



## Ukraine: civilian casualty update<sup>1</sup>

Date: 5 June 2023

### Civilian casualties from 1 to 31 May 2023

From 1 to 31 May 2023, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 858 civilian casualties in Ukraine:

- 174 killed (97 men, 56 women, 6 boys, 1 girl, as well as 14 adults whose sex is not yet known), and
- 684 injured (246 men, 171 women, 23 boys, 14 girls, as well as 230 adults whose sex is not yet known).

This included:

- 145 killed (87 men, 39 women, 4 boys, 1 girl, as well as 14 adults whose sex is not yet known) and 576 injured (201 men, 118 women, 18 boys, 9 girls, as well as 230 adults whose sex is not yet known) in 168 settlements in territory controlled by the Government when casualties occurred (84 percent of the total), and
- 29 killed (10 men, 17 women, and 2 boys) and 108 injured (45 men, 53 women, 5 boys, and 5 girls) in 17 settlements in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred (16 percent of the total).

Per type of weapon/incident:

- Explosive weapons with wide area effects: 161 killed and 642 injured (94 per cent):
  - 676 casualties (133 killed and 543 injured) in territory controlled by the Government when casualties occurred, and
  - 127 casualties (28 killed and 99 injured) in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred.
- Mines and explosive remnants of war: 13 killed and 42 injured (6 per cent):
  - 45 casualties (12 killed and 33 injured) in territory controlled by the Government when casualties occurred, and
  - 10 casualties (1 killed and 9 injured) in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred.

### Total civilian casualties

From 24 February 2022, which marked the start of the large-scale armed attack by the Russian Federation, to 4 June 2023, OHCHR recorded 24,425 civilian casualties in the country: 8,983 killed and 15,442 injured. This included:

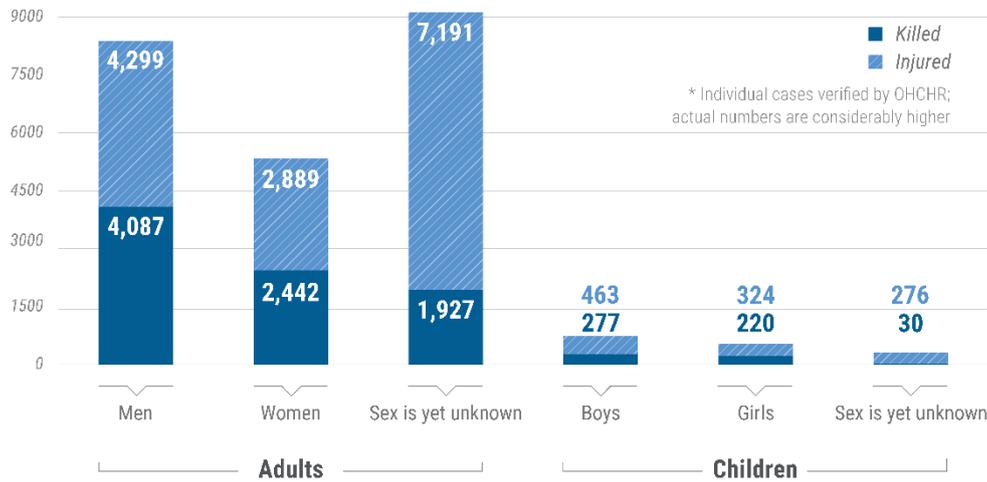
- 19,682 casualties (6,979 killed and 12,703 injured) in territory controlled by the Government when casualties occurred:
  - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 9,877 casualties (4,081 killed and 5,796 injured); and

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<sup>1</sup> An increase in figures in this update compared with the previous update (as of 21 May 2023) should not be attributed to civilian casualties that occurred from 22 May to 4 June only, as during these days OHCHR also corroborated casualties that occurred on previous days. Similarly, not all civilian casualties that were reported from 22 May to 4 June have been included into the above figures. Some of them are still pending corroboration and if confirmed, will be reported on in future updates.

- In other regions<sup>2</sup>: 9,805 casualties (2,898 killed and 6,907 injured).
- 4,743 casualties (2,004 killed and 2,739 injured) in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred:
  - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 3,202 casualties (716 killed and 2,486 injured); and
  - In other regions<sup>3</sup>: 1,541 casualties (1,288 killed and 253 injured).

**UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES\*, PER AGE AND SEX, from 24 February 2022 to 4 June 2023**



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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.

**UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES\*, PER MONTH, from 24 February 2022 to 4 June 2023**

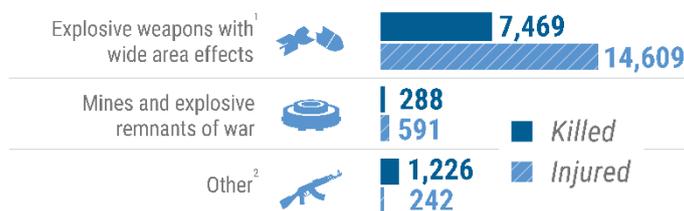


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<sup>2</sup> The city of Kyiv, and Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Khmelnytskyi, Lviv, Poltava, Rivne, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Volyn, and Zhytomyr regions.

<sup>3</sup> Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Sumy, and Zaporizhzhia regions.

### UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES\*, PER TYPE OF WEAPON/INCIDENT, from 24 February 2022 to 4 June 2023



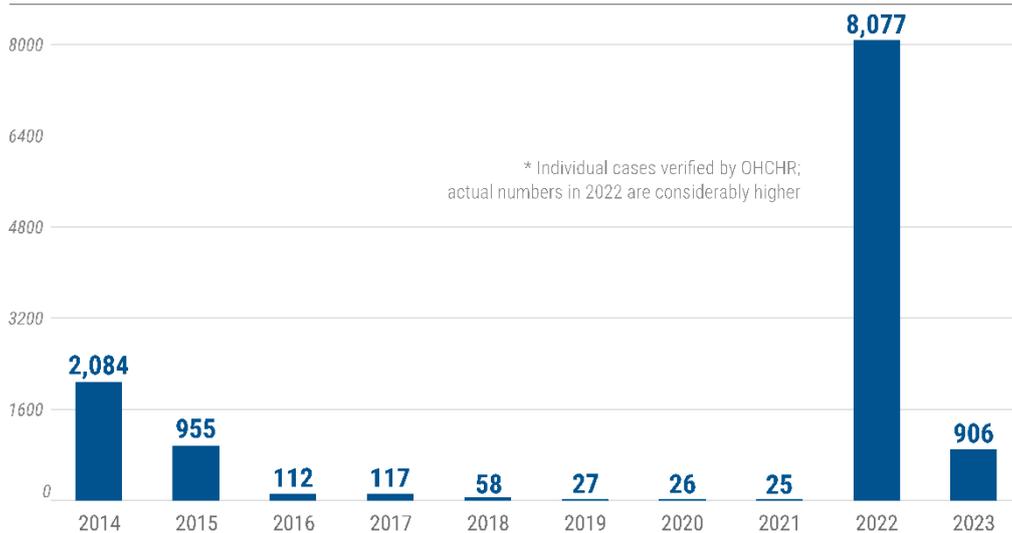
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<sup>1</sup> Incidents in which civilians were killed or injured by shelling from artillery, tanks and multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS), by cruise and ballistic missiles (air, sea and land-based), and by air strikes, including loitering munitions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

<sup>2</sup> 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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### CIVILIAN CASUALTIES (TOTAL NUMBERS OF KILLED)\*, PER YEAR from 2014 to 2023



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