North Macedonia

Population: 2,081,266  |  Income group: Middle  |  Gross national income per capita: US$ 4,980

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: Republic Council on Road Traffic Safety and Coordination
Body of the Government of North Macedonia

Funded in national budget: Yes
National road safety strategy: Yes
Funding to implement strategy: Partially funded
Fatality reduction target: Reduction of fatalities to EU average, reduction of young driver victims by 30%, and zero child victims (2015-2020)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Audits or star rating required for new road infrastructure: Partial
Design standards for the safety of pedestrians / cyclists: Yes
Inspections / star rating of existing roads: Yes
Investments to upgrade high risk locations: No
Policies & investment in urban public transport: Yes

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2015: 442,962
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 383,933
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 10,050
Heavy trucks: 45,836
Buses: 3,243
Other: 0

Vehicle standards applied (UNECE WP.29): No
Frontal impact standard: No
Electronic stability control: No
Pedestrian protection: No
Motorcycle anti-lock braking system: No

POST-CRASH CARE

National emergency care access number: National, single number
Trauma registry: National
Formal certification for prehospital providers: Yes
National assessment of emergency care systems: Yes

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2015): 148* (89% M, 20% F)
Reported rate per 100,000 population (2015): 7.1*
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities (2016): 134*
WHO estimated rate per 100,000 population (2016): 6.4*

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law: Yes
Max urban speed limit: 50 km/h
Max rural speed limit: 90 km/h
Max motorway speed limit: 130 km/h
Local authorities can modify limits: No
Self-reported enforcement: 012345678910
Predominant type of enforcement: Manual

National drink-driving law: Yes
BAC limit — general population: ≤ 0.05 g/dl
BAC limit — young or novice drivers: ≤ 0.01 g/dl
Random breath testing carried out: Yes
Testing carried out in case of fatal crash: All drivers tested
Self-reported enforcement: 012345678910
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol: 1%

National motorcycle helmet law: Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers: Yes
Helmet fastening required: No
Helmet standard referred to and/or specified: No
Children passengers on motorcycles: Not restricted
Self-reported enforcement: 012345678910
Helmet wearing rate: —

National seat-belt law: Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants: Yes
Self-reported enforcement: 012345678910
Seat-belt wearing rate: 20% Front seats*, 3% Rear seats*

National child restraint law: Yes
Children seated in front seat: Prohibited under 12 yrs*
Child restraint required: Up to 5 yrs
Child restraint standard referred to and/or specified: No
Self-reported enforcement: 012345678910
% children using child restraints: —

National law on mobile phone use while driving: Yes
Ban on hand-held mobile phone use: Yes
Ban on hands-free mobile phone use: No

National drug-driving law: Yes

Deaths by road user category

Drivers and passengers of heavy trucks: 3%
Pedestrians: 33%
Cyclists: 6%
Riders of motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 9%
Passengers of 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles: 26%
Drivers of 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles: 25%

Trends in reported road traffic deaths

Source: 2015, Ministry of Interior and State Statistical Office
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* Ministry of Interior and State Statistical Office. Died within 30 days of crash

** WHO’s method to obtain comparable country estimates: Group 1. Countries areas with good death registration data. See explanatory note 3 in Global status report on road safety 2018 for full details.