

BAHAMAS



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

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

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

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 (2008)	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	— ^a
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars	Yes

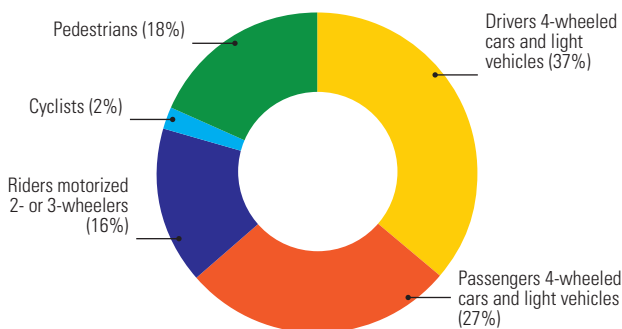
^a No car manufacturers/assemblers.

DATA

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

^b Police records. Defined as died within a year of crash.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2010, Royal Bahamas Police Force Traffic Division.

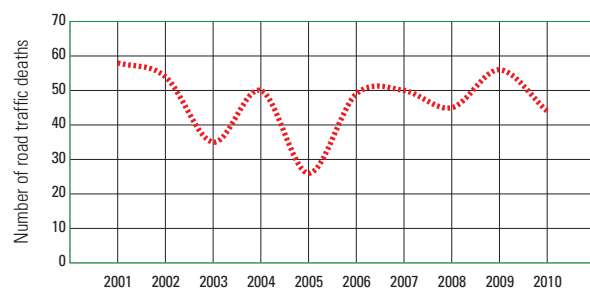
SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place	No
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	—
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
Seat-belt wearing rate	—
National child restraint law	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 ⑥ 7 8 9 10
National law on mobile phones while driving	No
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	—
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	—

POST-CRASH CARE

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

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



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