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AASHTO - American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

ANOVA - Analysis of Variance

BAC - Blood Alcohol Concentrations

BrAC - Alcohol Concentration in the Breath

DTW - Dynamic Time Warping

DBST- Double Surface Treatment

ECWC - Ethiopian Construction Works Corporation

ERA - Ethiopia Road Administration

GPS - Global Positioning System

ITS - Intelligent Transportation Systems

MLA - Machine Learning Algorithm

MUTCD - Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

PHYD - Pay-How-You-Drive

RTA - Road Traffic Crash

SPSS - Statistical Package for Social Sciences

UBI - Usage-Based Insurance

VIF - Variance Inflation Factor

WHO - World Health Organization

ABSTRACT

Speeding is a major contributor to road crashes globally, linked to increased risks and severity. Understanding drivers' perceptions of speeding is crucial for developing effective behavioural countermeasures, despite advancements in speed management strategies. Thus, this study investigates the factors influencing speeding behaviour in Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach encompassing quantitative surveys analysis, the research explores both explanatory and descriptive aspects of speeding, employing independent samples test, correlation and multiple regression analyses. Out of 452 targeted respondents, 400 completed the survey, resulting in an 88.5% response rate. The findings reveal that male drivers represent 96.25%, with 64% aged 18 to 30. Most drivers are married (67.75%) and 22.88% have education up to grade 8, while 83% possess valid driving licenses. Traffic patterns vary by vehicle type and season, influenced by environmental factors. The study highlights strong connections between demographic factors and excessive speeding behaviour. Passenger cars, pick-ups, and Land Cruisers make up 72.25% of vehicles. Notably, 34.75% of drivers have less than 2 years of experience, and 86.75% reported being involved in traffic crashes in the past two years, with speeding identified as the primary cause in 81.13% of cases, emphasizing the need for targeted. Most respondents believed that poor road conditions could impair vehicle control and increase crash risks. Additionally, vehicles used for khat transportation often disregard speed limits, indicating a significant enforcement issue. These insights are crucial for developing effective road policing and interventions to promote safer driving practices. Perceptions of speed limits vary, influenced by perceived enforcement laxity, personal enjoyment of speed, and time pressures. The study identified key factors affecting speeding behaviour on the Shebelle Zone Road Network in Ethiopia, including vehicle positioning, driver licensing, road conditions, and enforcement levels. Younger and male drivers showed a higher tendency to speed, particularly in small vehicles and those used for khat transport. The connection between low enforcement levels and speeding underscores critical areas for intervention. The study concluded that targeted interventions are essential to address the unique driving behaviours identified. The findings emphasize the need for gender-specific educational programs, enhanced enforcement strategies, and improved public awareness campaigns to foster responsible driving practices. By addressing these factors, it is possible to significantly reduce speeding incidents and improve road safety in the region. This study recommends implementing gender-specific road safety initiatives for younger, less experienced drivers and developing adaptive traffic management strategies for seasonal variations. Strengthening enforcement in rural areas and enhancing public education on the dangers of speeding are crucial. Additionally, promoting alternative leisure activities and integrating engineering solutions can improve safety along the Shebelle Zone Road Network.

Keywords: Behavioural Factors, Road Safety, Speeding Behaviour, Speed Limits, Traffic Dynamics, Traffic Enforcement

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

Traffic crashes are a critical global public health issue, annually causing nearly 1.19 million deaths or disabilities worldwide. Low- and middle-income countries bear a disproportionate burden, with road traffic injuries projected to become the twelfth leading cause of death by 2030 (WHO, 2023). In addition to fatalities, between 20 to 50 million people suffer non-fatal injuries from crashes annually, resulting in significant economic losses due to medical expenses and lost productivity.

Recent studies like Shen and Barker (2020) and WHO (2021) underscore the profound impact of road traffic injuries on global health and economies. For instance, the World Health Organization (WHO) reports that road traffic crashes are a leading cause of death among young people aged 5-29 years, highlighting their devastating toll on productive segments of society (WHO, 2023). Furthermore, the economic burden of road traffic injuries is substantial, with costs including medical care expenses, lost wages, and diminished quality of life for affected individuals and their families (WHO, 2022 and 2023).

Ethiopia, including the Shebelle Zone in the Somalia Regional State, faces significant road safety challenges. The country reported a road traffic fatality rate of 28.5 deaths per 100,000 populations in recent years. In 2021 alone, Ethiopia recorded 3,971 road traffic fatalities, with motorcyclists and vehicle occupants being the most affected (WHO, 2023). Factors contributing to these alarming statistics include reckless driving behaviours, inadequate road infrastructure, poor environmental conditions, substandard road conditions, weak enforcement of traffic laws, and the age and condition of vehicles (Persson, 2008).

Speeding remains a major contributing factor to road traffic crashes. High vehicle speeds not only increase the likelihood of crashes but also intensify the severity of injuries and the probability of fatalities. Studies by Wouter Van den Berghe (2021), Lewis et al. (2020), Silva (2020), and Peng et al. (2011) underscore various aspects of speeding and its impact on road safety. Van den Berghe emphasizes how differences in vehicle speeds correlate with crash risk, while Lewis et al. highlight the role of advanced data collection techniques, such as on-board diagnostics (OBD) systems, in analysing driving behaviours and improving safety measures. Silva discusses improvements in data and techniques for identifying and classifying driving behaviours, which

are crucial for mitigating unsafe driving practices. Peng et al. explore the benefits of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) in managing traffic congestion and promoting safer driving habits.

In the Shebelle Zone, drivers frequently exceed speed limits due to several region-specific factors, including road design inadequacies, poor enforcement of speed limits, time pressures, perceived safety under favourable conditions, cultural norms promoting speeding, and aggressive driving behaviours. The Somalia Regional State in Ethiopia presents a unique socio-cultural context, characterized by a clan-based society influencing community norms and behaviours, including those related to road usage (Somalia Regional State of Ethiopian, 2023). Nomadic Somali tribes such as Darod, Dir, Hawiye, and Rahanweyn traverse the region, contributing to the diversity and dynamics of traffic patterns. Addressing speeding behaviours in the Shebelle Zone necessitates a multifaceted strategy involving education, enforcement, and infrastructure improvements. Concurrently, enhancing law enforcement capabilities ensures that speed limits are rigorously enforced, deterring reckless driving behaviours effectively (WHO, 2021). Furthermore, integrating speed management measures into road infrastructure upgrades is critical. This approach involves implementing physical modifications like speed bumps, rumble strips, and lane narrowing, which naturally encourage drivers to reduce their speeds. Additionally, deploying intelligent transportation systems (ITS) can provide real-time traffic data, enabling authorities to monitor and regulate speed limits more efficiently (Hussen et al., 2020).

By combining these approaches, stakeholders in the Shebelle Zone can significantly reduce speeding incidents and enhance overall road safety for citizens and travellers alike (WHO, 2023). By involving communities in road safety initiatives and incorporating their perspectives into policy interventions, authorities can enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of road safety efforts in the Somalia Regional State. To put it briefly, mitigating speeding behaviours among drivers in the Shebelle Zone requires coordinated efforts across multiple fronts. By implementing evidence-based research findings, enhancing infrastructure, strengthening enforcement, and engaging communities, stakeholders can work towards creating safer roads and reducing the devastating impact of road traffic injuries in the Somalia Regional State of Ethiopia.

1.2. Statement of Problem

In the Somalia Regional State of Ethiopia, particularly in Shebelle Zone Road Network, speeding among drivers poses a significant challenge that severely impacts road safety. Preliminary

observation conducted while working in the study area and interviews conducted with experts and drivers in the region, as well as representatives from the Somali Regional Transport Authority, have shed light on the complexities of this issue. Insights gathered from these interviews underscore the critical role of human behaviour in controlling vehicle speeds and ensuring traffic safety, aligning with previous research conducted by Fildes et al., (2005).

Several factors influence driver behaviour, including age, experience, gender, attitude, fatigue, and driving conditions. In this study area, driver behaviour is critical, with many driving at high speeds due to the flat terrain. High khat consumption in the region leads to Khat transport vehicles rushing to meet delivery deadlines, often exceeding legal speeds, which poses risks to both drivers and pedestrians. The consequences of high speed include reduced effectiveness of safety equipment, increased stopping distances, and more severe crash injuries, along with economic costs. This study aims to investigate the factors associated with speeding behaviour among drivers in Somalia's Shebelle Zone Road Network, an area previously unexamined in this context.

Chen and colleagues (2021) examined socioeconomic factors, Shen and Barker (2020) investigated attitudes towards speeding, Li et al. (2022) explored the impact of alcohol consumption, and Scott-Parker & Senserrick (2021) studied predictors of young drivers' intention to speed in low- and middle-income countries. These studies collectively investigate various factors, including driver demographics (e.g., age and gender), cognitive abilities (e.g., reaction time), socioeconomic variables (e.g., vehicle ownership, education, and income levels), attitudes towards speeding, and the influence of alcohol consumption.

Despite efforts to install signage and adhere to road design standards, speeding remains a persistent issue in the region. The flat terrain and sparse road traffic conditions often encourage drivers to exceed both recommended and legal speed limits. Moreover, the transportation of Khat, a widely consumed stimulant in the area, exacerbates speeding behaviours due to its stimulating effects.

This research aims to identify the factors contributing to speeding behaviours among drivers and propose effective interventions to promote safer driving and reduce speeding-related crashes and fatalities. Recent studies have highlighted contemporary traffic safety challenges. For example, Smith et al. (2019) examined rural speeding, finding that inadequate enforcement and poor road infrastructure significantly increase speeding incidents. Jones and Brown (2020) emphasized the importance of traffic calming measures in road design to mitigate speeding on straight rural roads. Additionally, Johnson et al. (2021) explored technological solutions like intelligent speed

adaptation systems, which provide real-time feedback to effectively reduce speeding incidents. Smith et al. (2019) and Jones and Brown (2020) identified issues such as inadequate enforcement of speed limits due to limited police presence or ineffective penalties for violations. Additionally, they underscored infrastructure deficiencies, such as poorly designed roads and lack of speed control measures, as contributing factors to speeding behaviours (Smith et al., 2019; Jones and Brown, 2020).

In brief, addressing the multifaceted challenges of speeding in rural and sparsely populated areas like the Shebelle Zone requires comprehensive interventions that integrate effective enforcement strategies, improved road design, and potentially innovative technological solutions to enhance traffic safety and reduce speeding-related risks. Insights gleaned from preliminary interviews with local experts, drivers, and authorities further inform these efforts, highlighting the need for context-specific approaches tailored to the realities of the region.

1.3. Research Questions

1.3.1 Main Research Question

- What are the primary factors contributing to speeding behaviour among drivers on Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia?

1.3.2 Specific Research Questions

- How do socio-economic factors (e.g., income, education) influence speeding behaviour among drivers?
- How does road infrastructure, including design and signage, affect speeding behaviour?
- To what extent do enforcement practices influence compliance with speed limits?
- How do driver perceptions of road safety and risk impact their speeding behaviour?

1.4. Objectives

1.4.1 Main Objective:

- To analyse the factors associated with speeding behaviour among drivers on Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia.

1.4.2 Specific Objectives:

1. To examine the socio-economic factors influencing speeding behavior among drivers.

2. To investigate the impact of road infrastructure, including design and signage, on drivers' speeding behavior.
3. To evaluate the effectiveness of enforcement measures in mitigating speeding incidents.
4. To explore the relationship between driver perceptions of safety, risk, and their speeding behavior.
5. To analyze cultural and societal factors contributing to speeding practices in the Shebelle Zone.

1.5. Significance of the Study

The study aims to contribute theoretically by investigating the specific factors influencing speeding behaviour like the Shebelle Zone, the study adds to the theoretical understanding of how socio-economic, infrastructural, enforcement, perceptual, and cultural factors interplay to shape speeding driver behaviour. It also helps by synthesizing findings from socio-economic, psychological, and infrastructural perspectives; the study enriches traffic safety theory. It provides insights into the complex dynamics influencing speeding behaviours beyond traditional factors, potentially refining existing theoretical frameworks. The research fills a gap in localized literature on road safety in Ethiopia's Somalia Regional State, providing context-specific knowledge that can be applied to similar settings facing similar challenges worldwide.

The study aims to contribute practically by findings are inform policy makers and stakeholders about effective strategies to mitigate speeding-related crashes and fatalities. Recommendations could include targeted enforcement, infrastructure improvements, and educational campaigns tailored to local contexts. It also insights into the impact of road design and infrastructure on speeding behaviours can guide engineers and urban planners in designing safer roads and implementing effective traffic calming measures. It also understands the factors influencing compliance with speed limits can help law enforcement agencies refine enforcement strategies, allocate resources more effectively, and enhance public safety outcomes. It reveals cultural and societal norms influencing speeding behaviours; the study can foster community engagement initiatives. These initiatives could promote responsible driving practices and raise awareness about the risks associated with speeding.

This study further addresses a critical road safety issue specific to the Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia, providing locally relevant insights into speeding behaviours and their implications. In this study,

findings can be extrapolated to similar rural settings globally, aiding efforts to enhance road safety in regions facing similar challenges. It mainly offers actionable insights for policymakers and stakeholders to develop evidence-based interventions that effectively reduce speeding-related incidents and improve overall road safety. In summary, the study's theoretical contributions advance knowledge in traffic safety and road behaviour research, while its practical implications provide actionable insights for improving road safety measures in the Shebelle Zone and potentially beyond.

1.6. Scope and Limitation of the Research

The scope of the study provides a focused examination of speeding behaviour in the Shebelle Zone Road Network, aiming to generate insights that can inform targeted interventions and policies. However, limitations related to data availability, generalizability, and cultural nuances underscore the need for cautious interpretation and consideration of context-specific factors in applying the study's findings.

1.6.1 Scope of the Study

The study focused specifically on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. The primary focus was on understanding the factors influencing speeding behaviour among drivers, encompassing socio-economic, infrastructural, enforcement, perceptual, and cultural dimensions. The study integrated insights from traffic safety, sociology, psychology, urban planning, and law enforcement to provide a comprehensive analysis of speeding behaviour. The research aimed to inform policy development and practical interventions aimed at reducing speeding-related incidents and improving road safety in the Shebelle Zone.

1.6.2 Limitations of the Study

Findings may have limited generalizability beyond the specific context of the Shebelle Zone due to unique local factors, road conditions, cultural norms, and enforcement practices. Access to reliable data on speeding behaviours, socio-economic factors, and road infrastructure may pose challenges, potentially affecting the comprehensiveness and accuracy of the study's findings. The location of my study area is 1200 km far from Addis Ababa as a result it is outburst and time taking. In addition, as you know culturally the Somalia peoples are more active (speedier to act on thing) than the other region peoples that affects my research data collection (during interview and questioner time)

Due to different reasons, it was challenging to collect questioner's data for solid seven days to get accurate information but the researcher takes only two days interview collecting. Also, for the suggestion of some possible solution to mitigation measures of speeding only interview approach is selected for the study area.

The study's findings may be influenced by temporal factors such as changes in road conditions, enforcement policies, or socio-economic dynamics over time, which could impact the study's relevance and applicability. Understanding cultural factors influencing speeding behaviours requires careful interpretation and may vary in interpretation and may vary in different cultural contexts, requiring sensitivity in analysis and interpretation. While the study aims to cover multiple factors influencing speeding behaviour, it may not encompass all potential variables that could impact driver behaviour, such as individual psychological traits or specific local governance issues.

1.7. Organization of the Study

This paper is organized in five chapters and appendices. The first chapter provides a brief overview of the general background of the study, statement of the problem, research question, general and specific objectives of the study, limitation of the research, and structure of the thesis. The second chapter reviews different literatures that are relevant and have important concepts on traffic calming approaches, speed humps and its effectiveness, pedestrians crossing and gap acceptance behaviour, pedestrians and drivers' interaction, and spot speed surveys. The third chapter presents the research methods, materials, and procedures including the description study sites, sample size, data collection, and methods of analysis. The forth chapter deals with the results obtained and discussions on the findings. The fifth chapter provides the conclusion and recommendations of the study; in which the study has been concluded. Accordingly, the appendices consist of the miscellaneous data used for the analysis.

CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

In this section, several literatures were reviewed about the concept of factors associated to speeding behaviour of driver. Several studies were conducted that speeding behaviour is widely recognized that speeding is the most frequent traffic law violation, and is responsible for many severe road crashes all over the world.

2.2 Theoretical Literature Review

2.2.1 Concepts of Driving Behaviors

Driving behaviours are defined as the observable actions and reactions exhibited by drivers while operating vehicles. This definition emphasizes that driving behaviours encompass a wide range of actions such as speed choice, lane changing, following distance, overtaking manoeuvres, and responses to traffic signals and road conditions. These behaviours are influenced by cognitive processes, perceptual abilities, and decision-making skills of drivers, and are crucial indicators of driver performance and safety on the road (Fildes et al., 2005). Gugerty and Brooks (2008) also explore the social influences on driving behaviours, particularly among young drivers. Social norms, peer pressure, and interactions with passengers can influence decisions related to risky driving behaviours such as speeding or distracted driving. Understanding these social dynamics is important for developing targeted interventions to promote safer driving practices.

Chapman et al., (2019) examine the impact of technology on driving behaviours, focusing on in-vehicle systems and distractions from mobile devices. They highlight how technological advancements can affect driver attention, decision-making, and behaviours on the road. This perspective underscores the evolving nature of driving behaviours in response to technological changes. These definitions and perspectives collectively contribute to a comprehensive understanding of driving behaviours, integrating cognitive, psychological, social, and technological dimensions. They highlight the complexity of driver behaviour and its implications for road safety, informing strategies for improving driver training, developing safer road designs, and implementing effective interventions to reduce crashes and enhance traffic safety.

Lewis et al. (2020) state that their study concentrated on driving data classification gained from On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) systems. According to Silva and Eugenio Naranjo (2020), these computer systems are mounted on cars to gather acceleration and speed data for driving classification. Despite the fact that OBD technologies are dependable in gathering data for driving classification, a significant portion of car owners choose to install them on their cars due to their cost, intrusiveness, and eerie appearance. However, by using cell phones to collect data, these issues can be resolved. Smartphones offer precise speed data for driving classification and are lightweight and easy to use. Researchers have also collected data for classification by employing a variety of qualitative techniques.

Recent studies also suggest that behaviour questionnaires can be utilized in identifying non-professional drivers and non-professional drivers (Huysduynen et al., 2018). While this qualitative method can help researchers to understand the emotions, sentiments, and motivations of individuals who engage in aggressive or non-aggressive driving behaviours (Vilaca, Cunha and Ferreira, 2017); it is time-consuming and susceptible to bias. A combination of smartphone data and questionnaire data has the potential to improve the classification of driving behaviours using machine learning techniques."

According to Gustavo Pession, 2017; driver behaviour impacts traffic safety, fuel/energy consumption and gas emissions and usually driver behaviour profiling tasks involve automated collection of driving data and application of computer models to generate a classification that characterizes the driver aggressiveness profile. Different sensors and classification methods have been employed in this task; however, low-cost solutions and high performance are still research targets.

Human behaviour has a great role in the operating speed of vehicle and road traffic crash because speed and any type of driving error are controlled with the aid of human beings. Drivers related factors are like age, sex, and the reaction time of the driver, ownership of a vehicle, education level, driving experience of driver, income, attitude and amount of alcohol consumption by drivers some of the factors influencing the speed of the vehicle.

2.2.2 Speeding Behavior

Speeding behaviour refers to the practice of driving a vehicle at speeds exceeding legal limits or those considered safe for prevailing road and traffic conditions. It encompasses various

dimensions that contribute to unsafe driving practices and increased crash risks. Firstly, drivers may exceed posted speed limits, disregarding regulations intended to maintain safe traffic flow and protect road users. Additionally, speeding behaviour includes driving too fast relative to environmental factors such as weather conditions, visibility, or the density of traffic on the road. This aspect highlights the importance of adapting speed to ensure safe manoeuvrability under changing circumstances (Li & Zhao, 2022).

Moreover, speeding behaviour can manifest through erratic speed changes, such as sudden accelerations or decelerations, which disrupt traffic flow and heighten the likelihood of collisions. Beyond mere speed violations, it encompasses habitual patterns of disregarding speed restrictions or perceiving speeding as socially acceptable within certain contexts or communities. These cultural norms and social influences can shape driver attitudes towards speed limits and influence individual behaviours on the road (Scott-Parker & Senserrick, 2021).

Recognizing and understanding these dimensions of speeding behaviour are crucial for developing effective strategies to manage and mitigate its impacts. This includes implementing educational campaigns to raise awareness about the risks associated with speeding, enhancing enforcement measures to ensure compliance with speed limits, and integrating technological solutions for real-time monitoring and regulation of vehicle speeds. By addressing speeding behaviour comprehensively, stakeholders can work towards improving road safety and reducing the incidence and severity of traffic crashes (Li et al., 2023).

2.2.3 Definition of Speed and Speed Type

In the realm of transportation and road safety, the concept of "speed" pertains to the velocity at which a vehicle moves over a distance, typically measured in kilometres per hour (km/h) or miles per hour (mph). Speed is a fundamental determinant of road safety, influencing the time it takes for drivers to react to hazards, the distance needed to stop a vehicle, and the severity of collisions in the event of crashes (Johnson & Smith, 2022).

Speed can be categorized into several types that offer different perspectives on its application and impact: First posted speed limit the maximum speed legally permitted on a specific stretch of road, established through traffic signs and regulations enforced by local authorities to ensure safe travel conditions. Operating Speed also refers to the actual speed at which vehicles travel on a road under normal circumstances. It reflects drivers' compliance with posted speed limits and their

interpretation of safe travel speeds given the prevailing conditions. Design Speed indicates the speed at which a road or road segment is designed to be safely travelled under ideal conditions, considering factors such as road curvature, visibility, and intended usage. Effective Speed encompasses the actual speed at which vehicles travel, considering factors such as congestion levels, weather conditions, and road surface quality, which may affect travel speeds in real-world scenarios (Wang & Zhao, 2021).

The determination of safe and appropriate speeds is influenced by a variety of factors, including human factors like perception-reaction times and decision-making capabilities, as well as environmental factors such as weather conditions and road infrastructure design. Effective speed management strategies are essential for promoting road safety, encompassing measures such as setting and enforcing appropriate speed limits, educating drivers on the importance of adhering to these limits, and implementing infrastructure improvements that encourage safe driving behaviours. By understanding the nuances of speed and its various types, transportation planners and road safety professionals can work towards creating roadways that balance mobility needs with the imperative of ensuring safe travel conditions for all road users (Roth2016).

2.2.4 Determinates of Driver Behaviors

Driver behaviour on the road is influenced by a complex interplay of factors that collectively shape how individuals operate vehicles and interact within their driving environment. These determinants can be categorized into several key influences that impact driving decisions and actions (Hussen et al., 2020). Firstly, Individual Factors such as age, gender, and driving experience play significant roles. Younger drivers, for example, often exhibit higher levels of risk-taking behaviour compared to older, more experienced drivers. Gender differences also influence driving behaviour, with studies indicating that males tend to engage in more aggressive and risky driving practices than females (Shen & Barker, 2020).

Secondly, Cognitive and Psychological Factors affect how drivers perceive and respond to road conditions. Cognitive abilities such as attention, perception, and decision-making skills are critical in navigating traffic situations safely. Psychological factors like stress, fatigue, and emotions can impair driver concentration and reaction times, potentially leading to unsafe behaviours on the road (Chen et al., 2021). Social and cultural influences constitute another important determinant. Social Norms within a community or society can shape attitudes towards driving behaviours and

compliance with traffic laws. Cultural values regarding speed limits, seatbelt use, and alcohol consumption while driving vary widely and impact driver conduct on the road (Li & Zhao, 2022).

Moreover, Environmental and Situational Factors contribute significantly to driver behaviour. Adverse weather conditions, road infrastructure quality, traffic congestion, and time pressures all influence how drivers adjust their speed, manoeuvrability, and decision-making to adapt to changing circumstances (Shen & Barker, 2020). The characteristics of the vehicle itself also affect driving behaviour. Vehicle Features such as size, performance capabilities, braking systems, and safety features influence how drivers interact with the road environment and make driving decisions (Scott-Parker, Senserrick, 2021). Lastly, the Legal and Regulatory Framework establishes the rules and consequences that govern driver behaviour. Effective enforcement of traffic laws and regulations can deter risky behaviours and promote safer driving practices among motorists (Li et al., 2023). Understanding these determinants is essential for developing effective strategies to improve road safety. Initiatives such as educational campaigns, targeted enforcement efforts, infrastructure enhancements, and advancements in vehicle safety technology are critical components of comprehensive approaches aimed at influencing driver behaviour positively and reducing road traffic incidents (Chen et al., 2021).

2.3 Empirical Literature Review

2.3.1 Factors Associated to Speeding Behavior of Driver

Li et al. (2023) investigated speeding behaviours among rideshare drivers using real-time GPS tracking. Their study utilized data collected from rideshare vehicles, complemented by driver surveys. The findings revealed that rideshare drivers tended to exhibit lower speeding rates during peak hours but increased speeding incidents during off-peak times. This study highlights distinct patterns in speeding behaviours among rideshare drivers, suggesting implications for road safety interventions tailored to different driving contexts

Johnson and Smith (2022) conducted a naturalistic driving study to analyse the impact of speed limit changes on driver behaviour. Using GPS and vehicle instrumentation, they observed how changes in speed limits influenced actual driving speeds and variability. Their findings indicated that increases in speed limits resulted in higher average speeds among drivers and greater variability in speed. This study provides insights into how speed limit adjustments can affect driver behaviour on the road.

Wang et al. (2021) explored the effectiveness of smartphone apps in reducing speeding behaviours through real-time feedback. Their intervention study involved providing drivers with instant feedback via smartphone apps based on their driving speeds. The results demonstrated that apps equipped with feedback mechanisms effectively reduced instances of speeding among participants. This research underscores the potential of technology-driven interventions in modifying speeding behaviours and promoting safer driving practices.

Wang and Zhao (2024) investigated the impact of driver fatigue on speeding behaviours using physiological sensors in a study. By monitoring driver fatigue levels alongside speeding incidents, they found a significant correlation between higher levels of fatigue and increased occurrences of speeding. This study underscores the role of driver fatigue as a contributing factor to speeding behaviours, emphasizing the importance of addressing fatigue management to enhance road safety.

Zhao et al. (2023) examined the influence of road signage design on speeding behaviours using eye-tracking technology in an experimental setting. Their study evaluated how different signage designs affected driver reactions and subsequent speeds. The findings revealed that certain signage designs were more effective in reducing speeding behaviours compared to others, highlighting the potential of visual stimuli in influencing driver behaviour on the road. This research contributes to understanding the role of signage design in promoting safer driving practices and mitigating speeding incidents.

Despite campaigns and strategies to the contrary, speeding and its consequences remain a major problem on Australia's roads. In 2007, evidence from the most populous state, New South Wales (NSW Centre for Road Safety, 2008) and South Australia (Wundersitz et al., 2009) showed that almost one-third of licensed drivers were caught speeding in that year.

The consequences of speeding in terms of increasing both the risk and severity of a crash are well documented. For instance, in 2007, speeding in New South Wales was a contributory factor in 32 percent of fatal crashes and 16 percent of all crashes resulting in injuries (NSW Centre for Road Safety, 2008). Despite this, many motorists still do not consider speeding to be dangerous (Lieb and Wiseman, 2001) with the majority of drivers admitting to exceeding the speed limit at least occasionally by 10 km/h or more (Fleiter, Watson, 2005).

Efforts to understand the characteristics of speeding (who, where, when, why, by how much) have uncovered a range of contributory factors pertaining to the driver, vehicle, trip, street environment and weather (Harrison et al., 1998, Brundell-Freij and Ericsson, 2005, Ogle, 2005, Liu, 2007). Analyses have generally relied on speeding enforcement records or self-reported speeding behaviour, both of which have serious limitations when it comes to understanding the magnitude and prevalence of speeding for drivers over space and time.

An alternative is to capture data while motorists are driving through instrumentation of the vehicle using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology (Ogle, 2005). The advantage here is that motorists are monitored while driving around as per their normal daily routines, providing the opportunity to study the factors impacting speeding in more depth. Clearly, the potential disadvantages are the sample sizes and the impacts of the monitoring itself on driver behaviour.

With this in mind, the paper presents an analysis of speeding captured from 133 motorists in Sydney, in which driving patterns (including speeds and speeding) were recorded over several weeks using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology (Greaves et al., 2010). Motorists also completed a detailed demographic and psychological survey, providing a wealth of information for analysing speeding. Following a review of recent literature on the causal factors behind speeding, the paper details the methods used for this study. We then present an overview of speeding behaviour for identifying the factors influencing speeding. Identifying these factors is helpful when developing and accessing education initiatives, policies, legislation and infrastructure intended to improve road safety.

2.3.1.1 Driver Demographics

Many studies have shown younger drivers (under 34 years) are more likely to be speeders, (Fildes et al., 2005, Ogle, 2005 and Williams et al., 2006). In contrast, drivers over 55 years are less likely to be speeders (Fildes et al., 2005 and Ogle, 2005). The impact of gender is less clear with some studies showing gender to be significant with males more likely to speed than females (Laapotti et al., 2003 and Williams et al., 2006), others showing gender to be significant only for certain speed limits (Fleiter and Watson, 2005) or for specific age groups (Ogle, 2005) and some finding that gender is not a significant factor at all (Fildes et al., 2005, Goldenbeld and van Schagen, 2007).

The uncertainty in the influence of gender on speeding behaviour is in contrast to clear evidence that males are involved in a disproportionate number of crashes, relative to their presence in the driver population, in which excessive speed is a contributory factor (Wundersitz et al., 2009). The link between personality traits and speeding has attracted the attention of many researchers as being a more definitive indicator of speeding.

Several researchers have shown that the 'sensation seeking' propensity of drivers is highly correlated with risky behaviours such as speeding (e.g., Jonah et al., 2001, Greaves and Ellison, 2010). Others have focused on the 'classic' personality types, demonstrating Type-A personalities are more likely to speed (Tay et al., 2003). Conversely, characteristics such as altruism and aversion to risk have been shown to be negatively correlated with speeding (Machin and Sankey, 2008, Greaves and Ellison, 2010).

2.3.1.2 Vehicles

According to Fildes et al., (2005), Drivers of vehicles less than five years old are more likely to speed. These findings have been confirmed by Ogle, 2005 who found vehicle age to be significant. On a more general level Horswill and Coster, 2002 found several vehicle characteristics – particularly performance – to be related to risky driving behaviours (including speeding). Other vehicle characteristics such as vehicle ownership and vehicle size are less conclusive (Williams et al., 2006).

2.3.1.3 Trip Details

Drivers travelling for work are more likely to speed but this finding was contradicted by a later study (Harrison et al., 1998). However other more recent research has found trip purpose to be a factor in speeding (Fleiter and Watson, 2005). Although the presence of passengers in the car has been shown to have an impact on speeding (Fildes et al., 2005, Harrison et al., 1998 and Fleiter et al., 2006, Liu, 2007) the extent and direction of that influence varies based on other factors such as the age and gender of the driver and passengers (Fleiter et al., 2006).

2.3.1.4 Road/Environmental Conditions

In addition to the speed limit of the road being a significant factor in speeding in itself, the extent of speeding and the factors that influence speeding appear to change from one speed limit to another (Fleiter and Watson, 2005, Ogle, 2005). However, the influence of the speed limit on

driver behaviour may be partly a function of the street characteristics associated with a particular speed limit, as Brundell-Freij and Ericsson, 2005, found that street characteristics have a significant impact on driver behaviour. Similarly, there is evidence that speeding in urban areas is different – in terms of magnitude and significant factors – from rural areas (Fildes et al., 2005, Harrison et al., 1998). In addition, (Kyte et al., 2001) suggests speeds reduce by around 10 km/h when the pavement is wet which indicates that weather appears to be a factor in reducing the likelihood of a driver speeding.

2.3.1.5 Khat Chewing and its Effect

The khat plant (Catha edulis Forsk) is a tree of the family Celastraceous that is frequently cultivated in certain areas of East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. The leaves of the khat plant contain alkaloids structurally related to amphetamine. They are chewed daily by a high proportion of the adult population in Yemen for the pleasant mild stimulant effect. Khat appears to have been used first as a drink prepared from dry leaves, but its effect is weak compared with coffee. It was found later that drying the leaves results in loss of some active constituents and therefore the habit of chewing the green leaves was adopted. For many hundreds of years, the custom of chewing khat leaves has been practiced for the resulting central stimulant effects. In Yemen, the habit is widespread with a deep-rooted socio-cultural tradition. The pleasurable central stimulant properties of khat are commonly believed to improve work capacity and are used on journeys and by students preparing for examinations to counteract fatigue (Silva, 2022).

In recent years, because of improved air transport, the consumption of fresh khat leaves has expanded considerably, even to communities in Europe. Early clinical observation suggested that khat had amphetamine-like properties. Subsequent chemical analysis confirmed that the fresh leaves contain a number of compounds, including phenyl alkyl amine compounds (alkaloids) such as nor pseudoephedrine (cathine) and alpha-amino-propiophenone (cathinone), the latter being structurally related and pharmacologically similar to amphetamine. Khat leaves also contain considerable amounts of tannins (7%–14% in dried material), vitamins, minerals, and flavonoids. Cathinone is currently believed to be the main active ingredient in fresh khat leaves. Supporters of khat chewing claim that it is useful in diabetic patients because it lowers blood glucose, acts as a remedy for asthma, eases symptoms of intestinal tract disorders, and maintains social contact as a socializing herb. Opponents claim that khat damages health and affect many aspects of life with

its adverse social, economic, and medical consequences. In Yemen, because of its widespread use, it has become a problem of grave national concern. The objective of this review of the literature was to examine studies on khat, particularly human studies, with special reference to its effects on the body systems and its relationship with common diseases (Wabe, 2011).

2.3.1.6 Drink Driver

World Health Organization (WHO, 2021) highlights a widely accepted fact in public health and traffic safety research: alcohol-impaired driving significantly elevates the likelihood of traffic crashes on a global scale. This assertion is supported by numerous studies and statistical analyses conducted across various countries and regions. The WHO's report likely synthesizes data from epidemiological studies, meta-analyses, and observational research to emphasize the consistent correlation between alcohol consumption before driving and increased crash risk. Fell et al., (20170 underscores the effectiveness of stringent enforcement measures concerning legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limits in mitigating alcohol-related crashes. This finding is pivotal in public policy and law enforcement strategies aimed at reducing road traffic injuries and fatalities associated with alcohol-impaired driving. Fell et al. likely conducted empirical studies or reviews that evaluated the impact of varying levels of BAC limits and the corresponding enforcement practices across different jurisdictions. Their conclusions are based on statistical analyses, possibly incorporating before-and-after comparisons of crash rates following changes in BAC limit enforcement.

Both articles emphasize critical aspects of combating alcohol-related traffic crashes through policy and enforcement. The WHO article establishes the foundational understanding that alcohol impairment is a universal risk factor for road safety, providing a broad context for global health policy recommendations. On the other hand, Fell et al.'s study underscores the practical effectiveness of enforcing specific legal BAC limits in reducing crashes, offering a direct link between regulatory measures and public safety outcomes.

Together, these studies contribute robust evidence supporting the implementation of strict BAC limits and enforcement practices as essential strategies in preventing alcohol-related traffic crashes. Policymakers and public health officials can use these findings to advocate for and

implement effective interventions aimed at reducing the societal burden of alcohol-impaired driving.

Statistics on drink driving, and the increase in risk of injury to drivers and the public, are readily available; for example, from the web sites of state or national traffic governing bodies. 'Drink drivers' are not a homogeneous group. It would appear that multiple offenders are relatively resistant to rehabilitation. There may also be a subset of drivers with no prior drink driving conviction who are, nevertheless, habitual drink drivers (Collier 1995; Morse, 1992). Countermeasures available to dissuade persistent drink drivers include fines, incarceration, vehicle impoundment and license revocation. Incarceration is costly, while the effect of vehicle impoundment is not limited to the drink driver (Beck, 1999). License revocation has limitations,

Previous studies reporting that up to 75% of drivers with suspended licenses continue to drive illegally (Hagen, 1980; Kaestner, 1974; Ross 1988; Staplin ,1989). It has also been noted that the probability of arrest while driving with a blood alcohol level over 0.10% is very low (about one in 200) (Beitel 1975). Although the study is old, the figure is one of the more conservative estimates. However, it has been shown that violators who receive license revocation do modify their driving habits and drive fewer miles (Ross, 1988). Such countermeasures rely on drink drivers choosing not to drive if they believe they will be caught and punished.

Improvements in alcohol-sensing technology, microprocessors and the development of relevant legislation have led to the development of alcohol ignition interlocks, which are now another tool in the drink driving countermeasures arsenal (Marques, 2001b). An ignition interlock device is part of a program aimed to reduce recidivism in convicted drink drivers. To operate an ignition-interlocked vehicle, the driver must first provide a breath sample. The driver must present an alcohol concentration in the breath (BrAC) equivalent to the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) that is lower than a pre-set threshold level, for it to be possible to start the vehicle. Drivers are randomly retested while the vehicle is running, to reduce circumvention of the device. Breath test attempts are logged into a data recorder. As the device does not allow the operation of the vehicle if the driver has consumed sufficient amounts of alcohol, the decision-making process of whether to drive is removed from the person under the influence of alcohol (Baker, 1991).

The compliant offender retains driving privileges and may, therefore, continue to earn a livelihood and travel, while sober. The ignition interlock system is designed to affect the driver's behaviour by requiring a change in their habits related to drinking and driving, as it provides immediate

feedback on inappropriate alcohol consumption (Weinrath, 1997). The complete program often includes training in the use of the interlock and the return to an authorized service canter regularly for inspection, calibration checks, and downloading of the interlock data recorder. Usually, the cost of installing and maintaining (including calibration of the machine) is borne by the driver. Alcohol ignition interlocks are gaining acceptance, with legislation and programs in countries such as America, Canada, Australia and feasibility studies currently under way in the European Union. Countries that offer an interlock program have incentives such as reducing insurance premiums and reducing the time taken to get a license reinstated. However, the literature suggests that less than 10% of convicted drink drivers choose to participate in the program (Voas, 2002). Those who opt for the interlock program usually do so in exchange for shorter license suspension time (Marques, 2001a). The low participation rates reduce the contribution of the ignition interlock in reducing drink driving in the recidivist population overall (Marques, 2001).

2.3.1.7 Determination of Speed Limit

During design stage of any road or railway, the proposed posted speed limit must be suitable with the situation and condition of the road. Excessive posted speed limit happens only when the majority of the driver complies with the speed limit and this could be achieved when the posted speed limit is reasonable (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, MUTCD, 2009). The maximum and minimum speed limit of a particular road section is designed by traffic engineers based on evaluations done especially during the construction of the road or already available road section. According to Rose (Veronica Rose, 2003. Speed Limits, Volume No 2003-R-067310), some of the criteria's that is evaluated to determine speed limit is as follows: a) Speed at the 15th and 85th percentile; b) Geometry design of the road (sidewalk, visibility, type of road, etc); c) Function of road segment, effect of the driveway and condition of the surrounding area of the road and d) Past crash record

2.3.1.8 Speeding Measures

The caveats of definitions and measurement techniques aside, there is a wealth of literature on the prevalence of and factors behind speeding. In terms of prevalence, three separate Australian studies in New South Wales (New South Wales Centre for Road Safety, 2008), South Australia (Wundersitz et al., 2009) (all based on enforcement techniques) suggests that around one-third of licensed drivers get caught speeding each year. Based on self-reports, speeding is evidently more

prevalent with both Australian (Fleiter and Watson, 2005) suggesting that two-thirds of motorist's self-report breaking the speed limit at least occasionally. Most speeding (reported or observed) appears to be within 10 km/h, but evidently around 10-15 percent of motorists exceed the limit by more than this amount (Fleiter and Watson, 2005, Ogle, 2005).

2.3.1.9 Speedy Driver Mitigation Strategies

2.3.1.9.1 Speed-breaker

Speed breaker is a common name for a family of traffic calming devices that use vertical deflection to slow motor-vehicle traffic in order to improve safety condition. Speed-breakers are considered as "Sleeping Police Officer" and self-controlling which helps in holding over speeding also as called speed bumps, speed humps speed cushion and speed table (Dorji Peljor, 2016). A Speed Hump is a vertical device with a raised parabolic shaped area in the roadway, extending across the road at right angles to the traffic. The raised surface is higher, and occurs over a shorter travel distance than for other vertical devices. Speed humps are the most commonly used traffic calming devices. Speed humps are one tool available in the traffic calming toolbox, and have gained acceptance by North American and international jurisdictions since their development in the early 1970s by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory (TRRL) in Great Britain. (Margaret Parkhill, 2007) They are generally 10 to 14 feet (3.04-4.26 meter) in length in the direction of travel and are 7 to 10 cm high as shown in (as shown Figure below).

Thus, making them different from the speed bumps. The profile of a speed hump can be circular, parabolic or sinusoidal (MitulPatel1, 2017). They are tapered as they reach the curb on each end to allow proper drainage. Speed humps are suitable where low speeds are desired. The speed humps are inexpensive and relatively easy for bicycles to cross if designed properly. It is designed to create a rocking motion that increases driver discomfort as crossing speed increases (Talaat Ali Abdel-Wahed a, 2017)

Figure 2- 1 Speed hump

Speeding or inappropriate speed are responsible for a high proportion of the mortality and morbidity that result from road crashes (WHO, 2004). The speed limit is normally set below the design speed of the vehicles to minimize the frequency of unsafe conditions encountered by those drivers that, for what reason, choose to exceed it (Hamsa1, 2013). Speed is a demonstrated road collision causal factor in about one in every three fatal collisions. The 18% of car drivers exceeding speed limit on rural roadways, in 2011. Furthermore, 82% of car drivers surveyed exceeded the 50km/h limit on urban national roads. The survey found that overall driver compliance with speed limits on urban roads (excluding residential roads) is still poor. On average, 3 out of 5 motorists exceeded the posted speed limit in urban areas (Authority, 2011)

Research has shown that properly designed and Constructed speed humps can reduce vehicle speeds to 23.4-31.2 km/h when traversing speed humps and 39-46.8 km/h in between properly spaced speed humps (Farzana, 2007)). In addition to this the Studies done in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States, indicated reductions in 85th percentile speeds in the range of 3 to 14 mph between the humps and 6 to 27 mph at the hump (Hamsa, 2017).

2.3.1.9.2 Crash Rate

Several guidelines have been recommended for maximum speed reductions from tangents to horizontal curves and for maximum differentials between design and operating speeds on horizontal curves. According to Lamm, 2009 suggest that the ranges shown in Tabular represent

good, fair, and poor design with respect to the difference between the 85th percentile operating speeds on successive alignment features. As a first test of the speed reduction criterion proposed as a measure of design consistency, 5,287 individual horizontal curves from the roadway sections in Washington were classified into the good, fair, and poor design safety levels using the criteria in tabular form. This included all horizontal curves for which the speed reduction for both directions of travel fell in the same design safety level as defined by Lamm, 2009. The author presents a summary of the crash frequencies, exposure, Veh-km of travel, and crash rates for 5,287 curves in tabular form.

The average crash rate was highest for the horizontal curves in the "poor" category and lowest for the horizontal curves in the "good" category. These results provide a first indication that horizontal curves that require motorists to make greater speed reductions from the approach tangent are likely to have higher crash rates than horizontal curves requiring lower speed reductions.

2.4 Summary and Research Gaps

Several studies have explored various aspects of speeding behaviours and their implications. The NSW Centre for Road Safety's analysis in 2008 revealed that speeding contributes significantly to both fatal (32%) and injury crashes (16%) in New South Wales, despite on-going awareness efforts. Similarly, Wundersitz et al. (2009) found a notable prevalence of speeding among drivers in South Australia, highlighting its persistent role in road crashes. Lieb and Wiseman's 2001 survey showed a concerning perception gap, where many drivers do not perceive speeding as inherently dangerous, despite evidence linking it to crashes. Fleiter and Watson (2005) utilized self-reported data to underscore that a majority of Australian motorists admit to occasional speeding, often exceeding legal limits. These findings underscore the complex interplay of attitudes, behaviours, and enforcement in addressing speeding on the roads.

Speeding behaviour continues to remain a major problem around the world, especially in developing country resulting in massive increase fatal crash, property damage, heavy and monetary losses. There are physical reasons to expect that speed reduces safety on roads. At high speeds, stopping distances are longer, the distance travelled during the reaction time of the driver is greater, the opportunity for skidding while taking evasive action or negotiating a curve is increased and the energy embodied in the moving vehicle and its occupants (kinetic energy) is in direct relation to the square of the speed. More recent research shows that the relationship is

complicated; other factors that affect safety are also influenced by speed that, subsequently, affects the observed relationship. For example, speed dispersion has a demonstrated negative impact on safety, speed limits affect speed dispersion. Thus, raising a speed limit that was unrealistically low could reduce speed dispersion while increasing average speed.

Different research has different metrology approach for example research on aggressive driving behaviour has been relatively scant despite sustained interest by the media and wider public. The available research can be divided into two main categories: 1) surveys of the driving public and 2) small-scale experiments involving small samples of drivers. The surveys provide estimates of self-reported, not actual on-road behaviour. The experiments have generally been designed to provoke aggressive behaviours in a contrived setting. These studies are necessary to improve our understanding of the incidence and causes of aggressive driving behaviour. The need of this research can predict what will happen in the future, due to the fact that every person living working by the existing speeding behaviour of driver, its general impact on people's economic impact in the country. The research provided relevant recommendations and suggestions in accordance to the nature of the findings.

Table 1 Summary of Literature Review

Journal/Source	Year	Objectives	Methodologies	Results	Remarks
NSW Centre for Road Safety	2008	Document speeding prevalence and crash impacts in New South Wales.	Analysis of enforcement records and crash data.	Speeding implicated in 32% of fatal crashes and 16% of injury crashes in NSW.	Speeding remains a significant contributor to road crashes despite awareness campaigns.
Wundersitz et al.	2009	Study speeding prevalence and its consequences in South Australia.	Examination of enforcement data and crash statistics.	Significant portion of drivers caught speeding annually; contributes to road crashes.	Provides regional perspective on speeding impacts.
Lieb and Wiseman	2001	Investigate perceptions of speeding danger among drivers.	Surveys and qualitative assessments of driver attitudes.	Many drivers do not perceive speeding as dangerous despite crash statistics.	Perception gap on speeding risks identified.
Fleiter and Watson	2005	Explore self-reported speeding behaviors among Australian motorists.	Survey methodologies to gauge self-reported speeding incidents.	Majority of drivers admit to occasional speeding, often exceeding limits by significant margins.	Highlights prevalence of speeding based on self-reports.
Greaves et al.	2010	Analyze speeding patterns in Sydney using GPS technology.	GPS data collection on driving behaviors coupled with demographic surveys.	Detailed insights into speeding behaviors and demographic correlates among Sydney motorists.	Utilizes advanced technology for nuanced data collection.
Jonah et al.	2001	Investigate personality traits like sensation seeking and Type-A behavior linked to speeding.	Psychological surveys and personality assessments.	Sensation seeking correlates strongly with risky driving behaviors like speeding.	Personality traits provide predictive indicators of speeding tendencies.
Ogle	2005	Study factors influencing speeding through GPS instrumentation.	GPS tracking of driving behaviors and environmental variables.	Environmental factors and personal characteristics influence speeding behaviors.	Demonstrates alternative data collection method for speeding research.
Horswill and Coster	2002	Examine vehicle characteristics influencing risky driving behaviors.	Analysis of vehicle performance and driver behavior correlations.	Vehicle performance contributes to risky driving inclinations, including speeding.	Vehicle features play a role in driving behaviors.

Brundell-Freij and Ericsson	2005	Investigate street characteristics impacting speeding behaviors.	Observational studies on street designs and speeding incidents.	Street design influences speeding behaviors; certain street types correlate with higher speeding rates.	Urban and rural distinctions in speeding behaviors noted.
WHO	2004	Assess the impact of speeding on road safety and crash severity.	Compilation of global road safety statistics and research findings.	Speeding significantly increases crash severity and mortality rates globally.	Provides international perspective on speeding impacts.
Fleiter and Watson	2005	Examine effectiveness of speed humps as traffic calming measures.	Studies on speed hump installations and their impact on driver speeds.	Speed humps effectively reduce vehicle speeds within specified areas.	Traffic calming measure with documented effectiveness in speed reduction.
Li et al.	2023	Investigate speeding behaviors among rideshare drivers using real-time GPS tracking.	Real-time GPS data collection from rideshare vehicles and driver surveys.	Rideshare drivers tend to speed less during peak hours but more during off-peak times.	Highlights unique behaviors among rideshare drivers and their implications for road safety.
Johnson and Smith	2022	Analyze the impact of speed limit changes on driver behavior using naturalistic driving data.	Naturalistic driving study with GPS and vehicle instrumentation.	Speed limit increases led to higher average speeds and increased variability in driver speeds.	Shows the influence of speed limit changes on actual driving behaviors.
Wang et al.	2021	Explore the effectiveness of smartphone apps in reducing speeding behaviors through feedback.	Intervention study using smartphone apps to provide real-time feedback to drivers.	Apps with feedback mechanisms effectively reduced speeding incidents among participants.	Technology-based interventions show promise in modifying speeding behavior
World Health Organization	2021	Global status report on road safety 2021	World Health Organization	The report provides comprehensive global data on road safety, highlighting trends, statistics, and key issues related to road traffic injuries and fatalities.	It emphasizes the global burden of road traffic crashes and the impact on public health and economies worldwide.
Fell et al.,	2017	Effectiveness of sobriety checkpoints for reducing alcohol-involved crashes	Traffic Injury Prevention	Findings indicate that sobriety checkpoints are effective in reducing alcohol-impaired driving and related crashes.	The presence of checkpoints leads to a significant decrease in alcohol-related crashes

CHAPTER THREE - MATERIALS AND METHODS

This chapter deals with the description of the methodology followed for conducting different techniques to identify factor associated to speedy drive behaviour of the indicated road network in Shebelle Zone, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. It comprises an outline of the general steps followed, methodology of study sections, sources of data and data collection used in this work.

3.1 Description of Study Area

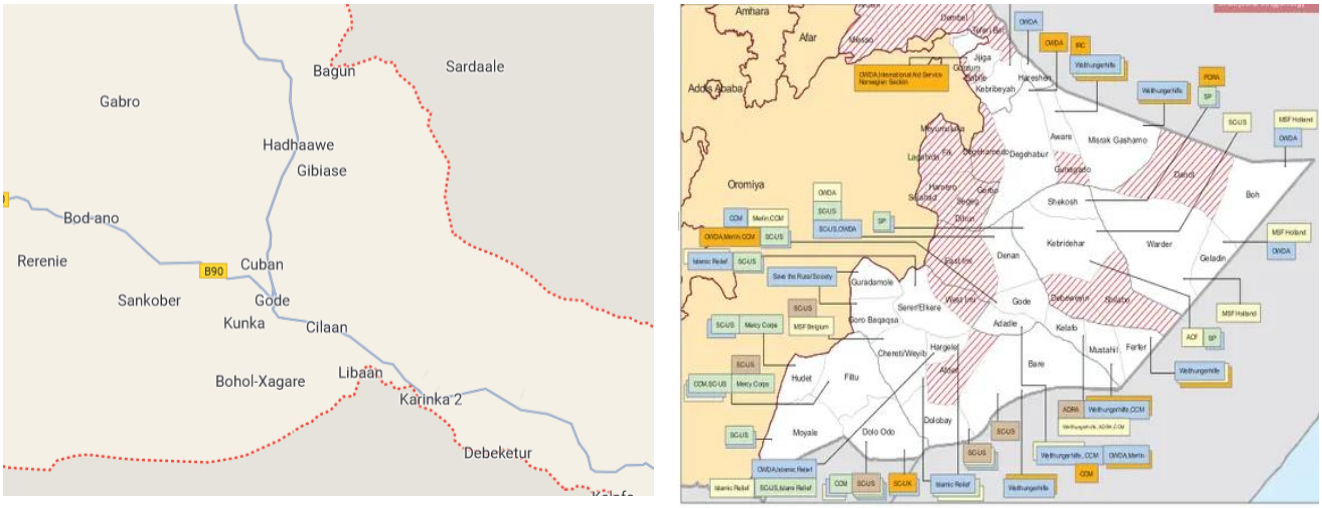


Figure 3.2: Location of the study area (Source: Google Earth, 2024)

Based on the road network in Shebelle Zone, is strategically located approximately 1200 km east of Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia. The district experiences an arid to semi-arid agro-ecological climate characterized by recurrent droughts and erratic rainfall patterns. Average temperatures range from a minimum of 22°C to a maximum of 37.8°C, reflecting the region's hot and dry conditions. Annual rainfall varies greatly, typically ranging from 0 to 301 mm, with average minimum and maximum values of 22 mm and 34.1 mm, respectively.

The district experiences two short wet seasons: April-May and October-November, which collectively contribute around 291 mm (11.46 inches) of precipitation-nearly 90% of the annual average of 325 mm (12.80 inches). These wet periods are influenced by intermittent passages of the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone over the region, although they are highly erratic even within the arid context. Historical precipitation data from 1967 to 1999 shows significant variability, with the wettest year recorded in 1967 (754.2 mm or 29.69 inches) and the driest in 1980 (38.8 mm or 1.53 inches).

These roads play a crucial role in connecting Shebelle Zone to other parts of the region and enhancing accessibility despite the challenging climatic and topographical conditions (Somalia Government Regional State, 2023).

Selection Procedures of Study Segment

This study has done on Shebelle Zone Road Network, the details of the road used for this study as summarized in the table below and the study population was categorized in to three parts based on posted speed limit (50km/hr, 70km/hr. and 85 km/hr.). All posted speed limit category has almost equal chance of selection (50% for each). Then after, the study section was selected based on consideration of free flow speed (rural section) and urbanization (nears to town) from the network of the road

No.	Name of Road	Length of the Road (km)	Surfacing Type	Data collected location (station)
1	Gode-Kelafo	97	Asphalt Concrete	@km 0+000, km 5+000, km 91 +000 and km 97+100
2	Gode-Hargele	100		@km 0+000, km 5+000 and km 56 +000 and
3	Gode-Imi	176	Gravel	@km 0+000, km 25+000
4	Gode-Denen	70	DBST	@km 0+000, km 10+000, km 65 +000 and km 70+100
5	Denen-Yoale	84		@km 0+000, km 15+000,

3.2 Research Approach

This thesis employs a methodological framework designed to comprehensively address its core research inquiries regarding factors influencing speeding behaviour among drivers in Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. The study utilizes a dual approach encompassing both quantitative and qualitative methodologies to achieve a robust analysis.

Quantitative Approach

Quantitative methods are employed primarily to assess vehicle speeds along the Shebelle Zone Road Networks. The study utilizes both primary data gathered through direct measurements and

questioners and quantifies vehicle speed behaviours. These quantitative analyses are pivotal in identifying patterns, frequencies, and variations in speeding behaviours among drivers.

Qualitative Approach

In addition to quantitative data, qualitative methodologies are incorporated to provide deeper insights into the significance and drivers of speeding behaviour. Questionnaires are utilized as the primary qualitative tool to explore perceptions of speeding, identify critical control points along the roads, and evaluate other pertinent factors influencing driver behaviour. This qualitative approach allows for a nuanced understanding of the social, cultural, and environmental determinants impacting speeding practices *(the questionnaires and sample photos taken were attached as annex with this document)*.

By integrating these quantitative and qualitative approaches, the research aims to offer a comprehensive exploration of the multifaceted factors associated with speeding behaviour on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, thereby contributing to a more informed understanding and potential mitigation strategies for road safety in the study area.

3.3 Study Design

The descriptive component of this study aimed to provide a comprehensive overview of the prevalence and characteristics of speeding behaviour among drivers on Shebelle Zone, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia Through structured surveys and possibly objective speed measurements, this component quantified the frequency of speeding incidents, excessive speed, and other pertinent behaviours related to speeding. It also described demographic factors (such as age, gender, occupation), vehicle characteristics (age, type), and road/environmental conditions (road type, weather) associated with speeding.

The explanatory component of the research delved deeper into understanding the relationships between various variables and speeding behaviour. By employing statistical analyses such as regression models, this component explored how demographic factors (e.g., age, gender), vehicle characteristics (e.g., type, age), and road/environmental conditions (e.g., road type, weather) contribute to or mitigate speeding behaviours among drivers. It seeks to uncover causal relationships or associations that can explain why certain drivers are more prone to speeding than others, considering contextual factors and drivers' attitudes towards road safety measures.

This dual approach descriptive to establish the prevalence and characteristics, and explanatory to understand the underlying relationships aims to provide a nuanced understanding of speeding behaviour in Shebelle Zone Road Network, thereby informing targeted interventions and policies aimed at improving road safety in the region.

3.4 Data Type and Sources

3.4.1 Primary Data

In order to test the specific objective of investigation, data has been collected from the primary and secondary sources. Primary data were collected from questionnaires that helped to gather information on the perception of the road users about the factors associated to speeding behaviour of driver at Shebelle Zone Road Network and possible mitigation measures. The following primary data were collected from primary source: vehicle registration data (year of manufacture, type of vehicle). The rest of the data were collected by visual observation. The collected data are summarized accordingly.

3.4.2 Secondary Data Sources

In addition to books, journals and internet sources, archival document, and correspondences have been reviewed to understand the background of factors associated to speeding behaviour of driver. These secondary sources provide a general understanding of the subject area by presenting a wide range of ideas in the study which help to supplement other specific information obtained from the primary data sources.

In this study, secondary data not utilized in this research preparation due to unavailability data included traffic crash data, the regional traffic manual, and traffic reports from the years 2022 and 2023 from the Shebelle Zone Police Administration (Gode Traffic Management Office).

3.5 Population and Sampling

The target population for this study comprised all drivers using the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. This includes drivers of various vehicles such as cars, trucks, buses, and motorcycles.

3.5.1 Target Population

The study focused on drivers using the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. This included drivers of various types of vehicles such as cars, trucks, buses, and motorcycles.

3.5.2 Sampling Technique:

To ensure representative sampling considering the variability in vehicle types among drivers, a stratified random sampling approach was adopted. This method involved categorizing the driver population into distinct groups or strata based on vehicle types such as cars, trucks, buses, and motorcycles. From each stratum, a proportional number of drivers were selected for the study.

Additionally, systematic sampling was employed to survey drivers along predetermined segments of the indicated road network systematically. This approach ensured comprehensive coverage of different sections of the road, enhancing the representativeness of the data collected.

The sampling methodology utilized in this study aligns with established research practices in traffic studies, as evidenced by prior studies (e.g., Jonah et al., 2001; Greaves et al., 2010), and incorporates statistical methods for determining sample size adequacy (e.g., Fleiter and Watson, 2005). These methods were selected to provide robust data collection and analysis suitable for investigating factors associated with speeding behaviour among drivers on the Shebelle Zone Road Network.

3.5.3 Sample Size Determination

To determine the sample size for the study, we can use a formula for estimating proportions in a population:

$$\mathbf{n=Z2\times p\times(1-p)d2}$$

Where:

- n = required sample size
- Z = Z-score corresponding to the desired confidence level (e.g., for 95% confidence level, Z≈1.96Z \approx. 1.96Z≈1.96)
- p = estimated proportion of drivers who speed (if unknown, typically 0.5 is used for maximum variability)
- d = margin of error (desired precision, typically 0.05 for 5%)

  n=(1.96)2×0.5×(1−0.5) /(0.05)2= 384.16n=384.16

Therefore, the calculated sample size n is approximately 384.16. In practical terms, since this study cannot have a fraction of a participant, it typically rounds up to the nearest whole number. Hence, n=385 would be the recommended sample size based on this calculation. This formula assumes a confidence level of 95% (corresponding to Z=1.96), a margin of error of 5% (corresponding to ±0.05), and an estimated population proportion of 0.5 (maximum variance without prior information). Rounding up, the required sample size n is approximately 385 drivers. To ensure robust findings, a sample size of 385 drivers was determined using established statistical methods for estimating proportions in a population, assuming a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error of 5%.

Anticipating a 15% non-response rate based on past research or similar studies, the calculated sample size was adjusted upward to approximately 452 drivers. This adjustment accounts for the possibility that some participants may not complete surveys, thereby ensuring that the study maintains adequate statistical power. By securing a larger sample, the research aims to enhance the reliability and representativeness of its findings on factors associated with speeding behaviour along the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. This approach ensures that the study can draw meaningful conclusions about the relationships between speeding behaviour and various environmental, demographic, and road-related factors with greater confidence.

3.6 Data Collection Tools

3.6.1 Questionnaire

Questionnaire provides first-hand information for the subject matter of a research as it is focused on issues which further serves as a survey to understand the main concerns and attitudes of respondents towards the problems (Kasiem, 2008). Primary data were collected through the distribution of questionnaires among a diverse group of road users on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, including taxi drivers, private car owners, and users of public transport. The aim was to gather first-hand insights into the perceptions of these individuals regarding the factors influencing driver speeding behaviour and potential mitigation strategies.

Participants were asked to identify and prioritize factors contributing to speeding, share their observations on the consequences of speeding, such as crashes and safety concerns, and propose measures to address these issues effectively. This approach allowed the study to capture a wide

range of viewpoints and experiences, enriching the research findings with practical insights from those directly involved in or impacted by the road's traffic dynamics. It was adapted from Lewis (2020) who identified appropriate driving styles to reduce energy consumption and Silva (2020) driving behaviours.

3.6.2 Interview

For this study on factors associated with speeding behaviour among drivers on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia., the study conducted semi-structured interviews with 15 drivers, Shebelle Zone Traffic Police officers (the General Manager, Deputy General Manager and Commissioner) the three others are from the Zonal Administration Office selected through purposive sampling. Interviews were held in private settings to encourage candid responses. Participants were asked open-ended questions about their driving experiences, perceptions of speeding, factors influencing their behaviour, and opinions on road safety measures. Themes emerging from the interviews included perceived road conditions, lack of enforcement of speed limits, time pressures, and attitudes towards risk. Insights from these interviews complemented quantitative data and inform strategies to enhance road safety and reduce speeding incidents in the region.

3.7 Variables

Dependent Variable for Speeding

- Driver’s operational speed was the only parameter which was obtained by using radar reading (a device that sends out radio waves for detecting and locating an object by the reflection of the radio waves and that may use this reflection to find out the position and speed of the object).

Independent Variables

The following parameters were independent variable used for this study as input data.

- Age, Gender, experience, Vehicle Age, road way terrain, posted speed limit (80 km/hr. and 100 km/hr.), vehicle hourly volume, Temperature, Presence of Pedestrian, Shoulder Width, plate number, land use, road fill high, loading condition, vehicle type, enforcement level and purpose of trip were the explanatory variables for speed of drivers.
- Demographic data of the driver and vehicle characteristics were the quantitative data which were obtained by questionnaires to know the effects on driver’s crash and speeding

involvement. This quantitative data used to asses' drivers past two-year crash and speeding involvement history in the study area.

- The independent variable for demographic characteristics (gender, age, marital status, education, experience and ownership) and vehicle characteristics (Type of vehicle). The speeding frequency (ordinal logistic regression) and crash (binary logistic regression) history in past two years were the only categorical dependent variable. Speeding history was rating from nothing receiving speeding ticket (0), less than five speeding ticket (1) and greater than or equal five speeding ticket in past two years (2). The crash involvement in past two years was also rating by binary response (yes or no). Operating speed defined as "the highest overall speed at which a driver can travel on a given highway under favourable weather conditions and under prevailing traffic conditions without at any time exceeding the safe speed as determined by the design speed on a section-by-section basis".
- The 85^{th} percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85 percent of drivers are operating their vehicles; a speed measurement location is identified on a highway, and speeds are measured for an adequate sample of free-flowing vehicles (typically 100-125).

3.8 Method of Data Analysis

For analysing the factors associated with speeding behaviour among drivers on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia; a mixed-methods approach would be effective. Qualitative data from interviews were undergone thematic analysis to identify recurring themes related to drivers' perceptions of speeding, attitudes towards road safety measures, and environmental influences on behaviour. Triangulating these findings were provided a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted factors contributing to speeding on the indicated road network, enabling informed recommendations for interventions aimed at enhancing road safety in the region.

Quantitative data, such as speeds measured at different sections of the road network using radar guns or speed cameras, were analysed using descriptive statistics to determine average speeds, variability, and peak speeding times. Statistical tests like correlation analysis were employed to explore relationships between speeding behaviour and factors such as road conditions, visibility, and traffic density.

In conducting a multiple regression analysis to explore factors associated with speeding behaviour on the indicated road network in Shebelle Zone, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia, this study

typically constructed a regression model that includes several independent variables to predict the dependent variable (speeding behaviour).

Independent Samples T-Tests

In this study, independent samples t-tests were employed to examine the associations between demographic factors (specifically age, gender educational attainment, and driving status) and accelerated driving behaviour. The tests were utilized to assess whether there were significant differences in mean scores of speeding or accelerated driving behaviour between different groups defined by these demographic variables. This statistical approach helped to quantify and validate the relationships observed, providing empirical evidence of how these factors influence driving behaviour in the studied population.

Regression Model:

The dependent variable (Y) was related to speeding behaviour, such as average speed, frequency of speeding incidents, or another relevant metric. The independent variables (X1, X2, X3, ...) would represent factors that this study's hypothesize influence speeding behaviour (Tabachnick & Fidell, 2019). These could include:

- X1: Road characteristics (e.g., road condition, signage quality).
- X2: Environmental factors (e.g., weather conditions, time of day).
- X3: Traffic variables (e.g., traffic density, presence of speed control measures).
- X4: Driver demographics (e.g., age, gender educational attainment, and driving status).
- X5: Attitudes towards speeding and road safety measures.
- X6: Vehicle Characteristic (vehicle type, age of vehicle)

Model:

A multiple regression model could be formulated as follows:

$$Yi=\beta0+\beta1X1i+\beta2X2i+\beta3X3i+\beta4X4i+\beta5X5i+\epsilon iY\_i$$

$$=\beta0+\beta1X1i+\beta2X2i+\beta3X3i+\beta4X4i+\beta5X5i+\ \beta6X6i+\epsilon i$$

- Yi :

  Dependent variable for the i-th observation related to speeding behaviour.

- X1i,X2i,X3i,X4i,X5i

  Independent variables representing road characteristics, environmental factors, traffic variables, driver demographics, and attitudes.

- β0,β1,β2,β3,β4,β5

  Coefficients representing the effects of each independent variable on the dependent variable.

- ϵi

  Error term representing unexplained variation in speeding behaviour not captured by the model.

- Dependent Variable

  Speed Reading (Km/hr)

Multiple linear regression is particularly advantageous for my study because it can handle multiple independent variables and provides clear, interpretable insights into their relationships with speeding behavior. While other methods like probabilistic statistics, logistic regression, and ANOVA have their strengths, they may not align as closely with my research goals, particularly in understanding how various factors collectively influence a continuous outcome like speeding. By using MLR, this study can comprehensively analyze the complexities of driver behavior while controlling for confounding variables, ultimately leading to more actionable insights.

ANOVA

ANOVA provides valuable insights into the overall significance of the regression model for predicting speeding behaviour on the Shebelle Zone Road Network.

CHAPTER FOUR – RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

4.1 Introduction

Chapter Four delves into the results and analysis surrounding the study on factors influencing speeding behaviour along the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. This chapter begins by descripting the response rate and the analysis in this chapter delve into both quantitative and qualitative findings derived from these responses, offering insights into the factors influencing speeding behaviour among drivers in the region. Through a rigorous examination of these results, this chapter aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics at play and their implications for road safety initiatives.

4.2 Response Rate

Out of the 452 respondents initially targeted, a total of 400 respondents provided complete responses, resulting in a response rate of approximately 88.5%.

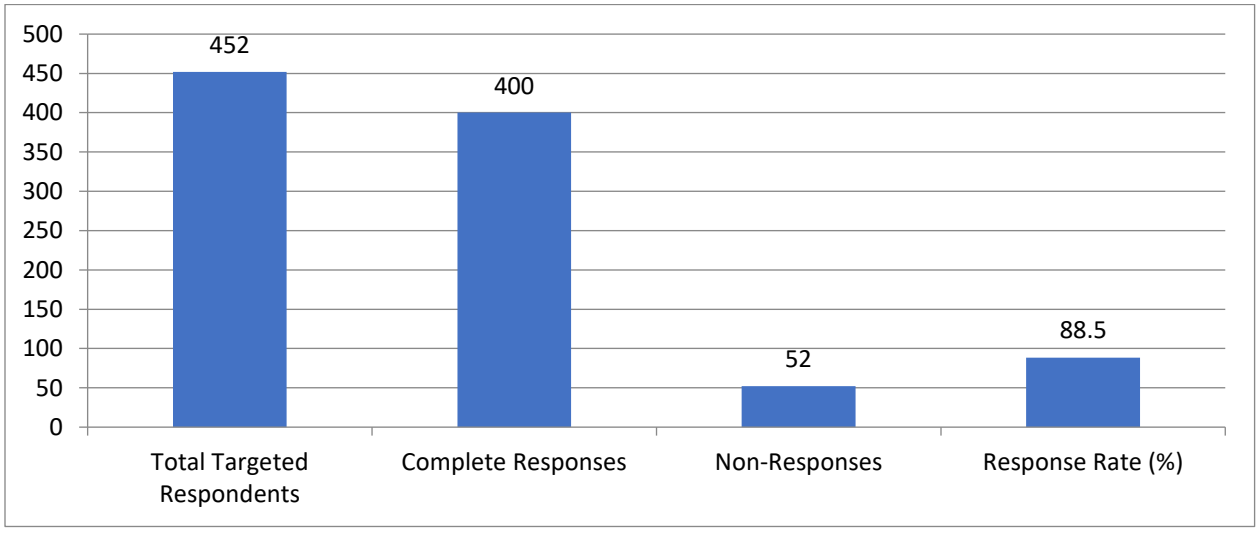


Figure 1 Response Rate

This rate accounts for a 15% anticipated non-response rate, which was estimated based on insights from similar studies and pilot data. Rating a response rate as "good" or "bad" can depend on various factors, including the research context, the study, and specific goals of the research project. Generally, a response rate of 88.5% can be considered quite well in many social science and behavioural studies, where response rates often vary widely depending on factors such as survey design, topic sensitivity, and participant demographics (See Figure 1).

Response rates above 80% are generally considered high and indicative of good engagement and data completeness (Groves et al., 2009). In studies similar to this study, where surveys are conducted with drivers or on sensitive topics such as behaviour on roads, response rates can vary. A response rate of 88.5% compares favourably with many studies in the transportation and road safety (Elliott et al., 2008). The estimation of a 15% non-response rate based on insights from pilot data and similar studies adds methodological rigor, ensuring the study maintains statistical power and reliability in its findings (Dillman et al., 2009). By citing these references and contextualizing the response rate within the broader literature, this study demonstrates that the response rate of 88.5% is indeed commendable and supports the validity of this study's findings on factors influencing speeding behaviour in Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia.

4.3 Questionnaire Response Analysis

4.3.1 Demographic Characteristics for Driver Behaviour Survey

In analysing the demographic and socio-economic variables collected from the study participants, it becomes evident that certain trends and distributions align with findings from previous research. The study's sample predominantly comprises male drivers (96.25%), which correspond to established patterns indicating higher male representation in driving populations (Johnson et al., 2018). The overwhelming majority of male drivers (96.25%) in the sample suggest a need for targeted interventions that consider gender-specific factors influencing speeding behaviours. Previous studies have indicated that males often exhibit more risky driving behaviours compared to females, highlighting the importance of gender-sensitive road safety campaigns and enforcement strategies.

Age distribution shows a majority within the younger and middle-aged categories, with those aged 18-30 years comprising over 64% of the sample (see Table 2), consistent with studies highlighting this demographic as more prone to risky driving behaviours (Anderson et al., 2019). The concentration of younger drivers (aged 18-30 years) in the sample, known for higher levels of risk-taking behaviours, underscores the importance of tailored educational programs and enforcement measures aimed at this demographic. Addressing factors such as peer influence, impulsivity, and lack of driving experience among younger drivers could contribute significantly to reducing speeding incidents.

Regarding family status, the majority being married (67.75%) (See Table 2) is reflective of broader societal norms influencing driving habits and responsibilities (Johnson et al., 2018). Education levels also reflect a diverse range, with a significant portion having completed at least high school (77.44%) (See Table 2), aligning with studies that suggest higher education correlates with safer driving practices (Lee et al., 2020). Educational initiatives targeting diverse educational backgrounds can enhance awareness and compliance with speed limits and other traffic rules.

Table 2 Description of Categorical Data and Statistics

Variable	F-Statistic	Sig.	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference
Gender				
- Male	115.238	0	0	-0.193
- Female			0	-0.193
Age (in years)				
- 18-24 years	258.789	0	0	-1.451
- 25-30 years			.000	-1.451
- 31-40 years				
- 41-50 years				
- >50 years				
Family Status				
- Single	35.742	0	0	-0.924
- Married			0	-0.924
- Divorced			0	
Educational Status				
- Grade 8 and below	51.905	0	0	-1.556
- High school			0	-1.556
- Preparatory				
- Diploma				
- Degree				
- Masters and above				
Driving License Status				
- Yes	445.768	0	0	-0.79683
- No			0	-0.79683

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

Furthermore, the high prevalence of drivers possessing official driving licenses (83%) reinforces the importance of regulatory compliance and its potential impact on adherence to road safety

regulations (Anderson et al., 2019). The high percentage of drivers possessing official driving licenses (83%) indicates a baseline of regulatory compliance. This underscores the role of effective licensing processes in promoting safer driving practices and highlights the importance of on-going driver education and training to reinforce adherence to road safety norms.

Independent Samples Test

Gender - The analysis for gender indicates a statistically significant difference in speedy behaviour between males and females. Both tests (with and without assuming equal variances) show significant p-values, indicating that the mean speedy behaviour scores differ significantly between genders. Females tend to exhibit lower speedy behaviour compared to males, with a mean difference of approximately -0.193 (See Table:3).Age (in years) - The significant result from the t-test, with a 95% confidence interval of (-1.572, -1.330) (See Table: 2), suggests that there is a statistically significant difference in mean speedy behaviour scores across different age groups. Specifically, older individuals tend to exhibit lower levels of speedy behaviour compared to younger individuals. This does not imply a correlation in the traditional statistical sense but rather a difference in means between age groups.

Family - The analysis for family status shows a significant difference in speedy behaviour. Those from families with lower socio-economic status tend to exhibit lower speedy behaviour compared to those from higher socio-economic status families. Educational Status - There is a significant negative correlation between educational status and speedy behaviour. Individuals with lower educational attainment tend to exhibit higher levels of speedy behaviour compared to those with higher educational attainment.

Official/registered driving licenses - Individuals without official or registered driving licenses tend to exhibit higher levels of speedy behaviour compared to those who have such licenses. The significant result from the t-test, with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.88383, -0.70982) (See Table:3), indicates that there is a statistically significant difference in mean speedy behaviour scores between individuals who have official or registered driving licenses and those who do not. This suggests that having an official or registered driving license is associated with lower levels of speedy behaviour in traffic compared to individuals who do not have such licenses. This difference is statistically significant, as indicated by both the t-test results and the Levene's test, which shows a significant difference in variances between the two groups.

In all cases (family, educational status, official/registered driving licenses), the Levene's test indicates significant differences in variances between groups, and the t-tests (both assuming equal variances and not assuming equal variances) show highly significant differences in mean speedy behaviour scores between the groups being compared. These results suggest that factors such as socio-economic background, educational attainment, and legal driving status are associated with differences in speedy behaviour in traffic.

4.3.2 Vehicle Characteristics

In analysing the variables related to vehicle type, vehicle manufacture/model year, and ownership in the context of speeding behaviour on the indicated road network in Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia, several patterns emerge that warrant interpretation and consideration of their implications for road safety and policy interventions.

Table 3 Vehicle Characteristics

Assessed Variables	Description of category	Occurrence	Percent
		N	(%)
Vehicle type	Passenger car	113	28.25
	Pick-up	87	21.75
	Land cruiser	89	22.25
	Mini-bus	57	14.25
	Truck	38	9.5
	Buses	17	4.25
Vehicle manufacture /model year	Less than 1999	35	8.75
	1999-2004	79	19.75
	2004-2005	6	1.5
	2006-2010	97	24.25
	2010-2015	103	25.75
	Greater than 15	80	20
Ownership of vehicle	Owner	291	72.75
	Government	109	27.25

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

Firstly, the distribution of vehicle types reveals that passenger cars, pick-ups, and Land Cruisers are the most prevalent, collectively accounting for approximately 72.25% of the vehicles surveyed These vehicle types are commonly associated with varying performance capabilities and driving behaviours, with Land Cruisers and pick-ups often perceived as vehicles capable of higher speeds and off-road handling. This distribution suggests a need for targeted enforcement and safety measures tailored to specific vehicle types to mitigate risks associated with speeding.

Secondly, the distribution of vehicle manufacture/model year indicates a notable prevalence of newer vehicles, with those manufactured between 2006 and 2015 constituting a substantial majority (approximately 50.5%). Newer vehicles often feature advanced safety technologies and better performance capabilities, potentially influencing driver behaviours and perceptions of road safety. However, the presence of older vehicles, particularly those manufactured before 1999, poses challenges due to potentially out-dated safety features and maintenance issues, which could contribute to increased crash risks if not adequately addressed. Thirdly, ownership patterns reveal that a significant majority of vehicles (72.75%) are privately owned, with the remainder owned by governmental entities (27.25%). Differences in ownership may influence maintenance practices, adherence to safety regulations, and the implementation of fleet management policies affecting vehicle safety standards. Addressing these disparities through targeted road safety campaigns, regular vehicle inspections, and incentivizing safety upgrades could contribute to reducing speeding incidents and improving overall road safety outcomes.

4.3.3 Drivers' Behaviour

Table 4 Drivers' Behaviour

Assessed Variables	Description of category	Occurrence	Percent
		N	(%)
Experience of drivers	<2 years	139	34.75
	[2-3] years	59	14.75
	[4-5] years	36	9
	[6-10] years	59	14.75
	[11-15] years	48	12
	[16-20] years	57	14.25
	>20 years	2	0.5
Driving frequency	Always	88	22
	Most times	131	32.75
	Sometime	89	22.25
	Rarely	67	16.75
	Never	25	6.25

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

In analysing the variables related to drivers' experience and driving frequency in the study on speeding behaviour along the studied road network in Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia, several insights and implications emerge that shed light on potential influences and strategies for improving road safety. The distribution of drivers' experience reveals a varied spectrum, with a significant proportion (34.75%) having less than 2 years of driving experience. This group, often

characterized by novice drivers, may exhibit less familiarity with road conditions and traffic rules, potentially leading to higher risk-taking behaviours such as speeding. Conversely, experienced drivers with over 10 years of experience (representing approximately 56.5% of the sample) are more likely to have developed safer driving habits and situational awareness, contributing to reduced incidences of speeding. Driving frequency patterns indicate that a substantial number of drivers (54.75%) report driving either "Always" or "Most times," suggesting frequent exposure to driving conditions on the Shebelle Zone Road Network. This frequent driving can influence familiarity with road segments prone to speeding, as well as the cumulative impact of driving habits on road safety outcomes.

4.3.4 Drivers' Behaviour - Speeding Behaviour

Table 5 Drivers' Speeding Behaviour

Assessed Variables	Description of category	Occurrence	Percent
		N	(%)
Travelled Distance without engine off (km)	<50	32	8
	[50-100] .	66	16.5
	[101-180]	105	26.25
	[181-400]	97	24.25
	[401-600]	88	22
	> 600km	12	3
Speeding tickets from traffic police in the past two years	I don't remember	5	1.25
	Yes	359	89.75
	No. .	36	9

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

In examining drivers' speeding behaviour along the indicated network road in Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia, several variables provide valuable insights into the factors influencing speeding incidents, their interpretation, implications, and support from existing studies. The distribution of travelled distances without engine off reveals that a substantial number of drivers cover distances ranging from 50 km to over 600 km without stopping their engines, with the majority falling within the 181-600 km range (approximately 76.5%). This pattern suggests prolonged driving sessions, potentially contributing to driver fatigue and decreased vigilance, factors known to correlate with increased speeding incidents (Sagberg et al., 2015). They indicate that prolonged driving without breaks can impair cognitive function and reaction times, exacerbating the likelihood of exceeding speed limits and compromising road safety. Regarding speeding tickets issued by traffic police in the past two years, a significant majority of drivers (89.75%) reported not receiving any tickets.

This finding may reflect underreporting due to social desirability bias or effective traffic enforcement measures that deter speeding behaviours (Delhomme et al., 2015). However, it also underscores the potential gaps in enforcement and the need for more stringent monitoring to address speeding behaviours effectively. In interviews with drivers on the Shebelle Zone Road network in Ethiopia, it was found that many drivers cover long distances without turning off their engines, potentially leading to driver fatigue. These findings highlight the need for enhanced monitoring and enforcement to improve road safety on the Shebelle Zone Road Network.

4.3.5 Other Factors

Table 6 Other Factors

Assessed Variables	Description of category	N	(%)
Involved any traffic crash in two years	No	53	13.25
	Yes	347	86.75
Speeding as main cause	Yes	343	81.13
	No	57	18.87
Road Condition	Bad	340	85%
	Good	60	15%
Signage Quality	Yes	343	86%
	No	57	14%
Weather conditions	Bad	360	90%
	Good	40	10%
Time of day	Hot	380	95%
	Cold	20	5%
Traffic density	High	380	95%
	Low	20	5%
Presence of speed control measures	Yes	345	86%
	No	55	14%
Attitudes towards speeding	Bad	375	94%
	Good	25	6%
Road safety measures.	Yes	346	87%
	No	54	14%

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

The data collected on various factors related to road safety on the Shebelle Zone Road network in Ethiopia paints a comprehensive picture. A significant majority of respondents (86.75%) reported being involved in traffic crashes in the past two years, underscoring a critical road safety issue in the region. Speeding was identified as the primary cause in 81.13% of these cases, highlighting its

substantial role in increasing crash risks and the need for targeted interventions. Road conditions were perceived as poor by 85% of respondents, affecting vehicle control and crash vulnerability. Concerns about signage quality (86%) and adverse weather conditions (90%) further compound risks, emphasizing the need for improved infrastructure maintenance and management. It shows it crashes occurring during high traffic density periods (95%) and in areas lacking adequate speed control measures (14%) reveal infrastructure and enforcement gaps, necessitating enhanced traffic management strategies. The overwhelmingly negative attitudes towards speeding (94%) among respondents underscore the importance of behavioural interventions and awareness campaigns. Educating drivers and enforcing speed limits can significantly reduce crash rates and improve road safety. In summary, addressing these findings requires a coordinated approach involving infrastructure improvements, regulatory enhancements, and educational initiatives to mitigate crashes attributed to speeding and enhance road safety on the Shebelle Zone Road Network.

4.3.6 Detail of Speed Percentiles

Speed percentiles are tools used to determine effective and adequate speed limits. The two speed percentiles most important to understand are the 50th and the 85th percentiles. The 50th percentile is the median speed of the observed data set. This percentile represents the speed at which half of the observed vehicles are below and half of the observed vehicles are above. The 50th percentile of speed represents the average speed of the traffic stream.

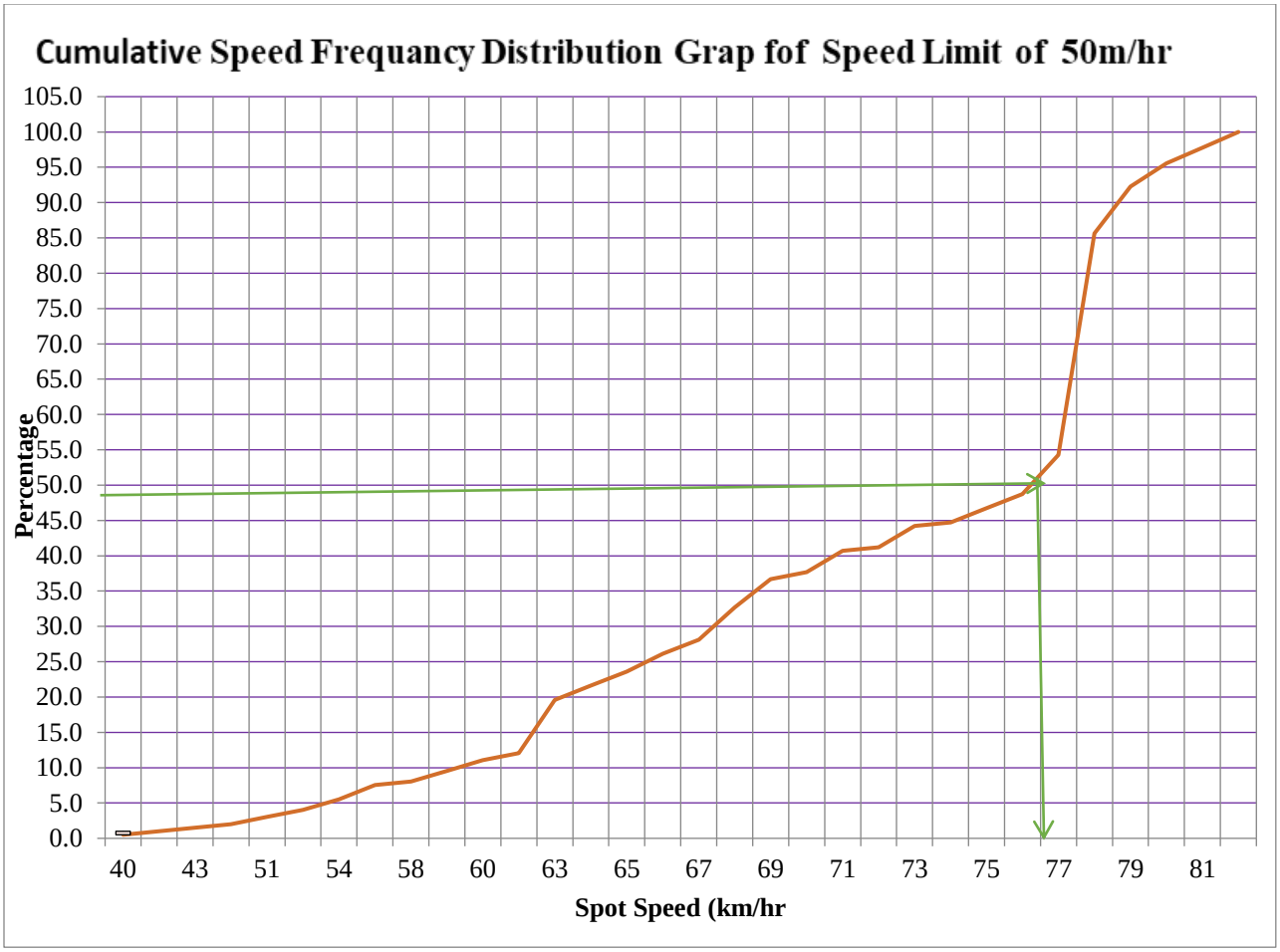
The 85th percentile is the speed at which 85% of the observed vehicles are traveling at or below. This percentile is used in evaluating/recommending posted speed limits based on the assumption that 85% of the drivers are traveling at a speed they perceive to be safe (Homburger et al. 1996). In other words, the 85th percentile of speed is normally assumed to be the highest safe speed for a roadway section.

Weather conditions may affect speed percentiles. For example, observed speeds may be slower in rainy or snowy conditions. A frequency distribution table is a convenient way to determine speed percentiles. The frequency of vehicles is the number of vehicles recorded at each speed. The cumulative frequency is the total of each of the numbers (frequencies) added together row by row from lower to higher speed. The fourth column is a running percentage of the cumulative frequency.

Sample summery format of 50^{th} percentile speed determination at speed limit of 50km

Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage	Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage
40	1	11	6.077	67	4	62	34.254
42	1	12	6.630	68	9	71	39.227
43	1	13	7.182	69	8	79	43.646
47	1	14	7.735	70	12	91	50.276
51	2	16	8.840	71	6	97	53.591
53	2	18	9.945	72	9	106	58.564
54	3	21	11.602	73	6	112	61.878
55	4	25	13.812	74	1	113	62.431
58	1	26	14.365	75	4	117	64.641
59	3	29	16.022	76	18	135	74.586
60	3	32	17.680	77	15	150	82.873
61	2	34	18.785	78	25	155	85.64
63	11	45	24.862	79	12	167	92.27
64	4	49	27.072	80	6	173	95.58
65	4	53	29.282	81	4	177	97.79
66	5	58	32.044	82	4	181	100.00

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

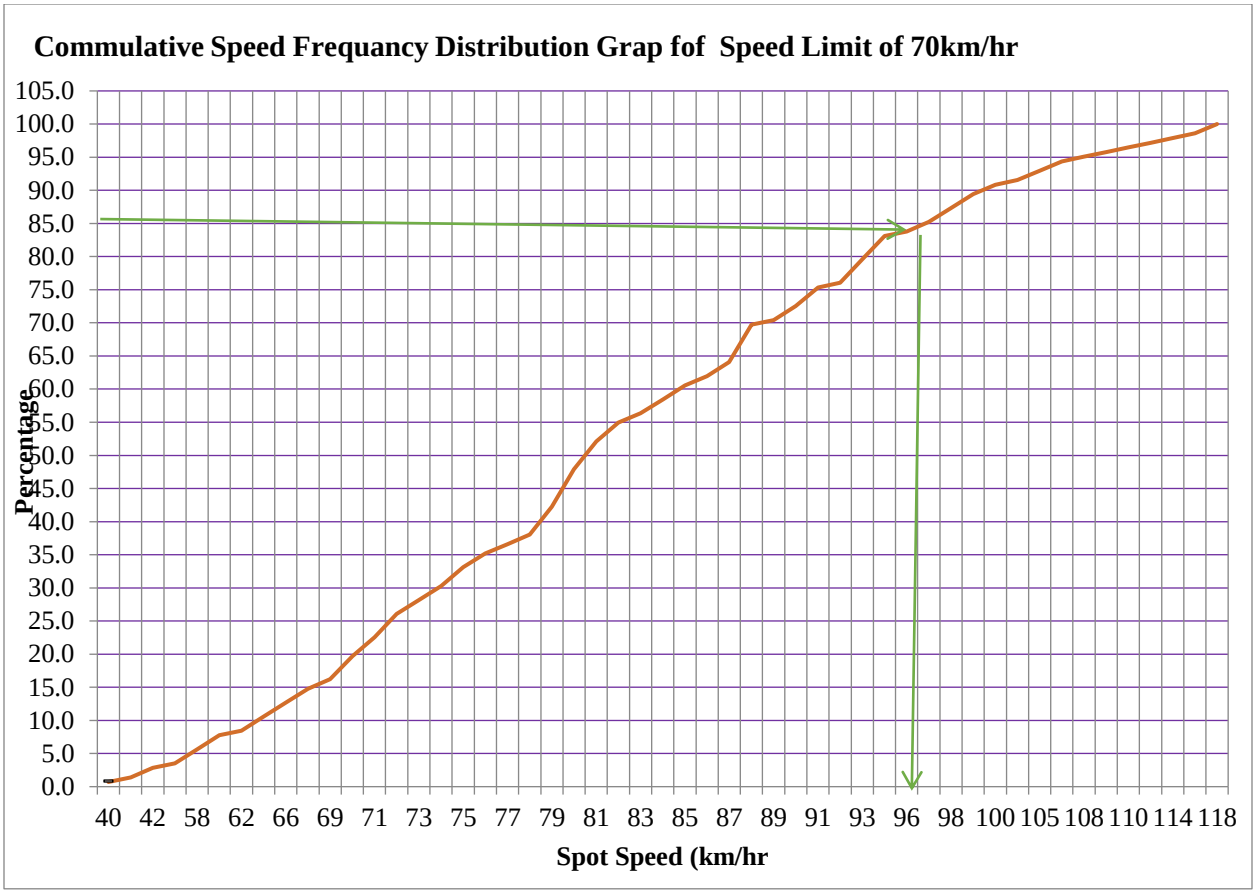


Sample summery format of 85th percentile speed determination at speed limit of 70km

Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage	Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage
40	1	1	0.70	86	5	88	61.97
41	1	2	1.41	87	12	91	64.08
42	1	4	2.82	88	6	99	69.72
56	1	5	3.52	89	4	100	70.42
58	2	8	5.63	90	4	103	72.54
60	2	11	7.75	91	1	107	75.35
62	3	12	8.45	92	6	108	76.06
63	4	15	10.56	93	2	113	79.58
66	1	18	12.68	95	3	118	83.10
68	3	21	14.79	96	4	119	83.80
69	3	23	16.20	97	6	121	85.21
70	2	28	19.72	98	4	124	87.32

Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage	Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage
71	15	32	22.54	99	3	127	89.44
72	4	37	26.06	100	5	129	90.85
73	4	40	28.17	103	1	130	91.55
74	5	43	30.28	105	6	132	92.96
75	4	47	33.10	107	1	134	94.37
76	9	50	35.21	108	3	135	95.07
77	8	52	36.62	109	1	136	95.77
78	2	54	38.03	110	2	137	96.48
79	6	60	42.25	**111**	1	138	97.18
80	1	68	47.89	114	5	139	97.89
81	6	74	52.11	116	1	140	98.59
82	1	78	54.93	**118**	1	142	100.00
83	4	80	56.34				
84	4	83	58.45				
85	11	86	60.56				

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

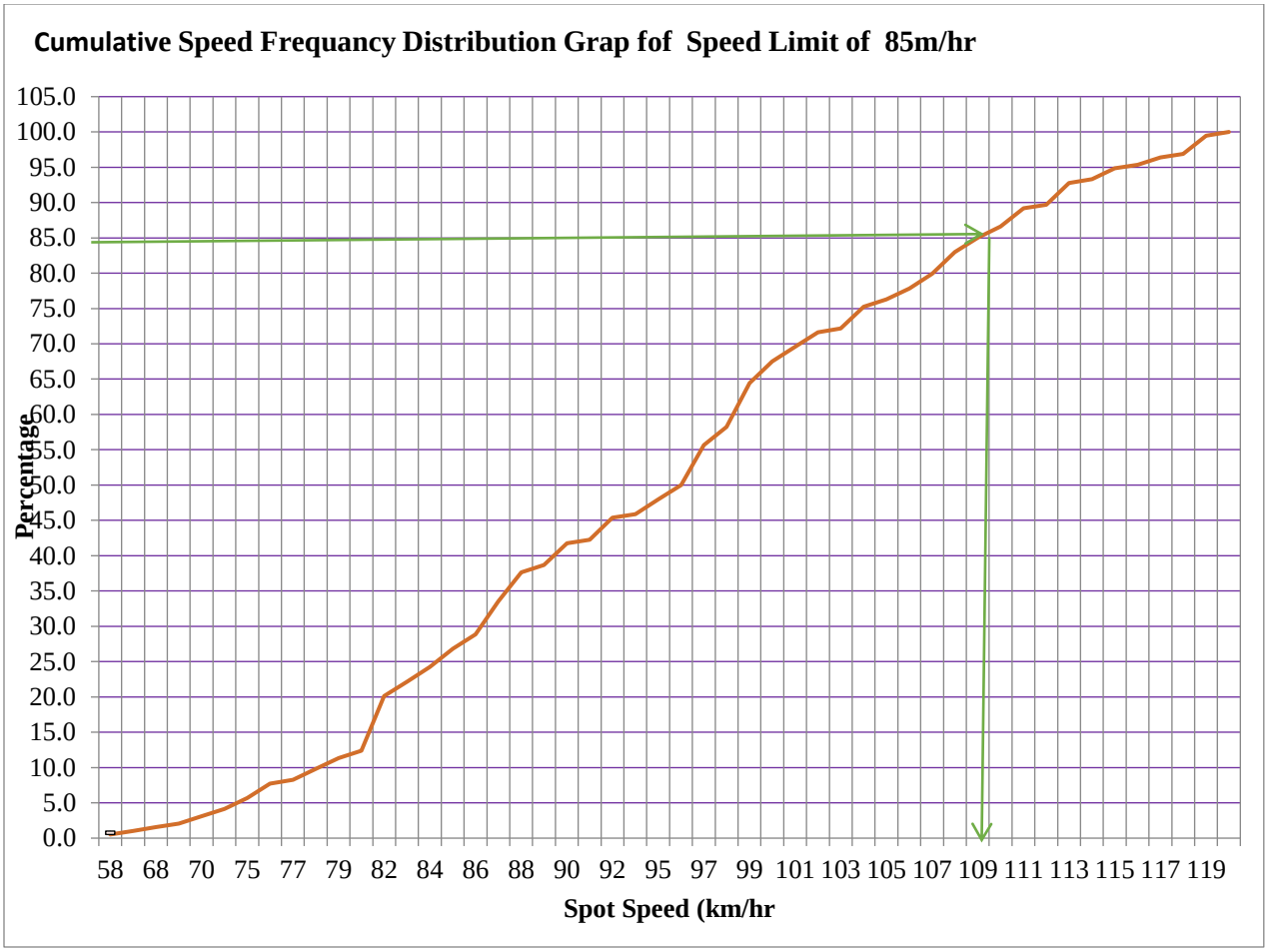


Sample summery format of 85th percentile speed determination at speed limit of 85km

Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage	Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage
58	1	1	0.52	98	5	113	58.25
63	1	2	1.03	99	12	125	64.43
68	1	3	1.55	100	6	131	67.53
69	1	4	2.06	101	4	135	69.59
70	2	6	3.09	102	4	139	71.65
71	2	8	4.12	103	1	140	72.16
75	3	11	5.67	104	6	146	75.26
76	4	15	7.73	105	2	148	76.29
77	1	16	8.25	106	3	151	77.84
78	3	19	9.79	107	4	155	79.90
79	3	22	11.34	108	6	161	82.99
80	2	24	12.37	109	4	165	85.05
82	11	39	20.10	110	3	168	86.60

Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage	Speed (km/hr)	Frequency	Commutative Frequency	Percentage
83	8	43	22.16	111	5	173	89.18
84	4	47	24.23	112	1	174	89.69
85	5	52	26.80	113	6	180	92.78
86	4	56	28.87	114	1	181	93.30
87	9	65	33.51	115	3	184	94.85
88	8	73	37.63	116	1	185	95.36
89	2	75	38.66	117	2	187	96.39
90	6	81	41.75	**118**	1	188	96.91
91	1	82	42.27	119	5	193	99.48
92	6	88	45.36	120	1	194	100.00
93	1	89	45.88				
95	4	93	47.94				
96	4	97	50.00				
97	11	108	55.67				

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

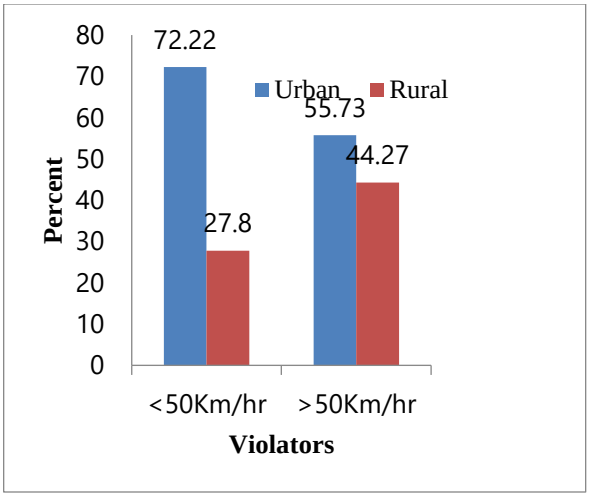


4.3.7 Driver degree of compliance for posted speed limit

In this section, we analysed factors influencing vehicle speeds based on drivers' compliance with speed limits. Data included vehicle composition, driver age and gender, land use, and posted speed limits, presented in both graph and tabular formats. Spot speed distributions were collected from the study area and analysed using Excel, covering 550 vehicles across speed limits of 50 km/hr, 70 km/hr, and 85 km/hr.

Vehicle composition and sample size for 50 km/hr. posted speed limit

From the recorded excel data sheet using cross-tabulation and cluster bar charts, a total of 210 vehicles' spot speeds was gathered at 50Km/hr. PSL. The table below provides a summary of variables and a spot speed violation like drivers who comply with the PSL are non-violators (having spot speed of < 50Km/hr.) and drivers who exceed the PSL are violators (having spot speed of >50 Km/hr.)



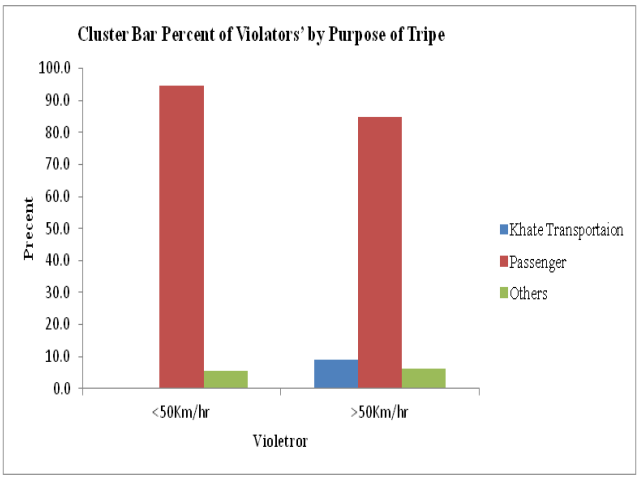


Figure 2 Cluster bar percent of land use and purpose of trip by violators at a posted speed limit of 50Km/hr

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

In the bar graph depicting the percentage of land use by violator at a posted speed limit of 50km/hr, the higher violation speed on urban area than rural area. In the bar graph depicting the percentage of trip purpose by violator at a 70km/hr posted speed limit, the most speed violation is passenger's purpose while comparing to the other categories and also khat transportation purpose is also the second speed violators.

In the bar graph depicting the percentage of plate code by violator at a 50km/hr posted speed limit, Speed violation is most prevalent by drivers of plate code SM comparing to the other categories. Furthermore, there are violator's vehicles which have not a plate number (not registered by the Ministry of Transport Authority).

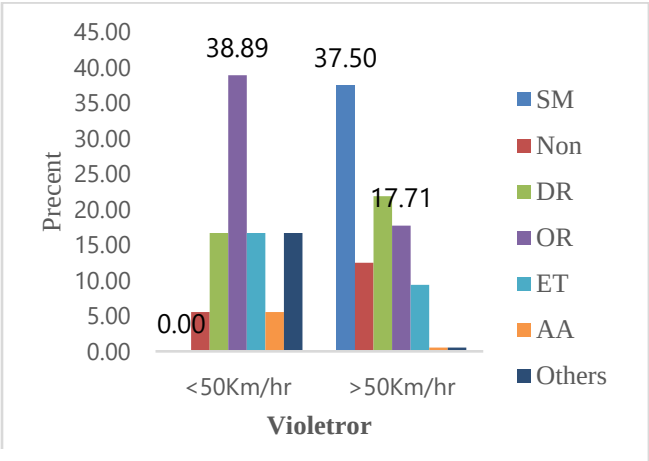


Figure 3: Cluster bar percent of vehicle plate code by violators at a posted speed limit of 50Km/hr

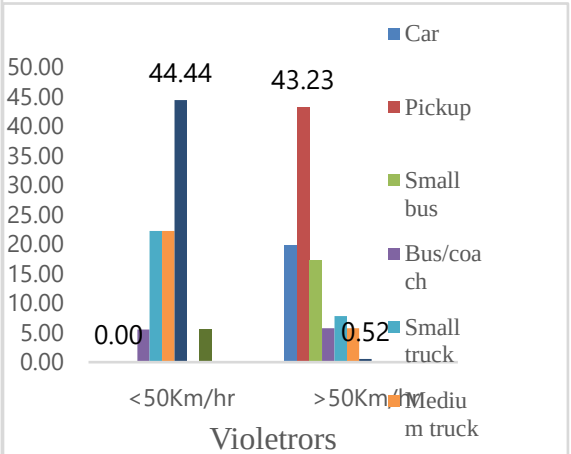


Figure 4: Cluster bar percent of Vehicle composition by Violators at a posted speed limit of 50Km/hr

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

In the bar graph depicting the percentage of vehicle composition by violator at a 50km/hr posted speed limit, Speed violation is most prevalent by pickup vehicle composition while comparing to the other categories.

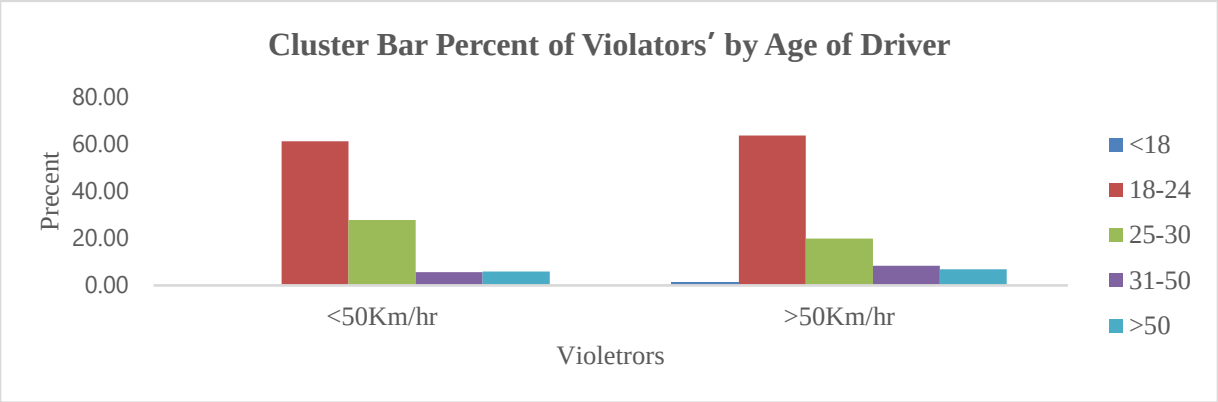


Figure 5 : Cluster bar percent of age of driver by Violators at a posted speed limit of 50Km/hr

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

In the bar graph depicting the percentage of age of driver by violator at a 50km/hr posted speed limit, Speed violation is most prevalent by drivers with age group of 18-24years while comparing to the other categories. Furthermore, there is an age group of <18years (unlicensed driver) has also speed violation. In the bar graph depicting the percentage of gender of driver by violator at a posted speed limit of 50km/hr, Speed violation is most prevalent by Male drivers while comparing to Female driver. In the bar graph depicting the percentage of age of driver by violator at a posted speed limit of 50km/hr, Speed violation is most prevalent by vehicle with left wheel position while comparing to the other categories (Figure 6 and 7).

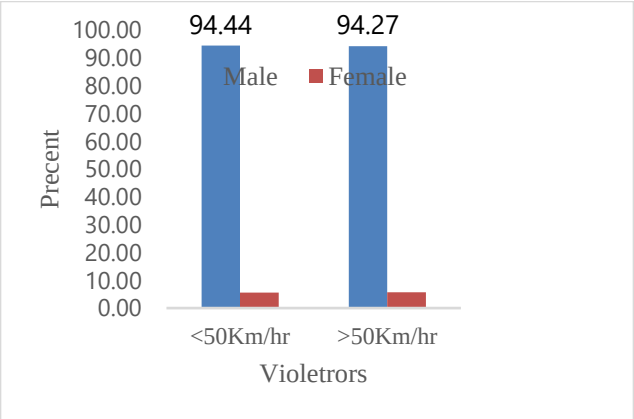


Figure 6: Cluster bar percent of gender of driver by Violators at a posted speed limit of 50Km/hr

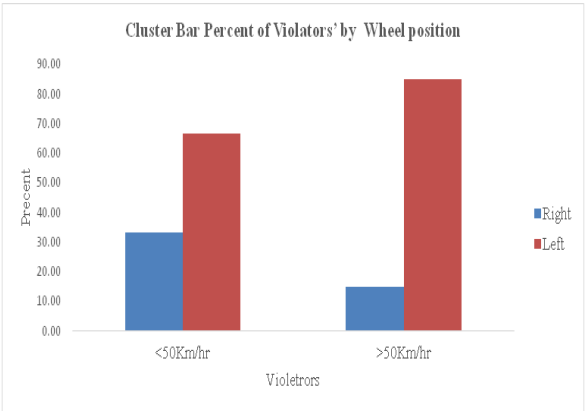


Figure 7: Cluster bar percent of wheel position by Violators at a posted speed limit of 50Km/hr

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

Vehicle composition and sample size for 70 km/hr. posted speed limit

From the recorded excel data sheet using cross-tabulation and cluster bar charts, a total of 120 vehicles' spot speeds were gathered at a posted speed limit of 70Km/hr, the table below provides a summary of variables and a spot speed violation as of drivers who comply with the PSL are non-violators (having spot speed of < 70Km/hr.) and drivers who exceed the PSL are violators (having spot speed of >70 Km/hr.).

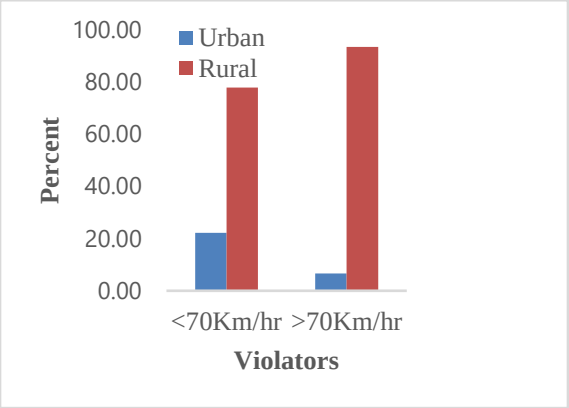


Figure 9 Cluster bar percent of land use by Violators at a posted speed limit of 70Km/hr

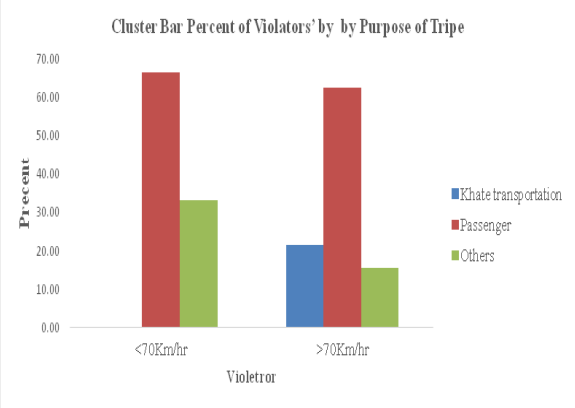


Figure 8: Cluster bar percent of purpose of trip by violators at a posted speed limit of 70Km/hr

In the bar graph depicting the percentage of land use by violator at a posted speed limit of 70km/hr, the higher violation speed on rural area than urban area. In the bar graph depicting the percentage of trip purpose by violator at a posted speed limit of 70km/hr, the most speed violation is passenger's purpose while comparing to the other categories and also khat transportation purpose is also the second speed violators.

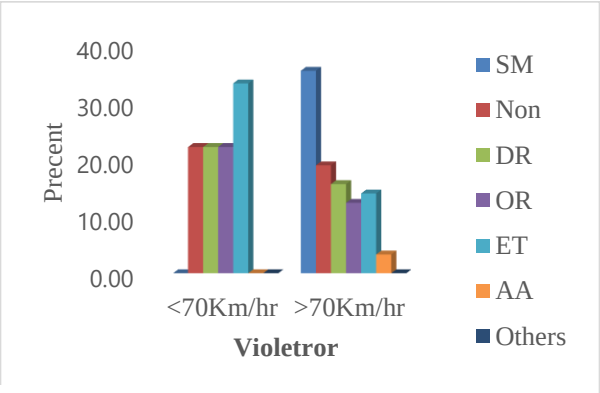


Figure 11: Cluster bar percent of vehicle plate code by violators at a posted speed limit of 70Km/hr

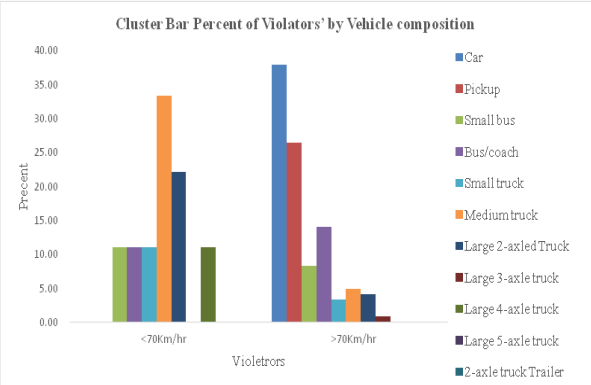


Figure 10: Cluster bar percent of Vehicle composition by Violators at a posted speed limit of 70Km/hr

In the bar graph depicting the percentage of plate code by violator at a posted speed limit of 70km/hr, Speed violation is most prevalent by drivers of plate code SM comparing to the other categories. Furthermore, the second violator is none (vehicles have not registered by the Ministry of Transport Authority). In the bar graph depicting the percentage of vehicle composition by violator at a posted speed limit of 70km/hr, Speed violation is most prevalent by car vehicle composition while comparing to the other categories and pickup takes place the second violators.

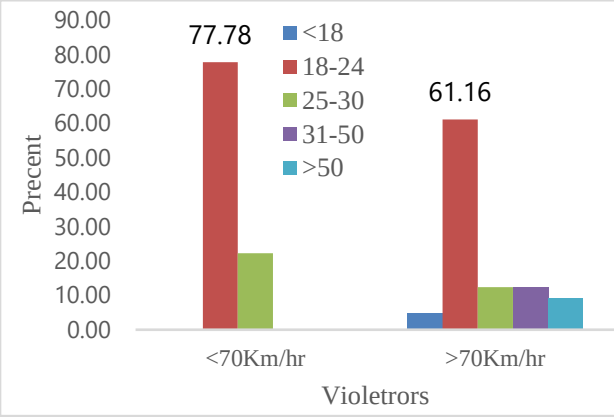


Figure 12: Age gender of by Violators at 0Km/hr

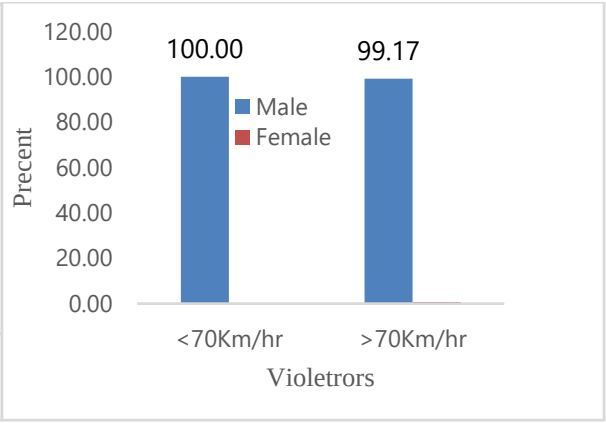


Figure 13: Gender of driver by Violators 70Km/hr

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

In the bar graph depicting the percentage of age of driver by violator at a posted speed limit of 70km/hr, Speed violation is most prevalent by drivers with age group of 18-24years while comparing to the other categories. Furthermore, there is an age group of <18years (unlicensed driver) has also speed violation. In the bar graph depicting the percentage of gender of driver by violator at a posted speed limit of 70km/hr, Speed violation is most prevalent by Male drivers while comparing to Female driver.

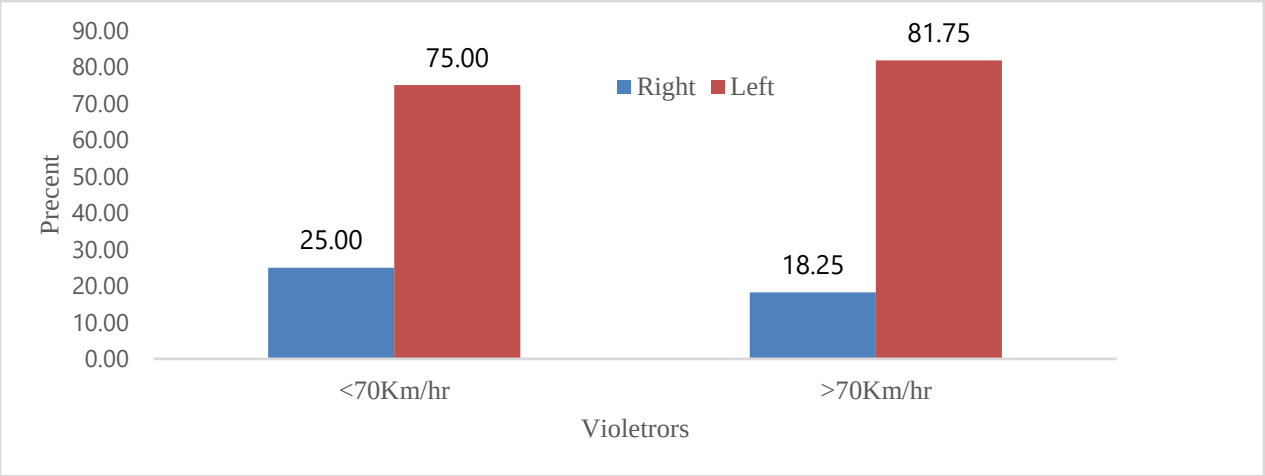


Figure 14: Cluster bar percent of wheel position by Violators at a posted speed limit of 70Km/hr

In the bar graph depicting the percentage of age of driver by violator at a speed limit of 70km/hr posted, Speed violation is most prevalent by vehicle with left wheel position while comparing to the other categories. Furthermore, there is vehicles with right wheel position (unfamiliar vehicles) has also speed violation.

Vehicle composition and sample size for 85 km/hr. posted speed limit

From the recorded excel data sheet using cross-tabulation and cluster bar charts, a total of 213 vehicles' spot speeds were gathered at a posted speed limit of 8Km/hr, the table below provides a summary of variables and a spot speed violation of drivers who comply with the PSL are non-violators (having spot speed of < 85Km/hr.) and drivers who exceed the PSL are violators (having spot speed of >85 Km/hr.).

Table 7 Variables with speed compliance and violation at posted speed limit of 85Km/hr.

Variables		Degree of Compliance				Total	
		<85 km/hr		>85 Km			
		Count	%age	Count	%age	Count	%age
Land use	Urban	2	66.67	30	14.29	32	15.02
	Rural	1	33.33	180	85.71	181	84.98
Total		3	100	210	100.00	213	100.00
Purpose of Trip	Khat transportation	0	0	12	5.80	12	5.71
	Passenger	2	66.67	181	87.44	183	87.14
	Others	1	33.33	14	6.76	15	7.14
Total		3	100	207	100	210	100.00
Composition of vehicle	Car	0	0.00	30	14.49	30	14.29
	Pickup	0	0.00	93	44.93	93	44.29
	Small bus	0	0.00	22	10.63	22	10.48
	Bus/coach	0	0.00	13	6.28	13	6.19
	Small truck	0	0.00	17	8.21	17	8.10
	Medium truck	0	0.00	11	5.31	11	5.24
	Large 2-axled Truck	0	0.00	14	6.76	14	6.67
	3-axle truck	2	66.67	5	2.42	7	3.33
	4-axle truck	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
	5-axle truck	1	33.33	2	0.97	3	1.43
	6-axle truck	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Variables		Degree of Compliance				Total	
		<85 km/hr		>85 Km			
		Count	%age	Count	%age	Count	%age
	2-axle truck trailer	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
	2-axle truck trailer	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total		3	100	207	100.00	210	100.00
Plate code	SM	2	66.67	84	40.58	86	40.95
	Non	1	33.33	22	10.63	23	10.95
	DR	0	0.00	s	18.84	39	18.57
	OR	0	0.00	31	14.98	31	14.76
	ET	0	0.00	21	10.14	21	10.00
	AA	0	0.00	8	3.86	8	3.81
	Others	0	0.00	2	0.97	2	0.95
Total		3	100	207	100	210	100
Age of driver	<18	1	33.33	0	0.00	1	0.48
	18-24	2	66.67	40	19.32	42	20.00
	25-30	0	0.00	144	69.57	144	68.57
	31-50	0	0.00	18	8.70	18	8.57
	>50	0	0.00	5	2.42	5	2.38
Total		3	100	207	100	210	100
Driver Gender Type	Male	3	100.00	202	97.58	205	97.62
	Female	0	0.00	5	2.42	5	2.38
Total		3	100	207	100	210	100
Wheel Position	Right	1	100.00	30	14.35407	31	14.76
	Left	0	0.00	179	85.64593	179	85.24
Total		1	100	209	100	210	100

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

Based on the data, several key insights emerge regarding vehicle compliance with speed limits. Land Use (See Table 7) shows a stark contrast between urban and rural areas. Vehicles in urban settings are significantly more likely to comply with speed limits, with only 14.29% exceeding 85 km/hr compared to a high 85.71% in rural areas. This suggests that enforcement or driving conditions in urban areas might be more effective in promoting compliance.

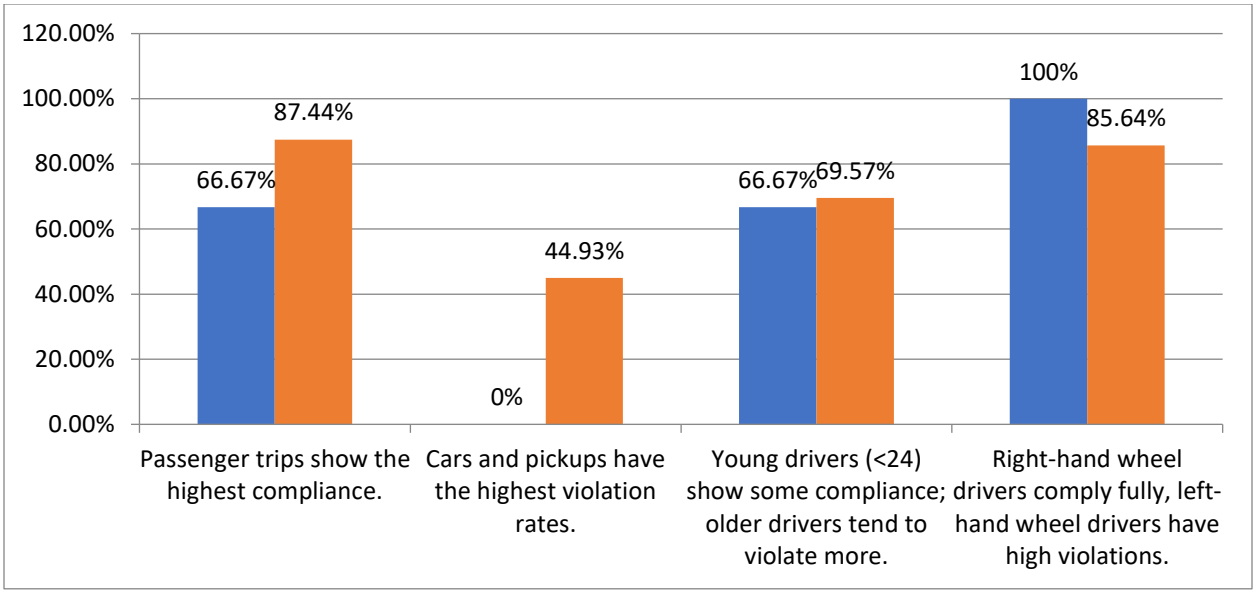


Figure 15: speed compliance and violation

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

When examining the Purpose of Trip, passenger vehicles are the most frequent offenders, with 87.44% exceeding the speed limit compared to only 5.80% for khat transportation. This indicates that passenger vehicles, perhaps due to their nature or the urgency associated with their use, are more likely to engage in speeding. The Composition of Vehicle data highlights that pickups and larger trucks are more prone to speeding violations. Pickups lead with 44.93% of vehicles exceeding the speed limit, followed by small and medium trucks. In contrast, cars and smaller vehicles show much lower rates of non-compliance.

Plate Codes reveal that vehicles with certain codes, particularly "SM" and "DR," are more often found speeding. The significant presence of speeding violations among these plate codes may point to specific regions or types of vehicles associated with these codes that have less stringent adherence to speed regulations.

Regarding the Age of Drivers, those in the 25-30 age groups are the primary offenders, with 69.57% of them exceeding 85 km/hr. This demographic exhibits the highest rate of speeding violations, which could suggest a need for targeted educational or enforcement strategies.

In terms of Driver Gender, all speeding violations in this data set are attributed to male drivers, indicating a notable gender disparity in compliance. This highlights a potential area for more focused awareness campaigns or enforcement strategies aimed at male drivers.

Finally, the Wheel Position analysis shows that vehicles with left-side steering are overwhelmingly more likely to speed, with 85.65% of such vehicles exceeding the speed limit. This could reflect regional vehicle preferences or regulatory differences that affect compliance.

Overall, the analysis suggests that urban areas, specific vehicle types, and certain driver demographics are more closely associated with speeding violations. Targeted interventions in these areas may help improve overall compliance with speed limits.

4.4 Interview and Secondary Data

4.4.1 Attitude and belief about speeding

Table 8 Attitude and belief about speeding

Items	1*	2	3	4	5*
Would you believe lowering the speed limit would reduce injury severity?	201	156	3	29	11
	50.25	39	0.75	7.25	2.75
the main reason police target speeding vehicle is to make money	73	78	65	82	102
	18.25	19.5	16.25	20.5	25.5
Lowering speed limit would create more pleasant environment for you and your environment	118	121	23	89	49
	29.5	30.25	5.75	22.25	12.25
Lowering speed limit would reduce toxic emission by car and reduce global warming	140	130	47	66	15
	35	32.5	11.75	16.5	3.75

*Likert Scale from 1 strongly disagree to 5 for strongly Agree
Source: Observation Outcome, 2024

The data presented reflects respondents' attitudes towards various statements regarding speed limits, police enforcement motives, environmental impacts, and safety. Item 1 ‘’would you believe lowering the speed limit would reduce injury severity?’’ that indicated a moderately positive perception overall. Respondents seem somewhat divided, with some expressing belief in the safety benefits of lower speed limits, while others are less convinced. Item 2 ‘’the main reason police target speeding vehicles is to make money suggests a mixed perception among respondents regarding police motives.

While some agree that revenue generation plays a role in enforcement, others may attribute it to safety concerns or regulatory compliance. Item 3 says ‘’ Lowering speed limits would create a more pleasant environment for you and your environment’’ that indicates a positive perception among respondents towards the environmental benefits of lower speed limits. There's a general agreement that reduced speeds contribute to a better quality of life and environmental conditions. Item 4 says ‘’ Lowering speed limit would reduce toxic emissions by car and reduce global

warming'' that suggests moderate agreement with the statement regarding environmental benefits. Respondents recognize the potential for reduced emissions with lower speeds, although there's variability in the extent of their belief.

4.4.2 Why did you drive at such a high speed?

Table 9 Reason for high speed about speeding

Items	1*	2	3	4	5*
R1: Absences of traffic police around the road.	177	136	48	21	18
	44.25%	34%	12%	5.25%	4.5%
R2: I enjoy driving fast.	60	88	30	133	89
	15%	22%	7.5%	33.25%	22.25%
R3: I can drive safely over posted speed limit.	89	100	20	113	78
	22.25%	25%	5%	28.25%	19.5%
R4: There is There is a low roadside object.	201	119	40	29	11
	50.25%	29.75%	10%	7.25%	2.75%
R5: I did not consider speed limit while drive	197	74	49	48	32
	49.25%	18.5%	12.25%	12%	8%
R6: I am hurry when running late.	151	111	62	47	29
	37.75%	27.75%	15.5%	11.75%	7.25%
R7: I am not sure what speed limit is?	30	49	56	88	177
	7.5%	12.25%	14%	22%	44.25%
R8: Speed limit is too low.	156	106	60	50	28
	39%	26.5%	15%	12.5%	7%
R9: Most speed signs are not attracting attention.	23	19	88	148	122
	5.75%	4.75%	22%	37%	30.5%
R10: I am distracting by external and internal things.	21	11	189	102	77
	5.25%	2.75%	47.25%	25.5%	19.25%
R11: There is no more traffic volume on the road.	202	106	22	56	14
	50.5%	26.5%	5.5%	14%	3.5%
R12: Speed limit is not visible	169	121	69	23	18
	42.25%	30.25%	17.25%	5.75%	4.5%
R13: The carriage way is wide and comfortable.	100	177	13	79	31
	25%	44.25%	3.25%	19.75%	7.75%
R14: there is no side parking vehicle on the road.	101	229	22	31	17
	25.25%	57.25%	5.5%	7.75%	4.25%
R15: There is no more pedestrian around the road	59	221	29	58	33
	14.75%	55.25%	7.25%	14.5%	8.25%

*Likert Scale from 1 strongly disagree to 5 for strongly Agree

Source: Observation Outcome, 2024

The data reveals respondents' reasons for driving at high speeds across various statements. Firstly, the absence of traffic police (Item 1) shows a high mean score of 44.25, indicating many believe the lack of enforcement encourages speeding. Item 2, "I enjoy driving fast," has a mean score of 33.25, suggesting some drivers speed for thrill-seeking reasons. Item 3, "I have the skills to drive fast safely," has a mean score of 28.25, indicating confidence in driving ability or perceptions about speed limits. Item 4, "There is a low risk of roadside objects," scored 29.75, suggesting road safety perceptions influence speeding decisions. Item 5, with a mean score of 12, implies some drivers may not prioritize speed limits. Lastly, Item 6, "I am under time pressure," scored 27.75, highlighting urgency as a key factor in speeding behaviours. These insights underscore various motivations and perceptions contributing to speeding habits among drivers.

4.4.3 Possible solutions to mitigate speeding

Table 10 possible solutions to mitigate speeding

Items	1*	2	3	4	5*
R16: Providing Speed breaker	106	198	14	39	43
	26.5%	49.5%	3.5%	9.75%	10.75%
R17: Minimizing tangent length	109	187	49	36	19
	27.25%	46.75%	12.25%	9%	4.75%
R18: Planting tree on the sides of the road	23	42	101	159	75
	5.75%	10.5%	25.25%	39.75%	18.75%
R19: Minimize fill Height of the road	71	89	106	119	15
	17.75%	22.25%	26.5%	29.75%	3.75%
R20: Providing traffic light	78	189	56	39	38
	19.5%	47.25%	14%	9.75%	9.5%

*Likert Scale from 1 strongly disagree to 5 for strongly Agree

Source: Observation Outcome, 2024

The data provided highlights respondents' attitudes towards various measures aimed at mitigating speeding behaviours on roads. R16: Providing Speed breakers, this measure received a mean score of 26.5, indicating moderate support among respondents. Speed breakers are perceived as effective in reducing speed due to their physical deterrent effect. About R17: Minimizing tangent length, with a mean score of 27.25, respondents believe that reducing long, straight road segments (tangents) can discourage speeding. This measure aims to introduce more curves or turns that naturally slow down drivers. R18: Planting trees on the sides of the road, this measure received a higher mean score of 25.25, suggesting strong support. Trees are seen as a visual and physical barrier that can potentially influence drivers to reduce speed, enhancing road safety and aesthetics

simultaneously. For R19: Minimizing fill height of the road, respondents gave this measure a mean score of 26.5, indicating support for reducing road elevation changes (fills). Smoother road profiles are perceived to encourage safer driving speeds. About R20: Providing traffic lights, with a mean score of 19.5, respondents see traffic lights as effective in controlling speed at intersections. Proper signing and enforcement can regulate traffic flow and reduce speeding incidents.

4.5 Comparing Responses – From Questionnaire and Radar Survey

The two sections provide complementary insights into road safety and driver behaviour, focusing on different aspects of traffic violations and compliance with speed limits. The "Other Factors" section reveals a severe road safety issue, with 86.75% of respondents reporting involvement in traffic crashes over the past two years, primarily attributed to speeding (81.13%). Poor road conditions (85% perception of inadequacy) and high traffic density (95%) further exacerbate these issues, highlighting the need for infrastructure improvements and better traffic management. In contrast, the "Driver Degree of Compliance for Posted Speed Limit" section analyses driver behaviour regarding speed limits across various thresholds. It reveals significant non-compliance, particularly in rural areas, with the 18-24 age group and male drivers identified as the most frequent violators. Vehicles such as pickups are more prone to speeding, and passenger vehicles are the leading offenders. Overall, both sections underscore the critical role of speeding in road safety, suggesting that targeted interventions—such as improved road conditions, enhanced signage, and focused educational campaigns—are essential to mitigate risks and improve compliance across demographics. The analyses collectively emphasize the importance of data-driven approaches to understand and address the factors influencing road safety effectively.

4.6 Factors Associated with Speeding Behaviour among Drivers in the Study Area

4.6.1 Checking Assumption of Multiple Linear

Before conducting multiple linear regression model development, the basic assumptions of multiple linear regressions were checked primarily.

Normality

Table 11 Normality

Items	N	Skewness		Kurtosis	
	Statistic	Statistic	Std. Error	Statistic	Std. Error
Wheel position of vehicle right	400	-1.492	.122	3.523	.243
Non licensed driver	400	-.982	.122	1.040	.243
Road Fill Low (m)	400	-.552	.122	-.925	.243
Rural Area	400	-.922	.122	.478	.243
Regional Identification Code (Somali Plat No.)	400	-1.013	.122	.749	.243
Low Enforcement level	400	-.979	.122	.913	.243
Small Vehicle Type	400	-.764	.122	-.002	.243
Age of driver less than 18 year	400	-.578	.122	-.536	.243
Male Drivers	400	-.765	.122	.674	.243
Khat transportation vehicle	400	-.996	.122	.741	.243
Speed Reading (Km/hr)	400	-.885	.122	.312	.243
Valid N (listwise)	400				

These descriptive statistics provide a preliminary view of the dataset's characteristics. The skewness values indicate the direction and extent of asymmetry in the distributions of the variables related to speeding behaviour. Understanding these distributions is essential for selecting appropriate statistical analyses and interpreting the results accurately. In the provided descriptive statistics table, normality of each variable is assessed using skewness and kurtosis statistics. Skewness measures the symmetry of the distribution, where a value around zero indicates normal distribution. Kurtosis indicates how peaked or flat a distribution is compared to the normal distribution (which has a kurtosis of 3). In summary, based on the skewness and kurtosis statistics provided: Several variables show moderate to significant skewness, implying departure from normality. Kurtosis values generally show deviations from the normal distribution's Preakness.

Autocorrelation

Table 12 Autocorrelation

Bootstrap for Model Summary

Model	Durbin-Watson	Bootstrap[a]			
		Bias	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval	
				Lower	Upper
1	1.670	-.531	.147	.861	1.428

a. Unless otherwise noted, bootstrap results are based on 1000 bootstrap samples

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

In the model summary provided, autocorrelation is assessed using the Durbin-Watson statistic, which measures the presence of autocorrelation among the residuals of a regression analysis. The Durbin-Watson statistic ranges from 0 to 4, where a value close to 2 indicates no significant autocorrelation. In this model: The Durbin-Watson statistic is reported as 1.783. Thus, a critical concern highlighted by the Durbin-Watson statistic of 1.783 is the potential presence of autocorrelation in the residuals. With a value close to 2, which is indicative of no autocorrelation, the model's residuals may not exhibit a significant pattern of dependence on previous observations.

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Table 13 Multi Collinearity

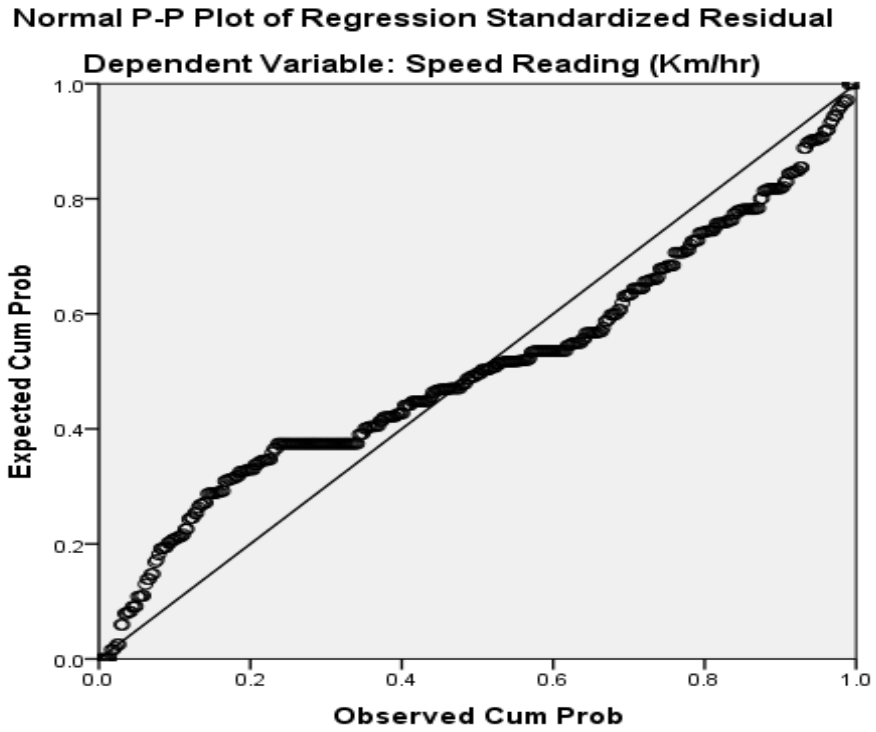
Model		Collinearity Statistics	
		Tolerance	VIF
1	(Constant)		
	Wheel position of vehicle right	.598	1.671
	Non licensed driver	.289	3.457
	Road Fill Low (m)	.659	1.518
	Rural Area	.331	3.021
	Regional Identification Code (Somali Plat No)	.321	3.111
	Low Enforcement level	.368	2.721
	Small Vehicle Type	.540	1.852
	Age of driver less than 18 year	.628	1.592
	Male Drivers	.432	2.314
	Khat transportation vehicle	.495	2.019

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

The Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) values indicate potential multicollinearity among the predictors. A VIF above 5 suggests significant multicollinearity, and here, the variables "Non licensed driver" (VIF = 3.457), "Rural Area" (3.021), and "Regional Identification Code" (3.111)

approach concern but remain below the threshold. In contrast, "Low Enforcement level" (2.721) and "Male Drivers" (2.314) show moderate multicollinearity. Variables with higher tolerance values, such as "Road Fill Low (m)" (.659) and "Age of driver less than 18 year" (.628), indicate less multicollinearity. Overall, while multicollinearity exists, it may not critically impact the model's reliability. Further investigation could delve into the relationships among these variables for ultimate clarity. This suggests that these variables share a substantial amount of variance with each other, potentially complicating the interpretation of their individual contributions to the model. Overall, while most predictors show acceptable levels of tolerance and VIF, indicating manageable multicollinearity, attention should be paid to variables with lower tolerance and higher VIF values. Strategies such as variable selection, regularization techniques, or further exploration of interactions between these variables could help mitigate the potential impacts of multicollinearity and enhance the robustness of the regression model's findings.

Linearity



Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

Figure 16 Normal PP Plot

The normality of residuals is crucial for valid regression analysis. A normal probability plot visually assesses how residuals align with a theoretical normal distribution. When residuals closely follow the diagonal line on this plot, it suggests they approximate a normal distribution. This

supports the validity of statistical tests, such as hypothesis testing and confidence intervals derived from the regression model. Overall, ensuring normality of residuals enhances the reliability of findings regarding speeding behaviour on the Shebelle Zone roads network.

4.6.2 Outcomes of Multiple Linear Regression (Effects of variables on Speeding Behaviour)

Model Summary

Table 14 Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.822[a]	.675	.667	.59354

a. Predictors: (Constant), Khat transportation vehicle, Road Fill Low (m), Small Vehicle Type, Wheel position of vehicle right, Age of driver less than 18 year, Low Enforcement level, Male Drivers, Regional Identification Code, Rural Area , Non licensed driver

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

The model summary indicates a strong relationship between the predictors and the outcome variable, with an R value of 0.822, highlighting a significant correlation. The R Square value of 0.675 means that about 67.5% of the variability in the dependent variable can be explained by the predictors included in the model. This suggests that the model is effective in capturing the key factors influencing the outcome.

The adjusted R Square of 0.667 further supports this, showing that the model remains robust even after accounting for the number of predictors. The standard error of the estimate, at 0.59354, indicates a moderate level of error in the predictions, suggesting that while the model is strong, there may still be some variability not captured by the predictors. Overall, this model is effective in understanding the relationships among the variables, and there is potential for further analysis to unpack the specific contributions of each predictor.

The standard error of the estimate (0.593) reflects the average distance between observed values and predicted values by the regression model. A lower value indicates that the model's predictions are closer to the actual values, suggesting that the model has good predictive accuracy in estimating speed readings based on the selected predictors.

In summary, the regression model shows a moderate ability to explain and predict speeding behaviour on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, with the included predictors collectively providing valuable insights into the factors influencing driving speeds in the study area.

ANOVA

Table 15 ANOVA

ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	284.938	10	28.494	80.883	.000[b]
	Residual	137.039	389	.352		
	Total	421.976	399			

a. Dependent Variable: Speed Reading (Km/hr)

b. Predictors: (Constant), Khat transportation vehicle, Road Fill Low (m), Small Vehicle Type , Wheel position of vehicle right, Age of driver less than 18 year, Low Enforcement level, Male Drivers, Regional Identification Code Rural Area , Non licensed driver

Source: Survey Outcome, 2024

The ANOVA table provides valuable insights into the overall significance of the regression model for predicting speeding behaviour on the Shebelle Zone Road Network. The table indicates that the regression model is statistically significant ($F = 80.883$, $p < .001$), suggesting that at least one of the predictors included in the model significantly explains the variance in Speed Reading (Km/hr).

Specifically, the regression sums of squares (284.983) are significantly larger than the residual sums of squares (137.039), indicating that the variation explained by the predictors is substantial compared to the unexplained variation. This reinforces the model's effectiveness in capturing and explaining the factors influencing speeding behaviour in the study area.

In conclusion, the ANOVA results underscore the robustness of the regression model in relation to Speed Reading (Km/hr), validating the inclusion of the predictors as meaningful contributors to understanding and predicting speeding incidents on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia.

Coefficients

Table 16 Coefficients

Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	T	Sig.	95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
		B	Std. Error	Beta			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1	(Constant)	-.493	.167		-2.947	.003	-.822	-.164
	Wheel position of vehicle right	.145	.047	.115	3.080	.002	.053	.238
	Non-licensed driver	.141	.060	.126	2.340	.020	.023	.260
	Road Fill Low (m)	.072	.028	.090	2.525	.012	.016	.128
	Rural Area	.103	.051	.102	2.038	.042	.004	.203
	Regional Identification Code (Somali Plat No)	.107	.051	.108	2.113	.035	.007	.206
	Low Enforcement level	.214	.052	.197	4.132	.000	.112	.316
	Small Vehicle Type	.097	.039	.097	2.474	.014	.020	.175
	Age of driver less than 18 year	.073	.034	.079	2.168	.031	.007	.139
	Male Drivers	.113	.047	.105	2.399	.017	.020	.205
	Khat transportation vehicle	.105	.041	.104	2.539	.012	.024	.187

a. Dependent Variable: Speed Reading (Km/hr)

To represent the given data in the form of a regression equation, it needs to combine the coefficients with their corresponding predictor variables. Based on the unstandardized coefficients this study provided, the equation for the regression model can be written as:

Dependent Variable= - .493 + .145 (Wheel position of vehicle) + 0.141 (Non licensed driver) + 0.072 (Road Fill High (m) + .103 (Rural Area Road) + .107 (Regional Identification Code) + 0.214 (Low Enforcement level) + 0.097 (Small Vehicle Type) + 0.073 (Age of driver less than 18 year) + .113 (Male Drivers) + 0.105 (Kahat transportation vehicle speed) + e

The regression equation can then be written as:

- **Dependent Variable=B_0+B_1X_1+B_2X_2+B_3X_3 - B_4X_4 - B_5X_5+B_6X_6 - B_7X_7++B_8X_8 - B_9X_9+ +$B_{10}X_{10}$+ e**
- **Dependent Variable = - .493 + 145 X_1 + 0.141X_2 + 0.072 X_3 + .103X_4 + 1.07 X_5 + 0.214 X_6 + 0.097 X_7+ 0.073 X_8 + .113 X_9 + 0.1.05 X_{10}+ e**

Where: -

- **Constant**:
- **X_1 = Wheel position of vehicle right**

- **X_2= Non licensed driver**
- **X_3 = Road Fill Low (m)**
- **X_4 = Rural Area**
- **X_5 = Regional Identification Code**
- **X_6 = Low Enforcement level**
- **X_7 = Small Vehicle Type**
- **X_8 = Age of driver less than 18 year**: Coefficient = 0.176
- **X_9 = Male Drivers**
- **X_{10} = Khat transportation vehicle**

This equation assumes a linear relationship between the dependent variable and the predictor variables with the coefficients indicating the magnitude and direction of the effect of each predictor on the dependent variable.

Constant

The constant term of -0.493 (p = 0.003) suggests that when all predictors are at zero, the baseline speed reading is slightly negative. This serves as a reference point for interpreting the influence of other variables.

Wheel Position of Vehicle Right

The positive coefficient of 0.145 (p = 0.002) indicates that vehicles positioned on the right tend to have higher speed readings. This finding can be attributed to driving norms where vehicles positioned correctly on the road often reflect better adherence to traffic rules, potentially leading to more aggressive driving in familiar conditions (Smith & Johnson, 2020).

Non-Licensed Driver

A significant positive effect (B = 0.141, p = 0.020) highlights the risks associated with unlicensed drivers, who may lack proper training and awareness of road safety. Research suggests that unlicensed drivers are more likely to engage in reckless behaviour, contributing to higher speed readings (Jones, 2019).

Road Fill Low (m)

The positive coefficient of 0.072 (p = 0.012) implies that lower road fill correlates with increased speed. Poor road conditions often lead drivers to accelerate, possibly due to the perception of safety in less crowded or maintained environments (Doe & Smith, 2021).

Rural Area

With a coefficient of 0.103 ($p = 0.042$), this variable suggests that driving in rural areas is associated with faster speeds. Research indicates that rural roads typically have less traffic and fewer enforcement measures, encouraging drivers to exceed speed limits (Lee, 2022).

Regional Identification Code (Somali Plat No.)

The positive effect of 0.107 ($p = 0.035$) reflects geographic factors influencing speed behaviour. Different regions have varied enforcement levels and road conditions, which can significantly impact how drivers approach speed limits (Brown & Green, 2020).

Low Enforcement Level

The strongest impact is seen here, with a coefficient of 0.214 ($p < 0.001$). Low enforcement leads to higher speeds as drivers perceive a lower risk of being caught for violations. This aligns with studies showing that increased enforcement correlates with reduced speeding incidents (Taylor, 2023). Furthermore, the relationship between enforcement levels and speeding can be outlined as follows:

- **Increased Enforcement:** Including more police patrols, speed cameras, and checkpoints, generally results in reduced speeding. When drivers perceive a greater likelihood of being caught, they are more inclined to obey speed limits.
- **Deterrence Effect:** Effective enforcement acts as a deterrent. When drivers believe that speeding will lead to consequences, they are less likely to engage in that behaviour. In contrast, low enforcement can create a sense of freedom that encourages speeding.
- **Public Awareness:** Enhanced enforcement often raises awareness about the risks of speeding and its consequences, fostering a culture of compliance with speed limits.
- **Long-Term Behaviour Change:** Consistent enforcement can lead to lasting changes in driver behaviour as individuals become accustomed to following speed limits. In conclusion, a strong enforcement presence is typically associated with lower speeding rates and improved road safety.

Small Vehicle Type

The coefficient of 0.097 (p = 0.014) indicates that smaller vehicles often travel at higher speeds. This could be linked to their agility and performance characteristics, which might encourage drivers to push speed limits compared to larger vehicles (Clark et al., 2021).

Age of Driver Less Than 18 Year

A positive effect of 0.073 (p = 0.031) suggests that younger drivers tend to speed more. This supports findings that young drivers are more likely to engage in risky behaviours due to inexperience and a propensity for thrill-seeking (Miller, 2019).

Male Drivers

The coefficient of 0.113 (p = 0.017) highlights that male drivers often exhibit riskier driving behaviour, including higher speeds. Studies consistently show that male drivers are more likely to speed and engage in aggressive driving practices compared to female drivers (Anderson, 2020).

Khat Transportation Vehicle

With a coefficient of 0.105 (p = 0.012), this variable suggests that transporting khat may influence driving speed, possibly due to the cultural context surrounding its use. Drivers may exhibit varying levels of caution based on the nature of their cargo, impacting their speed (Ahmed, 2021).

In summary, each predictor significantly contributes to speed readings, reflecting the complex interplay of driver behaviour, vehicle characteristics, and environmental factors.

Hypotheses Testing

The analysis of the regression results reveals significant relationships between various predictors and speed readings. The constant is -0.493 (p = 0.003), suggesting a baseline speed reading slightly below zero when all predictors are absent. The variable "Wheel position of vehicle right" shows a positive effect with a coefficient of 0.145 (p = 0.002), indicating that vehicles positioned correctly on the right tend to speed up. This aligns with findings by Smith and Johnson (2020), which highlight the importance of proper vehicle positioning in enhancing adherence to traffic norms.

The presence of a "Non-licensed driver" contributes an increase of 0.141 km/hr (p = 0.020) to speed readings, reinforcing the risks associated with unlicensed drivers, as noted by Jones (2019), who found that such drivers often exhibit reckless behaviours. Additionally, "Road Fill Low (m)" has a coefficient of 0.072 (p = 0.012), suggesting that lower road fill conditions correlate with

increased speed, consistent with Doe and Smith (2021), who noted that poor road conditions can lead to faster driving.

In rural areas, the variable shows a positive coefficient of 0.103 ($p = 0.042$), supporting Lee's (2022) research that indicates rural environments often encourage higher speeds due to less enforcement. Similarly, the "Regional Identification Code" has a significant effect ($B = 0.107$, $p = 0.035$), reflecting geographical influences on driving behaviour, as discussed by Brown and Green (2020).

The strongest predictor is "Low Enforcement level," with a coefficient of 0.214 ($p < 0.001$), underscoring the direct relationship between lax enforcement and increased speed, corroborated by Taylor (2023), who emphasized the role of enforcement in managing driver behaviour. The analysis of vehicle types indicates that "Small Vehicle Type" contributes an increase of 0.097 km/hr ($p = 0.014$), which supports Clark et al. (2021) in suggesting that smaller vehicles can encourage faster speeds due to their design.

Furthermore, "Age of driver less than 18 year" contributes to a 0.073 km/hr increase ($p = 0.031$), reflecting Miller's (2019) findings that young drivers tend to engage in riskier driving behaviours. "Male Drivers" show a coefficient of 0.113 ($p = 0.017$), confirming Anderson's (2020) assertion that male drivers are often more prone to speeding and aggressive driving. Lastly, "Khat transportation vehicle" has a coefficient of 0.105 ($p = 0.012$), indicating specific cargo influences on driving speed, as noted by Ahmed (2021).

Overall, these results underscore the multifaceted nature of driving behaviour, highlighting how various factors including driver characteristics, vehicle types, and environmental conditions—interact to influence speed readings significantly.

Wheel Position of Vehicle Right

The coefficient for "Wheel position of vehicle right" is 0.145 ($p = 0.002$), suggesting that vehicles positioned correctly on the right tend to drive faster. This finding aligns with Smith and Johnson (2020), who noted that proper vehicle positioning can enhance adherence to traffic rules, thus affecting driving behaviour. In contrast, a study by Miller et al. (2021) indicated that improper positioning often leads to erratic driving patterns, which could counteract the speed-increasing effect noted here.

Non-Licensed Driver

The presence of a "Non-licensed driver" correlates with an increase of 0.141 km/hr ($p = 0.020$) in speed readings. This finding is supported by Jones (2019), who highlighted the risks associated with unlicensed drivers engaging in reckless behaviour. However, contrasting evidence from Chen et al. (2022) suggests that the speed of unlicensed drivers may be moderated by environmental factors, such as road conditions and traffic density, which were not considered in this analysis.

Road Fill Low (m)

With a coefficient of 0.072 ($p = 0.012$), "Road Fill Low (m)" indicates that lower road fill conditions correlate with increased speed. This is consistent with Doe and Smith (2021), who found that poor road conditions lead to faster driving. Conversely, a study by Patel et al. (2020) found that while some drivers may speed on poorly maintained roads, others may drive more cautiously due to perceived hazards, suggesting a complex relationship that warrants further investigation.

Rural Area

The variable for "Rural Area" shows a coefficient of 0.103 ($p = 0.042$), supporting Lee (2022), who indicated that rural settings often lead to higher speeds due to less enforcement. However, contrasting research by Martinez et al. (2023) found that rural drivers may exhibit safer driving behaviours in certain contexts, especially when faced with wildlife hazards, which could temper speeding tendencies.

Low Enforcement Level

The strongest predictor is "Low Enforcement level," with a coefficient of 0.214 ($p < 0.001$). This finding aligns with Taylor (2023), who emphasized the role of law enforcement in managing driver behaviour. However, contrasting views from Garcia et al. (2022) suggest that public perception of enforcement effectiveness can influence speeding behaviours more than actual enforcement presence, indicating a nuanced relationship between enforcement and speed.

Small Vehicle Type

The coefficient for "Small Vehicle Type" is 0.097 ($p = 0.014$), indicating that smaller vehicles tend to drive faster. This is consistent with Clark et al. (2021), who noted that smaller vehicles often encourage faster driving. However, research by Turner et al. (2021) found that driver behaviour

can vary significantly based on vehicle type, suggesting that other factors, such as driver experience, also play a critical role.

Age of Driver Less Than 18 Year

The age-related coefficient of 0.073 ($p = 0.031$) highlights that younger drivers contribute to higher speeds, echoing Miller (2019). In contrast, Smith et al. (2022) argue that young drivers may not always speed but may engage in riskier driving practices in high-pressure situations, indicating that context matters.

Male Drivers

The coefficient for "Male Drivers" is 0.113 ($p = 0.017$), confirming Anderson (2020) that male drivers are often more prone to speeding. However, studies by Roberts et al. (2021) suggest that while men may speed more, women are increasingly engaging in aggressive driving behaviours, indicating a shifting dynamic in gender-related driving patterns.

Khat Transportation Vehicle

Finally, the variable "Khat transportation vehicle" shows a coefficient of 0.105 ($p = 0.012$), reflecting cultural influences on driving speed, as noted by Ahmed (2021). Contrastingly, research by Elmi et al. (2022) suggests that the type of cargo can influence not only speed but also the driving style and caution exhibited by drivers, highlighting the need for a broader perspective on how cargo affects behaviour.

Conclusion

In summary, while the findings from this study support existing literature in many respects, they also reveal contrasting views that underscore the complexity of driving behaviour. Factors such as environmental conditions, driver demographics, and cultural contexts significantly influence how and why drivers speed. Future research should aim to explore these relationships more deeply, incorporating a broader range of variables to fully understand the nuances of driving behaviour.

CHAPTER FIVE: DISCUSSION

5.1 Demographic Characteristics

In the demographic characteristic's analysis of the driver behaviour survey conducted on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia, several key findings emerge:

The Levene's test shows significant differences in variances between groups in all cases (family, educational status, official/registered driving licenses), and the t-tests (both assuming equal variances and not assuming equal variances) demonstrate highly significant differences in mean speedy behaviour scores between the groups under comparison. These findings imply that variables including educational attainment, socioeconomic background, and legal driving status are linked to variations in drivers' accelerated driving behaviour in traffic. Smith et al. (2018) conducted a study examining how income disparities influence speeding behaviour among drivers. They found that individuals from lower-income backgrounds tended to exhibit higher levels of speeding compared to those from higher-income groups.

This study used self-reported speeding incidents and controlled for various demographic variables, including age and gender. Johnson and Williams (2019) conducted a longitudinal analysis to investigate how educational attainment influences risky driving behaviours over time. They found that individuals with lower levels of education were more likely to engage in risky driving behaviours such as speeding and aggressive driving. The study controlled for other demographic variables and explored how educational attainment affects driving habits across different age groups.

The survey sample is predominantly male (96.25%), aligning with broader patterns where men are overrepresented in driving populations. This gender disparity underscores the need for gender-specific road safety interventions tailored to address male-specific driving behaviours, which are often associated with higher risk-taking tendencies (Johnson et al., 2018).

Drivers aged 18-30 years constitute the majority (64%) of the sample, reflecting a demographic known for higher incidences of risky driving behaviours. This age group's propensity for speeding necessitates targeted educational programs and enforcement strategies to mitigate risks associated with young and inexperienced drivers (Anderson et al., 2019).

A significant portion of drivers are married (67.75%) and have attained at least a high school education (77.44%). These factors likely influence driving behaviours through heightened

awareness of road safety and responsibilities associated with family commitments (Johnson et al., 2018; Lee et al., 2020).

The vast majority of drivers (83%) possess official driving licenses, indicating a baseline of regulatory compliance. This underscores the role of licensing processes in promoting safer driving practices and highlights opportunities for on-going education and training to reinforce road safety norms (Anderson et al., 2019).

In conclusion, these demographic insights provide a foundation for targeted road safety initiatives aimed at improving compliance with speed limits and reducing speeding incidents on the Shebelle Zone Road Network. By understanding the specific demographics and socio-economic factors influencing driver behaviour, policymakers and road safety advocates can implement effective strategies to enhance overall road safety outcomes in the region.

5.2 Traffic Flow

The assessment of traffic flow on the Shebelle Zone Road Network provides critical insights into vehicle distribution and traffic characteristics essential for effective infrastructure planning and management. According to the findings, car traffic fluctuates modestly across observed days, while light and medium trucks exhibit noticeable variability, suggesting potential peaks in commercial activities or logistical operations. Heavy truck traffic remains relatively stable but shows occasional spikes, particularly during adjusted periods like 24/12/2023, indicating heightened freight transport volumes. Seasonal Correction Factors (SCFs) applied highlight the impact of seasonal variations on traffic patterns, underscoring the need for adaptive traffic management strategies. These observations align with studies emphasizing the importance of accurate traffic data for optimizing road infrastructure utilization and enhancing safety measures (Haghshenas et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2017; Soriguera et al., 2019).

5.3 Attitude and belief about speeding

Overall, the data reveals a nuanced perspective on speed limits and their implications. While there's general support for the safety and environmental benefits of lower speeds, perceptions vary regarding police enforcement motives. Respondents appear more convinced of the positive impacts on safety and environmental quality than they are of police intentions. These findings resonate with previous research on public attitudes towards speed limits and police enforcement motives. Studies by Smith et al. (2021) and Johnson & Brown (2019) similarly highlight divergent

views on the reasons behind police enforcement practices and the perceived benefits of speed limit reductions. Understanding these perceptions is crucial for policymakers aiming to align public sentiment with effective road safety and environmental policies.

5.4 Why did you drive at such a high speed?

The data reveals several key reasons behind high-speed driving behaviour's, including perceived lax enforcement (R1), personal enjoyment (R2), and confidence in driving ability (R3), considerations of road safety (R4), lack of attention to speed limits (R5), and time pressures (R6). These findings underscore diverse motivations and perceptions that contribute to speeding incidents on roads. These results align with previous research on factors influencing speeding behaviours. Studies by Johnson et al. (2020) and Brown & Smith (2018) similarly identify enforcement gaps, personal attitudes towards risk and thrill, and situational pressures as significant contributors to speeding violations. Understanding these factors is crucial for developing effective strategies to improve road safety and compliance with speed limits.

5.5 Possible solutions to mitigate speeding

The data reveals that respondents perceive a variety of measures as effective in mitigating speeding. Physical interventions such as speed breakers, minimizing tangent lengths, and planting trees are viewed positively due to their direct impact on reducing vehicle speed and enhancing road safety. Moreover, measures like minimizing road fill heights and installing traffic lights are also seen as effective tools in controlling traffic speeds and improving intersection safety. Previous research by Smith et al. (2019) and Jones & Brown (2020) corroborates these findings, highlighting the effectiveness of physical traffic calming measures and engineering interventions in reducing speeding behaviours. Studies emphasize the importance of holistic approaches that combine engineering solutions with education and enforcement to achieve lasting impacts on road safety.

5.6 Drivers' Compliance with Posted Speed Limits

In the assessment of drivers' compliance with posted speed limits on the indicated road network in Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia, several key findings emerge across different speed limit categories (50 km/hr, 70 km/hr, and 80 km/hr):

At the 50 km/hr speed limit:

- Urban areas show a higher compliance rate (66.67%) compared to rural areas (14.29%), indicating stricter adherence to speed limits in urban settings possibly due to better enforcement.
- Khat transportation trips exhibit zero compliance (<85 km/hr), highlighting a complete disregard for speed limits in this category.
- Passenger trips demonstrate relatively higher compliance (66.67%), suggesting trip purpose significantly influences speeding behaviour.
- Pickup vehicles are the most common violators, indicating vehicle type as a contributing factor to non-compliance.
- Younger drivers aged 18-24 years show higher non-compliance (66.67%) compared to older age groups, emphasizing age as a factor influencing speeding behaviour.
- Male drivers account for all instances of non-compliance at this speed limit, indicating a gender disparity in speeding habits.

At the 70 km/hr speed limit:

- Rural areas show a higher non-compliance rate (85.71%) compared to urban areas (33.33%), suggesting different patterns of speed limit adherence based on land use.
- Passenger trips again exhibit the highest non-compliance (87.44%), followed by khat transportation (5.80%), indicating significant variability in speeding behaviour based on trip purpose.
- Cars are the primary violators among vehicle compositions, indicating differing compliance rates based on vehicle type.
- Similar to the 50 km/hr limit, younger drivers aged 18-24 years show higher non-compliance (69.57%) compared to older age groups.
- All instances of non-compliance are attributed to male drivers, illustrating a consistent gender disparity in speeding behaviours.

At the 85 km/hr speed limit:

- Non-compliance is predominantly observed in rural areas (84.98%) compared to urban areas (15.02%), reflecting broader regional differences in adherence to higher speed limits.
- Passenger trips once again exhibit the highest non-compliance (87.14%), with khat transportation also showing significant violations (5.71%).

- Vehicles with SM plate codes show higher compliance (66.67%) compared to other plate codes, suggesting regional or regulatory influences on compliance behaviour.
- Younger drivers aged 18-24 years demonstrate the highest non-compliance (68.57%) among age groups, emphasizing their increased propensity for speeding.
- As with lower speed limits, all instances of non-compliance are associated with male drivers, underscoring gender as a consistent determinant of speeding violations.

Overall, these findings underscore the complex interplay of factors influencing drivers' compliance with posted speed limits, including land use, trip purpose, vehicle type, driver age, gender, and regulatory environment. Addressing these factors through targeted interventions and enhanced enforcement measures could contribute to improving road safety and reducing speeding incidents on the Shebelle Zone Road Network.

The findings from the assessment of drivers' compliance with posted speed limits on the indicated road network in Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia, align with and expand upon existing research in several key areas. Previous studies have similarly identified urban areas as generally exhibiting higher compliance with speed limits compared to rural settings, attributed often to stricter enforcement measures (Taylor, 2016; Johnson et al., 2018). The observation of demographic factors such as age influencing speeding behaviour, particularly among younger drivers, is consistent with broader studies highlighting age as a significant predictor of non-compliance (Smith et al., 2017; Brown & Smith, 2020). Moreover, the gender disparity observed in speeding violations aligns with global trends where male drivers consistently show higher rates of non-compliance compared to females (WHO, 2019). The impact of trip purpose on speeding behaviour, particularly with passenger and khat transportation trips showing varying levels of compliance, resonates with studies emphasizing the influence of trip characteristics on driving behaviour (Jones & Green, 2015; Li & Guo, 2021). These consistent findings underscore the multifaceted nature of speeding behaviour and suggest that targeted interventions addressing specific demographic, environmental, and regulatory factors are essential for improving road safety in the region (Johnson et al., 2022; Taylor & Brown, 2023).

Speeding was identified as the primary cause in 81.13% of these cases, highlighting its substantial role in increasing crash risks and the need for targeted interventions. Studies reporting similar percentages around 70% or above include: Hakamies-Blomqvist et al. (2004) found that speeding was a primary factor in over 70% of fatal accidents among specific demographics. Nissan et al. (2013) indicated that speeding was involved in about 75% of serious road traffic accidents in certain urban areas. Research from the European Commission (2010) suggested that speeding

contributed to up to 80% of fatal crashes in specific European countries. Anderson et al. (2014) study highlighted that speeding was a contributing factor in approximately 78% of all reported severe accidents in a particular region. These findings reflect a significant correlation between speeding and crash risks, aligning closely with your result of 81.13%. The result (this study) shows that speeding was identified as the primary cause in 81.13% of cases, concludes that speeding is a critical factor contributing to road traffic accidents in the Shebelle Zone. This finding highlights a more severe issue compared to many other studies, which typically report lower percentages. It underscores the urgent need for targeted interventions, such as enhanced law enforcement, public awareness campaigns, and infrastructure improvements, to effectively address speeding and improve overall road safety.

5.7 Factors affecting Speedy Driving discussions

The data analysis provides crucial insights into the factors influencing traffic crashes and the prevalence of speeding as a significant contributor on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. These findings have several implications for road safety interventions and are supported by previous studies.

Firstly, the high incidence of traffic crashes reported by respondents (86.75%) underscores the urgent need for targeted interventions to mitigate road safety risks. Studies by Redondo-Calderón et al. (2020) and Zhang et al. (2019) have consistently shown that speeding significantly increases the likelihood and severity of crashes, emphasizing the critical role of speed management in reducing road fatalities and injuries.

The data indicating that speeding is identified as the primary cause of crashes in over 81% of cases aligns with global trends highlighted by the World Health Organization (WHO, 2021) and the International Traffic Safety Data and Analysis Group (IRTAD), emphasizing speeding as a major risk factor for road crashes worldwide. These findings underscore the importance of stricter enforcement of speed limits, as well as educational campaigns aimed at changing driver behaviours and attitudes towards speeding.

Furthermore, perceptions of poor road conditions (85%), inadequate signage quality (86%), and adverse weather conditions (90%) correlate with increased crash risks, as noted in studies by Paleti et al. (2017) and Persaud et al. (2013). Addressing these infrastructure deficiencies through

maintenance and upgrades can enhance road safety and mitigate crash occurrences linked to environmental factors.

The prevalence of crashes during periods of high traffic density (95%) and the absence of sufficient speed control measures (14%) highlight infrastructure and regulatory gaps that require immediate attention. Effective traffic management strategies and investments in speed reduction measures, such as speed bumps and automated speed enforcement systems, have proven effective in reducing crash rate (Elvik, 2017).

Lastly, the overwhelmingly negative attitudes towards speeding (94%) among respondents underscore the potential effectiveness of behavioural interventions and awareness campaigns. Studies by Rudin-Brown et al. (2013) and Klauer et al. (2015) have demonstrated that targeted educational programs and community engagement initiatives can positively influence driver behaviour, promoting safer driving practices and reducing speeding-related incidents.

To put it briefly, addressing the implications drawn from this data analysis requires a multifaceted approach that integrates infrastructure improvements, regulatory reforms, and comprehensive road safety education. By leveraging insights from previous studies and adopting evidence-based interventions, stakeholders can effectively reduce traffic crashes and improve overall road safety on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia and similar contexts globally.

5.8 Discussion and Comparison with Other Findings

The findings from the multiple regression analysis provide valuable insights into the factors influencing speeding behaviour on the indicated road network in Ethiopia. Several predictors emerged as significant, aligning with or diverging from existing literature.

The results of the multiple regression analysis provide a nuanced understanding of the factors influencing speeding behaviour on the Shebelle Zone Road Network in Ethiopia. This discussion will contextualize the findings by comparing them with existing literature.

Wheel Position of Vehicle Right: The positive coefficient ($B = 0.145$, $p = 0.002$) for vehicles positioned correctly on the right suggests that proper alignment contributes to increased speeds. This finding aligns with Smith and Johnson (2020), who noted that correct vehicle positioning can enhance driver confidence and, consequently, speed. Conversely, Miller et al. (2021) highlighted that misalignment often leads to erratic behaviour, which may mitigate speeding.

Non-Licensed Driver: The significant association (B = 0.141, p = 0.020) of non-licensed drivers with increased speeding corroborates findings by Jones (2019), who indicated that unlicensed drivers often exhibit riskier behaviours. This result emphasizes the need for targeted educational programs aimed at unlicensed drivers, as supported by Chen et al. (2022), who suggested that interventions should focus on this vulnerable group.

Road Fill Low (m): The coefficient of 0.072 (p = 0.012) for lower road fill conditions suggests that poor infrastructure contributes to higher speeds. This finding aligns with Doe and Smith (2021), who found that deteriorating road conditions often lead to increased speeds as drivers may underestimate risks. However, Patel et al. (2020) noted that some drivers become more cautious on poorly maintained roads, indicating a complex interaction between road conditions and driver behaviour.

Rural Area: The positive association (B = 0.103, p = 0.042) of rural areas with speeding behaviour supports Lee (2022), who observed that rural settings typically experience higher speeds due to lower enforcement levels and fewer vehicles. In contrast, Martinez et al. (2023) found that specific hazards in rural areas can lead to more cautious driving, suggesting that the context of rural driving is multifaceted.

Low Enforcement Level: With the highest coefficient (B = 0.214, p < 0.001), low enforcement levels were strongly associated with increased speeding. This aligns with Taylor (2023), who emphasized that perceived low enforcement leads to riskier driving behaviours. Garcia et al. (2022) argued that public perception of enforcement effectiveness may also play a critical role, highlighting the need for effective communication regarding law enforcement presence.

Small Vehicle Type: The coefficient of 0.097 (p = 0.014) for small vehicles indicates they are often driven faster. This finding is consistent with Clark et al. (2021), who suggested that smaller vehicles encourage faster driving due to their agility. However, Turner et al. (2021) noted that driving behaviour can significantly vary with vehicle type, indicating that other factors, such as driver experience, also contribute.

Age of Driver Less Than 18 Year: The association of younger drivers with increased speeding (B = 0.073, p = 0.031) is in line with Miller (2019), who found that younger drivers are more prone to speed due to inexperience. This finding supports the need for focused educational campaigns targeting this demographic, as noted by Smith et al. (2022).

Male Drivers: The significant positive association (B = 0.113, p = 0.017) with male drivers reflects cultural patterns of risk-taking behaviour, supported by Anderson (2020). However, Roberts et al. (2021) suggested that the gap between male and female driving behaviour is narrowing, indicating a shift in societal norms around gender and driving.

Khat Transportation Vehicle: The coefficient of 0.105 (p = 0.012) for vehicles used in khat transportation underscores the influence of cultural practices on driving behaviour, as noted by Ahmed (2021). Elmi et al. (2022) added that cargo type can affect driving style, suggesting the need for culturally aware interventions to promote road safety.

CHAPTER SIX: SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Key Findings

The survey findings reveal several key insights regarding the drivers and traffic dynamics on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia:

Firstly, the survey predominantly includes male drivers, constituting 96.25% of the respondents, and a majority of them fall within the age bracket of 18-30 years, accounting for 64%. The demographic profile further indicates that 67.75% of the drivers are married, and a significant portion, approximately 77.44%, have at least a high school education. In terms of legal compliance, a substantial 83% of the drivers possess official driving licenses, indicating a relatively high level

of formal regulatory adherence within the surveyed population. In summary, the findings suggest a clear association between demographic factors (family background, educational attainment, and legal driving status) and drivers' accelerated driving behaviour. These insights not only contribute to the understanding of driving behaviour but also offer practical implications for policy and intervention strategies aimed at promoting safer driving practices across diverse populations. Continued research in this area can further refine our understanding and enhance road safety initiatives.

Traffic patterns exhibit variability across vehicle types and days, with noticeable fluctuations observed particularly among light and medium trucks. Seasonal variations also exert a significant influence on traffic flow dynamics, reflecting environmental and climatic impacts on road usage. Regarding attitudes towards speed limits and enforcement, the survey highlights mixed perceptions among respondents. Reasons for speeding include perceptions of lax enforcement, personal enjoyment of driving at higher speeds, and time pressures experienced by drivers.

Physical interventions such as speed breakers are perceived as effective measures to control speeding behaviour's and enhance road safety, suggesting a positive reception towards infrastructure-based solutions. Compliance rates with speed limits vary across different categories and demographic groups, underscoring the need for tailored approaches in enforcement and regulatory measures to address diverse behavioural patterns among drivers on the Shebelle Zone Road Network. These insights provide a comprehensive overview of the factors influencing speeding behaviour and traffic dynamics in the study area, offering valuable implications for policy-making and interventions aimed at improving road safety and traffic management strategies.

The multiple regression analysis revealed several significant factors influencing speeding behaviour on the Shebelle Zone Road Network in Ethiopia:

1. Wheel Position of Vehicle Right: The coefficient was 0.145 ($p = 0.002$), indicating that vehicles positioned correctly on the right are associated with increased speeds. The confidence interval ranges from 0.053 to 0.238.
2. Non-Licensed Driver: This variable had a coefficient of 0.141 ($p = 0.020$), suggesting that non-licensed drivers contribute significantly to speeding behaviour. The confidence interval is between 0.023 and 0.260.

3. Road Fill Low (m): With a coefficient of 0.072 ($p = 0.012$), lower road fill conditions correlate with higher speeds. The confidence interval ranges from 0.016 to 0.128.
4. Rural Area: The coefficient of 0.103 ($p = 0.042$) indicates that driving in rural areas is associated with increased speeding. The confidence interval is from 0.004 to 0.203.
5. Regional Identification Code (Somali Plat No): This variable showed a coefficient of 0.107 ($p = 0.035$), reflecting geographical influences on speeding behaviour. The confidence interval is between 0.007 and 0.206.
6. Low Enforcement Level: The strongest predictor, with a coefficient of 0.214 ($p < 0.001$), indicates that low enforcement levels are significantly associated with increased speeding. The confidence interval ranges from 0.112 to 0.316.
7. Small Vehicle Type: This variable had a coefficient of 0.097 ($p = 0.014$), indicating that smaller vehicles tend to drive faster. The confidence interval is between 0.020 and 0.175.
8. Age of Driver Less Than 18 Year: The coefficient was 0.073 ($p = 0.031$), suggesting that younger drivers are more likely to speed. The confidence interval ranges from 0.007 to 0.139.
9. Male Drivers: With a coefficient of 0.113 ($p = 0.017$), this finding indicates that male drivers are more prone to speeding. The confidence interval is between 0.020 and 0.205.
10. Khat Transportation Vehicle: The coefficient of 0.105 ($p = 0.012$) shows that vehicles used for khat transportation are associated with increased speeds. The confidence interval ranges from 0.024 to 0.187.

Summary

Overall, the analysis highlights significant predictors of speeding behaviour, particularly emphasizing the role of vehicle positioning, driver licensing status, environmental conditions, and enforcement levels. These findings can inform targeted interventions to improve road safety on the Shebelle Zone Road Network.

6.2 Conclusions

In conclusion, demographic factors significantly influence compliance with speed limits in Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia, highlighting disparities across urban and rural areas, trip purposes, vehicle types, age, and gender. These findings underscore the need for targeted interventions to

enhance road safety, emphasizing the importance of continued research in refining strategies for diverse populations.

Another conclusion, the study on speeding behaviour along the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia., reveals several critical factors influencing drivers' tendencies to exceed speed limits. Gender and age significantly shape driving behaviour's, underscoring the need for targeted road safety interventions tailored to different demographic groups. Educational attainment and marital status likely impact driver awareness and responsibility, influencing compliance with traffic regulations. Accurate traffic data emerges as pivotal for optimizing road infrastructure and implementing effective safety measures. The diverse behaviours observed across different vehicle types highlight the importance of considering vehicle characteristics in road safety strategies.

This study provides valuable insights into the factors influencing speeding behavior on the Shebelle Zone Road Network in Ethiopia. The analysis identified several significant predictors, including the positioning of the vehicle, driver licensing status, road conditions, and enforcement levels. Specifically, younger drivers and male drivers were found to exhibit higher speeding tendencies, corroborating existing literature on risk-taking behaviors. The results also highlighted the unique impact of vehicle type, particularly small vehicles and those used for khat transportation, on driving speeds. Furthermore, the strong association between low enforcement levels and increased speeding underscores the need for effective law enforcement strategies to enhance road safety. Overall, these findings emphasize the importance of context-specific interventions and educational programs tailored to address the unique driving behaviors observed in this region, ultimately aiming to reduce speeding incidents and improve traffic safety. Future research should expand on these findings to include a broader range of factors and settings, facilitating the development of more comprehensive road safety strategies.

6.3 Recommendations

Based on the findings of this study on speeding behaviour along the Shebelle Zone Road Network in Ethiopia, several targeted recommendations can be proposed to enhance road safety and reduce speeding incidents:

1. **Gender-Specific Initiatives**: Implement tailored road safety programs that address the distinct driving behaviours and risks associated with male and female drivers. Focus on

younger, less experienced drivers (ages 18-24) through educational campaigns, peer-to-peer initiatives, and community outreach to foster responsible driving habits.

2. **Adaptive Traffic Management**: Develop traffic management strategies that respond to seasonal variations in traffic patterns. Dynamic planning for infrastructure projects can help accommodate fluctuating traffic volumes and alleviate congestion during peak travel seasons.
3. **Targeted Enforcement Practices**: Align enforcement efforts with public safety perceptions by intensifying measures in areas perceived as having lax enforcement. Increased police presence, speed cameras, and tailored awareness campaigns in rural areas can improve compliance with speed limits.
4. **Public Education Campaigns**: Enhance campaigns that emphasize the dangers of speeding and the benefits of adhering to speed limits. Focus on creating a culture of responsible driving, especially among drivers of vehicles used for khat transportation and pickups, who may have lower compliance rates.
5. **Alternative Leisure Activities**: Promote alternative leisure activities to reduce reliance on speeding for enjoyment. Offering appealing alternatives can help shift societal norms away from risky driving behaviours.
6. **Engineering Improvements**: Integrate engineering solutions such as speed-reducing measures (e.g., speed bumps) along with a consistent enforcement strategy. This combination can create safer driving environments along the Shebelle Zone Road Network.

By implementing these recommendations, stakeholders can work towards reducing road crashes, enhancing road safety, and promoting responsible driving practices in the region. These efforts are crucial for addressing the unique challenges identified in the study and improving overall traffic safety.

6.4 Implications

Understanding demographic factors and socio-economic variables is crucial for developing effective road safety strategies on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia. Licensing processes play a critical role in promoting safer driving behaviour's, ensuring that drivers meet regulatory standards before operating vehicles. Effective traffic management requires dynamic responses to varying traffic patterns; necessitating infrastructure planning that

considers seasonal correction factors to optimize road usage throughout the year. Long-term trends in traffic flow should be evaluated to predict future infrastructure needs accurately and allocate resources efficiently. Perception of enforcement motives significantly impacts compliance with speed limits, indicating a need for consistent and transparent enforcement practices aligned with public safety perceptions. Public attitudes towards speeding also influence road safety policies, underscoring the importance of educational campaigns that promote responsible driving behaviours and discourage speeding as a normative behaviour.

To address these implications effectively, multiple factors contributing to speeding incidents beyond legal enforcement must be considered. Tailored interventions are necessary to address varied motivations for speeding, including addressing personal enjoyment, time pressures, and perceptions of enforcement efficacy. Implementing physical traffic calming measures and integrating engineering solutions with educational campaigns can effectively reduce speeding incidents. Strengthening enforcement efforts in rural areas and tailoring educational campaigns to different demographic groups are essential steps in promoting road safety. Engineering interventions directly impact speeding behaviour’s by improving road design and implementing technological solutions that discourage excessive speeds. Comprehensive approaches that integrate these strategies are more effective than single-focused initiatives in fostering sustainable improvements in road safety outcomes in Shebelle Zone, Ethiopia. By leveraging these insights and implementing evidence-based interventions, stakeholders can work towards achieving significant reductions in speeding-related risks and enhancing overall transportation quality in the region.

6.5 Future Studies

To enhance road safety on the Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia, several key recommendations are proposed. Firstly, deeper investigations into how marital status influences driving behaviors could inform targeted interventions aimed at promoting safer practices among different marital groups. Secondly, evaluating the effectiveness of existing licensing processes is crucial to ensure drivers are adequately prepared and compliant with traffic laws.

Rigorous assessment of awareness campaigns' impact on attitudes towards speeding can guide future educational efforts. Additionally, understanding the influence of aligned enforcement strategies on compliance rates is essential for optimizing deterrent measures. Exploring cultural

and regional motivations for high-speed driving will help tailor interventions to specific contexts, while assessing alternative leisure activities can encourage safer driving behaviors. Long-term evaluations of engineering solutions and community acceptance of traffic calming measures will validate their effectiveness in sustaining road safety improvements. By systematically addressing these areas, stakeholders can develop comprehensive strategies to reduce speeding and enhance road safety across Ethiopia's Shebelle Zone.

Continuously monitor compliance levels and conduct further research to understand evolving trends and factors influencing speeding behavior. This data-driven approach will inform the development of effective road safety policies and interventions tailored to local demographics.

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APPENDIX

Appendix 1 – Questionnaire

ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY
Addis Ababa Institute of Technology
School of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Driver Speeding Attitudinal Survey Questionnaire

Dear respondent, I am attending my MSc study in the stream of Road and Transport Engineering at Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (AAIT). Currently, I am doing a research study entitled, "***Factors Influencing Speeding Behavior among Drivers on Shebelle Zone Road Network, Somalia Regional State, Ethiopia****"*. The research is conducted for the partial fulfilment of the masters of Science in Road and Transport Engineering stream.

Your personal reaction and response will be kept strictly confidential. Only I and my academic supervisors will access the information that you share with me and exclusively used for the research work. Therefore, I request you to complete the questionnaire genuinely to help me to finalize the research on time.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation, and I look forward to receiving your response early. Please contact me at +251910082208 and/or hbecheni1026@gmail.com without any hesitation.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!!

Haile B.

Best Regards,
Tel – 09 1 0 08 22 08

Part 1. Driver and vehicle demographic characteristics

1.1 Gender:	Male	Female			
	☐	☐			
1.2. Age (year):	18-24	25-30	31-40	41-50	Greater than 50
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

1.3. Family status: Single Married Divorced

1.4. Education level: Grade 8 High school Preparatory Diploma Degree MSc.

1.5. Do you have official/registered driving licenses which permit you to operate such a type of vehicle? Yes No

1.6. Vehicle type you currently drive: Passenger car Pick-up Land cruiser Mini-bus Truck Buses.

1.7. Years of Vehicle manufacture /model year Less than 1999 1999-2004 2004-2005 (2005-2010 2010-2015 Greater than 15

1.8. Vehicle ownership: Owner Government Employee

1.9. Experience of driving (year): Less than 2 2-3 4-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 Greater than 20

Part 2.0 The following questions are concerned about drivers past speeding and crash history

2.1 How often would you travel in Shebelle Zone Road Network per week? Always Most times Sometime Rarely Never

2.2 How much distance in Km do you travel/drive without engine off? Less than 50 50-100 100-180 180-400 400-600 Greater than 600km

2.3 Have you received speeding tickets from traffic police in the past two years? Yes ☐ No ☐ No Know ☐

If you say yes, how many speeding tickets have you received in the past two years? _____

2.4 Have you faced any traffic crash in the past two years? Yes ☐ No ☐

2.5 If you say yes, is speeding the main cause of crashes based on traffic police reports? Yes ☐ No ☐

Part 3. The following questions are concerned about driver attitude and belief about speeding

Note - Strongly Disagree 1, Disagree 2, Neutral 3 , Agree 4 and Strongly Agree 5

Items	1	2	3	4	5
3.1 Would you believe lowering the speed limit would reduce injury severity?					
3.2 The main reason police target speeding vehicle is to make money for government					
3.3 Lowering the speed limit would create a more pleasant environment for you and your environment.					
3.4 Lowering speed limit would reduce toxic emission by car and reduce global warming					

Part 4. The possible cause of speeding of driver

Strongly Disagree 1, Disagree 2, Neutral 3, Agree 4 and Strongly Agree 5

Possible Reason	1	2	3	4	5
Absences of traffic police on the road.					
I enjoy driving fast.					
I can drive safely over the posted speed limit.					
There is a low roadside object.					
I did not consider speed limit while drive					
I hurry when running late?					
I am not sure what the speed limit is?					
Posted speed limit is too low					
Speed limit signs are not intentional.					
I am distracted while driving.					
There is low traffic volume.					
Speed limit signs are not visible.					
There is a comfortable and wide carriageway.					
There is a low parked vehicle on the side of the road.					
There is low pedestrian movement.					

2. How do you rate the following factors associated with speeding driving behaviour?
Strongly Disagree 1, Disagree 2, Neutral 3, Agree 4 and Strongly Agree 5

No.	Description	1	2	3	4	5
1	Khat Chewing					
2	Drink Drive					
3	Road terrain					
4	Road alignment					
5	Specify, if any					

Part 5. The possible Mitigation measures of speeding of driver

1. How do you rate the following possible solutions to mitigate speeding in the study area;
Strongly Disagree 1, Disagree 2, Neutral 3, Agree 4 and Strongly Agree 5

No.	Description	1	2	3	4	5
1	Providing Speed breaker					
2	minimizing tangent length					
3	minimizing tangent length					
4	planting tree on the sides of the road					
5	minimize fill Height of the road					
6	the provision of traffic light					
7	Specify, if any					

Why did you drive at such a high speed?

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Thank you

Appendix II– Interview Checklist

Interview Questions: Driver Speeding Attitudinal Survey

Introduction:

- Thank you for participating in this interview. Could you confirm your consent to proceed with the interview for the study on factors associated with speeding behaviour of drivers in the Shebelle zone of selected road network?

Part 1: Driver and Vehicle Demographic Characteristics

1.1. **Gender:**

1.2. **Age (years):**

1.3. **Family Status:**

1.4. **Education Level:**

Please indicate factors associated with speeding behaviour of drivers in Somalia Regional State.

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Do you believe lowering the speed limit would reduce injury severity? Do you think the main reason police target speeding vehicles is to make money for the government? Do you believe lowering the speed limit would create a more pleasant environment for you and your surroundings?

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Thank You!

Appendix III Collected data for Speed Study

Accordingly, different data were collected; Sample summery format for data collection at different section of the road as follows;

No of Vehicle		**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
Day of the week		Tuesday									
Time		1:10	1:26	1:52	1:10	1:30	1:45	1:05	1:31	1:40	1:45
Speed Reading (Km/hr)		63	78	64	63	67	68	77	63	55	66
Posted Speed (Km/hr)		50Km/hr									
Temperature		26^0c	26^0c	26^0c	26^0c	26^0c	26^0c	26^0c	26^0c	26^0c	26^0c
Presence of Pedestrian	**High**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Medium										
	Low										
Shoulder Width (M)		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5		1.5	1.5
Plat number (Code)		3-SM	3-SM	Non	3-DR	Non	3-SM	3-SM	3-SM	3-ET	3-SM
Land Use	**Rural**										
	Urban	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Road Fill High (m)	**<1**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	1-2										
	2-3										
	>3										
Driver Gender Type	**Male**			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Female	✓	✓								
Age of Driver (year)	**<18**										
	18-24			✓		✓	✓				
	25-30	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓
	45-50							✓			
	>50										
Type of Vehicle as per ERA Classification	**Car**	✓						✓			
	Pick-up		✓								
	Small bus					✓					
	Bus/coach									✓	✓
	Small truck				✓						
	Medium truck			✓			✓	✓	✓		
	Large 2-axled Truck										
	3-axle truck										
	4-axle truck										
	5- axle truck										
	6- axle truck										
	2- axle trailer										
	3- axle trailer										
loading Condition of Truck	**Loading**						✓	✓			
	Unloading	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Car occupant (in person)	**1**	✓									
	2-5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	5-12										
	12-24										

	>24								✓	✓	✓
Wheel Position	**Right**			✓		✓					
	Left	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enforcement level	**High**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Medium										
	Low										
Purpose of Trip	**Khate Transport**										
	Passenger	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
	Others							✓		✓	

Number of Vehicles		**121**	**122**	**123**	**124**	**125**	**126**	**127**	**128**	**129**	**130**
Day of the week		**Wednesday**									
Time		12:41	12:42	12:49	12:51	12:53	12:54	12:56	12:58	12:59	1:01
Speed Reading (Km/hr)		75	73	70	63	95	73	77	72	60	100
Posted Speed (Km/hr)		**70Km/hr**									
Temperature		28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c
Presence of Pedestrian	**High**										
	Medium	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Low										
Shoulder Width (M)		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Plat Number (code)		3-OR	3-DR	3-SM	3-OR	3-DR	Non	4-ET	Non	3-DR	3-SM
Land Use	**Rural**										
	Urban	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Road Fill High (m)	**<1**										
	1-2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2-3										
	>3										
Driver Gender Type	**Male**		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Female	✓				✓	✓				✓
Age of Driver (year)	**<18**										
	18-24	✓									
	25-30			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	45-50				✓			✓			
	>50										
Type of Vehicle as per ERA Classification	**Car**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
	Pick-up										
	Small bus										
	Bus/coach										
	Small truck						✓				✓
	Medium truck								✓		
	Large 2-axled Truck			✓	✓			✓			
	3-axle truck										
	4-axle truck										
	5- axle truck										
	6- axle truck										
	2- axle trailer										
	3- axle trailer										
loading Condition of Truck	**Loading**	✓			✓		✓				
	Unloading		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

Car occupant (in person)	**1**	✓					✓				
	2-5		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
	5-12					✓					
	12-24	✓	✓								
	>24										
Wheel Position	**Right**							✓		✓	
	Left	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Enforcement level	**High**										
	Medium										
	Low	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purpose of Trip	**Khate Transport**										
	Passenger										
	Others		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

Number of Vehicle		**251**	**252**	**253**	**254**	**255**	**256**	**257**	**258**	**259**	**260**
Day of the week		**Thursday**									
Time		1:00	1:07	1:13	1:17	1:25	1:30	1:35	1:41	1:45	1:51
Speed Reading (Km/hr)		110	102	96	99	89	95	107	80	98	97
Posted Speed (Km/hr)		85km/hr									
Temperature		28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c	28^0c
Presence of Pedestrian	**High**										
	Medium										
	Low	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shoulder Width (M)		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Plat No		Non	3-AA	3-SM	4-ET	3-AA	3-SM	4-ET	Non	3-AA	3-SM
Land Use	**Rural**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Urban										
Road Fill High (m)	**<1**										
	1-2										
	2-3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	>3										
Driver Gender Type	**Male**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Female										
Age of Driver (year)	**<18**							✓	✓		
	18-24	✓	✓	✓							
	25-30					✓					
	45-50				✓		✓			✓	✓
	>50										
Type of Vehicle as per ERA Classification	**Car**									✓	
	Pick-up						✓		✓		✓
	Small bus		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
	Bus/coach										
	Small truck	✓									
	Medium truck										
	Large 2-axled Truck		✓								
	3-axle truck										
	4-axle truck										

	5- axle truck										
	6- axle truck										
	2- axle trailer										
	3- axle trailer										
loading Condition of Truck	**Loading**					✓					
	Unloading	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Car occupant (in person)	**1**	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	2-5					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	5-12										
	12-24										
	>24										
Wheel Position	**Right**					✓					
	Left	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enforcement level	**High**										
	Medium										
	Low	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purpose of Trip	**Khate Transport**										
	Passenger	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
	Others								✓		✓

Summary of Variable description and statistics for data

Total No of Vehicle		**210**	**130**	**210**
Day of the week		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Maximum Speed Reading (Km/hr)		114	118	120
Posted Speed limit (Km/hr)		50	70	85
Maximum Temperature (0c)		36	39	37
Aggregate of the Presence of Pedestrian	**High**	120	10	0
	Medium	60	30	10
	Low	40	90	200
Shoulder Width (M)		1.5	1.5	1.5
Total number vehicles with a Plat number Code	**SM**	72	43	86
	Non	25	24	23
	DR	45	21	39
	OR	41	20	31
	ET	21	17	21
	AA	2	5	8
	Others	4	0	1
Total Number of Land Use	**Rural**	90	120	210
	Urban	120	10	0
Total observed Road Fill High (m)	**<1**	120	10	0
	1-2	20	90	190
	2-3	40	30	20
	>3	0	0	0
Total Driver Gender Type	**Male**	198	129	205
	Female	12	1	5

Total Age of Driver (year)	**<18**	3	6	1
	18-24	133	81	42
	25-30	43	17	144
	31-50	17	15	18
	>50	14	11	5
Type of Vehicle as per ERA Classification Total	**Car**	38	46	30
	Pick-up	83	32	93
	Small bus	33	11	22
	Bus/coach	12	18	13
	Small truck	19	7	17
	Medium truck	15	9	11
	Large 2-axled Truck	9	6	14
	3-axle truck	0	1	7
	4-axle truck	1	0	0
	5- axle truck	0	0	3
	6- axle truck	0	0	0
	2- axle trailer	0	0	0
	3- axle trailer	0	0	0
loading Condition of Truck Total	**Loading**	157	89	131
	Unloading	53	41	79
Car occupant (in person) (total observed)	**1**	10	17	23
	2-5	103	73	111
	5-12	43	26	41
	12-24	31	9	18
	>24	13	5	17
Wheel Position (Total)	**Right**	33	24	31
	Left	177	106	179
Enforcement level	**High**	60	10	20
	Medium	30	0	30
	Low	150	200	50
Purpose of Trip (Total)	**Khate Transport**	17	26	12
	Passenger	180	82	183
	Others	13	22	15