

PANAMA



Population: 3 516 820
 Income group: Middle
 Gross national income per capita: US\$ 7 010

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency	Traffic and Ground Transport Authority
Funded in national budget	Yes
National road safety strategy	Yes
Funding to implement strategy	Partially funded
Fatality reduction targets set	Yes (2011–2020)
Fatality reduction target	30%

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	Yes
Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs	Yes

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2010)	612 000
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles	306 000
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	55 080
Heavy trucks	122 400
Buses	42 840
Other	85 680
Vehicle standards applied	
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards	No
New car assessment programme	No
Vehicle regulations	
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars	— ^a
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars	Yes

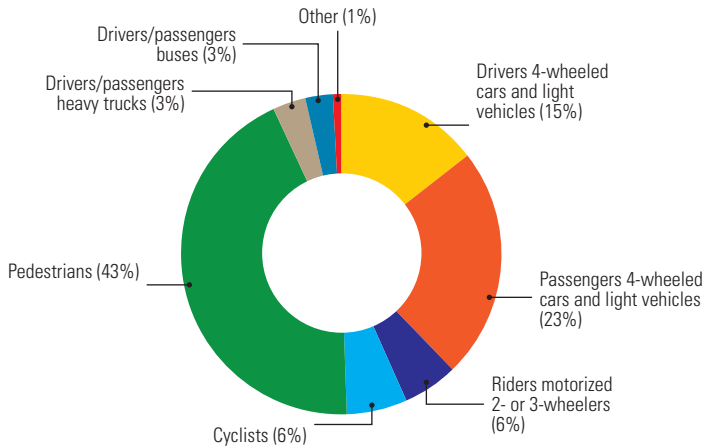
^a No car manufacturers/assemblers.

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010)	422 ^b , 84%M, 16%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes	—

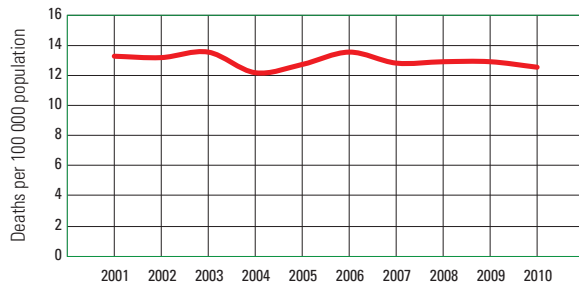
^b Police records. Defined as died within 30 days of crash.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2010, National Directorate of Transit Operation, National Police.

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



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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	0.05g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	0.05g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers	0.05g/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	98% Drivers ^c 95% Passengers ^c
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	90% Front seats ^c 10% Rear seats ^c
National child restraint law	Yes
Enforcement	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
National law on mobile phones while driving	Yes
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	Yes
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones	No

^c 2010, National Directorate of Transit Operation.

POST-CRASH CARE

Vital registration system	Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system	Yes
Emergency access telephone number(s)	911
Seriously injured transported by ambulance	≥75%
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash	—
Emergency medicine training for doctors	Yes
Emergency medicine training for nurses	Yes

Further data on each country can be found in the statistical annex.