

## Global data

Road traffic crashes cause over 1.27 million deaths a year. They are predicted to rise to the fifth leading cause of death by 2030, resulting in an estimated 2.4 million fatalities per year.

*Leading causes of death, 2004 and 2030 compared*

### 2004

Rank	Disease or injury	As % total deaths
1	Ischaemic heart disease	12.2
2	Cerebrovascular disease	9.7
3	Lower respiratory infections	7.0
4	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	5.1
5	Diarrhoeal diseases	3.6
6	HIV/AIDS	3.5
7	Tuberculosis	2.5
8	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	2.3
9	<b>Road traffic injuries</b>	<b>2.2</b>
10	Prematurity and low-birth weight	2.0
11	Neonatal infections and other <sup>a</sup>	1.9
12	Diabetes mellitus	1.9
13	Malaria	1.7
14	Hypertensive heart disease	1.7
15	Birth asphyxia and birth trauma	1.5
16	Self-inflicted injuries	1.4

### 2030

Rank	Disease or injury	As % total deaths
1	Ischaemic heart disease	14.2
2	Cerebrovascular disease	12.1
3	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	8.6
4	Lower respiratory infections	3.8
5	<b>Road traffic injuries</b>	<b>3.6</b>
6	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	3.4
7	Diabetes mellitus	3.3
8	Hypertensive heart disease	2.1
9	Stomach cancer	1.9
10	HIV/AIDS	1.8
11	Nephritis and nephrosis	1.6
12	Self-inflicted injuries	1.5
13	Liver cancer	1.4
14	Colon and rectum cancer	1.4
15	Oesophagus cancer	1.3
16	Violence	1.2

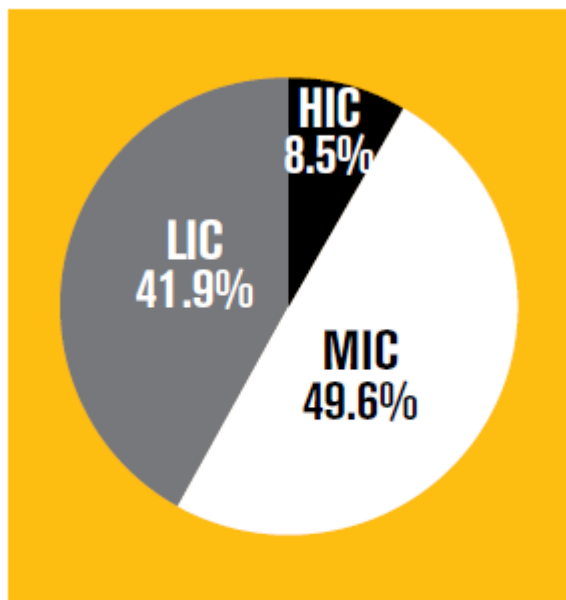
17	Stomach cancer	1.4
18	Cirrhosis of the liver	1.3
19	Nephritis and nephrosis	1.3
20	Colon and rectum cancer	1.1

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18	Cirrhosis of the liver	1.2
19	Breast cancer	1.1
20	Tuberculosis	1.0

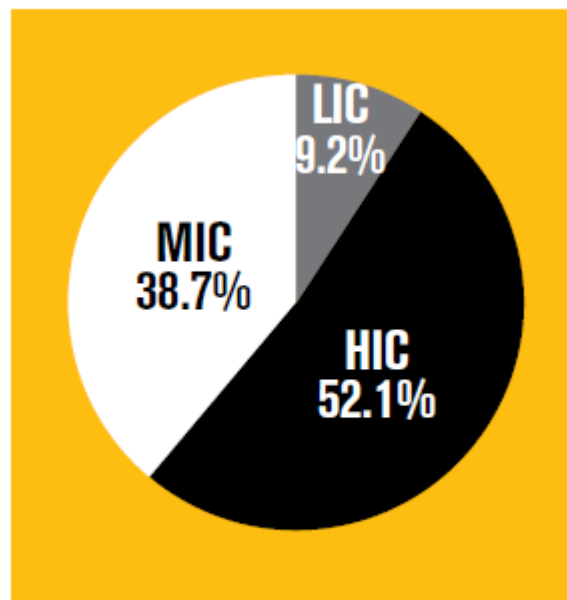
Over 90% of the world’s fatalities on the roads occur in low-income and middle-income countries, which have only 48% of the world’s registered vehicles.

Road traffic deaths and registered motorized vehicles, by income group

### Road traffic deaths<sup>a</sup>



### Registered vehicles



a 30-day definition, modeled data.

**HIC = high-income countries; MIC = middle-income countries; LIC = low-income countries**

Pedestrians, cyclists, and riders of motorized two-wheelers and their passengers (“vulnerable road users”) account for around 46% of global road traffic deaths.

*Proportion of global road traffic deaths by type of road user*

