# Road Safety Country Overview October 2012

# **Spain**





# **Structure and Culture**

### Basic data

**Table 1:** Basic data of Spain in relation to the European average. (Sources: [1] OFCD/ITE 2011: [2] Eurostat: [3] DG-TREN, 2005: [4] CIA)

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Basic data of Spain	European average
<ul> <li>Population: 46.0 million inhabitants (2010)</li> </ul>	17.1 million (2010) [1,2]
<ul> <li>Area: 506 000 km<sup>2</sup> (2010)</li> </ul>	156 225 km <sup>2</sup> (2010) [1,3]
(1.3% water) (2010)	3% water (2010) [4]
<ul> <li>Climate and weather conditions (capital city; 2010):</li> </ul>	(2010)
Average winter temperature (Nov. to April): 8°C	6°C
Average summer temperature (May to Oct.): 21°C	16°C
Annual precipitation level: 424 mm	747 mm
Exposure: no information available on vehicle km	168 billion vehicle km
	(2010") [1]
32.5 million vehicles (2008)	12 million vehicles (2010 <sup>iii</sup> )
(68% cars, 17% lorries and trucks, 8% motorcycles, 7%	[1,2]
mopeds)	
<ul> <li>0.72 motorised vehicles per person (2008)</li> </ul>	0.7(2010 <sup>i, iii</sup> ) [1,2]

Spain has one of the largest amounts of tourists.

# Country characteristics

**Table 2:** Characteristics of Spain in comparison to the European average. (Sources: [1] OECD/ITF, 2011; [2] Eurostat; [3] national sources)

Characteristics of Spain	European average
<ul> <li>Population density: 91 inhabitants/km² (2010)</li> </ul>	110 inhabitants km <sup>2</sup> (2010 <sup>1</sup> )
	[1,2,3]
<ul><li>Population composition (2009):</li></ul>	
15% children (0-14 years),	16% children,
59% adults (15-64 years),	67% adults,
17% elderly (65 years and over)	17% elderly (2009 <sup>iv</sup> ) [1,2]
<ul> <li>Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita: €23 100</li> </ul>	€26 100 (2010) [1,2]
(2010)	
<ul> <li>51% of population lives inside urban area (2010)</li> </ul>	42% (2010 <sup>v</sup> ) [1,2]
<ul> <li>Special characteristics: Spain has one of the largest</li> </ul>	
amounts of tourists, which is 7% of the world total.	



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Based on 30 European countries; data of HU = 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>v</sup> Based on 29 European countries (excl. IS).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Based on 15 European countries (excl. BG, CY, EE, EL, ES, HU, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, PL, PT, RO, SK); data of CZ, IE, SE, NO (2009); data of AT, BE, DK (2008); Data of UK (2006); data of NL (2003).

Based on 28 European countries (excl. CY and LT); data of EL, IT, PL, PT and UK = 2009; data of BE, EE, ES, RO and NO = 2008; data of IE = 2007; data of MT and SK (2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iv</sup> Based on 27 European countries (excl. LT, NO, PL); data of BE, UK (2008).

- Structure of road safety management
- Policy making is centralized in Spain.

The following key-actors are responsible for road safety (RS) management:

Key functions	pain. (Sources: DG-TREN, 2005; 2010)  Key actors
1.  - Formulation of national RS strategy - Setting targets - Development of the RS programme	<ul> <li>The General Directorate of Traffic (DGT; part of the Ministry of Interior): responsible for road safety.</li> <li>The Inter-Ministerial Commission for Road Safety: lead agency dealing with road safety. This commission consists of the first vice-prime minister and ministers and DG's from Internal Affairs, Traffic and Public Works (MFOM), Justice, Education, Industry, Social Affairs, Tourism and Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Public Health.</li> <li>The Superior Council for Traffic and Road Safety (a technical consultative body): supports the Inter-Ministerial Commission. This Council is the forum where the DGT and its Basque and Catalonian equivalents share visions and projects.</li> </ul>
2. Monitoring of the RS development in the country	<ul> <li>The Superior Council for Traffic and Road Safety.</li> <li>DGT.</li> <li>Basque and Catalonian equivalents.</li> </ul>
3. Improvements in road infrastructure	The General Directorate for Roads (DGC; part of the Ministry of Transport and Public Works (MFOM)).
4. Vehicle improvement	The Inter-Ministerial Commission for Road Safety
5. Improvement in road user education	The Inter-Ministerial Commission for Road Safety
Publicity campaigns      Reforcement of road traffic laws	<ul> <li>The Superior Council for Traffic and Road Safety.</li> <li>DGT.</li> <li>Basque and Catalonian equivalents.</li> <li>The police.</li> <li>Regional and local counties.</li> <li>The General Directorate for Road Traffic (DGT;</li> </ul>
Emercement of road traine laws	part of the Ministry of Internal Affairs).  Basque and Catalonian equivalents.  The police.
8. Other relevant actors	<ul> <li>Public administrations of Environment, Economy,</li> <li>Defense, Science and Technology (via the</li> </ul>

Superior Council of Traffic and Road Safety); The National Federation of Municipalities (via the Superior Council of Traffic and Road Safety); Representatives from: the Spanish Royal

Council of Traffic and Road Safety);

Research: Road Research Centre (part of the Public Works Research Centre (CEDEX)).

Automobile Club (RACE), Spanish Red Cross, car insurance companies, highway concessionary companies, road construction, maintenance and consultancy companies, consumer associations, driving schools, road vehicle manufacturers, road vehicle repair companies, road assistance companies, the media, etc (via the Superior





### Attitudes towards risk taking

- More than one third of the Spanish drivers admit to speeding on the motorways, which is more than drivers in other countries.
- Spanish drivers are less supportive for higher penalties for speeding and drink driving, but they are more in favour of lower BAC limits than drivers in other countries.

Table 4: Road safety attitudes and behaviour of drivers (Source: SARTRE 2004)

	Spain	SARTRE average
Self-reported driving behaviour	% of drivers that	at show behaviour
	often or more	
Too close following	6%	9%
Inappropriate overtaking	4%	5%
Exceeding speed limit on motorways	37%	25%
Exceeding speed limit on main inter-urban roads	21%	18%
Exceeding speed limit on country roads	13%	13%
Exceeding speed limit in built-up areas	11%	8%
Support of stricter legislation	% of drivers that support stricter	
	legislation	
Higher penalties for speeding offences	58%	60%
Higher penalties for drink-driving offences	76%	88%
Lower BAC levels	19%	8%
Perceived probability of being checked	% of drivers that believe that	
	probability is h	igh
	17%	18%
Speeding	17 70	. 0 / 0

### Legend

(comparison of country attitude in relation to average attitude of other SARTRE countries):

2-9% better 10-19% better

≥ 20% better

2-9% worse

10-19% worse

 $\geq$  20% worse



Spanish drivers are more supportive for higher penalties of speeding and drink-driving, but more supportive for lower BAC levels than drivers in other countries.





Spain has set a number of subtargets, even at SPI-level.

# **Programs and measures**

## National strategic plans and targets

- The Spanish government annually releases the national targets and actions concerning the Road Safety Plan. The current Road Safety Strategy covers the period 2011-2020.
- Targets:

Table 5: Road safety targets for Spain

Year	Fatalities	Serious injuries	Casualties	Safety performance indicators
2020	<ul> <li>Max. 37/ million inhabitants</li> <li>0 children without restraint system</li> <li>-10% senior drivers (&gt;64 year)</li> <li>-30% run-over crashes</li> <li>1 000 000 more cyclists on the road without increase of fatalities.</li> <li>0 in cars in urban areas</li> </ul>	-35%	<ul> <li>25% youngsters (18-24 year) in weekends</li> <li>20% motorcyclists</li> <li>30% on single carriageway roads</li> <li>30% in work- related traffic</li> </ul>	1% positives in random breath tests50% of light vehicles exceeding speed limit > 20 km/h

### Priority topics:

- education and training,
- o raising awareness and communication,
- o compliance with regulations,
- o the infrastructure and the vehicle,
- the urban area,
- o the company and professional transport,
- o victims,
- research and knowledge management,
- o coordination and participation.

(Sources: DG-TREN, 2005; 2010; OECD/ITF, 2011; national sources)

### Road infrastructure

**Table 6**: Description of the road categories and their characteristics in Spain (Source: TiS.PT, 2003; national sources).

Road type	Speed limit (km/h)
Urban roads	50
Rural roads	90/110
Motorways	120

- Special rules for:
  - Light motorcycles (A1; until 18 years): 80 km/h
- Guidelines and strategic plans for infrastructure are available in Spain.



Spain has already implemented formal audits on new roads and inspections on existing roads.



**Table 7:** Obligatory parts of infrastructure management in Spain and other European countries. (Sources: DG-TREN, 2010; national sources)

Obligatory parts in Spain:	European countries with obligation
Safety impact assessment: -	-
Road safety audits: yes	50%
Road safety inspections: yes	60%
Black spot treatment: yes	47% <sup>VI</sup>

- Recent infrastructural actions have been addressing:
  - Risk mapping from EuroRAP
  - Black spot specific actions
  - Signalling of black spots on main network
  - Road safety master plan for built up areas to inspire local authorities
  - Building new highways
  - Improve junctions

### Traffic laws and regulations

**Table 8**: Description of the regulations in Spain in relation to the most common regulations in other European countries. (Sources: [1] DG-TREN, 2005; [2] national sources; [3] DG-TREN, 2010; [4] DG-TREN, 2008)

Regulations in Spain	Most common in Europe (% of countries)
Allowed BAC level: 0.5%;	0.5‰ (60%)
<ul><li>Novice drivers: 0.3‰;</li></ul>	0.5‰ and 0.2‰ (both 30%)
<ul><li>Professional drivers: 0.3‰. [1]</li></ul>	0.5% (30%) [1,2]
Phoning:	
<ul> <li>Hand held: prohibited</li> </ul>	Not allowed (97%) [2,3]
<ul> <li>Hands free: allowed [3]</li> </ul>	-
Use of restraint systems:	
<ul> <li>Driver: obligatory</li> </ul>	Obligatory (all countries)
<ul> <li>Front passenger: obligatory</li> </ul>	Obligatory (all countries)
<ul> <li>Rear passenger: obligatory</li> </ul>	Obligatory (all countries)
<ul><li>Children: obligatory [2, 3]</li></ul>	Obligatory on all seats (73%) [2,3]
Helmet wearing:	
<ul> <li>Motor riders: obligatory</li> </ul>	Obligatory (all countries)
<ul> <li>Moped riders: obligatory</li> </ul>	Obligatory (all countries)
<ul> <li>Cyclists: obligatory outside build up</li> </ul>	Recommended (25% <sup>vii</sup> ) [2,3]
areas; not compulsory in case high	
temperatures etc. [3]	
<ul> <li>No mandatory DRL [4].</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>A demerit point system is in place [3].</li> </ul>	



vi Based on data of 18 countries (excl. AT, BE, CH, CZ, FI, FR, HU, IE, MT, NO, RO, SE).

vii Based on data of 24 countries (excl. CH, CY, HU, LU, NO, PT).



Most enforcement issues are assessed as better than the European average but still need to do more according to experts.

> Spain has very differentiated driving licence thresholds.

### **Enforcement**

Table 9: Effectiveness of enforcement effort in Spain according to an international respondent consensus (scale = 0-10) (Source: DG-TREN, 2010)

Issue	Score for Spain	Most common in Europe (% of countries)
Speed legislation enforcement	8	7 (35%)
Seat-belt law enforcement	8	7 (43%) <sup>viii</sup>
Child restraint law enforcement	7	6 (27% <sup>ix</sup> )
Helmet legislation enforcement	8	9 (39% <sup>ix</sup> )

Table 10: Performance of enforcement effort in Spain according to an international respondent consensus (scale = is good, is improving, needs to do more) (Source: DG-TREN, 2010)

Issue	Score for Spain	Most common in Europe (% of countries)
Speeding	need to do more	Is improving (50%)
Drink driving	need to do more	Is improving (79%) <sup>x</sup>
Seat belt use	is improving need to do more	Is improving (52%xi)

### Road user education and training

Table 11: Road user education and training in Spain, compared to the situation in other

European countries. (Sources: [1] ROSE25, 2005; [2] ETSC, 2011; [3] national sources)		
Education and training in Spain	Most common in Europe (% of countries)	
General education programmes:		
<ul> <li>Primary school: compulsory (horizontal</li> </ul>	Compulsory (65% <sup>XII</sup> )	
topic in curricula).	viii	
<ul> <li>Secondary school: voluntary, but</li> </ul>	Compulsory (50% <sup>xiii</sup> ) [1,2]	
integrated in several subjects		
<ul> <li>Other groups: no information</li> </ul>	-	
Driving licences thresholds:		
<ul> <li>Passenger car: 18</li> </ul>	18 years (79%)	
<ul> <li>Motorised two wheeler: 16, 18 years for</li> </ul>	18 years (low categories) and higher ages for	
A2, 20 years for A (gradually). Mopeds	faster vehicles (66%)	
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<ul> <li>Busses and coaches: 21 years for D1,</li> </ul>	21 years (76%) <sup>xiv</sup>	
24 years for D, 18 years for C1, 21		
years for C	21 years (79% <sup>xv</sup> ) [2,3]	
<ul> <li>Lorries and trucks: 21 years for D1, 24</li> </ul>	21 years (19% ) [2,3]	
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for C		



 $_{\cdot}^{\text{viii}}$  Based on data of 23 countries (excl. DE, DK, IE, IS, LU, NL and UK).

xv Based on data of 28 countries (excl. IE and NO).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ix</sup> Based on data of 22 countries (excl. DE, DK, IE, IS, LU, NL, RO and UK).

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### Public campaigns

**Table 12:** Public campaigns in Spain, compared to the situation in other European countries. (Sources: SUPREME, 2007: national sources)

countries. (Sources: SUPREME, 2007; national sources)  Campaigns in Spain  Most common issues in Europe		
Campaigne in Spain	(% of countries)	
Organisation:		
<ul> <li>The Superior Council for Traffic and Road Safety;</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>The General Directorate of Traffic;</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Basque and Catalonian equivalents;</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>The police;</li></ul>		
<ul> <li>Regional and local counties;</li> </ul>		
Main themes:		
<ul> <li>Drink-driving,</li> </ul>	Drink-driving (83%)	
<ul><li>Seat-belt,</li></ul>	Seat-belt (73%)	
<ul> <li>Speeding,</li> </ul>	Speeding (53%)	
<ul> <li>Penalty point system,</li> </ul>	-	
<ul> <li>Child restraint systems,</li> </ul>	-	
<ul> <li>Motorcycles,</li> </ul>	-	
<ul> <li>Mobile phone use,</li> </ul>	-	
- Helmets,	-	
<ul> <li>Information on changed legislation,</li> </ul>	-	
<ul> <li>Peak traffic campaign (holidays).</li> </ul>	-	

Mandatory
inspection periods
are somewhat
longer for most
vehicle types than
the most common
period in Europe.

# Vehicles and technology (national developments)

**Table 13:** Developments of vehicles and technology in Spain, compared to the situation in other European countries. (Sources: TiS.PT, 2003; national sources)

Mandatory technical inspections	Most common in Europe (% of countries)
Passenger cars: every 12 to 24 months	Every 12 months (41%)
Motorcycles: checked every 24 months	Every 12 months (35%)
Busses or coaches: every 12 to 24 months	Every 12 months (41%)
Lorries or trucks: every 12 to 24 months	Every 12 months (41%) <sup>xvi</sup>



xvi Based on data of 17 countries (excl.BG, CH, CY, CZ, EE, HU,LT, MT, NO, RO, SI, SK).





# Average speed and speeding offences on motorways have decreased significantly between 2001-2009.



The amount of alcohol tests increased between 2006-2008, while the share of offenders decreased.



### Speed

**Table 14:** Number of speed checks in Spain versus the European average (Source: ETSC. 2010)

Measure	2006	2008	% change	European average (2008)
Number of tests/1000 population	Not available	Not available	Not available	90.8 <sup>xvii</sup>

**Table 15:** Percentage of speed offenders per road type in Spain compared to the European average (Source: ETSC, 2010)

Road type	2001	2009	Average annual change	European average
Motorways	73%	35%	- 52%	Not available
Rural roads	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Urban roads	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available

**Table 16:** Mean speed per road type in Spain compared to the European average (Source: ETSC, 2010)

Road type	2001	2009	Average annual change	European average
Motorways	132 km/h	116 km/h	- 12%	Not available
Rural roads	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Urban roads	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available

### Alcohol

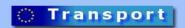
**Table 17:** Road side surveys for drink-driving in Spain compared to the European average (Source: ETSC, 2010)

Measure	2006	2008	% change	European average (2008)
Number of tests/1000 population	88	102	16%	145.8 <sup>xviii</sup>
% tested over the limit	2.5%	1.8%	-28%	Not available



xvii Based on data of 21 countries (excl. BE, CH, DE, EE, IE, IS, MT, PT and UK).

Based on data of 17 countries (excl. BE, BG, CH, CZ, DE, IS, LU, LV, MT, NL, RO, SK and UK.).



The vehicle fleet seems somewhat newer in Spain than the European average.

Seat-belt and helmet wearing rates are quite high in Spain.

### Vehicles

**Table 18:** State of the vehicle fleet in Spain compared to the European average (Source: ETSC, 2009)

Vehicle fleet in Spain	European average
Total vehicle fleet per age group (2008):	Passenger cars (2008) <sup>xix</sup>
<ul> <li>19% ≤ 2 years,</li> </ul>	16% ≤ 2 years,
<ul> <li>20% 2 to 5 years,</li> </ul>	15% 2 to 5 years,
<ul> <li>28% 6 to 10 years,</li> </ul>	21 % 6 to 10 years,
- 33% > 10 year.	33% >10 years
EuroNCAP occupant protection score of cars (new cars	
sold in 2008):	
<ul> <li>5 stars: no information</li> </ul>	49%
<ul> <li>4 stars: no information</li> </ul>	35%
<ul> <li>3 stars: no information</li> </ul>	6%
<ul> <li>2 stars: no information</li> </ul>	1% <sup>xx</sup>

### Protective systems

**Table 19:** Protective system use in Spain versus the average in Europe (Source: Vis & Eksler, 2008; national sources)

Use of protective systems in Spain	European average
Daytime seat belt wearing in cars and vans (2010):	(2007)
- 88% front,	85% front <sup>xxi</sup> ,
- 88% driver	Not available
<ul> <li>88% front passenger</li> </ul>	Not available
- 76% rear,	60% rear <sup>xxii</sup> ,
<ul> <li>88% child restraint systems</li> </ul>	Not available
Helmet use:	
- 97.5% motor rides,	Not available
<ul><li>95.5% moped riders,</li></ul>	Not available
<ul> <li>No information on % cyclists</li> </ul>	Not available



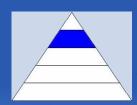
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xx Based on data of 27 countries (excl. CY, IS and MT).

xxi Based on data of 25 countries (excl. AT, EL, IS, LT and RO); data of SK (2008); data of BE, CH, DK, IE, MT, NL (2006); data of HU, IT, NO, PT (2005); data of LU (2003)



# Spain has somewhat less fatalities per million inhabitants than the European average and the decrease in fatalities has gone faster than in most other countries.



# **Road Safety Outcomes**

### General positioning

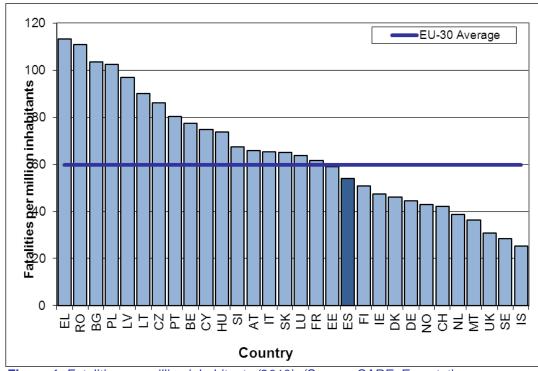
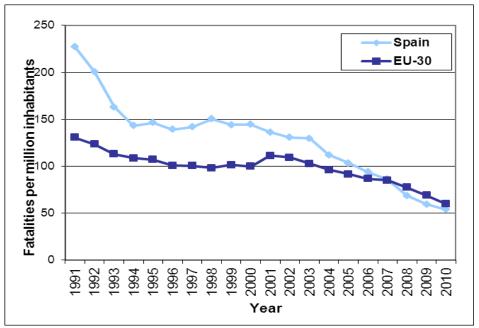


Figure 1: Fatalities per million inhabitants (2010). (Source: CARE, Eurostat).



**Figure 2:** Development of fatalities per million inhabitants between 1991 and 2010 for. (Source: CARE, Eurostat).

Motorcyclists' fatalities are slightly over-represented in Spain compared to the EU average.

Middle aged and older men are slightly overrepresented in the fatalities per million inhabitants.

8 in 10 fatalities in Spain occur in rural areas, while the European average is 5 in 10.



### Transport mode

**Table 20:** Reported fatalities by mode of road transport in Spain compared to the European average of the last year available (Source: CARE, national sources).

Transport mode	2001	2010	Average annual change	% in 2010	European average (2009 <sup>xxiii</sup> )
Pedestrians	846	471	-6.1%	19%	18%
Car occupants	3 107	1 197	-9.8%	48%	47%
Motorcyclists	370	386	1.7%	16%	13%
Mopeds	461	100	-14.9%	4%	2%
Cyclists	100	67	-2.7%	3%	5%
Bus/coach occupants	50	4	32.9%	0%	<1%
Lorries or truck occupants	414	185	-8.1%	7%	4%

# • Age, gender and nationality

**Table 21**: Reported fatalities by age, gender and nationality in Spain versus the European average of the last year available (Source: CARE, national sources).

Age and gender	2001	2010	Average annual change	% in 2010	European average (2009 <sup>VIII</sup> )
Females	24%				
0-14 years	58	32	-3.7%	1%	1%
15 – 17 years	36	13	-8.8%	1%	1%
18 – 24 years	189	62	-11.0%	3%	4%
25 – 49 years	476	173	-10.0%	7%	7%
50 – 64 years	212	82	-9.8%	3%	3%
65+ years	335	180	-6.5%	7%	7%
Males					75%
0-14 years	102	47	-6.9%	2%	2%
15 – 17 years	165	37	-14.2%	1%	2%
18 – 24 years	782	251	-11.5%	10%	13%
25 – 49 years	1 878	910	-7.4%	37%	31%
50 – 64 years	599	321	-6.4%	13%	12%
65+ years	532	349	-4.4%	14%	12%
Nationality of driver or					
National	245	129	-5.5%	5%	Not available
Non-national	27	18	-2.6%	1%	Not available

### Location

**Table 22:** Reported fatalities by location in Spain compared to the European average of the last year available (Source: CARE, national sources). Motorways and junctions are part of built-up and rural areas.

Location	2001	2010	Average annual change	% in 2010	European average (2009 <sup>VIII</sup> )
Built-up areas	974	550	-6.0%	22%	33%
Rural areas	4 543	1 928	-8.9%	78%	49%
Motorways	1 178	419	-10.6%	17%	5%
Junctions	856	461	-6.4%	19%	12%

xxiii Based on data of 28 countries (excl. NO, LT); data of FR, IE, MT, SE (2008).



## Lighting and weather conditions

**Table 23:** Reported fatalities by lighting and weather conditions in Spain compared to the European average of the last year available (Source: CARE, national sources).

Conditions	2001	2010	Average annual change	% in 2010	European average (2009 <sup>xxiv</sup> )
Lightning conditions					
During daylight	3,019	1,482	-7.5%	60%	55%
During nighttime	2,202	858	-9.7%	35%	39%
Weather condition					
While raining	690	265	-9.5%	11%	10%

# Single vehicle crashes

**Table 24:** Reported fatalities by type in Spain compared to the European average of the last year available (Source: CARE, national sources).

Crash type	2001	2010	Average annual change	% in 2010	European average (2009 <sup>xxv</sup> )
Single vehicle crash	2 748	1 250	-8.3%	50%	40%

### Under-reporting of casualties

- Fatalities: 100%. (2008) This amount is suspected since adequate alternative registration systems are missing for a check.
- Hospitalised: no information.

(Source: WHO)

A somewhat higher

share of single vehicle crashes

happen in Spain

than on average in Europe.

xxv Based on 27 countries (excl. IE, LT, NO); data of AT, BE, DK, EE, FI, FR, MT, SE (2008).



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# Risk figures

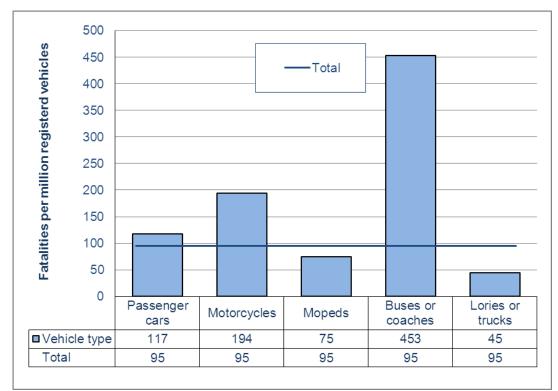


Figure 3: Fatalities by vehicle type for Spain in 2010 (Sources: CARE).

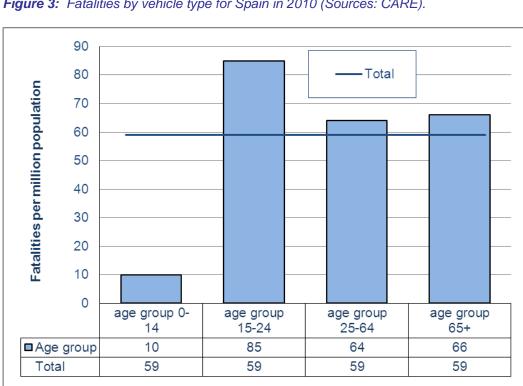
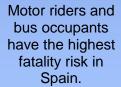


Figure 4: Fatalities by million inhabitants in Spain in 2010 (Sources: CARE, OECD/ITF, 2011).







The estimated costs of road injuries are lower in Spain than on average in Europe.

# **Social Cost**

- Total costs of road crashes: 6.3 billion euros (2006).
- Percentage of GDP: 0.6%

**Table 25:** Cost (in million Euro) per injury type in Spain versus the European average (Source: Bickel et al., 2006).

Injury type	Value	European average <sup>xxvi</sup>
Fatal	0.12	1.28
Hospitalised	0.14	0.18
Slightly injured	0.01	0.02



xxvi Based on data of 20 countries (excl. BG, DE, FI, FR, HU, IS, LT, NO, RO and SK).





Spain has set subtargets at the level of safety performance indicators.

# **Synthesis**

### Safety position

Spain has somewhat less fatalities per million inhabitants than the European average

### Scope of problem

- Motorcyclists fatalities are slightly over-represented in Spain compared to the EU average, and they have a three times higher risk than passenger cars.
- Middle aged and older men are slightly overrepresented in the fatalities per million inhabitants.
- Fatalities on rural road are strongly over-represented in Spain.
- A somewhat higher share of single vehicle crashes happen in Spain than on average in Europe.

### Recent progress

- A strong decrease of fatalities (55%) was observed within the period 2001-2010. Fatality rate dropped below the EU-average in the last 5 years.
- Average speed and speeding offences on motorways have decreased significantly between 2001-2009 and the number of yearly speed checks have increased between 2006 and 2008..
- The amount of alcohol tests increased between 2006-2008, while the share of offenders decreased

### • Remarkable road safety policy issues

- Spain has set a number of sub-targets, also at the level of Safety Performance Indicators.
- Spain has already implemented formal audits on new roads and inspections on existing roads.
- Spain has a 0.3 drink-driving limit for novice and professional drivers, which is lower than the common limit in the majority of other European countries.
- Most enforcement issues are assessed as better than the European average and seat-belt and helmet wearing rates are quite high in Spain.







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