



# UKRAINE

PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN ARMED CONFLICT • APRIL 2026 UPDATE

# SUMMARY



At least **238 civilians were killed and 1,404 injured** in Ukraine in April 2026, marking the **highest monthly civilian casualty toll since July 2025<sup>1</sup>**. This is an 18 per cent increase compared with April 2025 (223 killed; 1,169 injured) and a 13 per cent increase compared with March 2026 (216 killed; 1,242 injured).



Attacks **with long-range weapons** (missiles and drones) were **the primary cause of civilian casualties**, accounting for **43 per cent** of the total (84 killed; 628 injured), with most casualties occurring in cities and towns far from the frontline. Civilian casualties from long-range weapons **increased by 38 per cent compared with March 2026** (61 killed and 456 injured).



At least 54 per cent of all civilian casualties (139 killed; 744 injured) occurred near the frontline as a result of artillery shelling, rocket attacks, drone strikes, and aerial bombardments. Short-range drones killed 80 civilians and injured 481, making this type of weapon the second leading cause of civilian casualties. More civilians were killed and injured by this type of weapon than in any other month **since the start of the full-scale invasion**.



The vast majority of civilian casualties (**96 per cent<sup>2</sup>**) occurred in areas under the control of the Government of Ukraine. Civilians were killed or injured across **16 regions of Ukraine** and the city of Kyiv.



**The highest numbers of killed and injured occurred in Kherson city** (26 killed and 201 injured), **Dnipro city** (23 killed and 115 injured), **Nikopol city** (16 killed and 93 injured), and **Odesa city** (15 killed and 80 injured).



**In the first four months of 2026**, civilian casualties (815 killed; 4,174 injured) **were 21 per cent higher than in the same period of 2025** (682 killed; 3,453 injured).

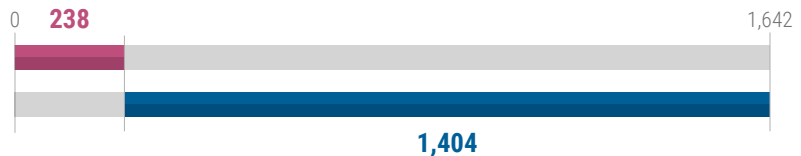
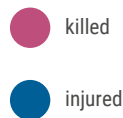


Attacks by Russian armed forces on Ukraine's energy, railway, and port infrastructure continued to disrupt civilian life and endanger civilians. In April, **at least 14 attacks damaged seaport infrastructure in Odesa region**, resulting in civilian casualties, and threatening civilian shipping and the delivery of essential supplies.

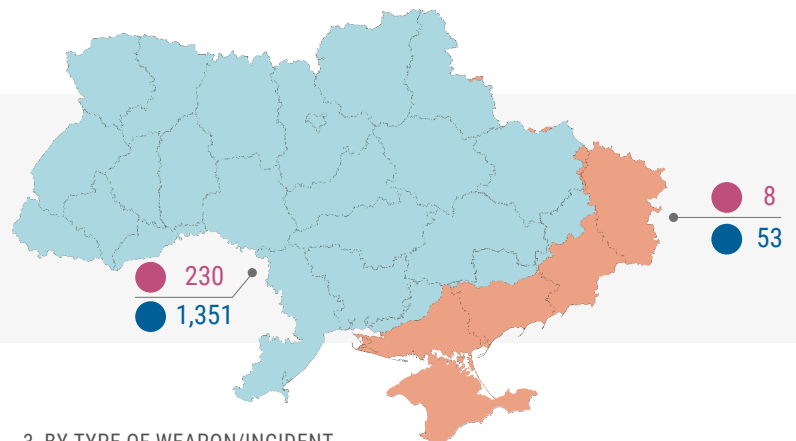
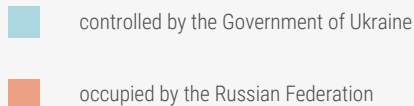
## CIVILIAN CASUALTIES APRIL 2026<sup>3</sup>

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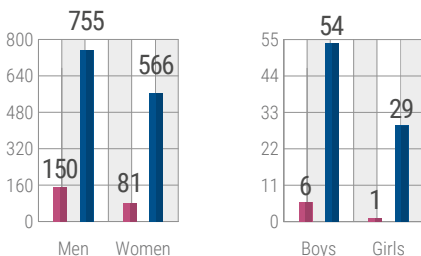
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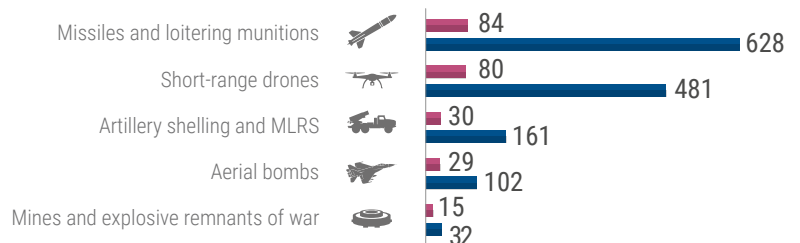
### 1. BY TERRITORY WHERE THEY OCCURRED



### 2. BY AGE AND SEX



### 3. BY TYPE OF WEAPON/INCIDENT



# CIVILIAN CASUALTIES: REPRESENTATIVE INCIDENTS

***"My son was a civilian railway worker. He was driving to work when a drone chased his car and killed him."***

– Woman evacuee from a frontline community in Zaporizhzhia region.



On 3 April, an aerial bombardment of Kramatorsk, Donetsk region, impacting residential areas, killed 9 civilians (6 men, 2 women, and 1 boy) and injured 8 (6 men and 2 women).



On 4 April, in the frontline city of Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk region, a short-range drone attack on a local market killed 5 civilians (4 men and 1 woman) and injured 26 (13 women, 12 men, and 1 girl). Three days later, on 7 April, a short-range drone attack on a public bus in Nikopol killed 4 civilians (3 women and 1 man) and injured 17 (11 women and 6 men).



On 16 April, a missile and loitering munition attack on Kyiv City killed 4 civilians (2 men, 1 woman, and 1 boy) and injured 54 (32 men, 19 women, 2 girls, and 1 boy).



On 16 April, a missile and loitering munition attack on Odesa City struck residential areas, killing 8 civilians (4 women and 4 men) and injuring at least 17 (9 women, 7 men, and 1 boy).



On 25 April, attacks with missiles and loitering munitions on Dnipro City struck residential areas, killing 8 civilians (5 men and 3 women) and injuring at least 52 (24 women, 21 men, 5 boys, and 2 girls).

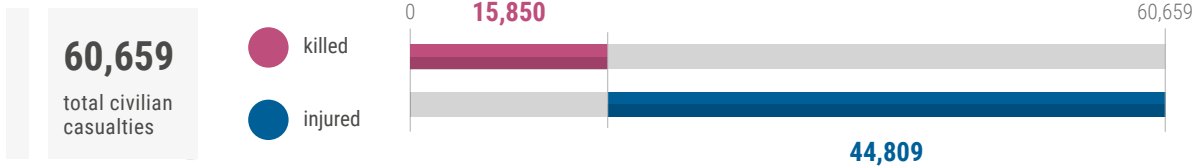


Between 25 and 30 April, at least 5 attacks on port infrastructure in Odesa region resulted in damage to critical civilian infrastructure facilities and disruption to their operation.

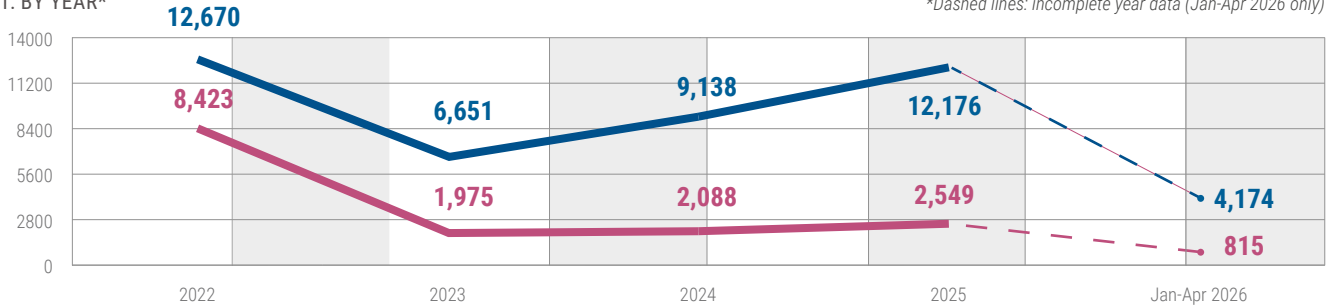


The site of the 25 April attack in Dnipro City, which killed and injured civilians and severely damaged a residential building.

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## 1. BY YEAR\*



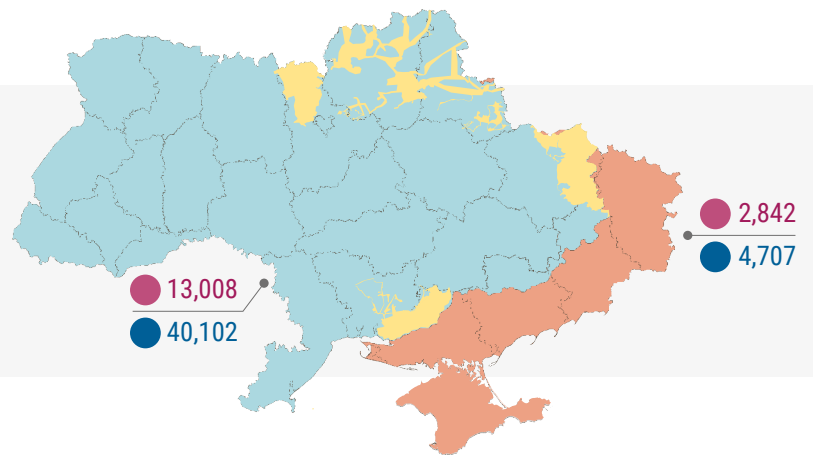
## 2. BY MONTHS\*\*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	378*	469	4,313	842	589	435	390	347	415	317	189	208
2023	205	144	183	189	178	186	166	158	145	181	113	127
2024	169	156	130	141	182	162	248	204	215	198	174	109
2025	149	131	179	223	191	249	312	260	249	183	242	181
2026	167	194	216	238								

\*\*The data on killed and injured civilians in this update is presented for the period since 24 February 2022.

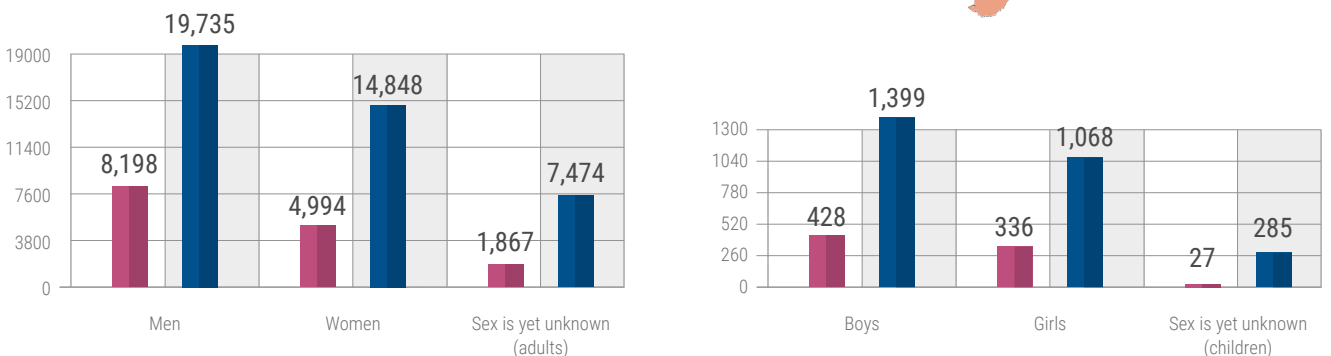
## 3. BY TERRITORY WHERE THEY OCCURRED\*\*\*

- controlled by the Government
- occupied by the Russian Federation
- areas over which Ukraine has regained control since 24 February 2022



\*\*\*Civilian casualty data on this map is presented by territory of control at the time of death or injury. Control of these areas may have changed since the incident occurred.

## 4. BY AGE AND SEX





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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. 312 killed and 1,482 injured.
2. 1,581 civilian casualties in territory controlled by Ukraine and 61 in territory occupied by the Russian Federation.
3. The actual number might be higher as some reports are still pending confirmation.
4. 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.