

# The State of South Africa's Transport Networks

A comparative review of the IRF's  
2007 International Road Statistics:  
(2005 data)

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# South Africa's logistic competitors

- **China** Logistics Performance Index 3.49 (#27)
- **South Africa** Logistics Performance Index 3.46 (#28)
- **Turkey** Logistics Performance Index 3.22 (#39)
- **Brazil** Logistics Performance Index 3.20 (#41)
- **India** Logistics Performance Index 3.12 (#47)
- **Mexico** Logistics Performance Index 3.05 (#50)
- **Russia** Logistics Performance Index 2.61 (#94)
- **South Africa's World Competitiveness Ranking (#54)**



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- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa ;
- World Bank ;
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- International Energy Agency ;
- African Development Bank ;
- Asian Development Bank ;
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- Central Intelligence Agency, USA ;
- Eurostat ;
- ECMT : European Conference of Ministers of Transport ;
- GTZ : German Technical Cooperation ;
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- ERF : European Road Federation.
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# There the good news ends.....

- Except for Road Safety data, South Africa's comes from 2000 and remains largely incomplete
- Competitors' data is complete and current viz 2005
- Current IRF statistics are dated 2010, data up to 2008, available from SARF Head Office in Braamfontein at no cost if you are a paid up member of SARF

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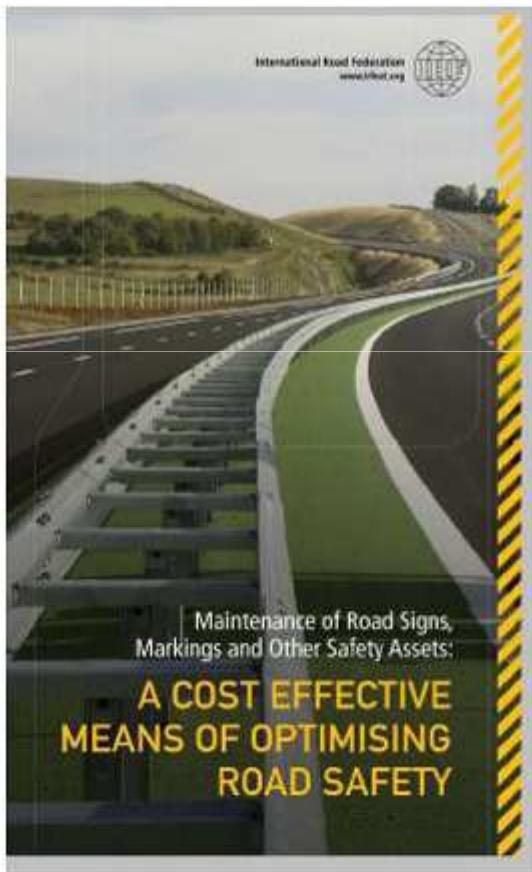
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# Generic observations

- Botswana now leading South Africa and Zimbabwe in terms of an effective, balanced road network in Southern Africa
- South Africa's road and rail (and port) infrastructure is beginning to lag its international logistics competitors (the other six identified earlier)
- All liquid fuel prices are increasing from peak oil. (Brazil the only country appearing to buck this trend possibly due to its moving into ethanol rather than methanol many years ago)
- World trend back towards rail is confirmed

# Generic observations

- While the title says ‘International World Roads Statistics’ they extend very comprehensively into rail and liquid energy, also accommodating economic indicators and environmental considerations (eg fuel consumption and carbon emissions), although not yet logistics or public transport data
- **RPF requested to consider how to bring South Africa back on board in providing timeous, comprehensive internationally comparative quality data within the international data set already described by and existent with the IRF** (with extension into public transport, logistics and other related energy data eg electricity for both rail traction and private vehicles)

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**THANK YOU**

- **China**
- • GDP 2009 US\$ 4,757.7bn
- • GDP per capita 2009 US\$ 3,566
- • Merchandise export 2008 US\$ 1,428.3bn
- • Merchandise import 2008 US\$ 1,132.4bn
- • Urbanisation 2009 46.6 %
- • Size of logistics market ('08) US\$ 506bn
- • Logistics Performance Index 3.49 (#27)

- **South Africa**
- • GDP 2009 US\$ 277.4bn
- • GDP per capita 2009 US\$ 5,635
- • Merchandise export 2008 US\$ 80.8bn
- • Merchandise import 2008 US\$ 99.5bn
- • Urbanisation 2009 61.2 %
- • Size of logistics market ('09) US\$ 46bn
- • Logistics Performance Index 3.46 (#28)

- Turkey
- • GDP 2009 US\$ 593.5bn
- • GDP per capita 2009 US\$ 8,427
- • Merchandise export 2008 US\$ 132.0bn
- • Merchandise import 2008 US\$ 202.0bn
- • Urbanisation 2009 72.9 %
- • Size of logistics market ('08) US\$ 59bn
- • Logistics Performance Index 3.22 (#39)

- **Brazil**
- • GDP 2009 US\$ 1,481.5bn
- • GDP per capita 2009 US\$ 7,737
- • Merchandise export 2008 US\$ 197.9bn
- • Merchandise import 2008 US\$ 182.4bn
- • Urbanisation 2009 85.4 %
- • Size of logistics market ('10) US\$ 150bn
- • Logistics Performance Index 3.20 (#41)
- Seven routes to one goal: growth.

- **India**
- • GDP 2009 US\$ 1,242.6bn
- • GDP per capita 2009 US\$ 1,033
- • Merchandise export 2008 US\$ 177.5bn
- • Merchandise import 2008 US\$ 293.4bn
- • Urbanisation 2009 29.8 %
- • Size of logistics market ('10) US\$ 125bn
- • Logistics Performance Index 3.12 (#47)

- **Mexico**
- • GDP 2009 US\$ 866.3bn
- • GDP per capita 2009 US\$ 8,040
- • Merchandise export 2008 US\$ 291.7bn
- • Merchandise import 2008 US\$ 323.2bn
- • Urbanisation 2009 77.5 %
- • Size of logistics market ('03) US\$ 50bn
- • Logistics Performance Index 3.05 (#50)

- **Russia**
- • GDP 2009 US\$ 1,254.7bn
- • GDP per capita 2009 US\$ 8,873.6
- • Merchandise export 2008 US\$ 471.6bn
- • Merchandise import 2008 US\$ 291.9bn
- • Urbanisation 2009 73.1 %
- • Size of logistics market ('09) US\$ 49bn
- • Logistics Performance Index 2.61 (#94)

Angola

51'429

Paved roads % 10.4

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.04

% motorways 0.00

15'941'392 1'410 20.61

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 8

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop.

Motor vehicles / Km of road

Road accidents 4'842

Road fatalities 942

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 6.63

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 721

Total, ktoe 9'120 % Road / Total 7.91

Brazil

1'751'868

Paved roads %

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.2

% motorways 0.00

186'404'913 3'550 2.30

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 136

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 170

Motor vehicles / Km of road 18

Road accidents 112'457

Road fatalities 6'119

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 3.33

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 43'995

Total, ktoe 193'665 % Road / Total 22.72

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 4'926

Total, ktoe 26'355 % Road / Total 18.69

1

2

China

1'930'544

Paved roads % 81.6

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.21

% motorways 1.83

1'304'500'000 1'740 10.20

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 15

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 24

Motor vehicles / Km of road 16

Road accidents 450'254

Road fatalities 98'738

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 7.57

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 57'260

Total, ktoe 1'381'297 % Road / Total 4.15

2  
Colombia  
164'257  
Paved roads %  
Road density Km/Km2 0.16  
% motorways 0.00  
45'600'244 2'290 5.13  
Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005  
Current US \$  
GDP Growth 2005  
Annual %  
Total road Network  
Km  
Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 35  
Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 59  
Motor vehicles / Km of road 16  
Road accidents 229'184  
Road fatalities 5'483  
Fatal. /100'000 pop. 12.21  
Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 5'758  
Total, ktoe 28'166 % Road / Total 20.44

Egypt, Arab Rep.

92'370

Paved roads % 81.0

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.09

% motorways

74'032'884 1'260 4.94

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 27

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop.

Motor vehicles / Km of road

Road accidents 2'080

Road fatalities 1'321

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 1.82

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 9'028

Total, ktoe 54'258 % Road / Total 16.64

India

3'383'344

Paved roads % 47.4

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 1.03

% motorways 0.00

1'094'583'000 730 9.23

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 8

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 12

Motor vehicles / Km of road

Road accidents 406'726

Road fatalities 85'998

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 8.08

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 29'138

Total, ktoe 548'661 % Road / Total 5.31

2  
Indonesia  
368'360  
Paved roads % 58.0  
Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.19  
% motorways  
220'558'000 1'280 5.60  
Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005  
Current US \$  
GDP Growth 2005  
Annual %  
Total road Network  
Km  
Passenger cars / 1'000 pop.  
Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 109  
Motor vehicles / Km of road 62  
Road accidents 12'267  
Road fatalities 8'762  
Fatal. /100'000 pop. 4.08  
Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 20'641  
Total, ktoe 164'618 % Road / Total 12.54

Kenya

63'265

Paved roads % 14.1

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.11

% motorways 0.00

34'255'722 540 5.81

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 9

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 18

Motor vehicles / Km of road 10

Road accidents 10'717

Road fatalities 2'264

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 6.76

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 804

Total, ktoe 15'753 % Road / Total 5.10

Korea, Rep.

102'293

Paved roads % 76.8

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 1.03

% motorways 2.90

48'294'143 15'840 3.96

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 230

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 319

Motor vehicles / Km of road 151

Road accidents 214'171

Road fatalities 6'376

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 13.2

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 26'071

Total, ktoe 206'297 % Road / Total 12.64

Libya

83'200

Paved roads % 57.2

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.05

% motorways

5'853'452 5'530 3.53

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 232

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 257

Motor vehicles / Km of road

Road accidents

Road fatalities

Fatal. /100'000 pop.

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 3'637

Total, ktoe 18'031 % Road / Total 20.17

Malaysia

98'721

Paved roads % 81.3

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.3

% motorways 1.84

25'347'368 4'970 5.16

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 225

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 272

Motor vehicles / Km of road 72

Road accidents 298'651

Road fatalities 6'282

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 25.71

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 12'371

Total, ktoe 56'655 % Road / Total 21.84

Malta

2'254

Paved roads % 87.5

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 7.04

% motorways 0.00

403'500 13'610 2.49

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 523

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 636

Motor vehicles / Km of road 113

Road accidents 1'194

Road fatalities 13

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 3.24

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 196

Total, ktoe 892 % Road / Total 21.97

% motorways 3.72  
1'243'253 5'250 4.57  
Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005  
Current US \$  
GDP Growth 2005  
Annual %  
Total road Network  
Km  
Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 96  
Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 130  
Motor vehicles / Km of road 79  
Road accidents 19'495  
Road fatalities 144  
Fatal. /100'000 pop. 11.67  
Road sector energy consumption, ktoe Total,  
ktoe % Road / Total  
1  
2  
Mexico  
355'796  
Paved roads % 37.0  
Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.18  
% motorways 1.72  
103'089'133 7'310 2.96  
Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Mexico

355'796

Paved roads % 37.0

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.18

% motorways 1.72

103'089'133 7'310 2.96

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 137

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 208

Motor vehicles / Km of road 90

Road accidents 29'464

Road fatalities 4'710

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 4.57

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 38'295

Total, ktoe 159'966 % Road / Total 23.94

Namibia

42'237

Paved roads % 12.8

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.05

% motorways

2'031'252 2'990 3.50

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 42

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 85

Motor vehicles / Km of road 4

Road accidents 8'615

Road fatalities 340

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 17.35

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 475

Total, ktoe 1'271 % Road / Total 37.37

Nigeria

193'200

Paved roads % 15.0

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.21

% motorways 0.00

131'529'669 560 6.94

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 17

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop.

Motor vehicles / Km of road

Road accidents 14'279

Road fatalities 5'351

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 4.16

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 8'834

Total, ktoe 97'825 % Road / Total 9.03

Russian Federation  
537'289  
Paved roads %  
Road density Km/Km2 0.03  
% motorways 0.00  
143'113'650 4'460 6.40  
Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005  
Current US \$  
GDP Growth 2005  
Annual %  
Total road Network  
Km  
Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 139  
Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 174  
Motor vehicles / Km of road 48  
Road accidents 208'558  
Road fatalities 34'506  
Fatal. /100'000 pop. 23.99  
Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 37'713  
Total, ktoe 639'680 % Road / Total 5.90

Singapore

3'234

Paved roads % 100.0

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 4.63

% motorways 4.71

4'341'800 27'580 6.38

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 101

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 137

Motor vehicles / Km of road 183

Road accidents 6'705

Road fatalities 173

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 3.98

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 2'021

Total, ktoe 21'770 % Road / Total 9.28

South Africa  
364'131  
Paved roads % 17.3  
Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.3  
% motorways 0.07  
46'888'200 4'770 4.87  
Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005  
Current US \$  
GDP Growth 2005  
Annual %  
Total road Network  
Km  
Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 98  
Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 143  
Motor vehicles / Km of road  
Road accidents 131'794  
Road fatalities 14'316  
Fatal. /100'000 pop. 30.53  
Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 12'118  
Total, ktoe 121'844 % Road / Total 9.95

Turkey

426'914

Paved roads %

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.54

% motorways 0.42

72'065'000 4'750 7.38

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 80

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 117

Motor vehicles / Km of road 20

Road accidents 533'795

Road fatalities 4'525

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 6.28

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 10'572

Total, ktoe 78'793 % Road / Total 13.42

Venezuela, RB  
96'155  
Paved roads % 33.6  
Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.11  
% motorways  
26'577'000 4'820 9.33  
Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005  
Current US \$  
GDP Growth 2005  
Annual %  
Total road Network  
Km  
Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 94  
Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop.  
Motor vehicles / Km of road  
Road accidents  
Road fatalities  
Fatal. /100'000 pop.  
Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 12'381  
Total, ktoe 53'104 % Road / Total 23.31

Vietnam

222'179

Paved roads %

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.68

% motorways

83'119'000 620 8.42

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop.

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop. 8

Motor vehicles / Km of road

Road accidents 19'852

Road fatalities 11'319

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 13.92

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 5'028

Total, ktoe 44'234 % Road / Total 11.37

Zambia

91'440

Paved roads % 22.0

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.12

% motorways 0.00

11'668'457 500 5.20

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop.

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop.

Motor vehicles / Km of road

Road accidents

Road fatalities

Fatal. /100'000 pop.

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 253

Total, ktoe 6'781 % Road / Total 3.73

Zimbabwe

97'267

Paved roads % 19.0

Road density Km/Km<sup>2</sup> 0.25

% motorways 0.00

13'009'534 350 -6.50

Population 2005 GNI per capita 2005

Current US \$

GDP Growth 2005

Annual %

Total road Network

Km

Passenger cars / 1'000 pop. 45

Motor vehicles / 1'000 pop.

Motor vehicles / Km of road

Road accidents 10'382

Road fatalities 1'433

Fatal. /100'000 pop. 11.38

Road sector energy consumption, ktoe 467

Total, ktoe 9'568 % Road / Total 4.88

## Table 2.1 : Total length of road network per category and country (Km)

Angola 2001 0 7'944 13'278 30'207 51'429

Brazil 2004 0 93'071 276'776 1'382'021 1'751'868

Botswana 2004 0 0 8'916 15'539 24'455 Mexico 2005 6'131 40'953 71'032 237'680

China 2005 41'005 38'381 246'442 1'604<sup>355</sup><sub>718</sub>'796  
1'930'544

Russian Federation 2001 0 46'254 491'035 0

537'289

Ghana 2003 0 11'128 32'595 4'064 47'787 Singapore 2005 150 594 454 2'036 3'234

India 2002 0 58'112 863'136 2'462'096  
3'383'344

South Africa 2001 239 2'887 60'027 300'978

Kenya 2004 0 6'527 18'885 37'853 63'254'131

Korea, Rep. 2005 2'968 14'224 85'101 0  
102'293

Turkey 2005 1'775 31'371 30'568 363'200

426'914

Malaysia 2004 1'821 18'095 61'420 17'385  
98'721

Zambia 2001 0 4'222 8'948 78'270 91'440

Zimbabwe 2002 0 4'339 13'877 79'051 97'267

## Table 2.2 : Main characteristics of road networks per country

- Brazil 2004 1'751'868 0.20 0.00
- China 2005 1'930'544 81.62 0.21 1.83
- Ghana 2003 47'787 17.92 0.20 0.00
- Kenya 2004 63'265 14.12 0.11 0.00
- Korea, Rep. 2005 102'293 76.82 1.03 2.90
- Malaysia 2004 98'721 81.32 0.30 1.84
- Mexico 2005 355'796 36.98 0.18 1.72
- Russian Federation 2001 537'289 0.03 0.00
- South Africa 2001 364'131 17.30 0.30 0.07
- Tunisia 2004 19'232 65.80 0.12 1.36
- Turkey 2005 426'914 0.54 0.42