

# PANAMA

Population: **3 343 374**

Income group: **Middle**

Gross national income per capita: **\$5 510**



INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK	
<b>Lead agency</b>	<b>Traffic and Ground Transport Authority</b>
Funded in national budget	<b>Yes</b>
<b>National road safety strategy</b>	—
Measurable targets	—
Funded	—

DATA
<b>Reported road traffic fatalities (2007)</b> <b>425<sup>b</sup></b> (82% males, 18% females) <sup>c</sup>
<b>Reported non-fatal road traffic injuries (2005)</b> <b>11 383<sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Costing study available</b> <b>No</b>

<sup>b</sup> Comptroller General of the Republic data, defined as died within 30 days of the crash.

<sup>c</sup> 2005, Comptroller General of the Republic data.

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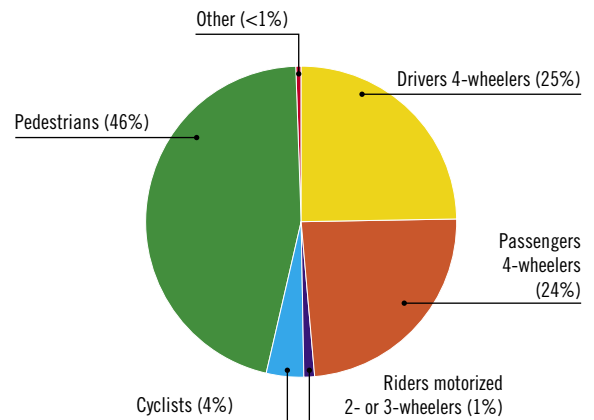
NATIONAL LEGISLATION	
<b>Speed limits set nationally</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Local authorities can set lower limits	<b>No</b>
Maximum limit urban roads	<b>80 km/h</b>
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 3 4 5 <b>6</b> 7 8 9 10
<b>Drink-driving law</b>	<b>Yes</b>
BAC limit – general population	<b>0.01 g/dl</b>
BAC limit – young or novice drivers	<b>0.01 g/dl</b>
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints	<b>Yes</b>
Road traffic deaths involving alcohol	—
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 3 4 5 <b>6</b> 7 8 9 10
<b>Motorcycle helmet law</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Applies to all riders	<b>Yes</b>
Helmet standards mandated	<b>No</b>
Helmet wearing rate	—
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <b>9</b> 10
<b>Seat-belt law</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Applies to all occupants	<b>Yes</b>
Seat-belt wearing rate	—
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 <b>7</b> 8 9 10
<b>Child restraints law</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Enforcement <sup>a</sup>	0 1 2 <b>3</b> 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

<sup>a</sup> Enforcement score represents consensus based on professional opinion of respondents, on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is not effective and 10 is highly effective.

VEHICLE STANDARDS	
<i>No car manufacturers</i>	
ROAD SAFETY AUDITS	
Formal audits required for major new road construction projects	<b>Yes</b>
Regular audits of existing road infrastructure	<b>Yes</b>
PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT	
National policies to promote walking or cycling	<b>No</b>
National policies to promote public transportation	<b>No</b>

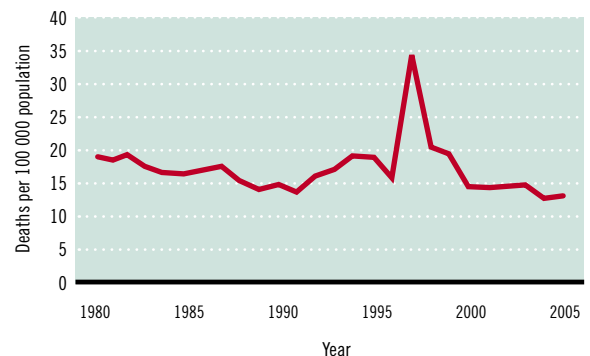
POST-CRASH CARE	
Formal, publicly available pre-hospital care system	<b>Yes</b>
National universal access number	<b>No</b>

## DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



Source: 2005, Comptroller General of the Republic

## TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: Comptroller General of the Republic

REGISTERED VEHICLES	
<b>671 085</b> total (2007)	
Motorcars	<b>65%</b>
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers	<b>3%</b>
Minibuses, vans, etc. (seating <20)	<b>17%</b>
Trucks	<b>9%</b>
Buses	<b>3%</b>
Non-motorized vehicles	<b>3%</b>
Other	<b>&lt;1%</b>

— Data not available.