

General exposure data for 2005

Area of State (in sqkm)	338'145		
Home population (in 1000)	5'256		
Total network length of all public roads (in km)	78'189		
Number of motor vehicles (in 1000) in 2004	6'176	rate 117,5%	of population
Number of motorcycles + moped (in 1000)	270	rate 5,1%	of population
Number of passenger cars and station wagons (in 1000)	2'414	rate 45,9%	of population

Serious injured persons and fatalities on the roads (2005)

All Fatalities	343	(2000 → 2005)	↓ 13%
Pedestrian fatalities in general	38		
• Pedestrian fatalities on pedestrian crossings	11	(2000 → 2005)	↓ 35%
• Pedestrian fatalities outside pedestrian crossings	27	(2000 → 2005)	↓ 25%
Ratio pedestrian fatalities / all Fatalities	11,1%		
All serious injured persons	NA		
Seriously injured pedestrian in general	NA		
• Seriously injured pedestrian on p.crossings	NA		
• Seriously injured pedestrian outside p.crossings	NA		
Seriously injured pedestrian / All serious injured persons	NA		

Remarks : In the official statistics of the Statistical Center the gravity (light or serious) of injuries are not at all recorded. These can only be found out from the statistics, how much the insurance companies have paid damages for the injuries.

Road traffic rules on pedestrian crossings

The national laws describe the driver obligations and pedestrian obligations. This synthesis treats only the case of zebra crossings and not signalled controlled crossings !

The driver is required to pay a special attention when approaching a p. crossing and give unobstructed right of way to a pedestrian, who is on the p. crossing or about to step on it. The guiding principles, which define the right way to apply the laws, describe visibly the driver awareness (to slow down in order to stop the vehicle if needed) but do not specify any longer the mandatory conditions where pedestrians have the priority. The guiding principles also give details regarding the pedestrian categories such as skiers, roller-skiers, roller skaters, skateboard users, kickboards, sledges and wheelchair users (< 15 km/h), which are all considered as pedestrians.

In case of disobeyance of these rules, a penalty of 50 EUR can be given.

The required pedestrian behaviour on pedestrian crossings are specified in the national laws and guiding principles. Explanations are given regarding the pedestrian behaviour as following: A pedestrian stepping onto the p. crossing, or a driving track, must follow such carefulness, which the distance and speed of the approaching vehicle requires. The pedestrian must cross the track without causing any unnecessary delay.

Special cases and limitations:

A driver must be especially careful when approaching a stopped school bus, or other bus or tram and children, elderly people, disabled people or others, who have obvious difficulties in coping with the traffic safely. Alarm vehicles and organized convoys must be given an unobstructed right of way.

Finally, no information is given regarding visually impaired people.