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Road traffic fatalities per 100,000 population, by WHO region:
- Africa: 15.9
- Americas: 11.8
- Eastern Mediterranean: 23.6
- Europe: 5.1
- Western Pacific: 5.7
- World: 8.3

51% of all road traffic deaths are among vulnerable road users: pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists.

Source: Global status report on road safety 2018