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PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN ARMED CONFLICT • JULY 2026 UPDATE

SUMMARY

➤ At least **437 civilians were killed and 2,610 injured** in Ukraine in July 2026, a **30 per cent increase compared to June 2026** (298 killed; 2,041 injured) and a **70 per cent increase compared to July 2025** (312 killed; 1,482 injured). The number of civilians killed was **the highest since May 2022**.¹ The number of **child casualties** (17 killed; 166 injured) was the highest since April 2022.²

➤ **Long-range weapons** (missiles and drones) remained the leading cause of civilian casualties, **accounting for 38 per cent** of the total (183 killed; 967 injured). Most casualties from these weapons occurred far from the frontline in urban centres.

➤ Civilian casualties **from aerial bombardments** (105 killed; 753 injured) **increased by 143 per cent compared with June 2026** (45 killed; 308 injured), with glide bombs becoming the second leading cause of civilian casualties.

➤ Civilian casualties caused **by short-range drones** near the frontline **reached their highest monthly level** since 24 February 2022 (111 killed; 710 injured) and caused 27 per cent of all casualties.

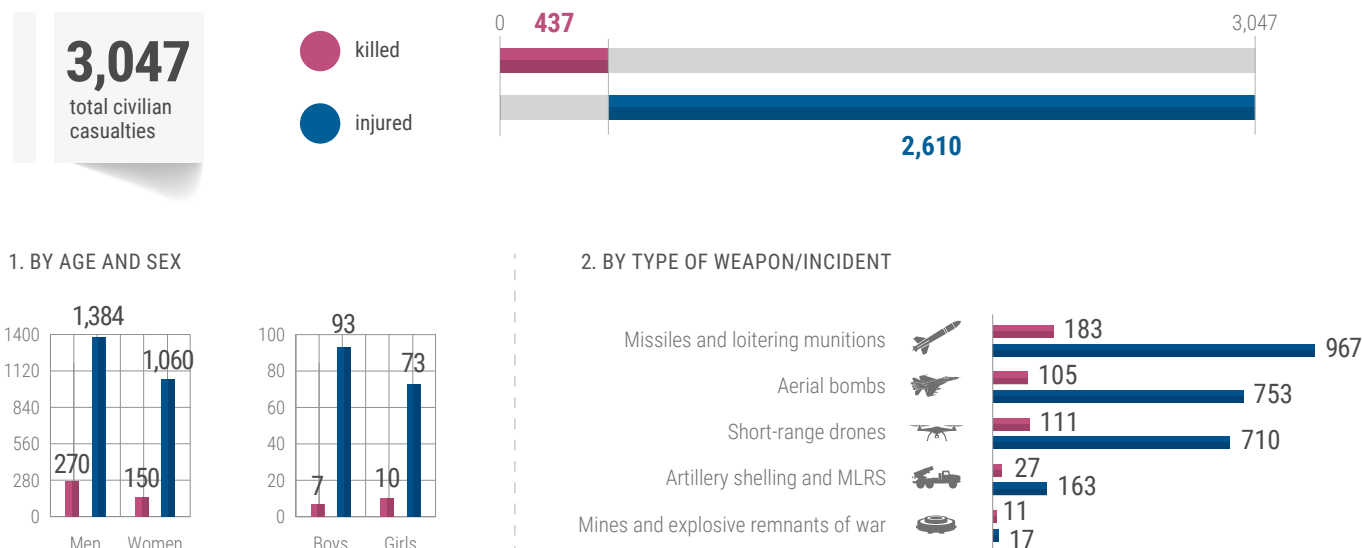
➤ Civilians were killed or injured across **14 regions** of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv. The highest numbers of killed and injured were **documented in the cities of Kyiv** (54 killed; 202 injured), **Kherson** (34 killed; 424 injured), **Zaporizhzhia** (27 killed; 280 injured), and **Sumy** (20 killed; 152 injured).

➤ The verified figures include 25 civilians killed and 50 injured **in territory of Ukraine occupied by the Russian Federation**. Increasingly limited publicly available information about civilian casualties in occupied territory has made verification more challenging and means that the actual number of civilian casualties there is likely significantly higher.

➤ The armed forces of Ukraine attacked power generation, distribution and transmission facilities **in occupied Crimea** at least 31 times, a significant increase compared with June 2026 (12 attacks). The attacks resulted in emergency or scheduled power outages. The Russian armed forces also attacked **Ukraine's energy infrastructure**.

➤ **Attacks on sea vessels and seaport infrastructure in Odesa and Mykolaiv regions** intensified. At least 39 such attacks, including at least 20 on sea vessels, caused damage to vessels or seaport infrastructure, with some also resulting in civilian casualties, including among port and vessel personnel (19 killed; 25 injured). These attacks negatively affected the international transport of goods and agricultural products through the Black Sea.

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES JULY 2026³



CIVILIAN CASUALTIES: REPRESENTATIVE INCIDENTS⁴

“After the explosion, I went into the building despite having suffered fractures and a severed artery. There was blood everywhere, and my colleagues immediately began providing me with first aid. But I was more worried about my colleague, who was lying outside. I didn’t know what had happened to him.”

— a medical worker injured in the 2 July 2026 attack on Kyiv.



On 2 July, a missile and drone attack on Kyiv killed at least 30 civilians (18 men, 11 women, and 1 girl) and injured at least 97 (53 men, 39 women, 3 girls, and 2 boys).



On 6 July, a missile and drone attack on Kyiv killed at least 19 civilians (11 women, 7 men, and 1 boy) and injured at least 57 (28 women, 23 men, 4 boys, and 2 girls).



On 6 July, a missile and drone attack on Vyshneve, Kyiv region, killed 7 civilians (6 women and 1 man) and injured 27 (15 men, 9 women, 2 boys, and 1 girl).



On 11 July, an aerial bombardment in Sumy killed 6 civilians (4 men, 1 woman, and 1 girl) and injured 41 (24 women, 13 men, 3 girls, and 1 boy).



On 19 July, a missile attack on a vessel in the Black Sea, in Odesa region, killed 10 civilians, including 9 vessel workers and a maritime pilot, and injured 8 vessel workers.

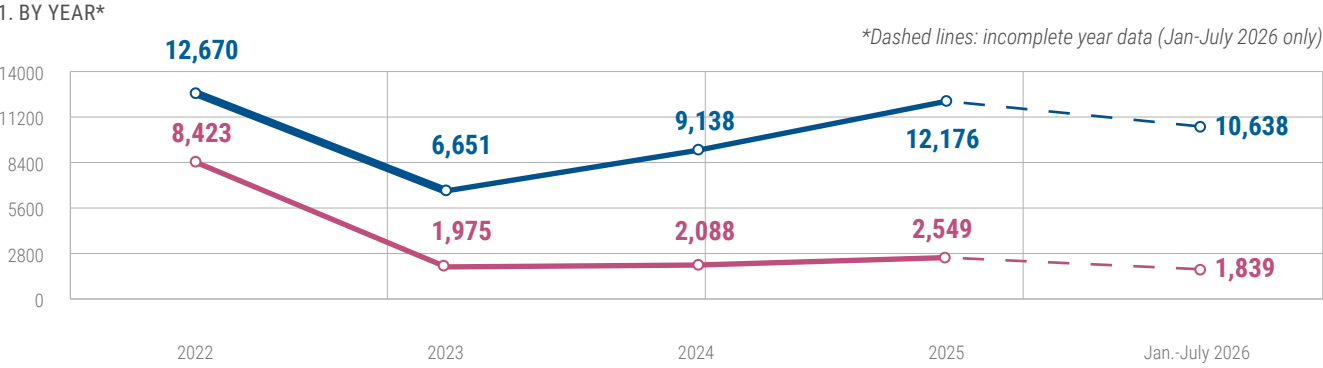
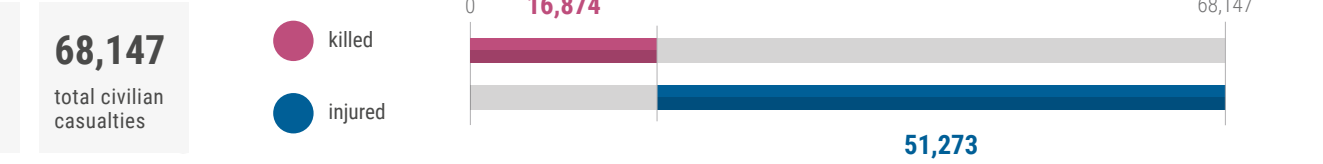


On 24 July, an aerial bombardment in Sloviansk, Donetsk region, killed 5 civilians (4 men and 1 woman) and injured 26 (15 men, 10 women, and 1 boy).



On 30 July, a missile attack on Radushne, Dnipropetrovsk region, killed 5 members of the same family - a father, a mother, and their 3 children. 4 of their other children children and their 1.5-year-old grandson remain missing while DNA identification continues. The attack also injured 7 civilians (4 women, 2 boys, and 1 man).

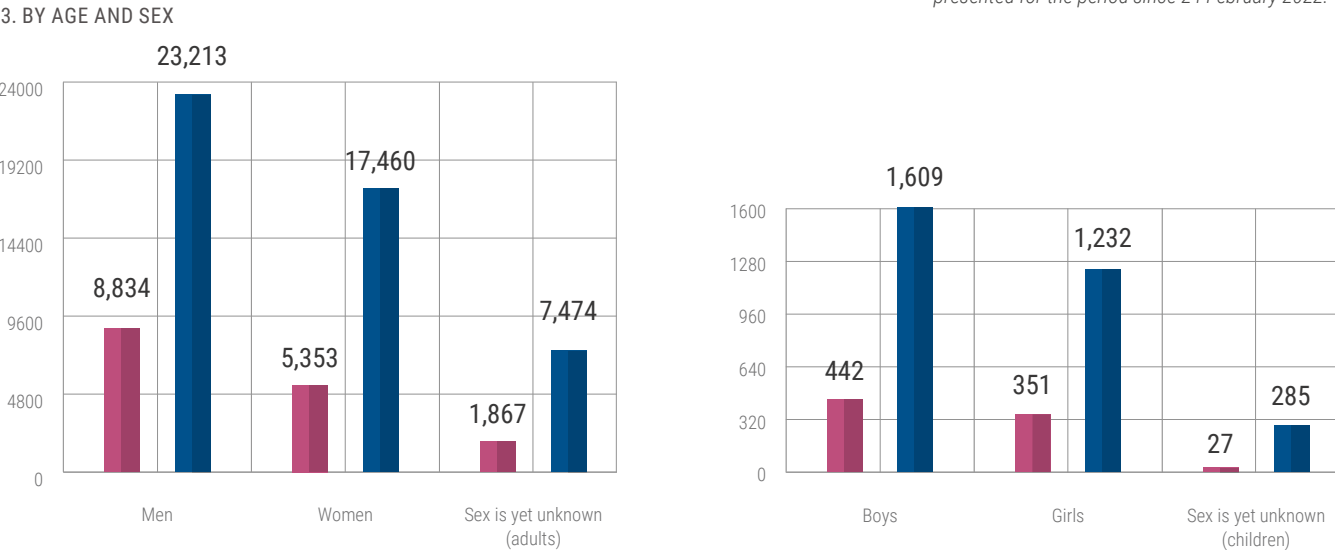
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SINCE 24 FEBRUARY 2022



2. BY MONTHS**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022		378* 469	4,313 3,019	842 1,905	589 1,152	435 1,109	390 1,154	347 922	415 986	317 795	189 542	208 617
2023	205 539	144 457	183 590	189 493	178 687	186 693	166 690	158 561	145 548	181 433	113 363	127 597
2024	169 524	156 360	130 498	141 603	182 732	162 725	248 1,118	204 936	215 1,268	198 940	174 912	109 522
2025	149 770	131 592	179 922	223 1,169	191 865	249 1,416	312 1,482	260 949	249 1,068	183 1,021	242 1,006	181 916
2026	167 767	195 761	218 1,242	242 1,423	282 1,794	298 2,041	437 2,610					

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





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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.

**All photos in this update: Aftermath of a missile attack on Lviv, 30 July 2026.*

1. HRMMU documented at least 589 civilians killed and 1,152 injured in May 2022.
2. HRMMU documented at least 62 children killed and 149 injured in April 2022.
3. The actual number might be higher as some reports are still pending confirmation.
4. Some casualties from reportedly high-casualty attacks are not included in the data presented in this update due to limited information available to HRMMU or lack of access to the affected locations. These include some casualties reportedly from an attack on a market in occupied Tokmak, Zaporizhzhia region, on 3 July (5 people reportedly killed and 21 injured); an attack in Kapitanivka, Kyiv region, on 24 July (12 people reportedly killed and more than 100 injured); and an attack on a recreation centre in occupied Kyrlyivka, Zaporizhzhia region, on 25 July (12 people reportedly killed and 19 injured). Any civilian casualties subsequently verified by HRMMU will be included in future updates.
5. 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.