

UKRAINE

PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN ARMED CONFLICT • OCTOBER 2026 UPDATE

SUMMARY

- At least **372 civilians were killed and 1,981 injured in October 2026**, the highest for October since the start of the full-scale invasion, and 95 per cent higher than in October 2025 (183 killed; 1,021 injured).

- **Long-range weapons (missiles and drones)** remained the leading cause of civilian casualties, accounting for 55 per cent of the total (177 killed; 1,108 injured). Civilian casualties from **aerial glide bombs increased**, with the number of civilians killed doubling compared with September, reaching 92 killed and 331 injured. Aerial glide bombs and **short-range drones** (68 killed; 380 injured) accounted for nearly equal shares of civilian casualties (18 and 19 per cent, respectively).

- Civilians were killed and injured across **22 regions** of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv. The highest numbers of killed and injured were documented in **Kyiv** (25 killed; 174 injured), **Kramatorsk** (29 killed; 124 injured), **Kharkiv** (19 killed; 129 injured), **Zaporizhzhia** (31 killed; 103 injured) and **Sloviansk** (27 killed; 96 injured).

- Civilian casualties in Kherson region, including **Kherson city** (6 killed; 105 injured), were lower in October than in previous months. This may be partly linked to the **temporary localised cease-fire in the Oleshky area**.[1]

- The verified figures include 12 civilians killed and 18 injured in **territory of Ukraine occupied by the Russian Federation**. According to public statements by Russian authorities on individual incidents in October, at least 90 people were killed and 306 injured in occupied territory and at least 59 people were killed and 402 injured in the Russian Federation. Due to lack of access and independent sources of information, HRMMU has not been able to verify the vast majority of allegations.

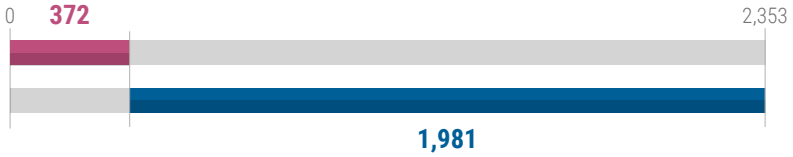
- Civilian casualties from January to October 2026 (2,957 killed; 17,218 injured) were **63 per cent higher** than in the same period in 2025 and **more than twice as high as during same period in 2024**.[2]

- In October, Russian armed forces significantly intensified **attacks on energy infrastructure** across Ukraine, including large-scale coordinated missile and drone attacks. The attacks damaged electricity and heating infrastructure, temporarily disrupting electricity and, in some cities, also water. As a result of the attacks, Ukrainian authorities implemented rolling scheduled power outages across the country. Ukrainian armed forces also attacked electricity infrastructure in Russian-occupied territory of Ukraine.

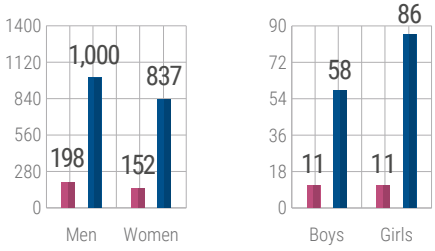
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES OCTOBER 2026[3]

2,353
total civilian casualties

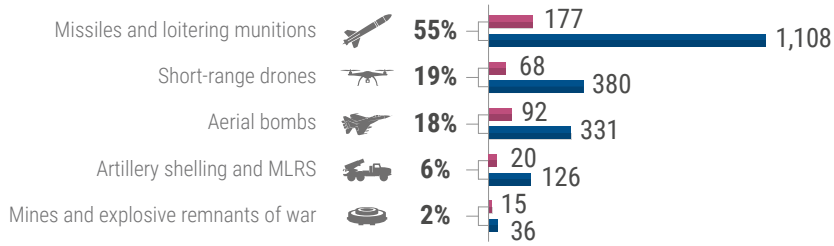
killed
injured



1. BY AGE AND SEX



2. BY TYPE OF WEAPON/INCIDENT



CIVILIAN CASUALTIES: REPRESENTATIVE INCIDENTS

"The children were inseparable. The older brother adored his little sister and used to carry her in his arms when she was little. They meant everything to their mother. They were an exemplary family, and now it has been destroyed. Families don't recover from something like this."

— a woman recalling the family whose two children were killed and their mother seriously injured in the 19 October drone attack on Nova Vodolaha, Kharkiv region.

- On 7 October, a missile attack that struck a residential building in Pryluky, Chernihiv region, killed 22 civilians (10 men, 7 women, 4 boys, and 1 girl) and injured 45 (25 women, 13 men, 6 girls, and 1 boy).
- On 8 October, an aerial glide bomb struck an area where two passenger buses were carrying civilians in Kramatorsk, Donetsk region, killing at least 11 civilians (7 women and 4 men) and injuring 20 (12 men and 8 women). Reports indicate that another 19 people were killed, but verification continues, pending identification of the victims.
- On 10 October, aerial glide bombs struck residential areas of Zaporizhzhia, killing 21 civilians (15 women, 4 girls, and 2 men) and injuring at least 16 (11 women, 3 men, 1 girl, and 1 boy).
- On 13 October, a missile attack on Kyiv city, killed 3 women, and injured at least 27 civilians (17 men, 9 women, and 1 girl).
- On 14 October, a drone attack in Lutsk, Volyn region, killed 6 civilians (5 women and 1 man) and injured 13 (8 women, 4 men, and 1 girl).
- On 17 October, aerial glide bombs struck residential areas of Kherson, killing 2 men and injuring 54 civilians (33 women, 16 men, 3 girls, and 2 boys).
- On 17 October, aerial glide bombs struck residential areas of Sloviansk, Donetsk region, killing 12 civilians (8 women and 4 men) and injuring 15 (8 women and 7 men).
- On 19 October, a drone struck a central park in Nova Vodolaha, Kharkiv region, where families with children were spending time, killing 6 civilians (3 women, 2 girls, and 1 boy) and injuring at least 14 (8 girls, 5 women, and 1 man).
- On 22 October, missiles struck the area of a central market in Lozova, Kharkiv region, killing 4 civilians (2 women and 2 men) and injuring at least 35 (25 women and 10 men).
- On 29 October, a jet-powered drone struck a platform at the railway station in Dnipro, killing at least 11 civilians (6 men and 5 women) and injuring 13 (7 men, 5 women, and 1 boy).
- On 29 October, aerial glide bomb damaged a building housing a public health institution in Izium, Kharkiv region, killing 5 women and injuring 13 civilians (8 women and 5 men).

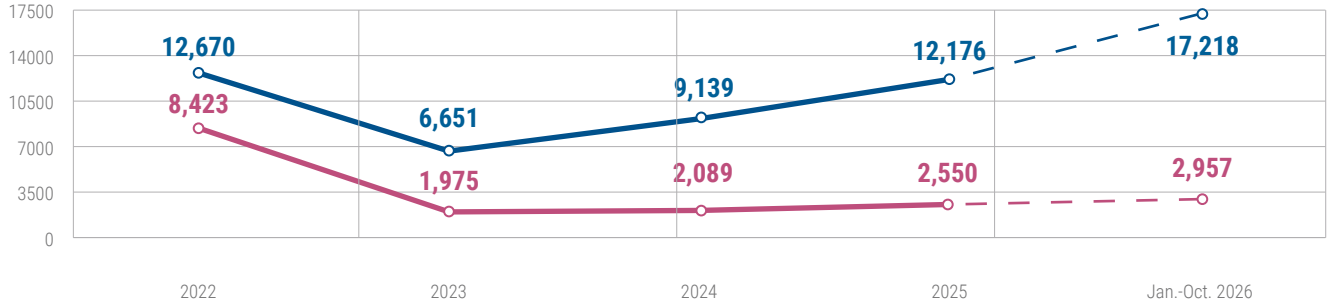
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SINCE 24 FEBRUARY 2022

75,848
total civilian casualties



1. BY YEAR*

**Dashed lines: incomplete year data (January-October 2026 only)*

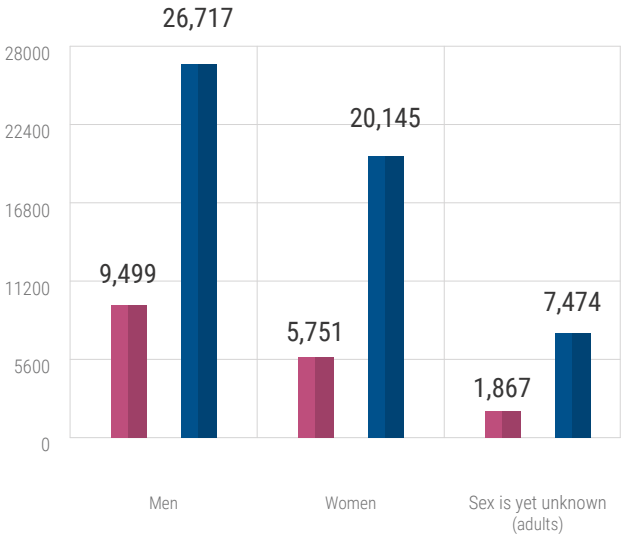


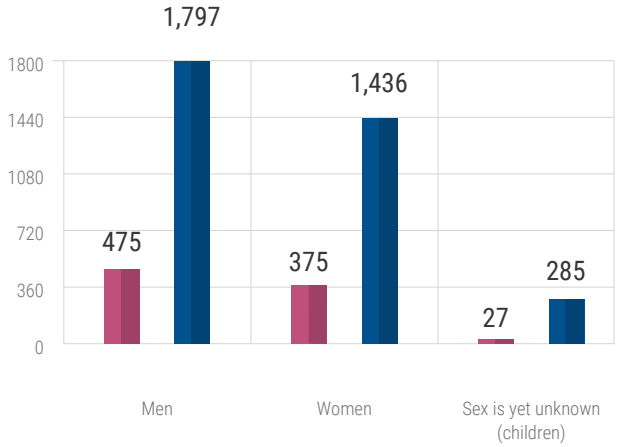
2. BY MONTHS**

	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	110 / 523
2025	149 / 770	131 / 592	179 / 922	223 / 1,169	191 / 865	249 / 1,416	313 / 1,482	260 / 949	249 / 1,068	183 / 1,021	242 / 1,006	181 / 916
2026	167 / 767	195 / 761	218 / 1,242	243 / 1,422	287 / 1,798	299 / 2,056	453 / 2,695	389 / 2,366	334 / 2,130	372 / 1,981		

***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.

1. During the temporary localised cease-fire, HRMMU did not document any civilian casualties from attacks in Kherson region but continued to document civilian casualties from mines.
2. January-October 2024: 1,805 killed and 7,704 injured; January-October 2025: 2,127 killed and 10,254 injured.
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 HRMMU of cases that occurred before the reporting period.

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