



Ukraine: civilian casualty update¹

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February 2023

From 1 to 28 February 2023, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 589 civilian casualties in Ukraine:

- 138 killed (69 men, 40 women, 1 girl, as well as 28 adults whose sex is not yet known); and
- 451 injured (155 men, 95 women, 11 boys, 9 girls, as well as 181 adults whose sex is not yet known).

This included:

- 116 killed and 402 injured in 112 settlements in territory controlled by the Government when casualties occurred (88 percent of the total); and
- 22 killed and 49 injured in 9 settlements in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred (12 percent of the total).

Per type of weapon/incident:

- Explosive weapons with wide area effects: 129 killed and 424 injured (94 per cent);
- Mines and explosive remnants of war: 9 killed and 27 injured (6 per cent).

Total civilian casualties from 24 February 2022 to 5 March 2023

From 24 February 2022, which marked the start of the large-scale armed attack by the Russian Federation, to 5 March 2023, OHCHR recorded 21,793 civilian casualties in the country: 8,173 killed and 13,620 injured. This included:

- 17,481 casualties (6,322 killed and 11,159 injured) in territory controlled by the Government when casualties occurred:
 - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 8,986 casualties (3,735 killed and 5,251 injured); and
 - In other regions²: 8,495 casualties (2,587 killed and 5,908 injured).
- 4,312 casualties (1,851 killed and 2,461 injured) in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred:
 - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 2,849 casualties (627 killed and 2,222 injured); and
 - In other regions³: 1,463 casualties (1,224 killed and 239 injured).

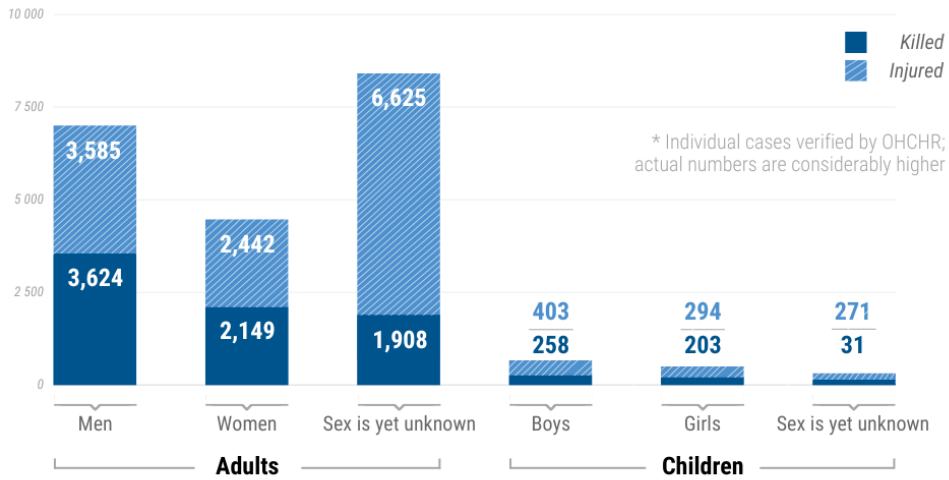
OHCHR believes that the actual figures are considerably higher, as the receipt of information from some locations where intense hostilities have been going on has been delayed and many reports are still pending corroboration. This concerns, for example, Mariupol (Donetsk region), Lysychansk, Popasna, and Sievierodonetsk (Luhansk region), where there are allegations of numerous civilian casualties.

¹ An increase in figures in this update compared with the previous update (as of 26 February 2023) should not be attributed to civilian casualties that occurred from 27 February to 5 March only, as during these days OHCHR also corroborated casualties that occurred on previous days. Similarly, not all civilian casualties that were reported from 27 February to 5 March have been included into the above figures. Some of them are still pending corroboration and if confirmed, will be reported on in future updates.

² The city of Kyiv, and Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Khmelnytskyi, Lviv, Poltava, Rivne, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Volyn, and Zhytomyr regions.

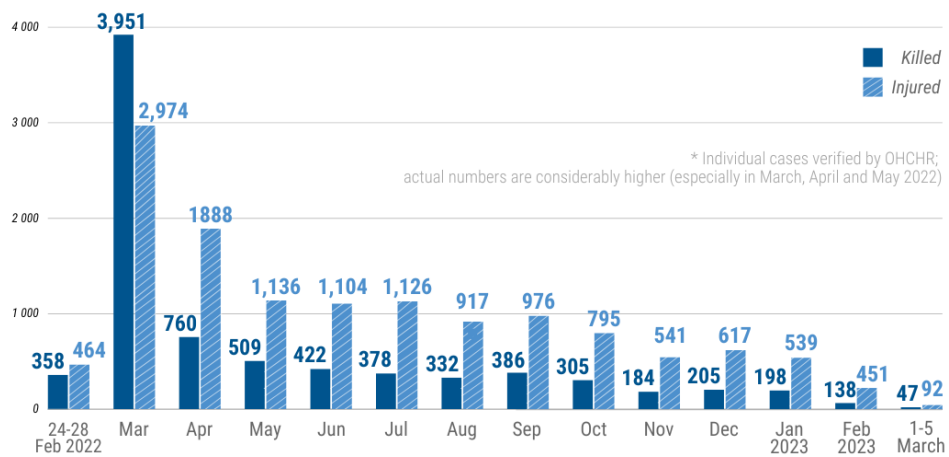
³ Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Sumy, and Zaporizhzhia regions.

UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES*, PER AGE AND SEX, from 24 February 2022 to 5 March 2023



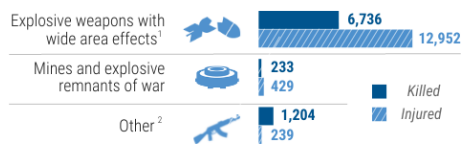
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UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES*, PER MONTH, from 24 February 2022 to 5 March 2023



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UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES*, PER TYPE OF WEAPON/INCIDENT, from 24 February 2022 to 5 March 2023



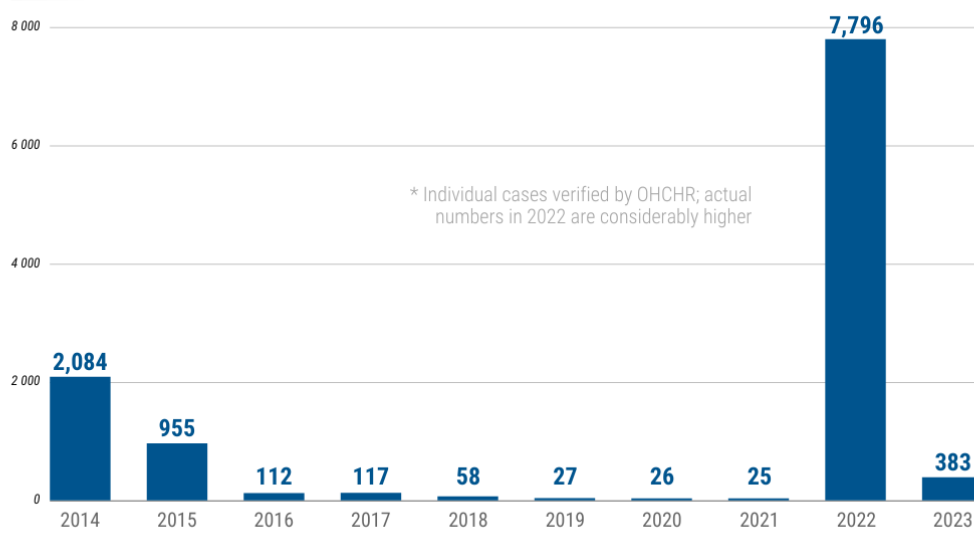
* Individual cases verified by OHCHR; actual numbers are considerably higher

¹ Incidents in which civilians were killed or injured by shelling from artillery, tanks and multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS), by cruise and ballistic missiles (air, sea and land-based), and by air strikes, including loitering munitions and other unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

² 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.

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UKRAINE: CIVILIAN CASUALTIES (TOTAL NUMBERS OF KILLED)*, PER YEAR, from 2014 to 2023



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