

Ukraine:

Protection of civilians in armed conflict November 2025 update



Residential building in Ternopil destroyed by a missile launched by the Russian Federation on 19 November.

12 December 2025

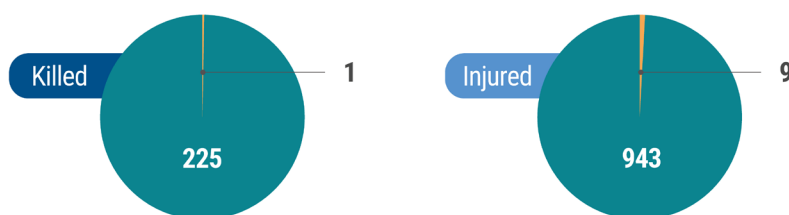
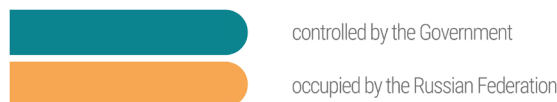
Summary

- Civilian casualties in November 2025 remained high, **with at least 226 killed and 952 injured**, similar to the previous two months. Total civilian casualties in Ukraine from January to November 2025 (2,311 killed; 11,084 injured) are 26 per cent higher than the same period in 2024 (1,979 killed; 8,616 injured), and 70 per cent higher than in 2023 (1,847 killed; 6,054 injured).
- **Long-range strikes** with missiles and loitering munitions launched by Russian armed forces in November caused **51 per cent** of all civilian casualties (92 killed; 509 injured), usually affecting urban centers far from the frontline. An attack with long-range weapons that struck the western city of **Ternopil** on 19 November killed more civilians (at least 38) than any other single verified incident in more than two years.
- **Forty-eight per cent of civilian casualties occurred near the frontline** (130 killed; 430 injured). **Short-range drones**, primarily with first-person-view capacity, remained the primary cause of civilian casualties in frontline regions (60 killed; 211 injured), followed by artillery shelling and MLRS strikes (51 killed; 161 injured), and aerial bombardments (19 killed; 58 injured).
- As in the previous month, the vast majority of civilian casualties (**99 per cent**¹) occurred in areas under the control of the Government of Ukraine. Civilian casualties were recorded across **13 regions** of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv.
- The Russian Federation launched **five large-scale coordinated attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure** in November, as well as numerous region-specific attacks. The continued assault on Ukraine's energy network resulted in long daily power cuts nationwide, as well as prolonged emergency outages lasting more than 36 hours in some areas, affecting electricity, heating and water supply to civilian homes as temperatures began to drop.

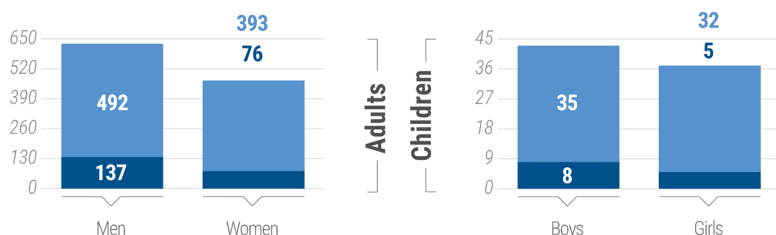
Civilian casualties November 2025²

Total civilian casualties **1,178** [**226** Killed **952** Injured]

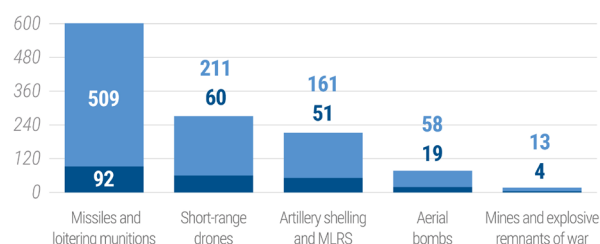
1. By territory where they occurred



2. By age and sex



3. By type of weapon/incident



Representative incidents

"My son called me in the morning to tell me to go to the shelter... I stepped into the hallway, heard a loud whistle, and then a shock wave threw me to the floor. The apartment was nearly destroyed and filled with thick smoke. I waited in a cold room for two hours until firefighters rescued me with a ladder truck."

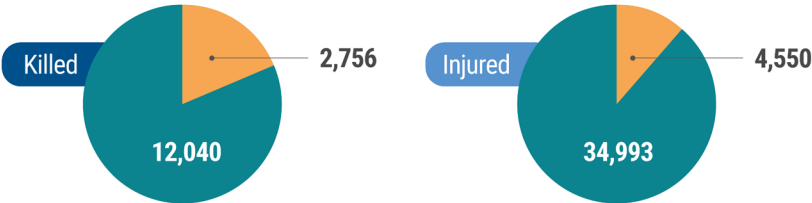
— a 67-year-old woman who suffered multiple injuries when her residential building in Ternopil was struck by a missile on 19 November.

- » On 19 November, a missile and loitering munition attack by the Russian Federation killed at least 38 civilians (18 women, 12 men, 4 girls and 4 boys) and injured 99 others (52 women, 30 men, 11 girls and 6 boys) in Ternopil City. Ten families lost at least two members each. Two residential buildings were particularly affected: one was directly hit by a powerful missile, causing major structural collapse; less than a kilometer away, a loitering munition struck a boiler house and detonated in the courtyard, with the blast and resulting fire spreading to an adjacent residential building.
- » Five large-scale attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure (8, 14, 19, 25 and 29 November) caused emergency power outages and long scheduled power cuts across most regions of the country. They also killed at least 20 civilians (12 men, 8 women) and injured 160 others (80 men, 70 women, 6 boys, and 4 girls) in five regions and in the city of Kyiv.
- » Daily attacks with artillery and short-range drones in Kherson City led to at least 17 civilians killed (9 men, 7 women, and 1 boy) and 121 injured (70 men, 45 women, 5 girls, and 1 boy).
- » Multiple attacks in Zaporizhzhia City (2, 20, 22, and 25 November) killed 5 civilians (3 men and 2 women) and injured 39 others (25 women, 13 men, and 1 boy).

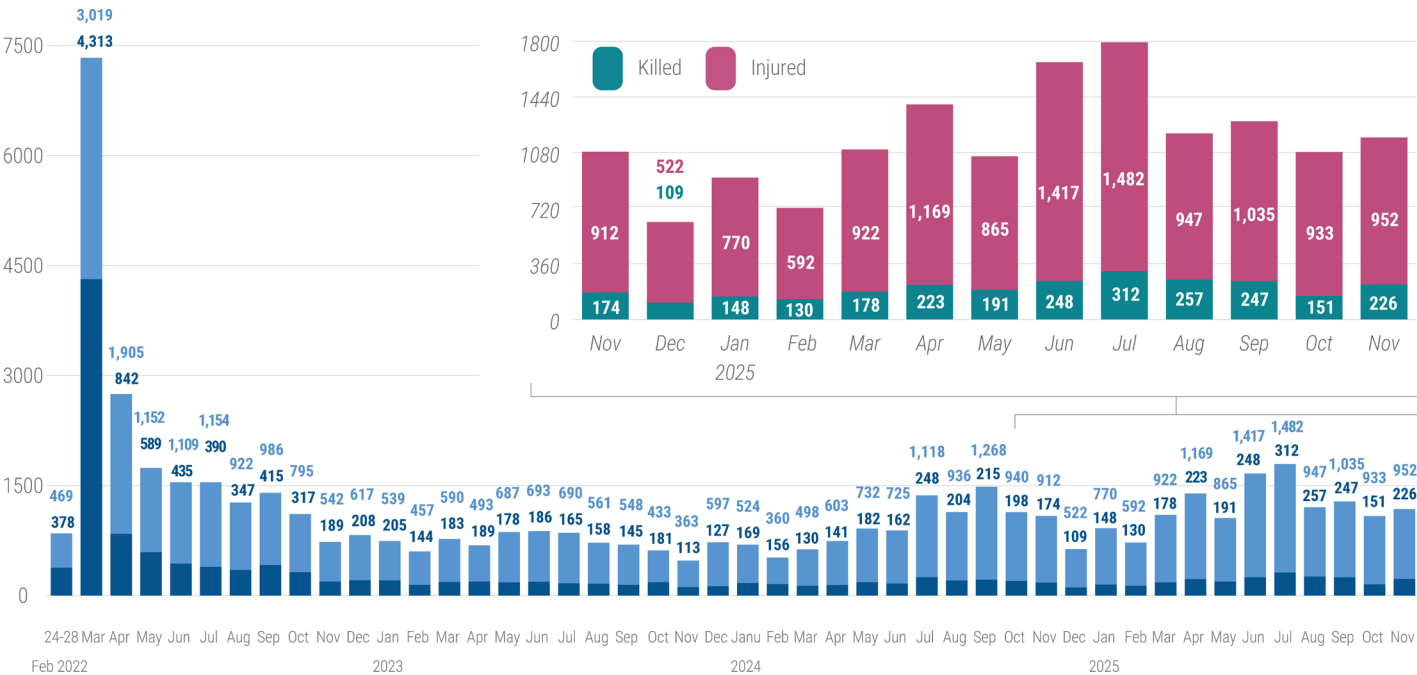
Civilian casualties since 24 February 2022³

Total civilian casualties **54,339** [**14,796** Killed **39,543** Injured]

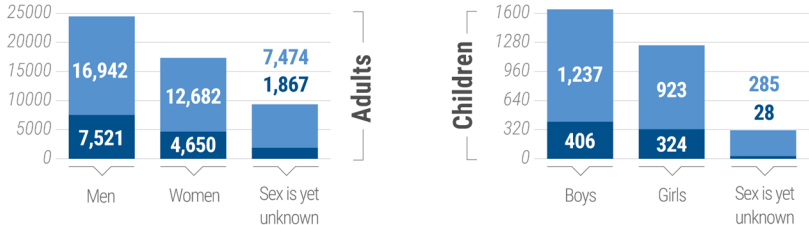
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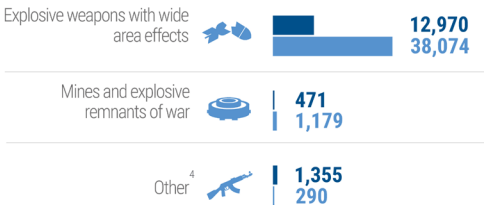
2. By month



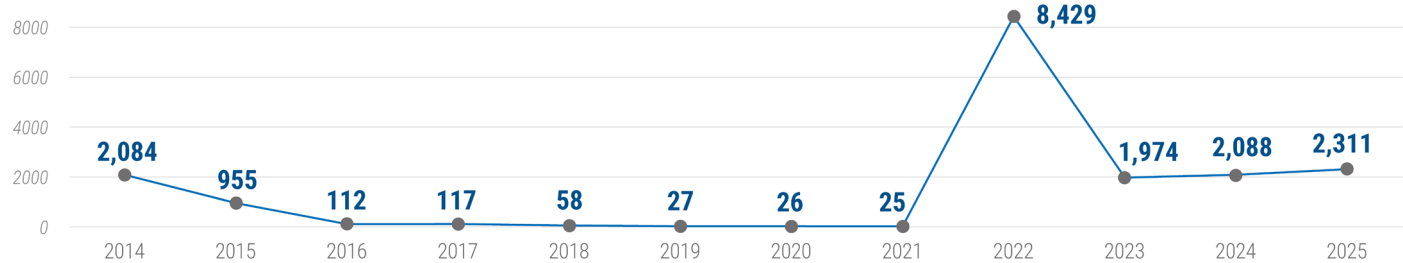
3. By age and sex



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 1,168 civilian casualties in territory controlled by Ukraine and 10 in territory occupied by the Russian Federation.

² The actual number might be higher as some reports are still pending confirmation.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.