

Ukraine: protection of civilians in armed conflict

June 2024 update



Residential building damaged in Dnipro on 28 June.

Date: 10 July 2024

Summary

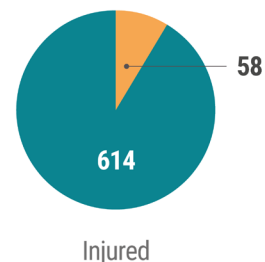
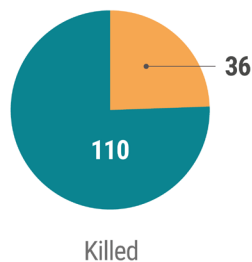
- **At least 146 civilians were killed and 672 injured in Ukraine in June.** While lower than May, the overall casualty number is the second highest in 2024. The number of **casualties among children** in June is the highest in 2024 (with 8 children killed and 57 injured).
- **72 per cent** of civilian casualties in June occurred as a result of artillery shelling, multiple-launch rocket systems (MLRS) and aerial bombardments, while **26 per cent** were caused by missile and loitering munitions strikes. The majority of civilian casualties occurred in **Donetsk** (34 per cent) and **Kharkiv** (22 per cent) regions.
- The vast majority of civilian casualties (**89 per cent**) and damage to educational and health facilities (**82 per cent**) continued to occur in Government-controlled territory.
- Several incidents resulting in high numbers of civilian casualties also occurred **in occupied territory** in June, including in occupied Sadove (Kherson region), Luhansk and Sevastopol. Although HRMMU has verified some of the civilians killed or injured in these attacks, many individual cases remain pending verification.
- HRMMU documented **33 attacks on energy infrastructure** (23 attacks in Government-controlled territory and 10 in territory occupied by the Russian Federation), destroying or damaging power generation plants and electricity substations and temporarily disrupting access to electricity and water supply. Rolling power cuts continue in Kyiv City and elsewhere in Ukraine as energy conservation measures following the succession of attacks since 22 March 2024. HRMMU also documented **two attacks on railway infrastructure** in Government-controlled territory in June.

Civilian casualties June 2024¹

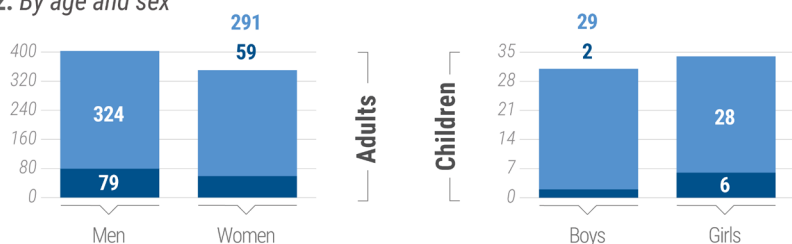
Total civilian casualties **818** { **146** Killed **672** Injured

1. By territory where casualties occurred

controlled by the Government
 occupied by the Russian Federation



2. By age and sex



3. By type of weapon/incident



Attacks damaging educational and health facilities June 2024

Medical facilities
 Educational facilities

Destruction: Medical facilities 0, Educational facilities 10
 Damage: Medical facilities 7, Educational facilities 37



Representative incidents

- On 7 June, an attack struck a residential area in occupied Sadove, Kherson region, killing at least 14 civilians (7 men, 6 women and 1 girl) and injuring at least 4 women.³
- On 12 June, a missile struck a residential area in Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region, killing 9 civilians (5 women and 4 men) and injuring 31 (14 women, 12 men, 3 girls and 2 boys).
- On 22 June, aerial bombs struck several districts of Kharkiv, killing two men and a woman, and injuring 52 civilians (27 women, 23 men and 2 girls).
- On 22 June, the eighth coordinated attack on energy infrastructure since 22 March 2024 killed one and injured another energy worker, damaging energy facilities in Lviv and Zaporizhzhia regions.
- On 23 June, the explosion of a missile carrying cluster munitions killed at least 3 people and injured scores more in the coastal area of occupied Sevastopol.⁴
- On 24 June, two consecutive missile strikes in Pokrovsk, Donetsk region, killed 5 civilians (all men) and injured at least 39 (23 men, 12 women, 3 girls and 1 boy).
- On 29 June, missiles struck the city center in Vilniansk, Zaporizhzhia region, killing at least 6 civilians (2 men, 2 girls, 1 woman and 1 boy) and injuring at least 30 civilians (14 women, 7 men, 7 girls and 2 boys).

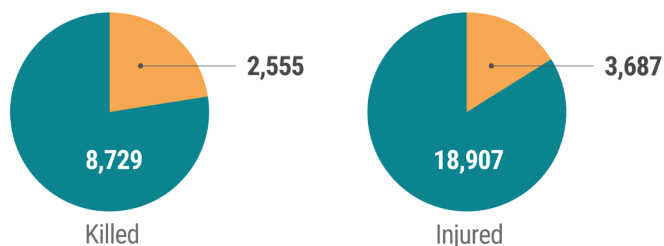
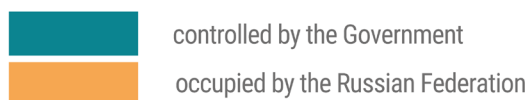
“This is our only home. I don’t know what will happen to us now.”

- Elderly woman, resident of a building destroyed by an attack in Dnipro on 28 June 2024.

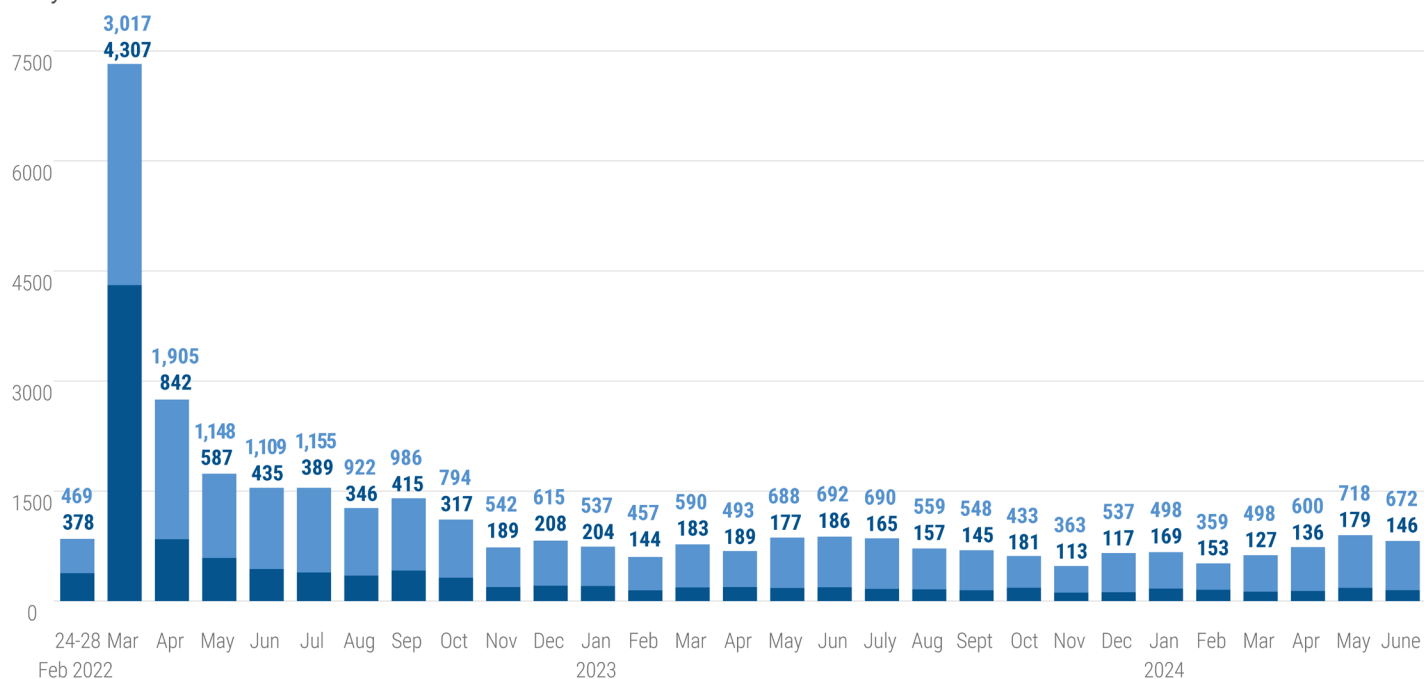
Civilian casualties since 24 February 2022⁵

Total civilian casualties **33,878** { **11,284** Killed **22,594** Injured

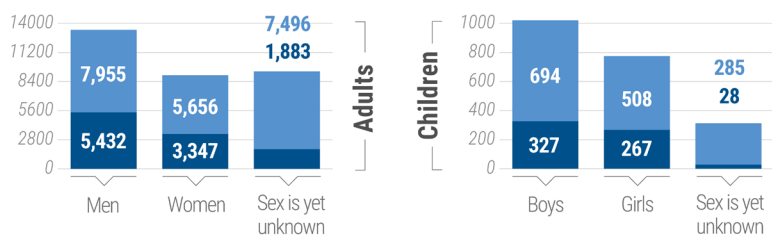
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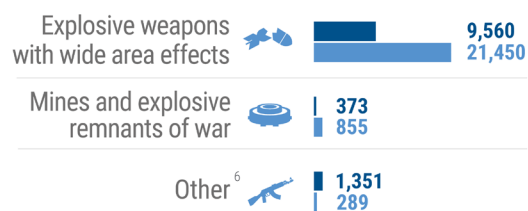
2. By month



3. By age and sex



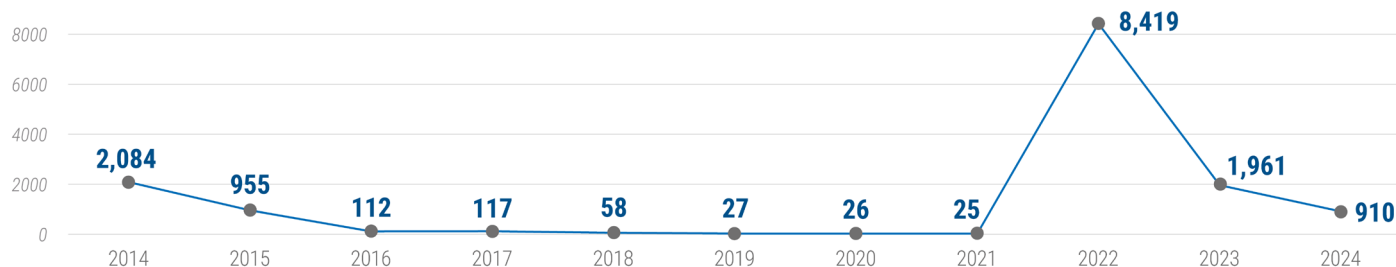
4. By type of weapon/incident



Attacks damaging educational and health facilities since 24 February 2022



Civilians killed since 2014





The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine

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 conclusions on civilian casualties may be revised as more information becomes available and numbers may change as new information emerges over time.

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 criteria 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 confirming 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, 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 The actual number might be higher as some reports are still pending confirmation.

² 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).

³ Occupying authorities reported 22 people killed and 15 injured in the attack.

⁴ Occupying authorities reported as many as 153 injured (82 hospitalized); however, many individual cases are still pending verification via HRMMU's standard methodology for remote monitoring, taking into account HRMMU's lack of access to occupied territory.

⁵ HRMMU believes that the actual figures are considerably higher, as many reports, particularly from certain locations and from the immediate period after 24 February 2022, are still pending corroboration. This concerns, for example, Mariupol (Donetsk region), Lysychansk, Popasna, and Sievierodonetsk (Luhansk region), where there were allegations of high civilian casualties and damage to civilian infrastructure. An increase in total figures in this update compared with the previous update is not only due to casualties and damage to civilian infrastructure that occurred in the reporting period as HRMMU also continues to corroborate cases that occurred before the reporting period.

⁶ 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.