety, or align with relevant UN Conventions and regulate compliance with them ²	Yes	N/A
Presence of systematic approaches to assess/audit new roads ²	Yes	↻
National law requiring a formal road safety inspection/assessment	Yes	N/A
Target for roads to meet technical safety standards for all users (year)	Yes (2030)	N/A
Investments to upgrade high risk locations	Yes	↗

SAFE VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles [rate per 100 000 pop] (year)	401 476 [15 867.7] (2021)	↑
Four-wheel vehicles	346 978	↑
Powered 2- and 3-wheelers	-	N/A
Heavy trucks	19 899	↑
Buses	5 405	↑
Other	24 041	↑
Legislation on periodic vehicle technical inspection ²	Yes	N/A
National laws on front and side impact protection	No	N/A
National laws on seat-belt and seat-belt anchorages	Yes	N/A
National law on electronic stability control	No	N/A
National law on pedestrian protection	No	N/A
National law on anti-lock braking systems	No	N/A
Government vehicle procurement practices include safety prerequisites	No	N/A
Presence of high-quality safety standards for used-vehicle imports ²	Yes	N/A

POST-CRASH RESPONSE

National law on universal access to emergency care	Yes	N/A
National law guaranteeing free-of-charge access to rehabilitative care for all injured	Yes	N/A
National law guaranteeing free-of-charge access to psychological services to road crash victims and their families	-§	N/A
National good Samaritan law	No	N/A
National emergency care access number	National, multiple numbers	=
National target for time between serious crash and initial provision of professional emergency care (year)	90% reduction (2030)	N/A

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Presence of strategies to promote alternatives to individuals use of powered vehicles	No	=
National road safety strategy ²	Yes	=
Fatality reduction target (year)	50% (2030)	↻
Non fatal reduction target (year)	50% (2030)	N/A
Funding to implement strategy	Yes, partially funded	↻
National law mandating third-party liability insurance for powered vehicles	No	N/A
National law on driving time and rest periods for professional drivers ²	Yes	N/A
Adherence to one or more of the 7 UN road safety conventions ²	1	N/A
Presence of national lead agency to implement national road safety strategy ²	Yes	=
Presence of agencies that coordinate pre-hospital and emergency medical services ²	Yes, national	N/A

● Strong ● Moderate ● Weak/None

↑ Increase ↓ Decrease = No change ↻ Change ↗ Advancement

⊘ None or unknown — Not provided N/A Not applicable

E Evolution since 2010 or closest year possible

ROAD USER BEHAVIOUR E

Legislation on urban speed limits for passenger cars and motorcycles²	●	=
National law setting a speed limit	Yes	=
Maximum urban speed limit	60 km/h	=
Maximum rural speed limit	120 km/h	=
Maximum motorway speed limit	120 km/h	=
Local authorities can modify limits	No	N/A
Presence of targets to reduce speeds nationally (year) ²	National	N/A
Available types of enforcement	Speed limiters	↗

Legislation on drink driving²

National law on drink-driving	Yes	=
BAC limit – general population	≤ 0.079 g/dl	=
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	≤ 0.079 g/dl	=
Random breath testing carried out	Yes	↻
Presence of targets to reduce driving after drinking nationally (year) ²	National (2030)	N/A
Testing carried out in case of fatal crash	No	↻

Legislation on drug driving

Yes =

Legislation on distracted driving (mobile phones)

Yes =

Ban on mobile phone use² Hand held =

Presence of targets to reduce distracted driving nationally (year)² National (2030) N/A

Legislation on helmets for motorcycle riders²

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National motorcycle helmet law Yes =

Legislation requires helmet fastening Yes =

Legislation applies to: Drivers and Passengers ↻

Legislation applies to all road types Yes =

Legislation applies to all engine types Yes =

Legislation refers to and/or specifies helmet standard² No =

Presence of targets to increase helmet use (year) Yes, national (2030) N/A

Helmet wearing rate² (Driver; Passenger) - N/A

Minimum age/height children are allowed as passengers No N/A

Legislation on seat-belts for motor vehicle occupants²

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National seat-belt law Yes =

Legislation applies to front and rear seat occupants Yes =

Presence of targets to increase seat belt use (year)² Yes, national (2030) N/A

Seat-belt wearing rate² (Drivers; Front seat occupants; Rear seat occupants) - N/A

Legislation on child restraint systems²

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National child restraints use law No =

Children seated in front seat No =

Age or height specified for children requiring child restraint - =

Child restraint standard referred to and/or specified Yes =

Presence of targets to increase child safety restraint use (year) Yes, national (2030) N/A

NATIONAL DATA SYSTEMS ON...

Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (2021) Group 4 =

Frequency and distribution of journeys by modal type No N/A

Speeding violations and speeding related injuries and fatalities² Yes N/A

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and related road traffic-related fatalities and injuries² Yes N/A

Seat belt and child-restraint systems use² No N/A

Powered 2- and 3- wheeler helmet use² Yes N/A

Mobile phone use while driving² No N/A

1 4W= Four-wheel vehicles, 2/3W= Powered 2/3 wheelers, P=pedestrian, C=Cyclist; O=Other & Unknown

2 UN voluntary target indicator

* Alcohol consumption prohibited in country

† Country adheres to corresponding UN or equivalent international safety regulation

‡ Corresponding EU regulation mandatory for country

§ Not validated

Legislative review and mortality estimations conducted by WHO. International regulation, population and income level from external sources. All other data collected by WHO via survey and cleared by government-designated National Data Focal Points. See Methods for more detail.

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