

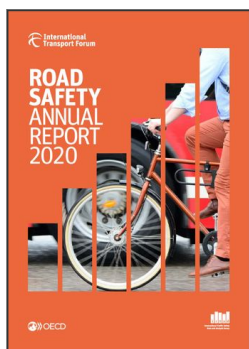
INTRODUCTION

The Road Safety Annual Report 2020 presents the most recent safety data and information from the 42 member and observer countries of the IRTAD Group, permanent working group on road safety of the International Transport Forum. This summary report offers readers easily accessible comparative data for the main road safety indicators. It is complemented by individual country profiles with more detailed information for each country, including their current road safety strategies and the most recently implemented road safety measures. The report and the country profiles can be viewed online and downloaded for free at www.itf-oecd.org/road-safety-annual-report-2020.

The year 2020 saw important developments in road safety. In February, the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Stockholm in February put the topic on the political agenda at the highest possible level. The "Stockholm Declaration set an important marker in the fight to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries, calling, among other things, for a general speed limit of 30 km/h on mixed-use roads and the broad implementation of Safe System principles.

In August, the General Assembly of the United Nations' passed Resolution A/RES/74/299 "Improving Global Road Safety". This important document sets a new target for the international community to reduce the number of road deaths by 50% by 2030, as the prime objective of the new "Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-30". The collection, monitoring and analysis of road safety data will be a central point of this effort, and the ITF with its IRTAD Group will continue to contribute to this global effort, with a focus on assisting decision makers in the development of effective strategies that save lives.

Another important marker for road safety in 2020 was the Coronavirus pandemic. Covid-19, for all its negative impact around the world, also brought with it an unexpected, significant decrease in the number of road deaths in those regions forced to go into lockdown. The online country profiles provide information on how the global health crisis has affected mobility and road safety.



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