



SECURITY & SAFETY **ON THE ROAD**

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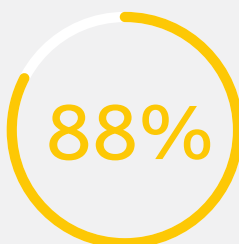
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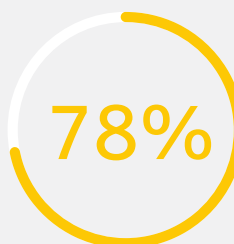
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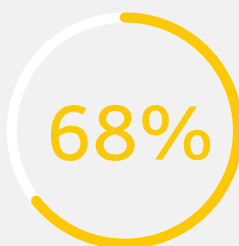
Nigeria, with over 195,000 km of road network, the largest in West Africa and the 2nd largest south of the Sahara;



88% of the citizens are not confident to travel to any part of the country at current times.



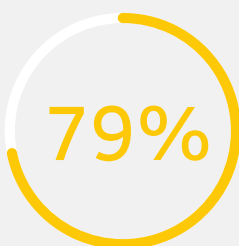
over **78%** of the major Nigerian roads are considered unsafe



In Lagos, traffic crimes/attacks increased by **68%** in the first half of 2021, with road users reporting cases at several parts of the metropolis.

9 out of **10** citizens do not feel safe to travel within Nigeria due to security concerns

[Source: Academy Halogen Survey, June 2021].



Security risks' rating of Nigerian roads have increased to **79%** [2021], from **51%** [2020] – the highest in the last five years

- Globally, 1.35 million people die in road crashes each year; an average of 3,700 people every day
- In Africa, pedestrians account for 40% of all deaths by road crashes, which are estimated at 26.6 per 100,000 inhabitants. These cost countries between 1% to 2% of their Gross National Product.

(WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety).

This is a snapshot of records of road incidents, over a 4-day period during the 2021 Easter holiday ONLY. These statistics covered 1,575 routes – 8% of the Nigerian road network.

During this period;

- **6880** offences were committed
- **103** road traffic crashes (RTC) were recorded
- **175** vehicles were in involved in 69 serious crashes, 26 of which were fatal
- **33** people lost their lives

Source: Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), April 2021



Nature of vehicles involved and their % contributions to road accidents

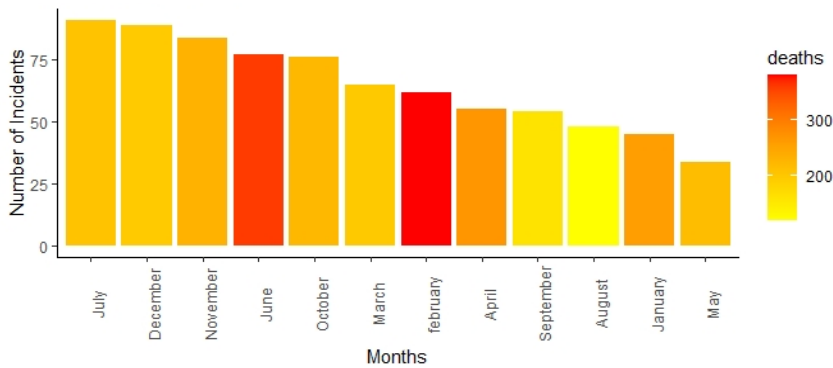
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| • Tanker/Trailers | 9% |
| • Trucks & Pick Ups | 14% |
| • Buses | 16% |
| • Cars | 33% |
| • Motorcycles & Tricycles | 29% |

Source: Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), April 2021



STATISTICS

Road fatalities by month - 2020



In 2020,

- July had the most activities, whilst June recorded the second highest deaths.
- Although May had the least recorded incidents, it had higher casualty rates than some months.
- The deadliest month was February, while the safest was August.

Advisory:

Travellers are advised to adjust their travel plans, with cognizance to the trends of incidents per month.

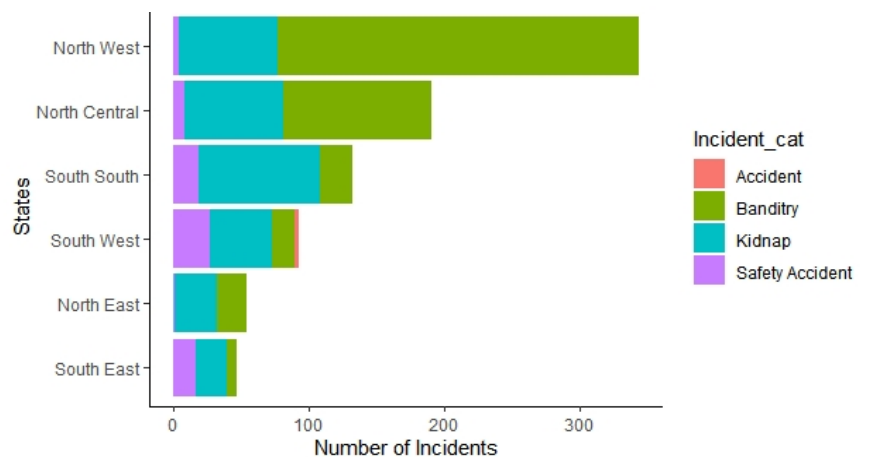
As at June 2021,

- The North West had an overwhelming numbers of travel incidents compared to other regions due to high banditry and kidnapping activities.
- The prevailing issues in the South West relate to safety and roads' accidents, usually the consequences of bad or poorly maintained roads.
- The South East had the least numbers of Incidents, albeit with a significant amount of safety-related incidents.

Advisory:

Road users should recognise the peculiarity of each region while planning their journeys. It is best to consult experts for real-time intelligence and travel advisory before embarking on a trip in order to avoid/mitigate road incidents.

Road related incidents...by region [june 2021]



“SMASH & GRAB” ...the latest craze in lagos



This crime, which was popular on the streets of South Africa, is now the latest and most frequent crime perpetrated on major roads in Lagos

A “smash and grab” is a particular form of attack that involves smashing the window of a car in slow moving traffic or at a traffic light, grab valuables, and then making a quick getaway.

“Smash and grab” raids can occur in many scenarios, both in broad daylight and at night, and the perpetrators can range from experienced thieves to impulsive vandals – harmed or unharmed. The violent smashing of the window at the passenger side places the motorist in a few moments of silent paralysis. Victims most likely become traumatized and feel victimized for quite some time.

The thieves are usually after valuables which they can easily identify from outside the vehicle and sell as easily once removed from the possession of the motorists. Items targeted usually include: purses, handbags and wallets, laptop bags, briefcases and backpacks, shopping bags, cell phones, loose change etc.

The criminals also tend to target single drivers with belongings on the passenger seat, female drivers – well knowing that they are less likely to chase after them – or drivers who are distracted e.g., those busy on the cellular phone etc.

CASE EXAMPLE

The convoy of the Governor of Lagos state, on Monday 12th July 2021, ran into a gang of suspected traffic robbers at the Ojota area of Lagos State and the governor “personally” arrested the criminals. The three suspects, armed with machetes, had attacked a motorist when the governor's convoy arrived at the scene, the security details disarmed and arrested the suspects.

Traffic robberies have continued to be a major problem across Lagos, particularly during rush-hour traffic in busy areas such as Ojota, CMS, Costain Bridge, Maryland, Gbagada, Mile 2, Mushin, Orile, Oshodi Bridge.

In April, the police said it had deployed additional 1,000 officers around the metropolis to stem the tide of traffic robberies. At least 127 suspects had been arrested for attacking Lagosians in traffic between March and June, according to the Police.



ADVISORY: TRAVEL SECURITY & SAFETY

- Avoid travelling alone, especially when travelling inter state
- When driving outside of main cities, consider travelling in convoy and with a security detail if possible
- All travel at night time should be avoided unless absolutely necessary
- For some destinations, it may be advisable to carry out a risk assessment to determine whether travelling presents unacceptable risks
- Know all emergency numbers by heart
- Monitor local media for breaking events, and be prepared to adjust your plans, if/where necessary
- Always keep your car doors locked and windows up, even when moving
- If in doubt about the safety of an area, always ask for advice before going there
- When on the road, be aware of your surroundings and the people around you at all times – do some profiling
- When you visit a place for the first time, locate points of help like police and fire stations, hospitals or stores; and know where you are going before you commence a journey
- If you are attacked whilst in traffic, hit the car in front of you to attract other people's attention
- Avoid tail gating, always ensure that you can see the rear wheels of the car in front of you. This assists you to manoeuvre easier if/when necessary
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone or somewhere makes you uneasy, avoid and/or leave
- Inform people of your whereabouts – a family member and/or a work colleague, at least
- When driving, be conscious of the car behind and beside you
- Watch out if someone or people start milling around you in traffic, even street urchins and beggars – this could be a sign that you are about to be attacked
- If you are attacked, don't resist, especially if the perpetrator has a weapon, give up your valuables
- Do not wear extravagant jewelry that is in full glare whilst in the car





- Avoid carrying large amount of money on you...be as cashless as possible
- Put all valuables in the car out of site
- Do not wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements...in case you need to run for it
- Always PROFILE people around you, even whilst in a car and especially in a public transport
- Make sure that there is no particular/specific vehicle following you as you drive, especially as you drive home
- Observe first and do not drive into your home straight away if you notice strangers at your entrance
- Review your travel routes and times to vary your predictability
- Always employ "defensive driving techniques" if/when under attack*
- Routine kills! Do not settle into a routine. Vary times and routes to and from work or social engagements
- Be prepared, be unpredictable, be inconspicuous!!!

Apply the 'TEAMS' Approach to Personal Security

- **T (Time):** Take time; Don't rush into a situation
- **E (Exit):** ALWAYS look for exit first anywhere you are...that is, "how do I get out of here"?
- **A (Assistance):** Ask for help from other people nearby...always call for support. Don't put yourself in a risky situation unless you have help available
- **M (Measure):** Measure your responses in risky situations. If there is a risk of physical assault you must EXIT from the situation as safely and as soon as possible
- **S (Stay Alert):** Stay alert at all times



CONCLUSION

On Nigeria's urban and rural road networks, reports of robberies, abduction, theft and carjacking are becoming increasingly more frequent, some involving armed gunmen.

This is because, most of the roads in the country are in poor condition and lack basic amenities and accessories such as street lights, safety signs and measures and security facilities.

Making our roads safe, secured and less hazardous, will require a "systems approach" – which will include soft and hard solutions – that is, understanding the system as a whole and the interaction between its elements, whilst identifying where there are needs and/or potentials for interventions.

However, in practicing personal security, Academy Halogen suggests that it is imperative to manage the fear of crime and not just the crime itself. This requires having a "security think" (mindset), and it is demonstrated by self-defense capabilities, profiling capacities and personal security efforts.



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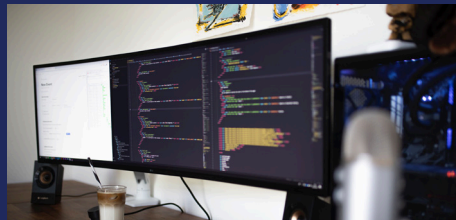
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