

Ukraine: Protection of civilians in armed conflict

June 2025 update



The aftermath of the missile and loitering munitions attack on Kyiv on 10 June.

10 July 2025

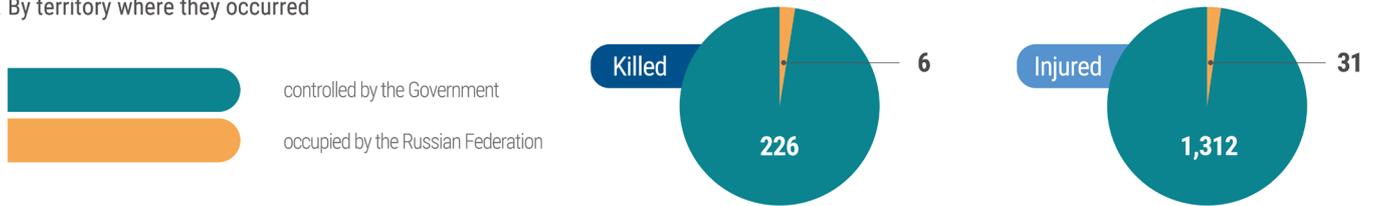
Summary

- With at least **1,575 civilian casualties (232 killed; 1,343 injured)**, June 2025 has been the month **with the highest number of civilian casualties in three years**.¹ The number of civilians killed in June is the **highest in almost a year**.²
- **Long-range strikes with missiles and loitering munitions** in urban areas caused **the majority of civilian casualties in June (53 per cent)**. In Dnipro, Kyiv and Kharkiv for instance, the strikes often resulted in multiple casualties in a single incident, with **especially high numbers of injured civilians**. In June 2025, the number of missiles and loitering munitions launched by the Russian Federation into Ukraine was over **10 times higher** than in June 2024.³
- Civilian casualties in frontline communities remained high, with the majority caused by **short-range drone attacks**, particularly in Kherson and Donetsk regions.
- The vast majority of civilian casualties (**98 per cent**)⁴ occurred in areas under the control of the Government of Ukraine. Civilian casualties were recorded **across 16 regions of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv**.
- In June at least 13 attacks **on energy infrastructure** occurred in territory controlled by Ukraine and 7 in territory occupied by the Russian Federation. At least two attacks on energy infrastructure facilities in Kherson region, on 11 and 27 June, resulted in **widespread power cuts** and the introduction of scheduled power outages **in the city of Kherson**.

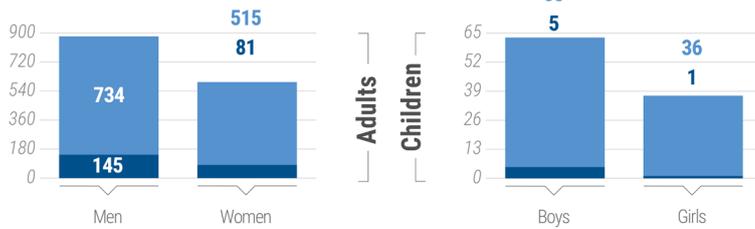
Civilian casualties June 2025⁵

Total civilian casualties **1,575** [**232** Killed **1,343** Injured]

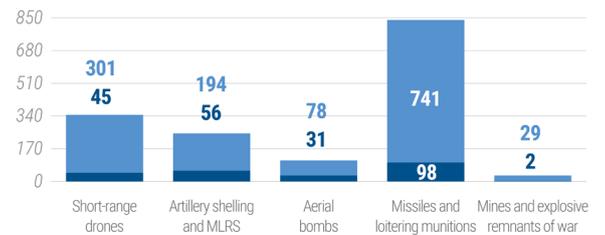
1. By territory where they occurred



2. By age and sex



3. By type of weapon/incident



Representative incidents



Damage to a passenger train resulted from a missile attack on Dnipro on 24 June.

- » On 6 June, a large-scale combined attack with missiles and loitering munitions killed at least 7 civilians (6 men and 1 woman) and injured 53 (35 men, 16 women, 1 boy and 1 girl) in the cities of Kyiv, Chernihiv, Ternopil and Lutsk. At least 24 emergency workers were among those killed and injured.
- » On 7 June, two attacks on Kharkiv with loitering munitions and aerial bombs killed 10 civilians (6 women and 4 men) and injured at least 25 (14 men and 11 women).
- » On 17 June, a large-scale combined attack with missiles and loitering munitions killed at least 29 civilians (16 women and 13 men) and injured 152 (74 men, 69 women, 5 boys and 4 girls) in the cities of Kyiv, Odesa, and in Chernihiv and Kyiv regions. The majority of casualties (27 killed and 132 injured) occurred in the capital.
- » On 23 June, two missiles struck a functioning school in Bilhorod-Dnistrovskiyi (Odesa region), killing 3 educational workers (2 women and 1 man) and injuring 12 other educational workers and 2 boys.
- » On 23 June, a large-scale combined attack with missiles and loitering munitions killed 9 civilians (4 men, 4 women, 1 girl) and injured at least 41 (24 women, 14 men, 2 boys and 1 girl) in Kyiv city and the region.
- » On 24 June, a missile attack on Dnipro and Samar killed 21 civilians (17 men and 4 women) and injured at least 295 (146 men, 112 women, 19 boys and 18 girls). The attack significantly affected residential areas and damaged a passenger train with civilians on board.

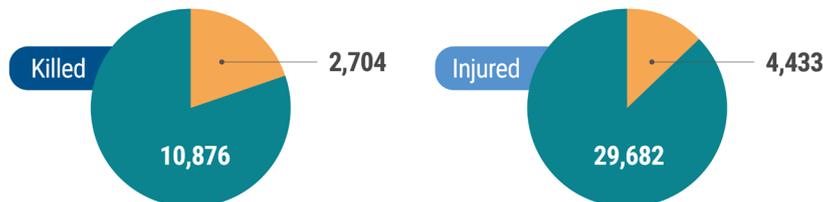
"We've lived here all our lives, worked here, and hoped for a peaceful old age. Multiple missiles have struck places near our home – more than half of houses near us just in the past week. We have nowhere to go. Our parents' house is here. We don't want to leave it, and there's nowhere to hide. It's a lottery."

– A senior couple on long-range weapon attacks in their town in Dnipropetrovsk region.

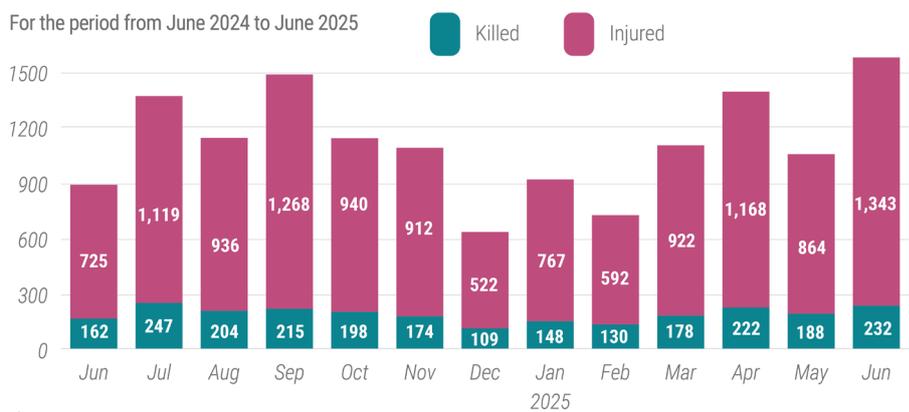
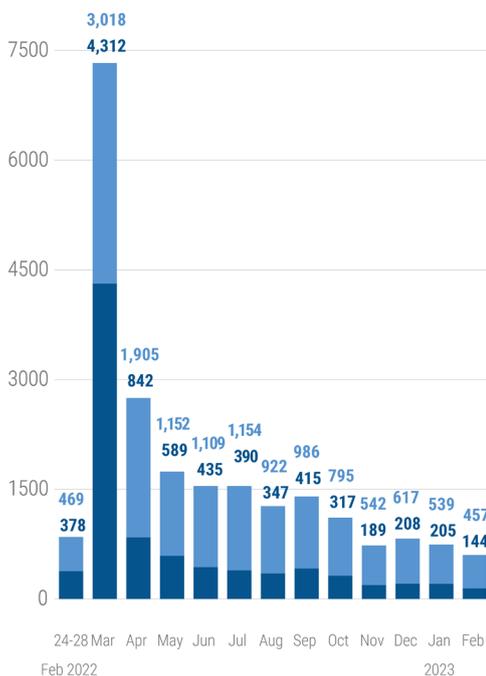
Civilian casualties since 24 February 2022⁶

Total civilian casualties **47,695** [**13,580** Killed **34,115** Injured]

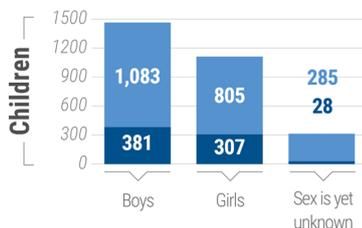
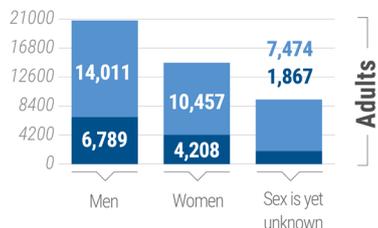
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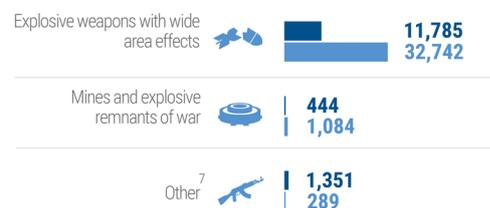
2. By month



3. By age and sex



4. By type of weapon/incident



Civilians killed since 2014





The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine

HRMMU collects information about civilian harm from conflict-related violence from a wide range of sources, including through interviews with victims, their relatives, and witnesses; open-source information, including photo and video material; forensic records and reports; criminal investigation materials; court documents; reports by international and national non-governmental organisations; public reports by law enforcement and military actors; data from medical facilities and local authorities.

All sources and information are assessed for their relevance and credibility and cross-checked against other information. In some instances, corroboration takes time. This means that as more information becomes available, conclusions on civilian casualties may be revised and numbers may change.

Statistics presented in the current update are based on individual records of civilian harm where the “reasonable grounds to believe” standard of proof was met, namely where, based on a body of verified information, an ordinarily prudent observer would have reasonable

grounds to believe that the harm took place as described. HRMMU refers to information that meets this criterion as “verified.” When HRMMU has not yet verified a casualty or reported an individual case of death or injury, it does not necessarily mean that HRMMU has established the individual as an active member of an armed group or as someone who directly participated in hostilities. In many cases, the non-designation of an individual as a civilian reflects a lack of information, rather than a confirmation the individual’s status as a combatant.

The actual extent of civilian harm – both casualties and infrastructure damage – is likely considerably higher as many reports of civilian harm, particularly from the period immediately after the full-scale armed attack of 24 February 2022, have not been possible to verify due to the large number of reports and the lack of access to relevant areas. The number of civilian casualties is likely particularly undercounted in cities such as Mariupol (Donetsk region), Lysychansk, Popasna, and Sievierodonetsk (Luhansk region), where there was protracted intensive fighting at the start of the armed attack in 2022.

¹ Based on data verified by HRMMU, June 2025 has seen the highest overall number of civilian casualties since May 2022 (1,741 civilian casualties: 589 killed and 1,152 injured).

² At least 247 civilians were killed in July 2024.

³ 5,714 long-range munitions were launched in June 2025, compared with 523 in June 2024.

⁴ 1,538 civilian casualties in territory controlled by Ukraine and 37 in territory occupied by the Russian Federation.

⁵ The actual number might be higher as some reports are still pending confirmation.

⁶ In comparison with the previous update, an increase in total figures in this update is not only due to casualties that occurred in the reporting period, but also to the corroboration by OHCHR of cases that occurred before the reporting period.

⁷ Incidents in which civilians were killed or injured by fire from small arms and light weapons, including as a result of crossfire, sniper fire, escalation of force incidents (cases in which military opened fire on civilians whom they perceived as a threat), and wilful killings, as well as road accidents involving either military vehicles or civilian vehicles driven by military in the area of hostilities.