

Japan

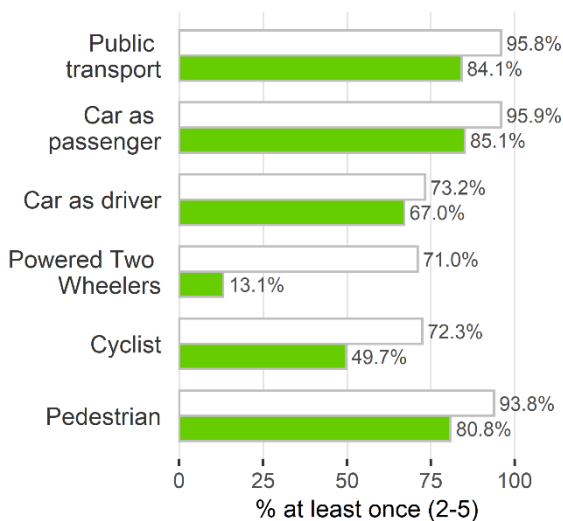
ESRA2 Country Fact Sheet

ESRA (E-Survey of Road Users' Attitudes) is a joint initiative of road safety institutes, research centres, public services, and private sponsors, from all over the world. The aim is to collect and analyse comparable data on road safety performance, in particular road safety culture and behaviour of road users. The ESRA data are used as a basis for a large set of road safety indicators. These provide scientific evidence for policy making at national and international levels. Vias institute in Brussels (Belgium) initiated and coordinates ESRA, in cooperation with eleven core group partners (BASt, BFU, CTL, IATSS, IFSTTAR, ITS, KfV, NTUA, PRP, SWOV, TIRF). At the heart of ESRA is a jointly developed questionnaire survey, which is translated into national language versions¹. The themes covered include: self-declared behaviour, attitudes and opinions on unsafe traffic behaviour, enforcement experiences and support for policy measures. The survey addresses different road safety topics (e.g. driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medicines, speeding, distraction) and targets car occupants, motorcycle and moped drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

This fact sheet contains the key results of the second edition of the ESRA survey, which was conducted simultaneously in 32 countries in 2018 and in 16 countries between 2019 and 2020. In total this online panel survey collected data from more than 45 000 road users (980 in Japan). An overview of the initiative and more results are available on www.esranet.eu. The following figures show a core set of variables in which Japan (**green**) is compared with the AsiaOceania ESRA2 mean² (white).

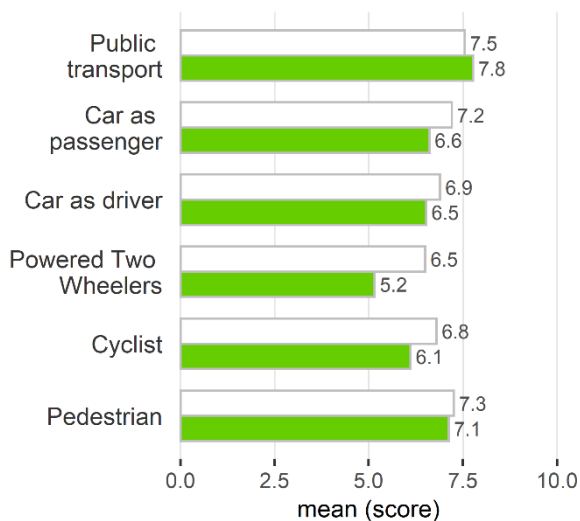
Mode of transportation

During the past 12 months, how often did you use the following transport modes (5-point scale from 1=never to 5=at least 4 days week)



Safety feeling

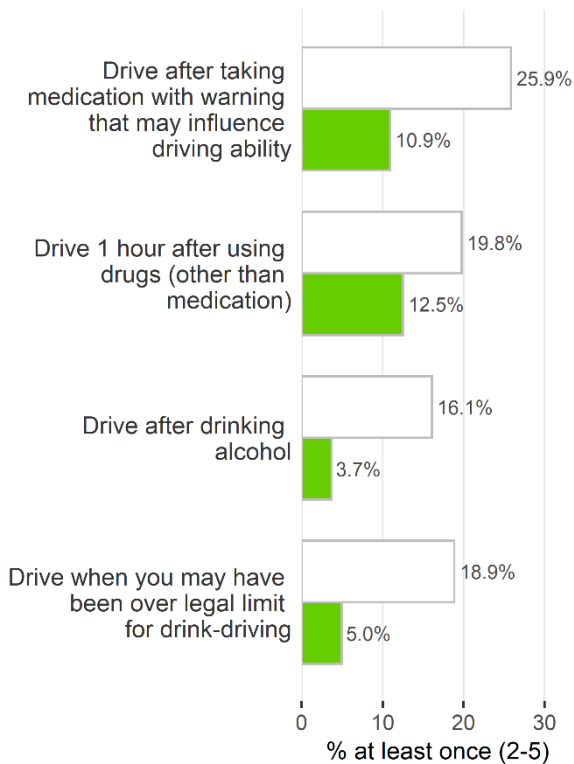
How safe or unsafe do you feel when using the following transport modes (11-point scale from 0=very unsafe to 10=very safe)



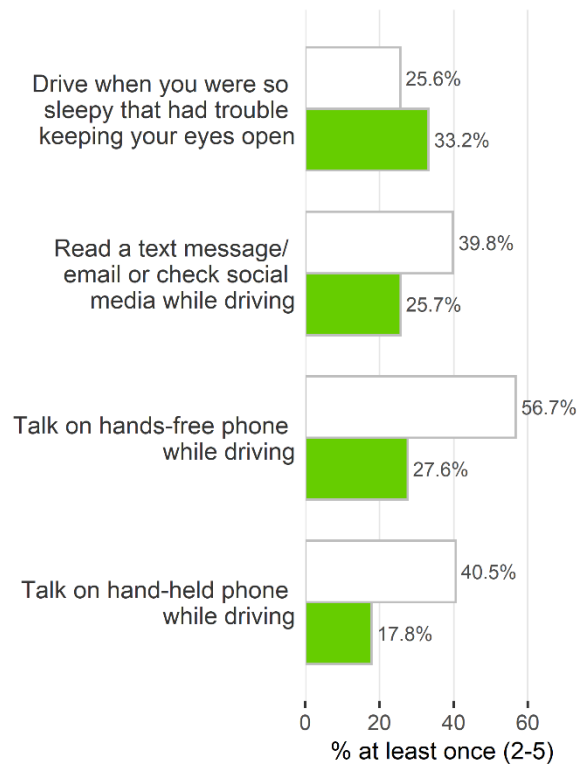
Self-declared behaviour

Over the last 30 days, how often did you... (5-point scale from 1=never to 5=(almost) always)

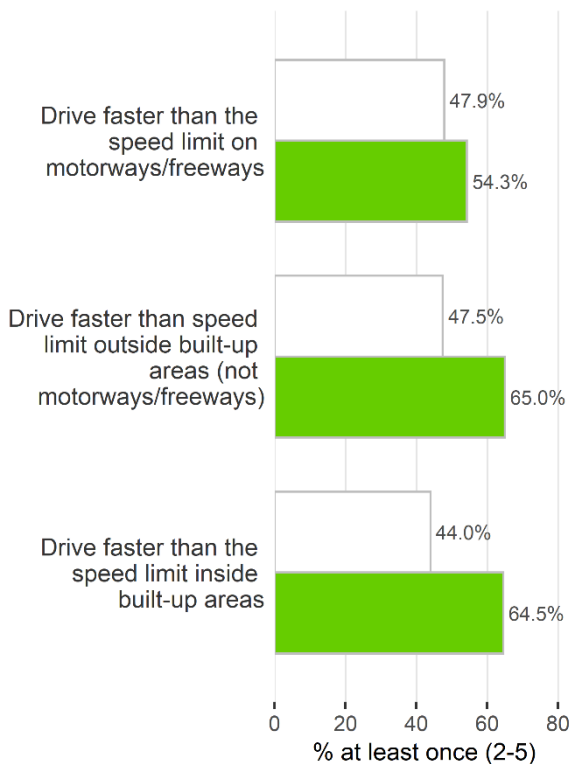
DUI as a car driver



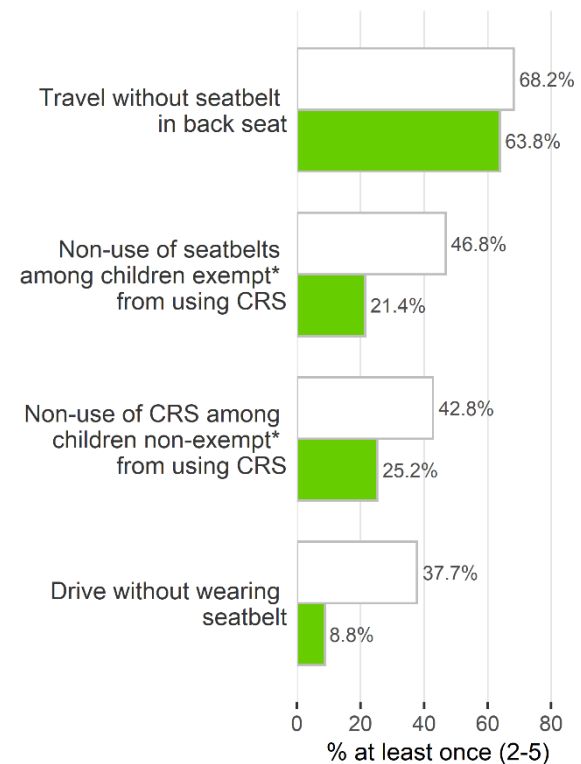
Distraction & fatigue as a car driver



Speeding as a car driver



Seat belt use in a passenger car

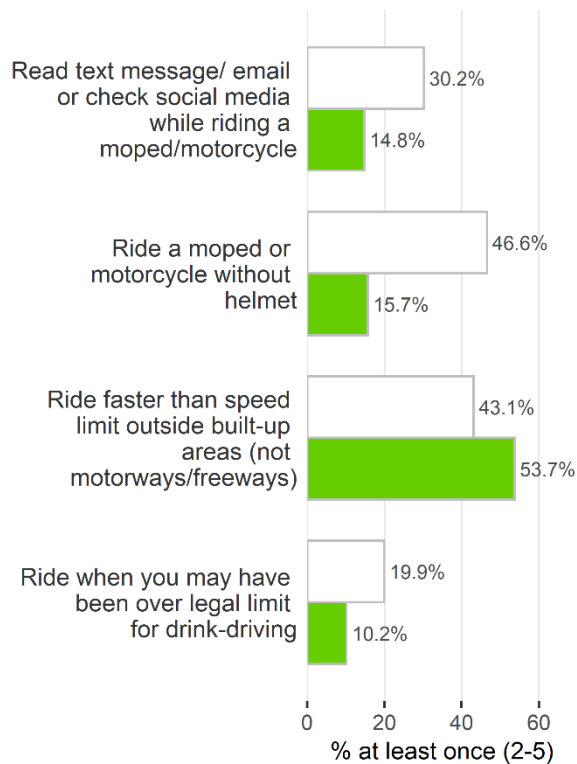


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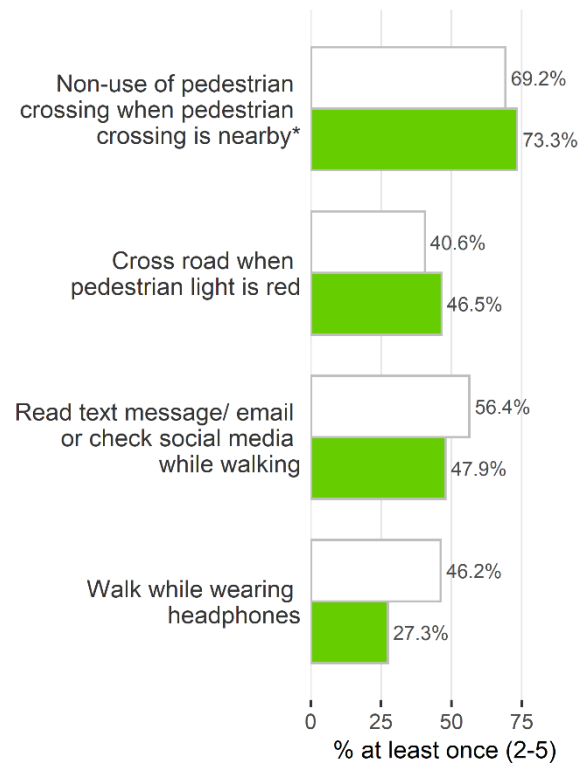
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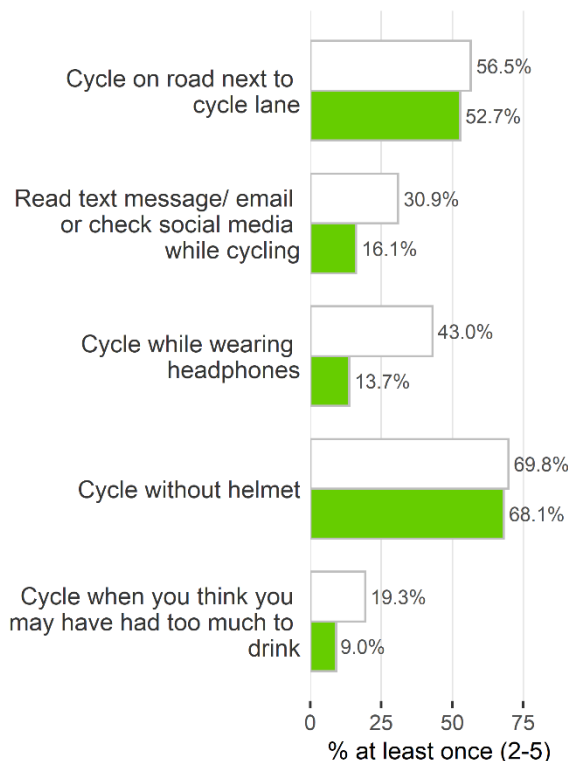
Powered Two Wheelers



Pedestrians



Cyclists



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Sample size*

Road users who use each transport mode at least a few days per month.

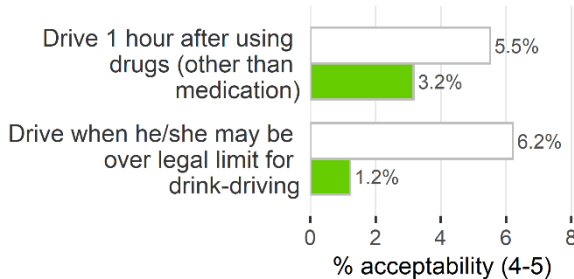
Mode of transportation	Japan	AsiaOceania9
Car drivers	623	6030
Car drivers who transported children (<18y) exempt from using CRS	229	2890
Car drivers who transported children (<18y) non-exempt from using CRS	115	3331
Car passengers	594	7399
Powered Two Wheelers	108	5900
Pedestrians	746	8086
Cyclists	410	5177

*weighted sample for self-declared behaviours.

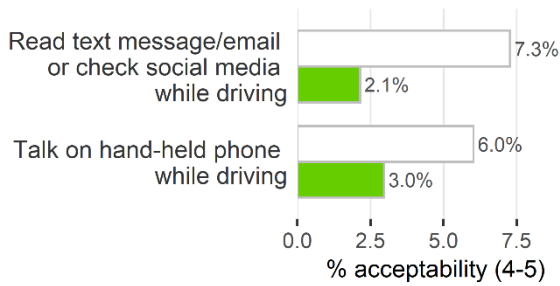
Personal acceptability

How acceptable do you, personally, feel it is for a CAR DRIVER to ... (5-point scale from 1=unacceptable to 5=acceptable)

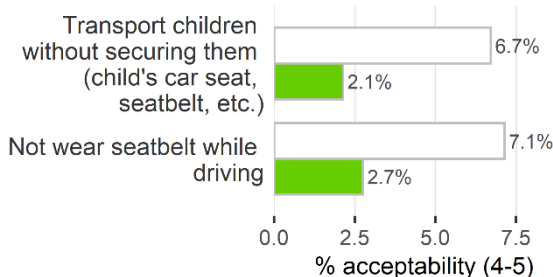
DUI



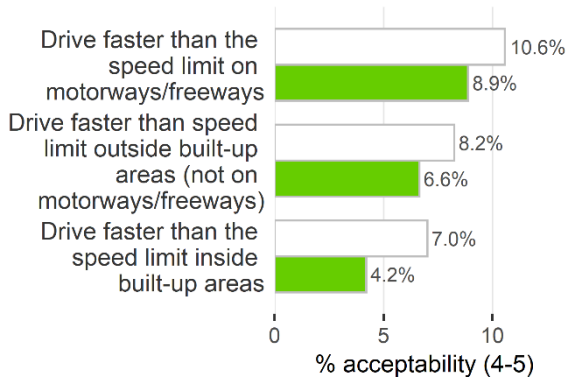
Distraction



Seat belt



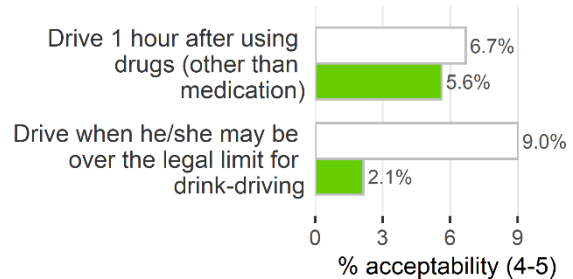
Speed



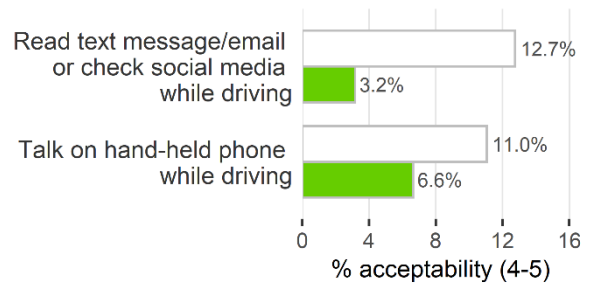
Others' acceptability

Where you live, how acceptable would most other people say it is for a CAR DRIVER to ... (5-point scale from 1=unacceptable to 5=acceptable)

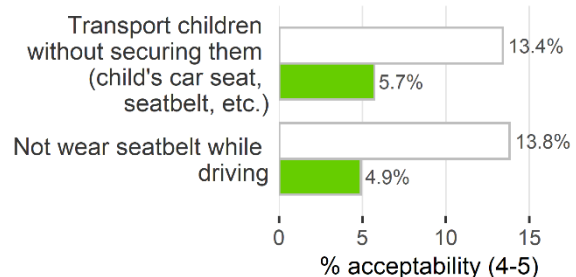
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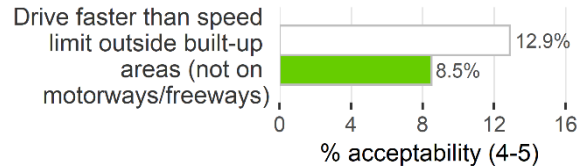
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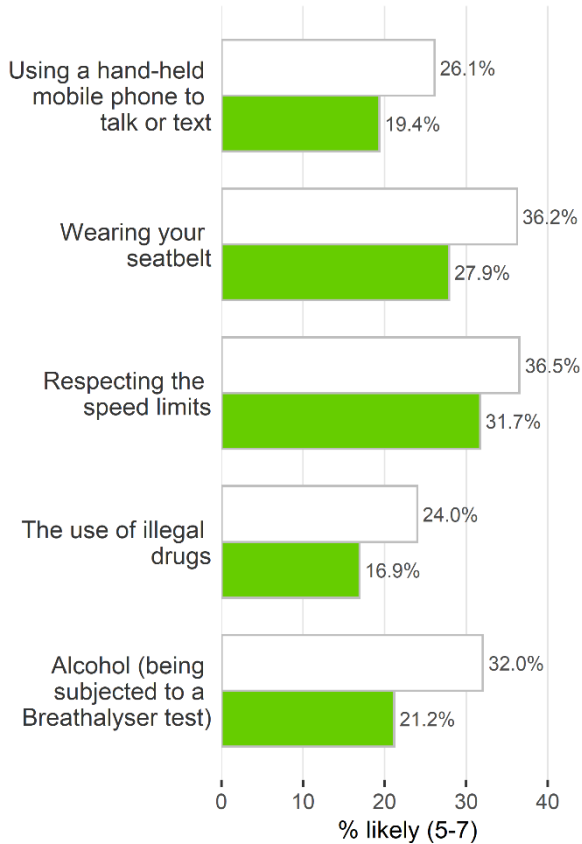


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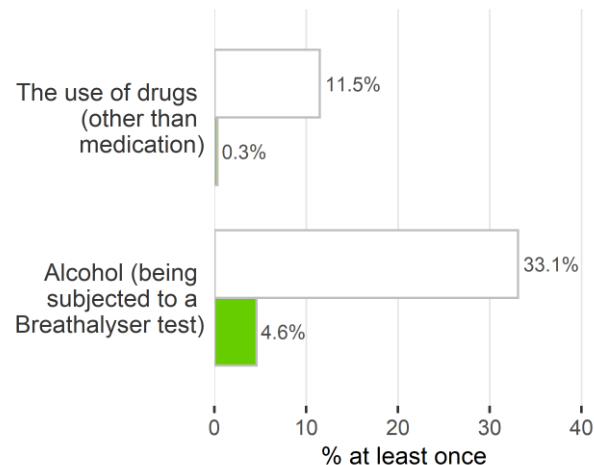


Enforcement

On a typical journey, how likely is it that you (as CAR DRIVER) will be checked by police for... (7-point scale from 1=very unlikely to 7=very likely)

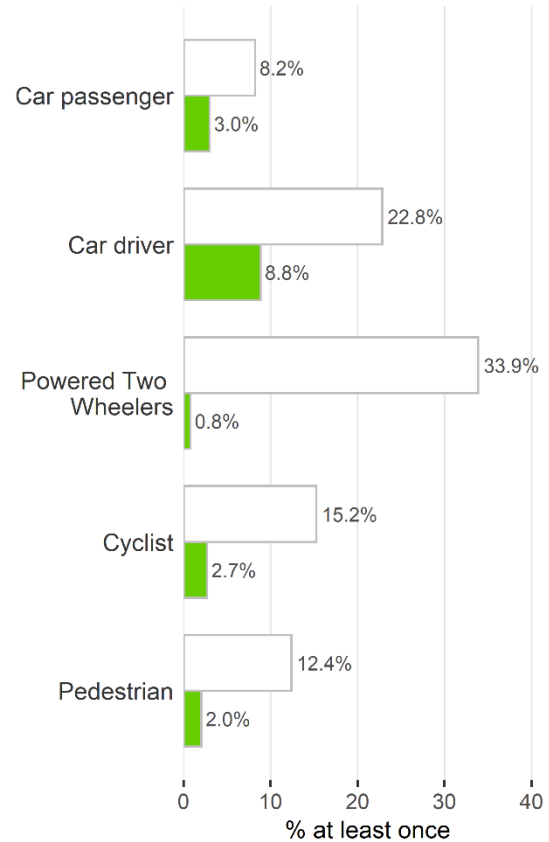


In the past 12 months, how many times (as a CAR DRIVER) have you been checked by the police for... (number)



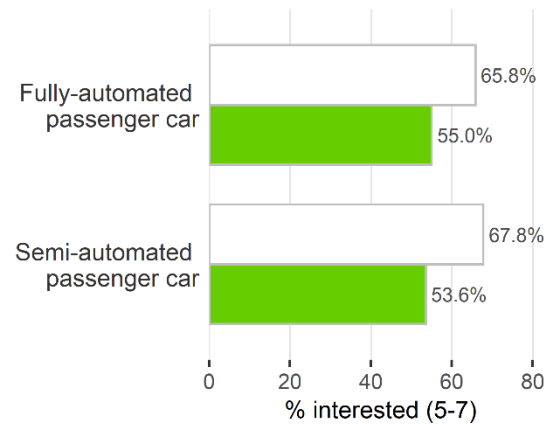
Involvement in road crashes

In the past 12 months, how many times have you personally been involved in road crashes as... (number)



Vehicle automation

How interested would you be in using a... (7-point scale from 1=not at all interested to 7=very interested)



Background Data

Basic data of Japan in relation to the European average³.

Exposure

	year	JP
total length of roads (km)	2016	1222319
total length of motorways (km)	NA	NA
vehicle kilometres (total in millions)	2016	729906
motorisation rate (motor vehicles/1000 inhab.)	2017	721

Source: IRTAD

Persons killed in road accidents by age (IRTAD & CARE database)

ages	year	JP		EU	
		absolute number	%	absolute number	%
0-14	2016	82	1.7	616	2.4
15-17	2016	79	1.7	593	2.3
18-24	2016	317	6.7	3370	13.1
25-49	2016	859	18.3	8808	34.2
50-64	2016	716	15.2	5177	20.1
≥65	2016	2645	56.3	7057	27.4
unknown	2016	0	0.0	144	0.6
TOTAL	2016	4698	100.0	25765	100.0

European sum computed with the most recent available year by country (2010: SK; 2015: LT, IE; others: 2016).

Persons killed in road accidents by transport mode (IRTAD & CARE database)

mode of transportation	year	JP		EU	
		absolute number	%	absolute number	%
car (including taxi)	2016	1046	22.3	12034	46.7
moped	2016	294	6.3	677	2.6
motorcycle	2016	516	11.0	3606	14.0
pedal cycle	2016	712	15.2	2071	8.0
pedestrian	2016	1644	35.0	5468	21.2
other	2016	486	10.3	1909	7.4
TOTAL	2016	4698	100.0	25765	100.0

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Population

	year	JP	EU
population (M. inhab.)	2017	126.8	512.4
density (inhab./km ²)	2017	335.4	116.9
males (% of total)	2017	48.8	49.0
females (% of total)	2017	51.2	51.0
urban (% of total)	2017	92.0	75.4
internet users (per 100 people)	2017	91	81

Source: World Bank

Traffic legislation in Japan

Speed limits for passenger cars	(km/h)
motorways	100
secondary or regional roads	50-60
in built-up areas	40-60

Drink-driving	BAC limits
max. BAC for drivers (g/l)	0.3
max. BAC for young/novice drivers (g/l)	0.3
max. BAC for professional drivers (g/l)	0.3

Protective systems	
obligation to use seatbelt in front seat	yes
obligation to use seatbelt in rear seat	yes
obligation to use child restraint systems for transport of children	yes
obligation to use a helmet as a moped rider	yes
obligation to use a helmet as a motorcyclist	yes

Source: IRTAD Annual Report 2018

¹ Please note that this country fact sheet has been written in British English. Exact wording of items and spelling was adapted according to the needs of the national language versions of the ESRA2 survey.

² The AsiaOceania ESRA2 mean is based on the results of the 9 Asian and Oceanian countries participating in the ESRA2 survey: Australia, India, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.

³ The European average is based on the EU-28: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

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