IRELAND

Population: 4 627 173 • Income group: High • Gross national income per capita: US$ 43 110

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency
Road Safety Authority

Funded in national budget
Yes

National road safety strategy
Yes

Funding to implement strategy
Fully funded

Fatality reduction target
25 deaths per 1 million population
by 2020 (2013–2020)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction projects
Yes

Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure
Yes

Policies to promote walking or cycling
Yes

Policies to separate road users and protect VRUs
Subnational

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2013
2 482 557

Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles
2 225 612

Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers
40 445

Heavy trucks
61 161

Buses
11 659

Other
143 680

Vehicle standards applied
Frontal impact standard
Yes

Electronic stability control
Yes

Pedestrian protection
Yes

* UNECE WP29.

POST-CRASH CARE

Emergency room injury surveillance system
Yes

Emergency access telephone numbers
112

Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash
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DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013)
188* (76% M, 24% F)

WHO estimated road traffic fatalities
188

WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population
4.1

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes
0.6%†

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers/passengers

heavy trucks (2%)

Pedestrians 16%)

Cyclists (3%)

Riders motorized

2- or 3-wheelers (14%)

Passengers 4-wheeled

cars and light vehicles (17%)

Drivers 4-wheeled

cars and light vehicles (48%)

Source: 2013, Garda Síochána (Police).

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law
Yes

Max urban speed limit
50 km/h

Max rural speed limit
100 km/h

Max motorway speed limit
120 km/h

Local authorities can modify limits
Yes

Enforcement
—

National drink–driving law
Yes

BAC limit – general population
≤ 0.05 g/ dl

BAC limit – young or novice drivers
≤ 0.02 g/ dl

Random breath testing carried out
Yes

Enforcement
—

% road traffic deaths involving alcohol
16%‡

National motorcycle helmet law
Yes

Applies to drivers and passengers
Yes

Law requires helmet to be fastened
No

Law refers to helmet standard
Yes

Enforcement
—

Helmet wearing rate
98% All riders*, 98% Drivers*

National seat-belt law
Yes

Applies to front and rear seat occupants
Yes

Enforcement
—

Seat-belt wearing rate
94% Front seats*, 89% Rear seats*

National child restraint law
Yes

Restrictions on children sitting in front seat
Yes

Child restraint law based on
Age/Weight/Height

Enforcement
—

% children using child restraints
—

National law on mobile phone use while driving
No

Law also applies to hands-free phones
Yes

National drug-driving law
Yes

† 2012, Road Safety Authority and Central Statistics Office.

‡ 2007, Police Investigation Files, RSA study on Pre-Crash Behaviour 2010.

§ 2013, Road Safety Authority Annual Observational Study.

Post-crisis review conducted 2006. World safety data from World Road Statistics. Other data calculated by questionnaire and used by Department for Transport, Health and Sport.