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South African Road Crashes

Key statistics

Topic	Number	Comment
Annual road crashes	1 million	Internationally ranked 38th
Deaths per 100 000 vehicles	134	International norm: 7-14
Annual deaths	14 000	52 000 at least persons affected
Alcohol related deaths	7 000	50% of deceased over legal limit
Injuries	522 000 estimated on the number of trauma admissions at public hospitals	80% treated in state hospitals. Estimated another 2 million indirectly affected.
Serious injuries	63 000	2015 CSIR report
Non-serious	203 000	2015 CSIR report
Uninjured	1,4 million	2015 CSIR report. Does not reflect emotional and other consequences
Total number of persons involved	1,7 million	2015 CSIR report.
Number of pedestrians killed	5 320	38% of total of 266 000 who are mainly poor and majority in rural areas.

Number of pedestrians injured	101 000	38% of 266 000 total who are mainly poor and majority in rural areas.
Number of personal compensation claims p.a.	92 000	
Number of claims completed	40 000	±50 000 p.a. carried over every Year
Number of claims outstanding	245 000	
Cost of personal compensation to fiscus	R34 bil p.a.	
Cost of road crashes to economy excluding personal compensation	R166 bil	3,4% of GDP. Includes personal compensation.
Cost of road crashes to average motorist	R4 800 p.a. or R400 p.m.	Based on average 25 000 kms p.a., a consumption of 10 l/km and a fuel levy of R1,93 c/l.
Cost to taxi owner	R19 000 p.a. or R1 600 p.m.	This cost is passed on to the commuter. Based on average 72 000 kms p.a., a fuel consumption of 7 km/l and a fuel levy of R1,93.
Number of traffic officers	18 000	100 000 required
Road Safety Budget	R15 million.	Road safety campaigns consist of seasonal deployment of traffic officers and drunk driving checks and roadblocks for period up to 7-10 days p.a. on main routes during Easter and Christmas and some education. No sustained visible road safety campaign rest of year. Also, majority of deaths occur in metropolitan areas. E.g. Western Cape during Easter 2019.