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KEY FACTS

- There were 323 296 deaths from road traffic injuries in the Western Pacific Region in 2013, the latest year in which complete data were available.
- With 17.3 road traffic deaths for every 100 000 people, the mortality rate in the Region is comparable to the global rate of 17.4.
- Large disparities still exist within the Region, with 95% of deaths occurring in low- and middle-income countries.
- The risk of dying from a road traffic injury is more than 2.7 times greater in low- and middle-income countries compared to high-income countries.
- Of all road traffic deaths in the Region, 64% involved vulnerable road users (motorcyclists 34% of total road traffic deaths, pedestrians, 23% and cyclists, 7%).
- Between 2010 and 2013, the road traffic mortality rate in the Region decreased by 4.1%.
- The Region's 1.85 billion people own more than 463 million vehicles, 36% of which are motorized twoand three-wheelers.
- Australia and New Zealand are the only countries in the Region that have comprehensive legislation addressing the five main risk factors for road traffic injuries.



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