

# 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 encourage investment in public transport	Subnational
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 <sup>a</sup>	
Frontal impact standard	Yes
Electronic stability control	Yes
Pedestrian protection	Yes

<sup>a</sup> UNECE WP29.

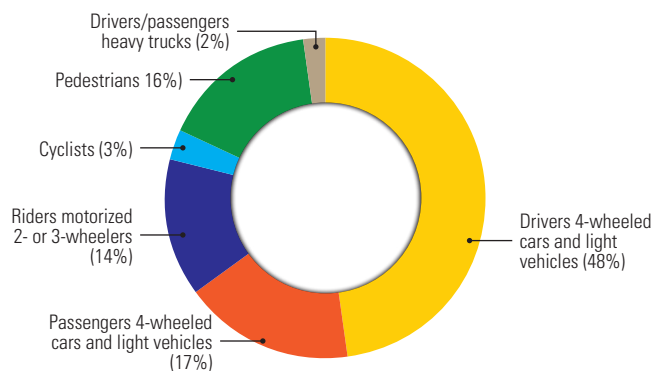
POST-CRASH CARE	
Emergency room injury surveillance system	Yes
Emergency access telephone numbers	112
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash	—

DATA	
Reported road traffic fatalities (2013)	188 <sup>b</sup> (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% <sup>c</sup>

<sup>b</sup> Garda Síochána (Police). Defined as died within 30 days of crash.

<sup>c</sup> 2012, Road Safety Authority and Central Statistics Office.

## DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY



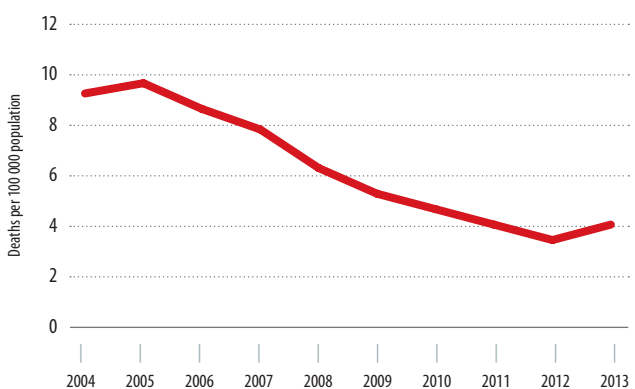
Source: 2013, Garda Síochána (Police).

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% <sup>d</sup>
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 <sup>e</sup> , 98% Drivers <sup>e</sup>
National seat-belt law	Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants	Yes
Enforcement	—
Seat-belt wearing rate	94% Front seats <sup>e</sup> , 89% Rear seats <sup>e</sup>
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	Yes
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use	Yes
Law also applies to hands-free phones	No
National drug-driving law	Yes

<sup>d</sup> 2007, Police Investigation Files, RSA study on Pre-Crash Behaviour 2010.

<sup>e</sup> 2013, Road Safety Authority Annual Observational Study.

## TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS



Source: Road Safety Authority.