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PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN ARMED CONFLICT • AUGUST 2026 UPDATE

SUMMARY



At least **372 civilians were killed and 2,349 injured in Ukraine in August 2026**. The number of civilians killed and injured was **the second highest monthly figure in 2026**, after July (448 killed; 2,675 injured).



In the **first eight months of 2026, more civilians were killed and injured in Ukraine than during the whole of 2025**. Civilian casualties from January to August 2026 (2,222 killed; 13,058 injured) were **55 per cent higher** than in the same period in 2025 and **more than double** than in the same period in 2024.¹



In August, **long-range weapons** (missiles and drones) remained the leading cause of civilian casualties, **accounting for 47 per cent** of the total (194 killed; 1,077 injured). Most casualties from these weapons occurred far from the frontline in urban centres.



Short-range drones were the **main cause of civilian casualties near the frontline** (91 killed; 727 injured), **accounting for 30 per cent** of all civilian casualties in August.



Civilians were killed or injured across **13 regions of Ukraine** and the city of Kyiv. The highest numbers of killed and injured were documented **in the cities of Kyiv** (31 killed; 106 injured), **Kherson** (25 killed; 334 injured), **Kryvyi Rih** (16 killed; 147 injured), and **Zaporizhzhia** (11 killed; 131 injured).



The verified figures include 4 civilians killed and 35 injured **in territory of Ukraine occupied by the Russian Federation**. According to public statements by Russian authorities on individual incidents in August, at least 85 people were killed and 498 injured in occupied territory and at least 113 people were killed and 736 injured in the Russian Federation. Due to lack of independent sources of information, however, HRMMU has not been able to verify the vast majority of allegations.

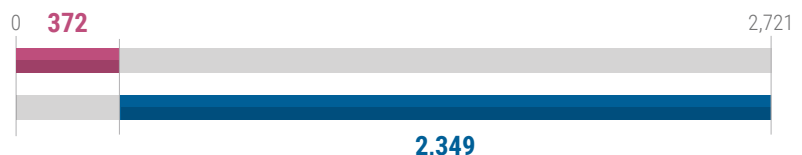
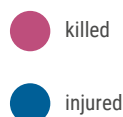


Attacks surged against **retail, food and logistics companies**. **Some of Ukraine's largest companies** – Fozzy Group, Epicentr, Nova Poshta, Rozetka, Aurora and Varus – were attacked at least 32 times, compared with 11 in July. In the Russian Federation, the companies Wildberries and Ozon were attacked at least 17 times.

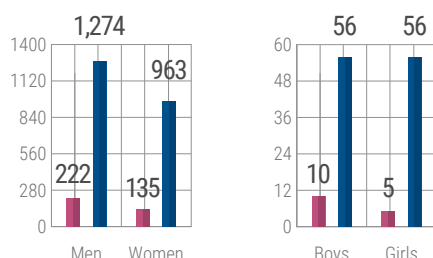
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AUGUST 2026²

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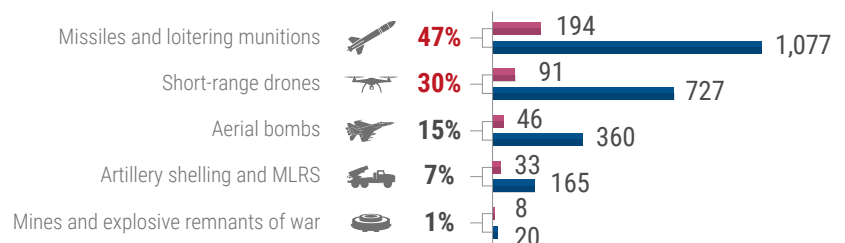
total civilian casualties



1. BY AGE AND SEX



2. BY TYPE OF WEAPON/INCIDENT



CIVILIAN CASUALTIES: REPRESENTATIVE INCIDENTS³

“People were lying on the floor, bleeding and screaming, while others were running away. There were so many injured people around. I saw two young girls covered in blood.”

— an employee of one of the shops described the attack on the shopping centre in Kryvyi Rih on 21 August 2026.



On 1 August, a missile and drone attack on Kyiv city killed 9 civilians (5 men and 4 women) and injured at least 35 (17 men, 14 women, 2 boys, and 2 girls).



On 5 August, a missile and drone attack on Kyiv city and Kyiv region, killed 18 civilians (14 men and 4 women) and injured at least 46 (38 men and 8 women). 8 of those killed were civilians waiting for a train at a railway station.



On 11 August, a missile struck an industrial site in Zaporizhzhia, killing 7 civilians (6 men and 1 woman) and injuring 24 (all men).



On 20 August, a missile and drone attack on Kyiv city killed 16 civilians (9 men and 7 women) and injured at least 38 (20 women and 18 men).



On 21 August, two drones struck an operational shopping centre in Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region, approximately 30 minutes apart, killing at least 13 civilians (9 women and 4 men) and injuring 126 (67 women, 38 men, 13 girls, and 8 boys). Verification of some civilians reported killed or missing in the attack is still ongoing.



On 28 August, drones struck an ammunition depot in Myla, Kyiv region, setting off secondary explosions. At least 24 civilians (13 women and 11 men) were killed and 22 (12 men, 7 women, 2 girls, and 1 boy) injured. The majority of those killed were in an elderly care home at the time of the attack. Verification of some civilians reported killed or missing in the attack is still ongoing.

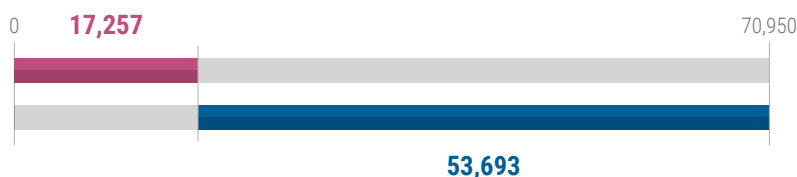
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SINCE 24 FEBRUARY 2022

70,950

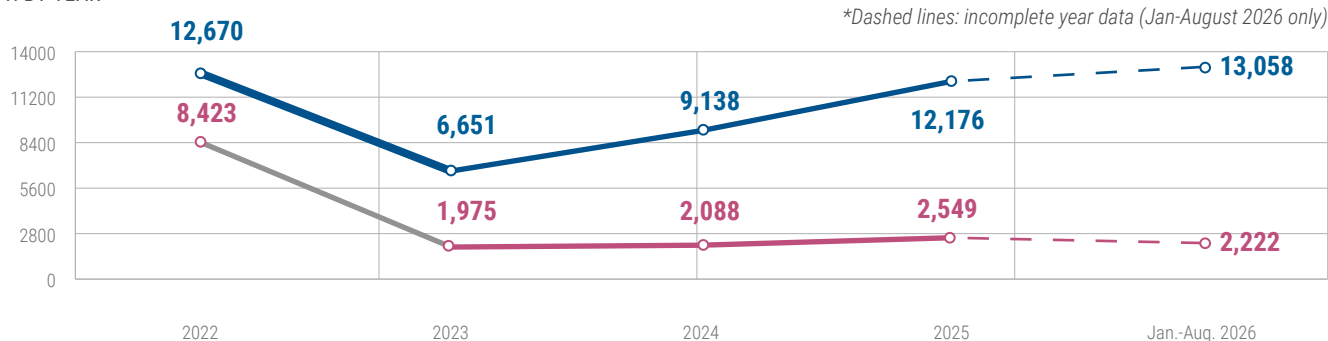
total civilian casualties

● killed

● injured



1. BY YEAR*

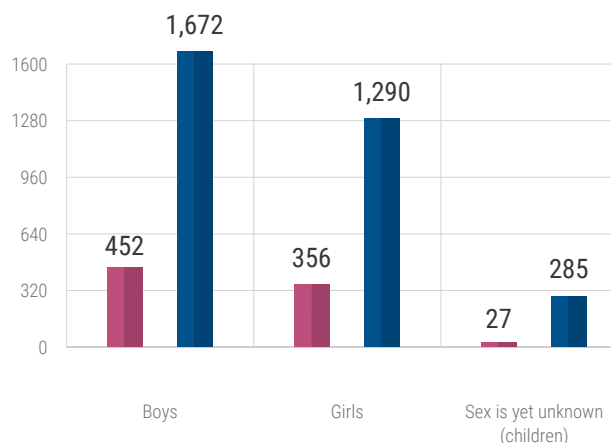
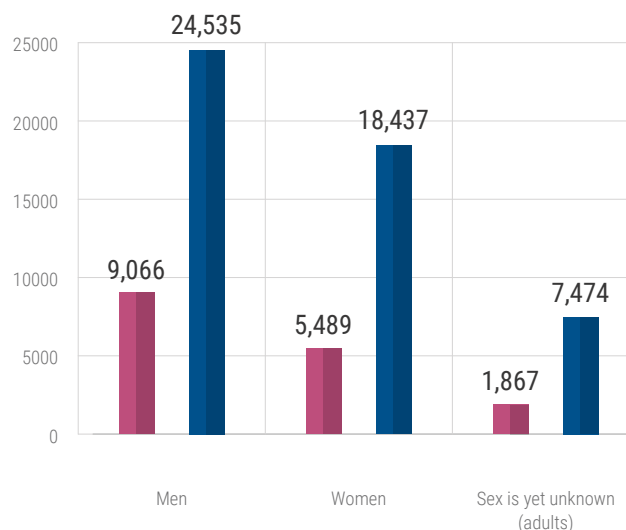


2. BY MONTHS**

	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 2,047	448 2,675	372 2,349				

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

3. 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.

**All photos in this update: Aftermath of a missile and drone attack on Kyiv city, 20 August 2026.*

1. January-August 2024: 1,392 killed and 5,496 injured; January-August 2025: 1,694 killed and 8,165 injured.
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 HRMMU of cases that occurred before the reporting period.
4. Some casualties from 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 casualties reportedly resulting from a drone attack on a bus near occupied Katerynivka, Luhansk region, on 26 August, which reportedly killed 9 civilians and injured 3. Any civilian casualties subsequently verified by HRMMU will be included in future updates.