



Road safety in the SDGs

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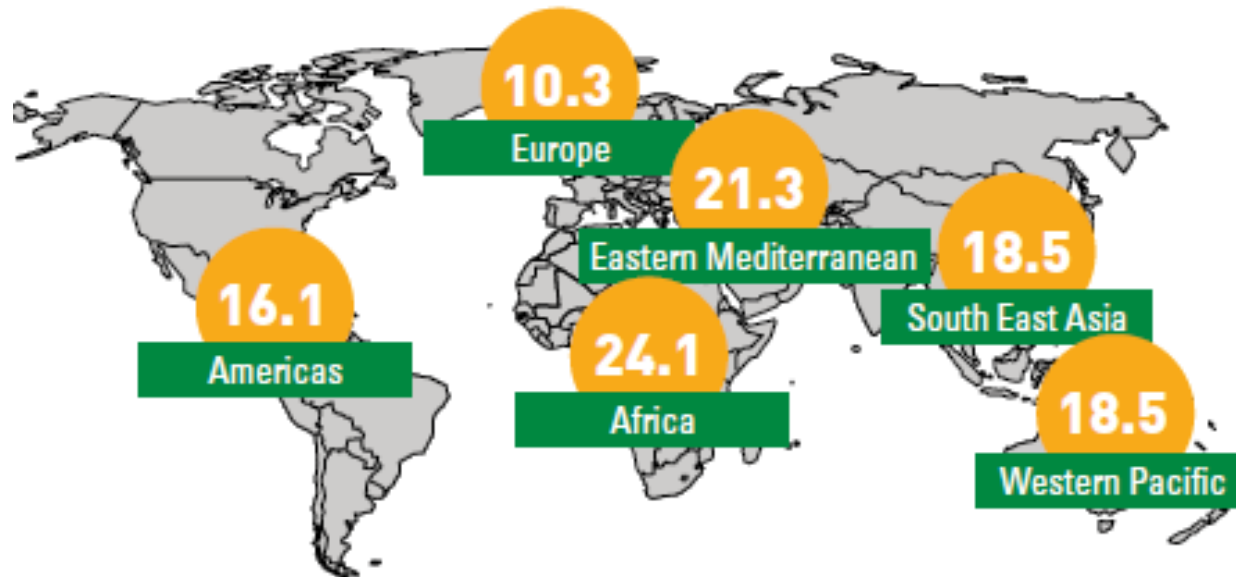


Road traffic injuries: a leading public health and development issue

- Number 1 cause of death among those aged 15-29 years
- Road crashes estimated to cost countries US\$1,800 billion or 3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) globally
- Economic losses in low- and middle-income countries equivalent to 5% of GDP or US\$1,000 billion per year



Road traffic death rates are highest in low- and middle-income countries



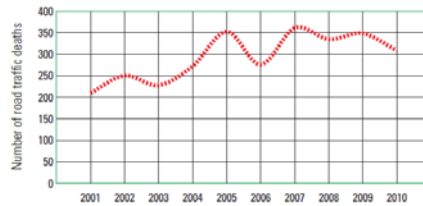
Road traffic fatalities per 100 000 population



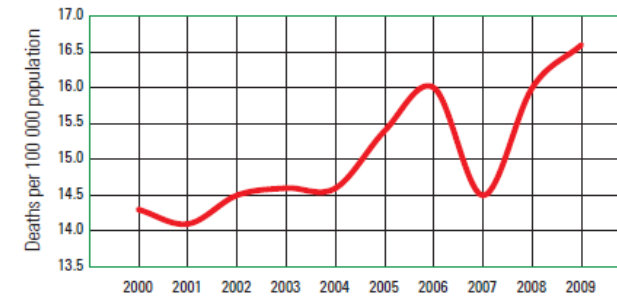
Trends

- Increasing death rates in many low- and middle-income countries

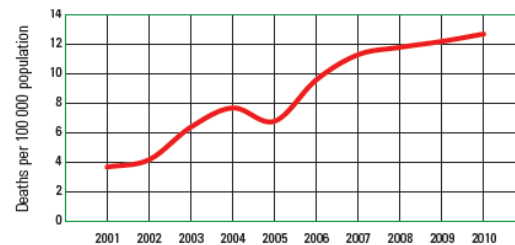
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Mexico

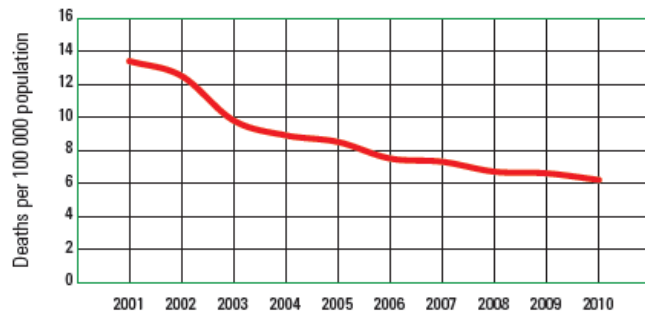


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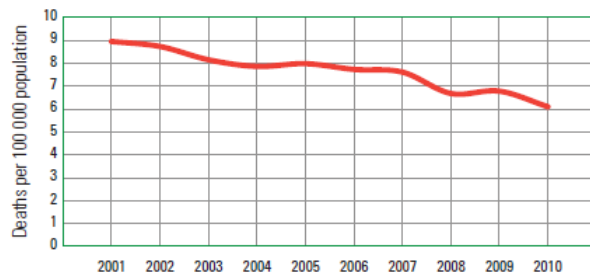


Change is possible: steady progress in select high-income countries

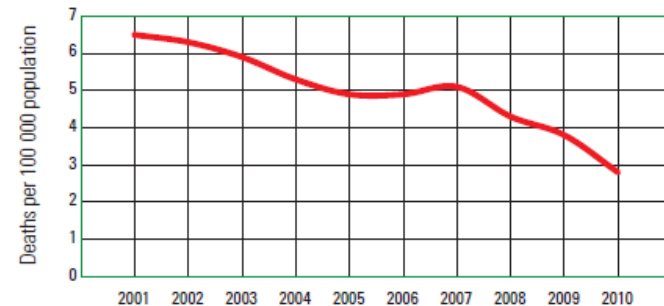
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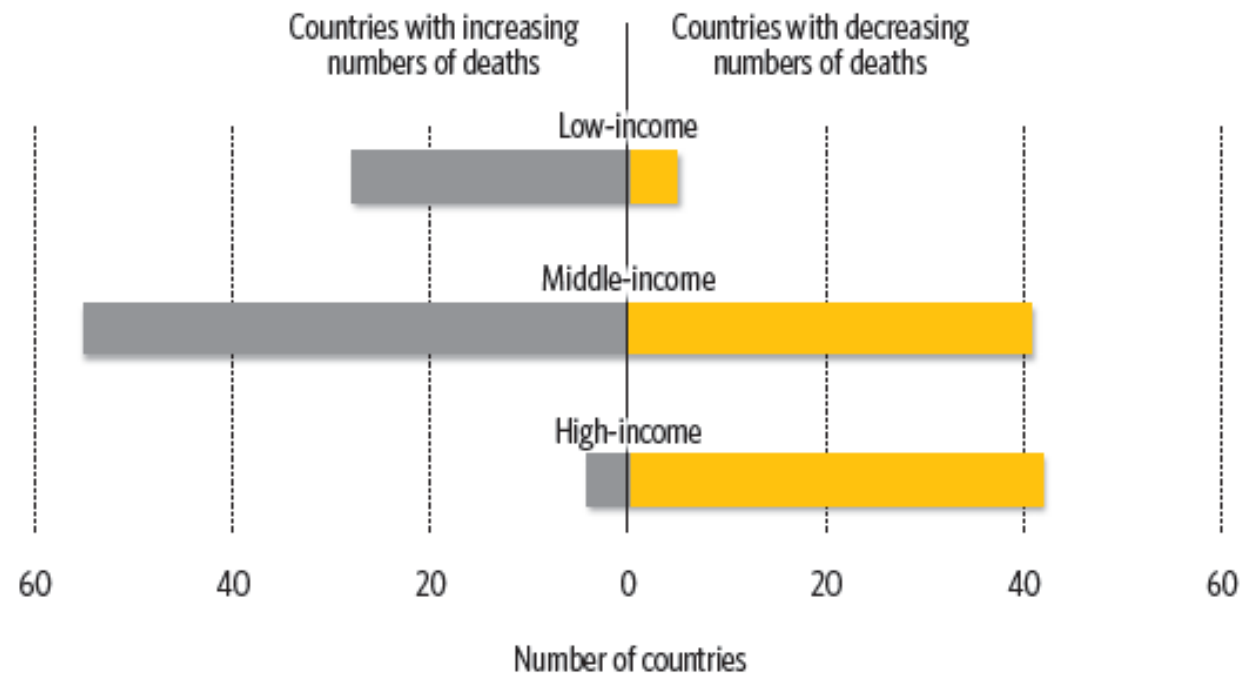
Australia



Sweden



While many countries are making progress, the situation is deteriorating in many



We know what works

- Making road safety a political priority
- Safe infrastructure
- Safe vehicles
- Behavioural change (through legislation, enforcement, public awareness)
- Effective post-crash care



Much more work is needed

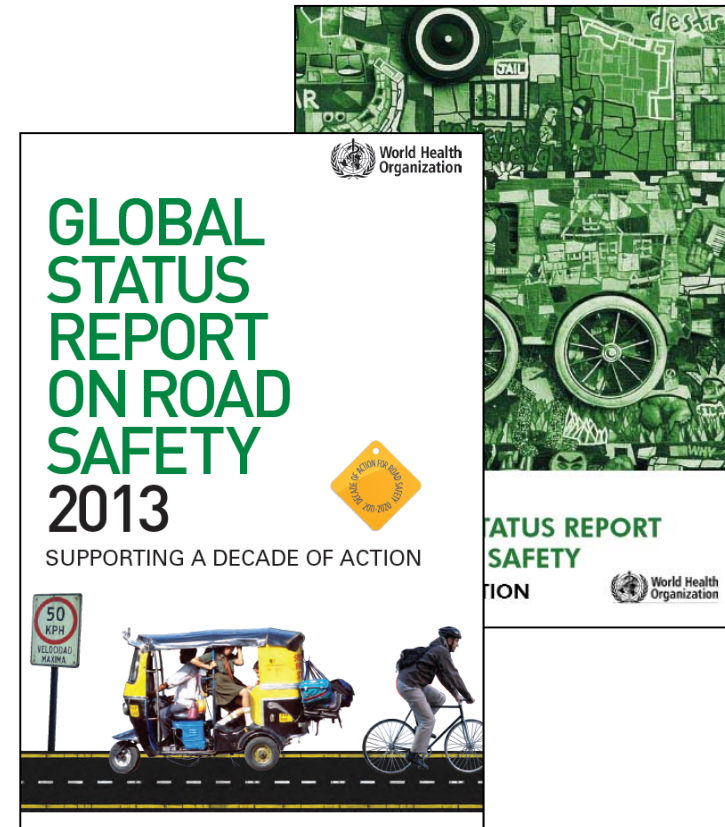
- Less than 15% of the world's countries have good road safety laws relating to key risk factors
- Most countries do not meet the minimum UNECE regulations on vehicle safety
- Many roads in low- and middle-income countries lack safe infrastructure, notably for pedestrians and cyclists (e.g. pavements, zebra crossings).



Monitoring change



- UN GA resolution 54/255 in 2010 called for a Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020).
- Status reports to be used as a monitoring tool for the Decade and beyond
- 3rd report - November 2015



SDG road safety target

- To halve the number of road traffic fatalities to 600 000, (by 2030, based on the 2010 figure of 1.24 million)
- Target (rates) depend on country income status





Co-benefits of achieving the road safety target



- Improving global road safety will have additional important benefits that relate to other SDGs (e.g., transport, climate change)

