



**Road safety can depend on many different factors, from seat belts to road conditions and traffic related injuries.**

**Driving in Australia might seem safe, however an estimated 1200 people fall victim to road traffic fatalities in Australia each year.**

One factor which might impact driving safety is where you live. Zutobi analysed countries across the world based on indicators including motorway speed limits, blood alcohol concentration limits for drivers and road traffic death rates, to determine the world's safest and most dangerous countries to drive.

# Changes since last year

The world's safest countries for driving this year have seen little change from the previous year. For the third year in a row, Norway is the safest country in the world for driving, while runners up Iceland and Hungary ranked in last year's top five safest countries. Albania rose into the top ten countries with the safest roads, up five places from last year.

The most dangerous countries for driving have remained consistent since last year, with the three most dangerous seeing no change. However, Moldova saw its road traffic death rate increase over 30%, from 7.3 to 9.83 per 100,000 people, while a number of countries saw their rates improve, particularly Bosnia and Herzegovina (from 13.5 to 7.35 per 100,000 people).

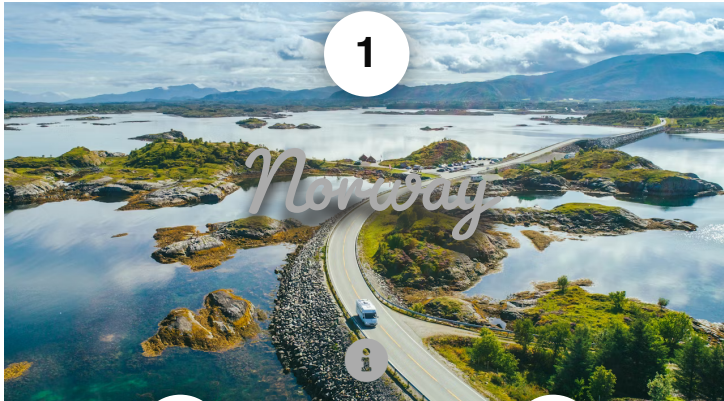
The average number of estimated road traffic deaths per 100,000 across all countries has decreased since the previous year from 9.7 to 8.9, while there has been no change in national speed limits and blood alcohol concentration limits in each country.

If you want to read last year's report you can download it here: [The World's Safest Roads 2022](#),  
[The World's Safest Roads 2021](#)



# The World's Safest Countries to Drive

# The World's Most Dangerous Countries to Drive



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Hungary

Iceland

Thailand

United States

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# The World's SAFEST & MOST DANGEROUS ROADS

KEY  Rank  Country

 Estimated road traffic death rate (per 100,000 population)

 Maximum motorway speed limit (kph)

 Seat-belt wearing rate (front seat)

 Road traffic deaths attributed to alcohol

 Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) limit for drivers (g/dl)

 Overall Safety Driving Score /1



						
◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
1	Norway	1.48	▼	110	97.8	13
2	Hungary	5.6	▼	130	95	7.1
3	Iceland	2.42	▲	90	93	14
4	Japan	2.55	▼	120	98	5.6
5	Estonia	4.13	▼	120	97.3	10
6	Sweden	2.02	▼	120	97.6	24
7	Moldova	9.83	▲	90	61.8	9.4
8	Czechia	5.06	▼	130	98	9.5
9	Israel	3.89	▼	120	88.7	3.6
10	Albania	7.01	▼	110	85	5.2

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# The Country With The Highest...

Road traffic death rate:

**THAILAND**

**32.2 per  
100,000  
population**

Thailand has the highest amount of road traffic related deaths per 100,000 people out of all the countries we looked at. There are an estimated 32.2 road traffic deaths per 100,000 of the population.



## Motorway speed limit:

**GERMANY** None

Germany is the only country in our study that does not impose a motorway speed limit for cars. The recommended speed limit on the Autobahn is 130km/h, however this is often ignored by drivers.

## Seat-belt wearing rate:

**FRANCE** 99.4%

France is estimated to have the highest rate of front seat-belt usage in the world, at 99.4%.

## Rate of alcohol related road traffic deaths:

**SOUTH AFRICA** 57.5%

The risk of a drink driving related fatality is highest in South Africa. South Africa has the highest amount of alcohol related road traffic deaths, at 57.5%.

Blood alcohol concentration limit  
for drivers:

**MALAYSIA,  
UNITED KINGDOM,  
GUYANA,  
UNITED STATES**

**0.08% gdl**

The UK, USA, Malaysia and Guyana are the countries most relaxed in their legal BAC limit for drivers. These countries permit drivers to have a BAC level of 0.08%.

*The Country With The  
Lowest...*



## Road traffic death rate:

**NORWAY** 1.48 per  
100,000  
population

Norway has the least amount of road traffic related deaths per 100,000 people. There are an estimated 1.48 road traffic deaths per 100,000 and the number has been declining since 2019.

## Motorway speed limit:

**BOLIVIA** 80 km/h

Ranking 8th overall, Bolivia is the country with the lowest maximum motorway speed limit for cars. The national speed limit is 80km/h.

## Seat-belt wearing rate:

**BOLIVIA** 3.5%

Bolivia is estimated to have the lowest rate of front seat-belt usage in the world, at just 3.5%. There is no national law requiring the use of seat-belts in the country and very few people report wearing one.

Rate of alcohol related road traffic deaths:

**MALAYSIA** 0.1%

Malaysia has the lowest amount of alcohol related road traffic deaths, at just 0.1%. While the majority of Malaysia's population is Muslim, the sale of alcohol to non-Muslims is permitted, and the BAC limit for drivers is 0.08%.

Blood alcohol concentration limit for drivers:

**HUNGARY,  
CUBA** 0.% gdl

Czechia, France, Germany and Japan are estimated to have the highest rate of front seat-belt usage in the world, at 98%.

# Methodology

Each country was analysed based on the following five factors. Each country was given a normalised score out of ten for each factor, and an average score was calculated across all five factors.



## Estimated road traffic death rate

The estimated number of road traffic deaths per 100,000 population, according to the World Health Organization's [Global Health Observatory data repository](#) and [OECD](#).



## Seat-belt wearing rate

An estimate of the percentage of car occupants across both sexes who use a seat belt while traveling in the front of a vehicle was taken from the World Health Organization's [Global Health Observatory data repository](#), [UK Department of Transport](#) and



## Maximum motorway speed limit

The maximum speed limit for cars on motorways in kilometres per hour was sourced from [Wikipedia](#).



## Road traffic deaths attributed to alcohol

An estimate of the proportion of road traffic deaths which have been attributed to alcohol (over the national legal limit), according to the World Health Organization's [Global Health Observatory data repository](#).

[European Road Safety Observatory](#).



## BAC limit for drivers

The national maximum legal Blood Alcohol Concentration level for the general population (limits for young/novice drivers and professional/commercial drivers may be higher), according to the World Health Organization's [Global Health Observatory data repository](#).

## What can be done to avoid road accidents and unnecessary road fatalities?

First of all drivers should be aware of the main reasons accidents occur - by narrowing the list down to the major reasons, drivers can also focus specifically on not making those mistakes. Major reasons include speeding, distracted driving, driving under the influence of alcohol, and lack of scanning, among other things. Government awareness campaigns can also help educate drivers to avoid these behaviors.

Second, drivers also need to have proper knowledge of driving safety practices and the rules of the road before beginning to drive. A good way of attaining a proper foundation is by reading driving theory and doing practice tests. Zutobi provides such services for most of the states in Australia, such as [Victoria](#), [New South Wales](#), and [Queensland](#).

Third, drivers should also consider refreshing their knowledge every few years to remain confident and safe behind the wheel.



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