

Recent developments of road safety in Greece

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National Road Safety Strategy, 2021-2030

Targets for the Reduction of Road Crash Casualties

	Target			Target (% reduction)			Lives to be saved (annually)	
	Baseline year 2019	2025	2030	Baseline year 2019	2025	2030	2025	2030
1. Fatalities	688	482	344	-	30%	50%	206	344
2. Killed Motorcyclists	247	148	84	-	40%	66%	99	163
3. Cities with zero fatalities*	9	40	49	-	-	-	85	105
4. Killed on motorways	50	10	0	-	80%	100%	40	50
5. Killed on Greek islands	124	74	50	-	40%	60%	50	74
6. Killed in single-vehicle crashes	280	152	95	51%**	40%**	35%**	128	185
7. Road safety performance (fatality/population rate below EU average)	688	482***	344***	21 st position	16 th position	13th position	206***	344***
8. Serious injuries	652	456	326	-	30%	50%	196****	326****

* Cities with population between 50,000 and 100,000 inhabitants

** Percentage of killed persons in single vehicle crashes in total number of killed occupants (drivers and passengers)

*** The estimation of the figures is based on population projections for Greece from the World Bank and the assumption that the same declining trend of road fatalities per population with that of the decade 2021-2030 remains for all EU countries, while Greece achieves the target of halving road fatalities in 2030

**** Seriously Injured road users to be saved (annually)



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Targets for Improving Road Safety Performance Indicators

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline year 2022	Target 2025	Target 2030
1. Speeding	29%	<20%	<15%
2. Seat-belt use	71%	>90%	>95%
3. Helmet use	79%	>90%	>95%
4. Driving under the influence of alcohol	1,2%	0,8%	0,6%
5. Mobile phone use	7%	<5%	<2%
6. Percentage of new passenger cars with 5 Euro NCAP stars	89%	95%	>99%
7. Percentage of TEN-T network (≥3 stars i-RAP/EC)	50%*	65%	80%
8. Emergency response time (minutes)	49**	39	32

* Estimation to be confirmed after the relevant Network-wide road safety assessment

** Baseline year 2020



A New Road Safety Culture in Greece with the New Road Traffic Code



- **rationalising and simplifying penalties**, linking them to the seriousness & magnitude of offences
- **punishing drivers instead of vehicles**, especially recidivists
- deployment of **3.000 cameras** for key violations (speeding, helmet, seatbelt, mobile use)
- introduction of **digital management of fines**
- **30km/h speed limit** in all urban streets in Greece, of one or two directions with one lane per direction - the second EU country after Spain (from 1 January 2026)
- introducing two-wheeler **filtering & advance stopping zones**, etc.



Basic road safety figures, Greece 2015-2025

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gc1. Basic road safety figures, Greece 2015 - 2025

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2025/2024	2025/2015	2025/2019
Injury Road Crashes	11,690	11,440	11,318	10,848	10,737	10,712	9,083	10,454	10,487	10,553	11,000	11,024	0.2%	-4%	3%
Fatalities	795	793	824	731	700	688	584	624	654	646	665	517	-22.3%	-35%	-25%
Serious Injuries	1,016	999	879	706	727	652	518	610	664	659	568	517	-9.0%	-48%	-21%
Slight Injuries	13,548	13,097	12,946	12,565	12,422	12,350	10,300	11,746	11,961	12,156	12,803	12,780	-0.2%	-2%	3%
Vehicle Fleet (x1000)	8,048	8,076	8,173	8,263	8,237	8,402	8,530	8,698	8,882	9,107	9,343	9,400	0.6%	16%	8%
Fatalities per million vehicles	99	98	101	88	85	82	68	72	74	71	71	55	-22.7%	-44%	-23%
Speed infringements	156,892	173,476	176,592	208,190	213,333	234,169	206,554	222,312	251,394	263,942	338,419	336,042	-	-	-
Drink & drive infringements	29,597	29,191	33,192	32,964	33,394	31,557	19,096	17,427	24,533	26,217	32,453	31,268	-	-	-
Seat belt infringements	34,526	29,611	34,831	31,510	33,380	34,594	30,174	32,354	39,026	44,838	55,980	56,211	-	-	-
Helmet infringements	54,354	52,783	63,971	59,405	52,706	52,089	46,394	48,974	51,976	52,963	91,290	90,709	-	-	-

Road fatalities in Greece have decreased by 35% since 2015, injury road crashes decreased only by 4%

The rate fatalities per number of vehicles has decreased by 44% since 2015

A annual decrease by 22% in road fatalities was recorded in 2025

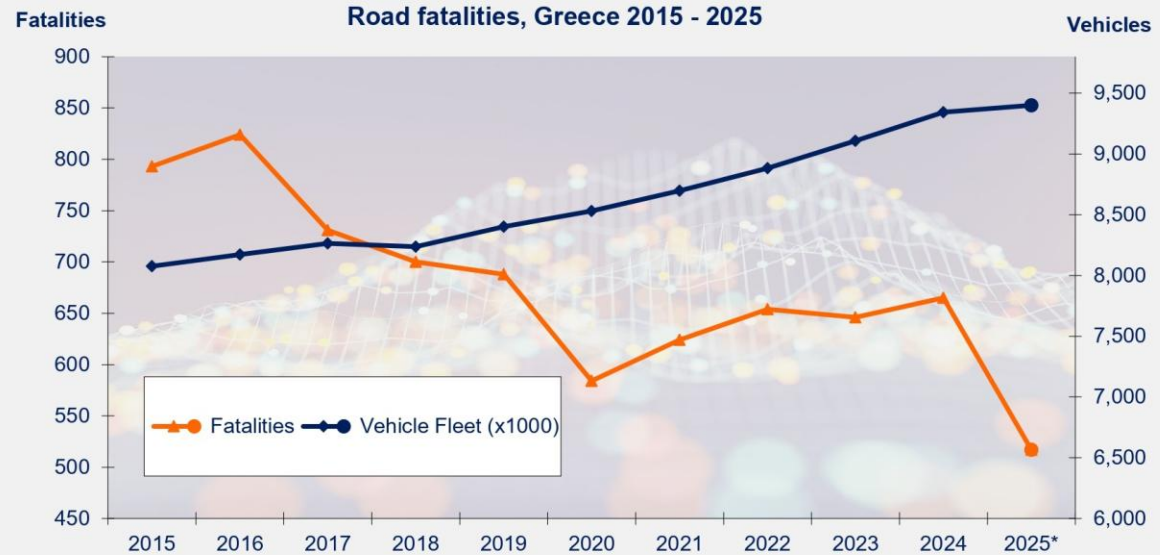
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Sources:
Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)

Police



Greece's best-ever Performance in 2025

- **Lowest number of fatalities since ever**
highest annual percentage decrease (-22%)
- **148 lives saved in 2025**
517 in comparison to 665 in 2024
- **Mainly due to:**
 - systematic enforcement of helmet wearing & drink-and-drive
 - the new Road Traffic Code in Greece
- **Helmet use increased from 80% (Baseline) to 92% (Trendline)**
resulting in 75 lives of motorcyclists saved
- **Proud of NTUA persisting advocacy**
at the Authorities and the media



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