

# Sri Lanka

## Road Safety Profile

Population (2023)

**21.9 Million**

Below 18 years old

**27%**

Above 60 years old

**17%**

GDP, PPP (2022)

**319.5 Billion USD**

Upper middle income

*Every 2 hours, someone dies in a road crash in Sri Lanka*

Road crash fatalities (2019)

**4,200 deaths**

Annual average growth rate

2000-2015 | 0.1%

2015-2019 | **9.7%**

*Road crash is the top 12th cause of death in Sri Lanka*

Road crash fatality rates by different sources

WHO (2019)

**19.7 per 100,000 population**

GBD (2019)

**15.3 per 100,000 population**

Country official statistics (2021)

**11.1 per 100,000 population**

Share of road crash fatalities by gender

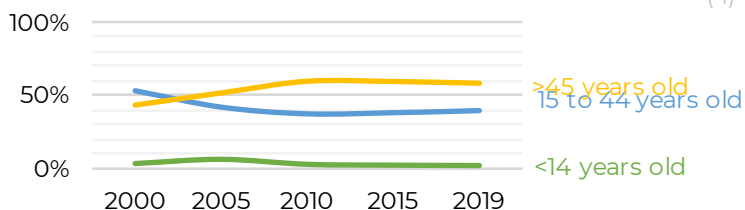
Male

**79%**

Female

**21%**

Share of road crash fatalities by age



Sources

(1) UN Population Database (2022)

(2) World Bank (2022)

(3) World Health Organization (2021)

(4) Global Burden of Disease (2019)

(5) World Bank Road Safety Opportunities and Challenges (2019)

(1) Share of road crash fatalities by mode (2016) (3)



(2) 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Cost of road crash fatalities and serious injuries (2016) (5)

(3) **4 Billion USD**

As a share of GDP

**5%**

Health expenditure

**4%**

(in comparison)

(3)

Road infrastructure availability (2023) (7)

**5.5 kilometers per thousand population**

Road infrastructure density (2023)

**1,954 meters per sqkm**

Motorways, share (2020) Paved road ratio (2020) (8)

(4) **1%**

**40%**

Share of road infrastructure with 3-star or better safety rating for each road user category (9)

(3) Vehicle occupant

**n.d.**

Motorcyclist

**n.d.**

(4) Pedestrian

**n.d.**

Bicyclist

**n.d.**

iRAP assessed road length

**n.d.**

(3) Motorization rate, total vehicles (2023) (7)

**414 vehicles per thousand population**

2-wheelers

**300 per thousand population**

(4) LDV

**46 per thousand population**

Buses

**5 per thousand population**

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Policy documents with coverage on road safety	Number of road safety measures
National transport Policy of Sri Lanka	30
Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision and Strategic Path	29
Public Investment Program 2021	27
Updated Archived Nationally Determined Contributions	23
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Other policy documents	72

Road safety target

### Prioritizing steps to improve road safety and achieve the vision zero goal by 2030

*Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision and Strategic Path*

Other relevant targets

### 5% of all transport sector capital investment for transport safety improvements from 2020

*Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision and Strategic Path*

### By 2025, each city with over a 100,000 population will have a transport and traffic plan that will ensure adequate walkability, cycling and access by public transport modes

*Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision and Strategic Path*

### 90-100% of roads include bike lane by 2035

*Climate Prosperity Plan*

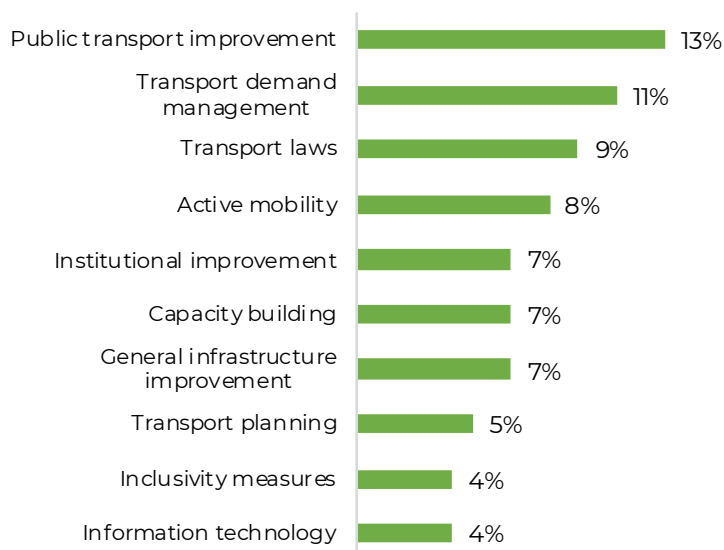
### Share of non-motorized transportation increases to 20% of all road trips by 2030

*Climate Prosperity Plan*

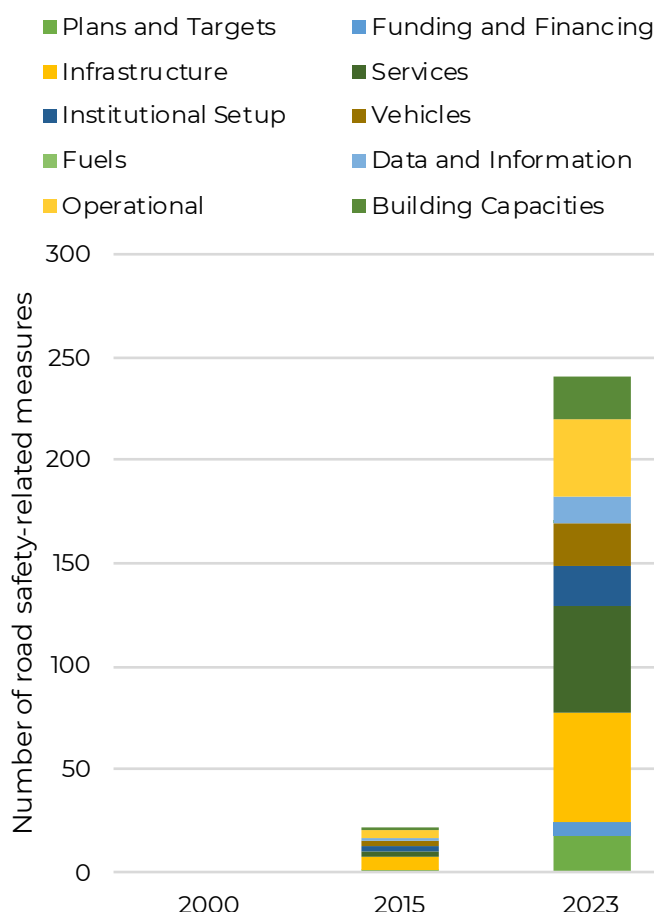
### Reduce unproductive vehicles by 25% in 2025

*First Nationally Determined Contributions*

### Top 10 road safety-related policy measures by typology, share in total



### Cumulative number of road safety-related policy measures by toolbox



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