

Civilian casualties in Ukraine

from 24 February 2022 to 15 February 2023

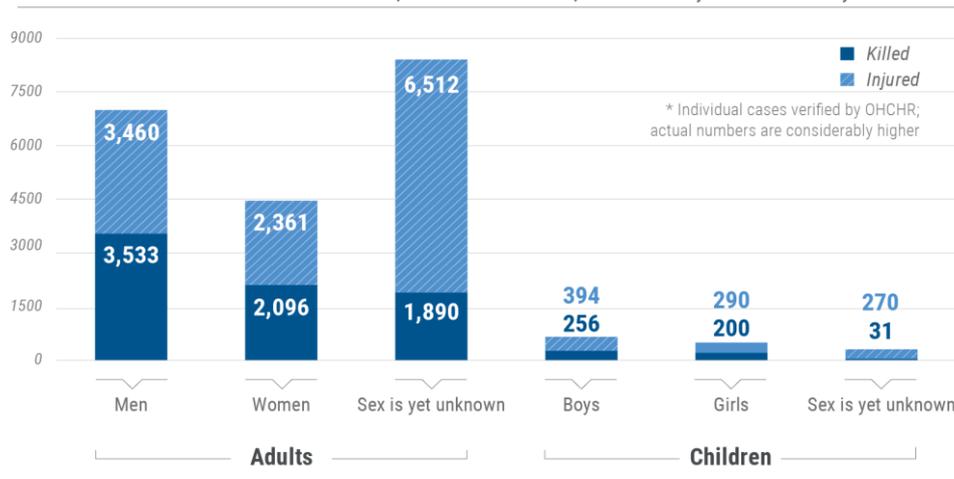
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1. Total civilian casualties

From 24 February 2022, which marked the start of the large-scale armed attack by the Russian Federation, to 15 February 2023, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has recorded 21,293 civilian casualties in 1,141 settlements of Ukraine, including 8,006 killed and 13,287 injured.¹ Of those casualties among adults whose sex was known, men comprised 61.1 per cent and women comprised 39.9 per cent. Of those casualties among children whose sex was known, boys comprised 57.0 per cent, and girls comprised 43.0 per cent.

OHCHR has also received information regarding 21 civilian casualties, with 6 killed (5 men and 1 woman) and 15 injured (2 children and 13 adults, whose sex is yet unknown), in the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine (hereinafter Crimea), occupied by the Russian Federation.²

UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES*, PER AGE AND SEX, from 24 February 2022 to 15 February 2023



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Actual numbers of civilian casualties are considerably higher, as many reports of alleged individual civilian casualties in certain locations are still pending corroboration. Such locations include Mariupol (Donetsk region), and Lysychansk, Popasna, and Sievierodonetsk (Luhansk region).

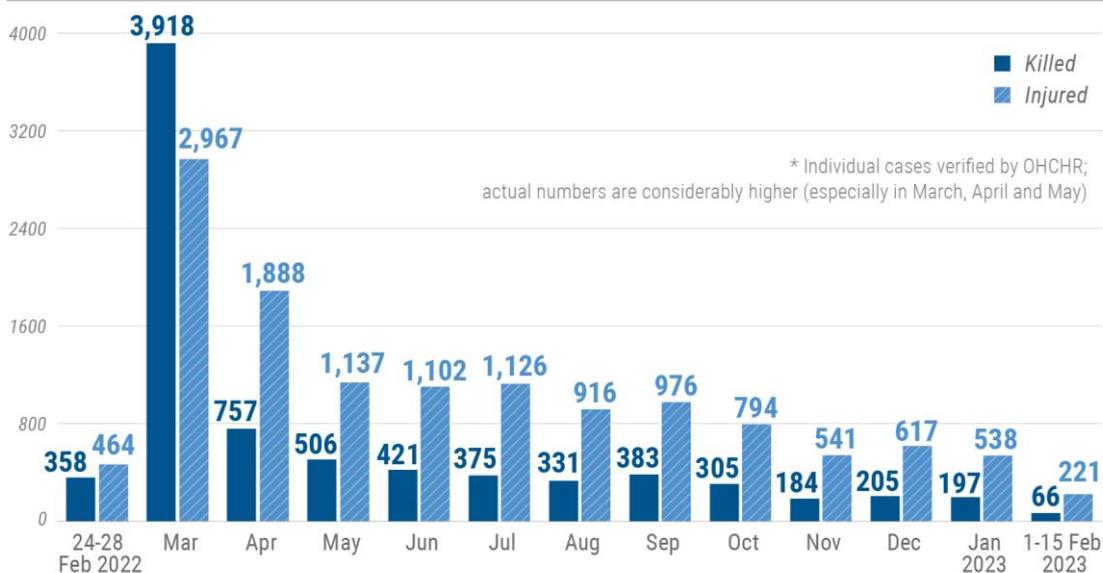
OHCHR has also received information regarding 160 civilian casualties, with 30 killed (15 men, 13 women, and 2 boys) and 130 injured (38 men, 26 women, 7 boys, 2 girls, as well as 3 children, and 54 adults, whose sex is yet unknown), in the territory of the Russian Federation.³

¹ The increase in figures in this update compared with figures in the most recent updates published by OHCHR is due to the fact that corroboration has been completed on a number of reported civilian casualties that occurred in 2022 both in territory controlled by the Government, and in areas which were occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred.

² Because of the lack of corroborating information, the alleged civilian casualties in Crimea are still pending verification and have not been included in the total civilian casualty figures above.

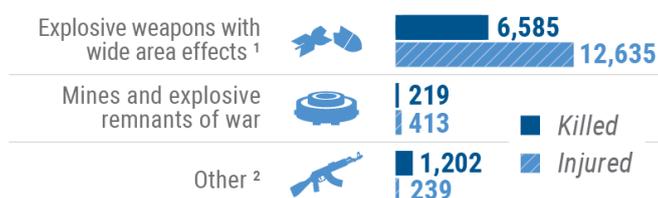
³ Because of the lack of corroborating information, the alleged civilian casualties in the territory of the Russian Federation are still pending verification and have not been included in the total civilian casualty figures above.

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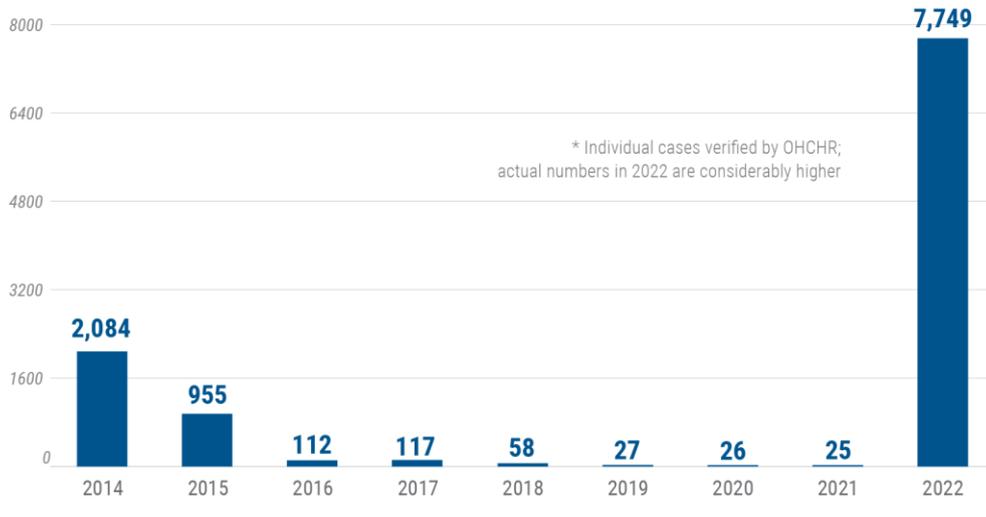
* Individual cases verified by OHCHR; actual numbers are considerably higher

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).

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UKRAINE: CIVILIAN CASUALTIES (TOTAL NUMBERS OF KILLED)*, PER YEAR, from 2014 to 2022

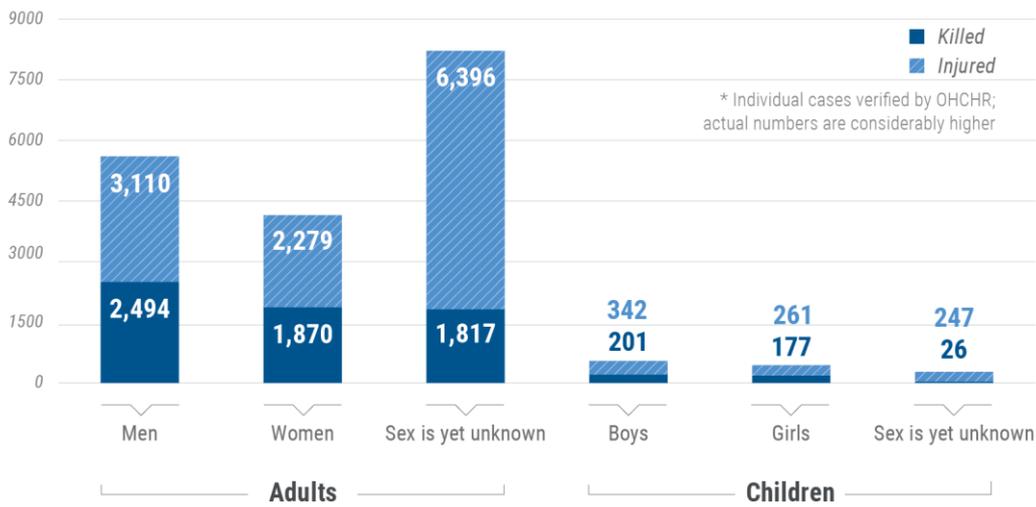


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2. Civilian casualties caused by explosive weapons with wide area effects

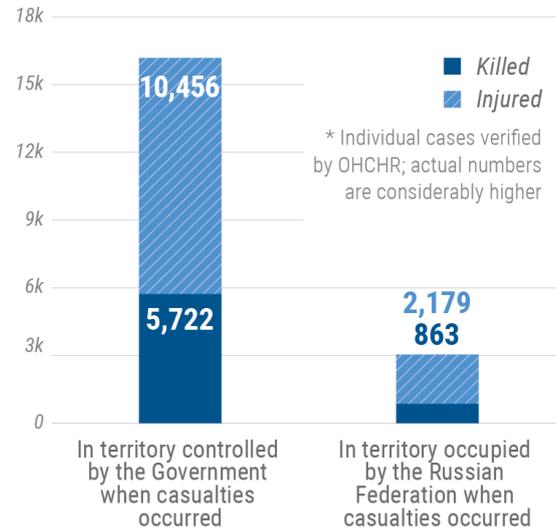
From 24 February 2022 to 15 February 2023, OHCHR recorded 19,220 civilian casualties caused by the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects: 6,585 killed and 12,635 injured. They account for 90.3 per cent of all civilian casualties recorded by OHCHR during that period. The absolute majority of them occurred in populated areas. Of them, 84.2 per cent were recorded in territory controlled by the Government when they occurred, and 15.8 per cent – in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred.

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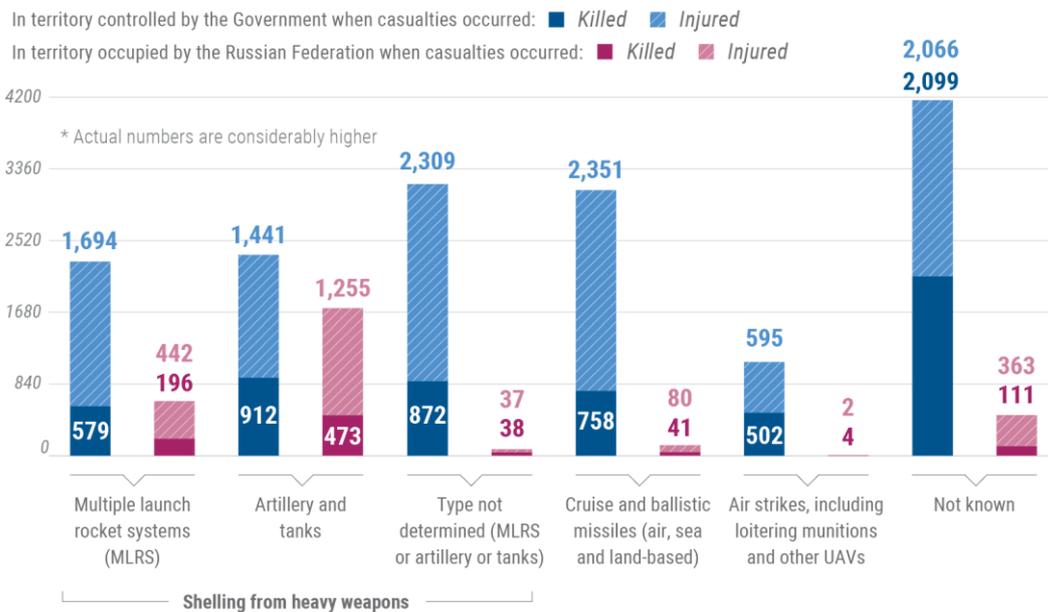
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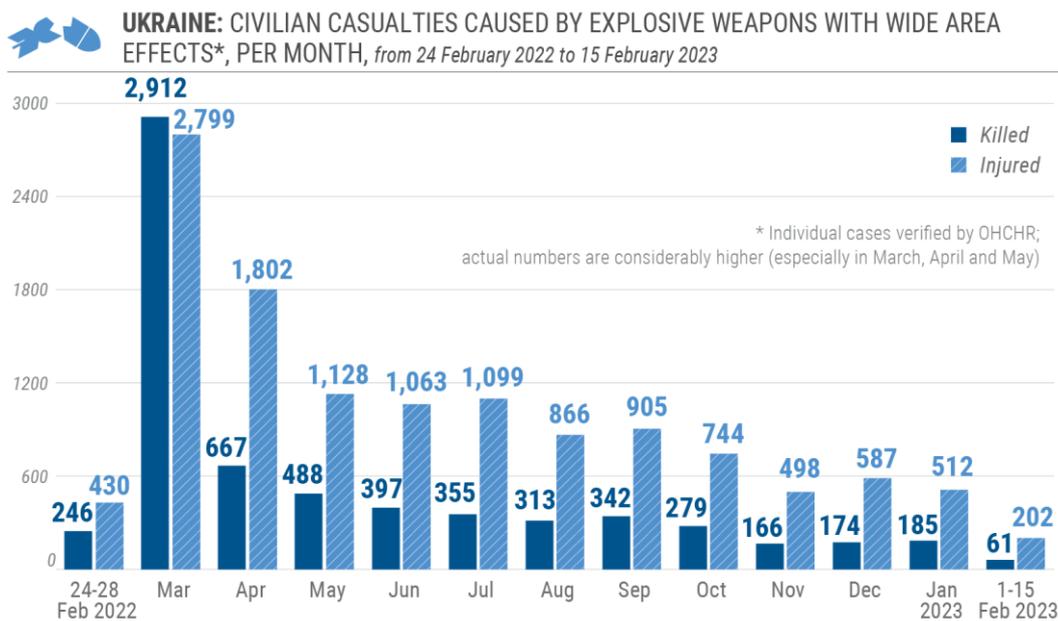


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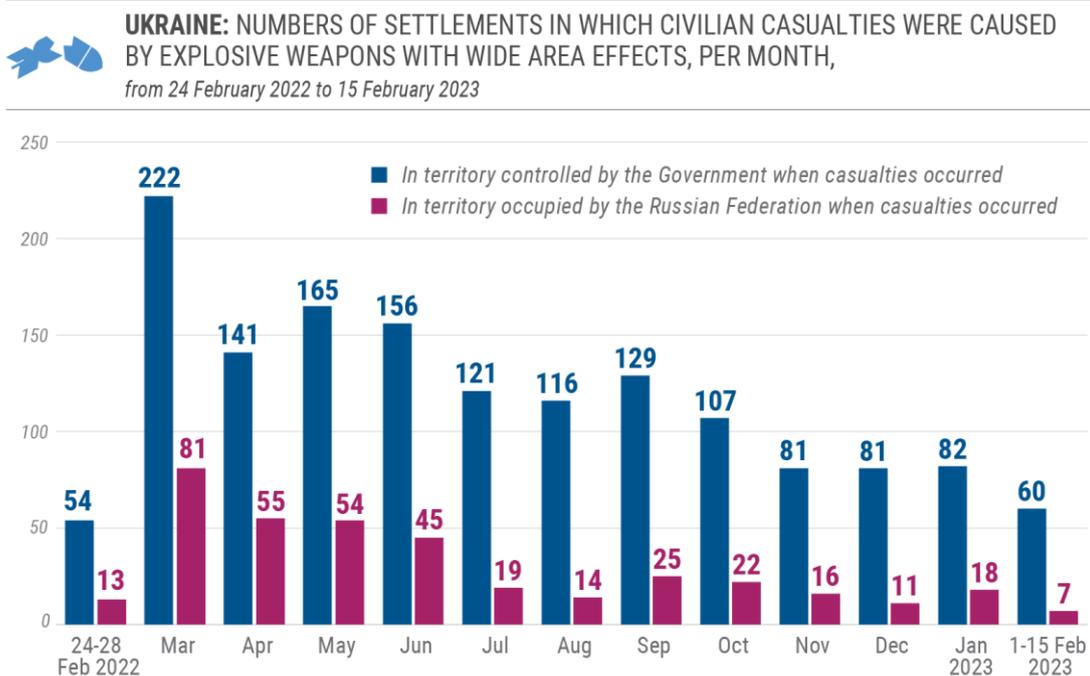
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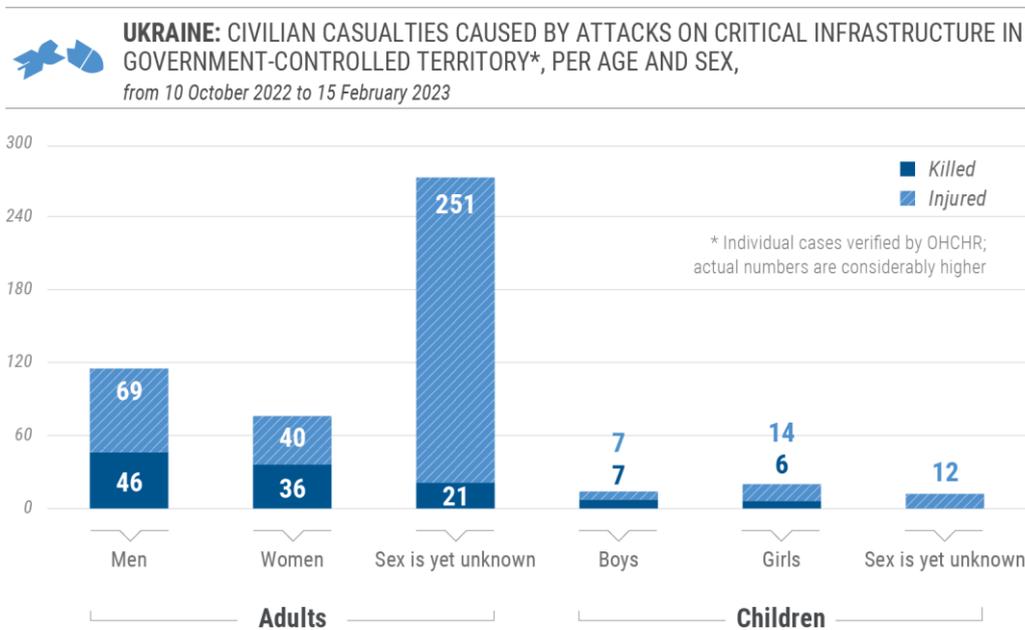
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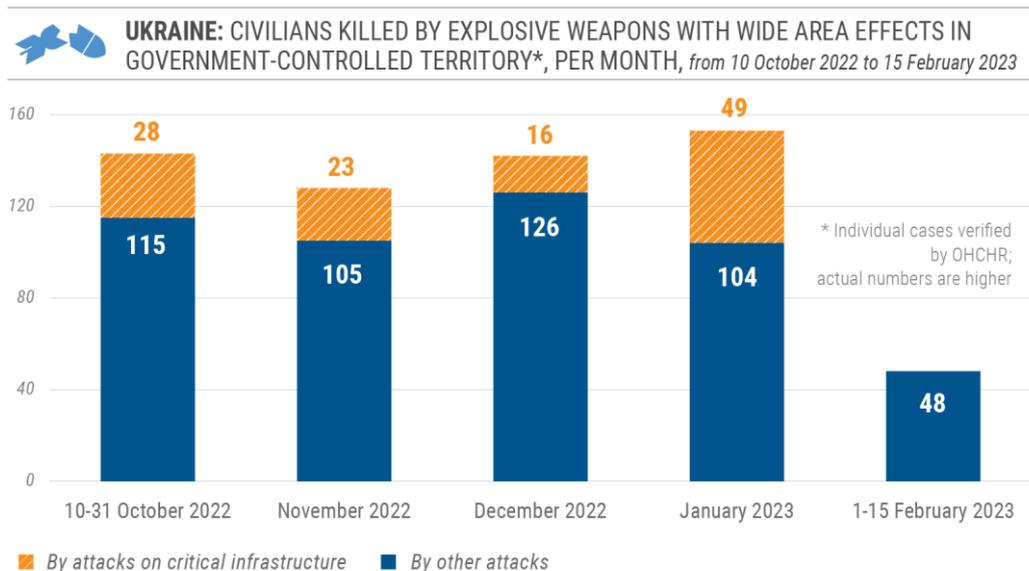
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Civilian casualties caused by attacks on critical infrastructure in Government-controlled territory

Since 10 October 2022, Russian armed forces have initiated a series of strikes using cruise and ballistic missiles, ground-to-air rockets against ground targets, and loitering munitions targeting critical infrastructure objects, in particular energy objects, across Ukraine. In total, by 15 February 2023, these strikes had killed at least 116 civilians and injured at least 393. They comprised 18.9 per cent of the total number of civilian casualties caused by explosive weapons with wide area effects in Government-controlled territory since 10 October 2022.



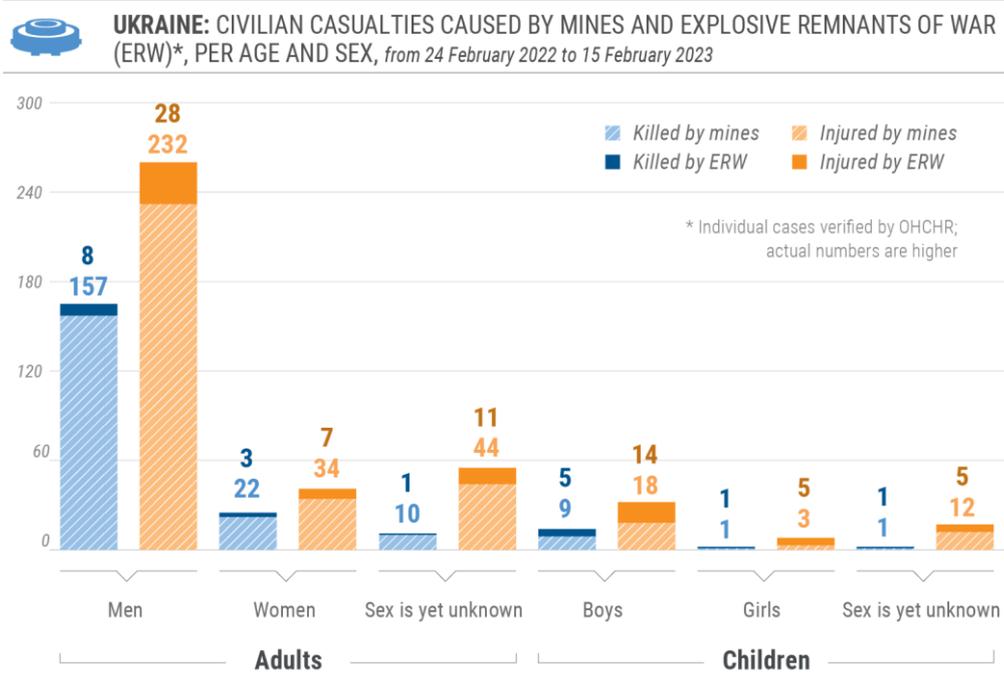
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3. Civilian casualties caused by mines and explosive remnants of war

From 24 February 2022 to 15 February 2023, OHCHR recorded 632 civilian casualties caused by mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW): 219 killed and 413 injured.



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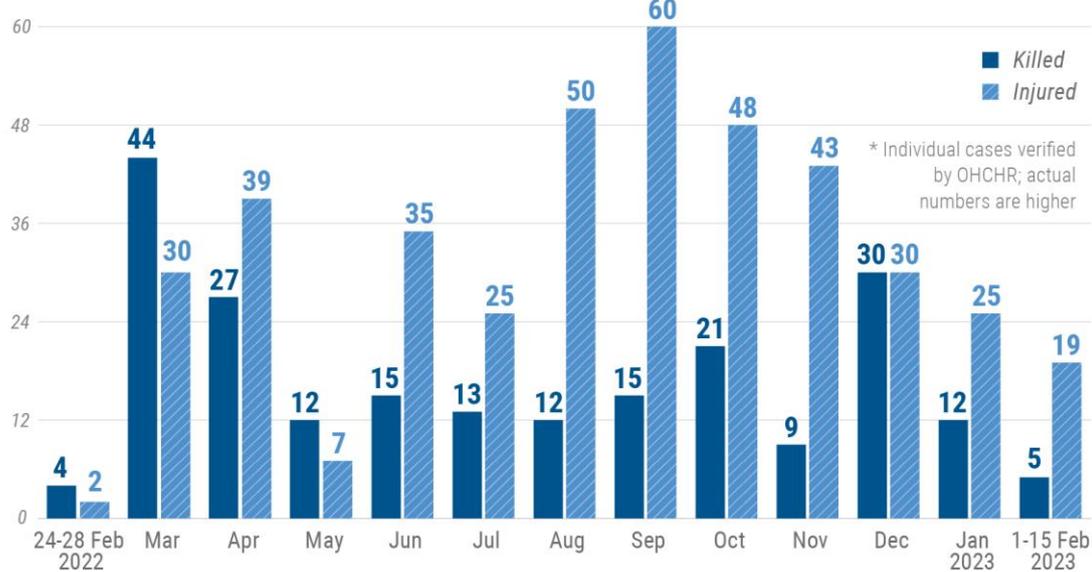
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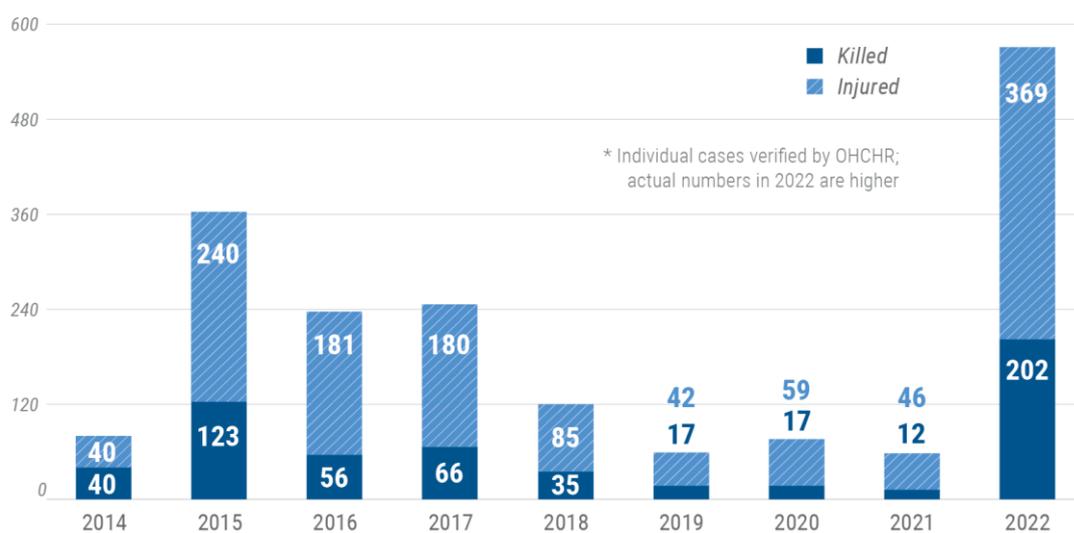


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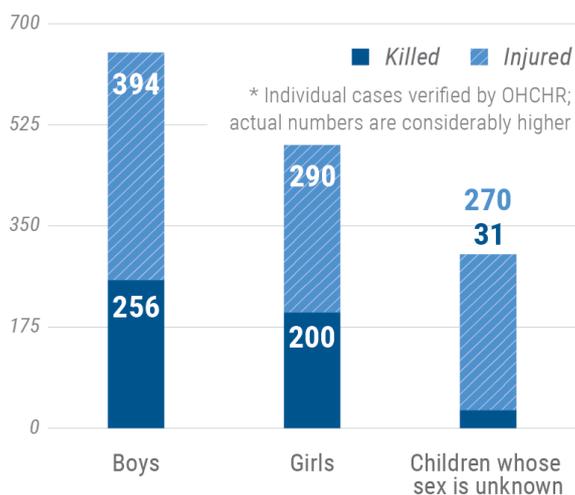


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4. Civilian casualties among children

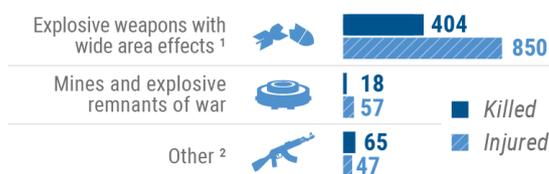
From 24 February 2022 to 15 February 2023, OHCHR recorded 1,441 civilian casualties among children in Ukraine: 487 killed and 954 injured. Their actual numbers are considerably higher.

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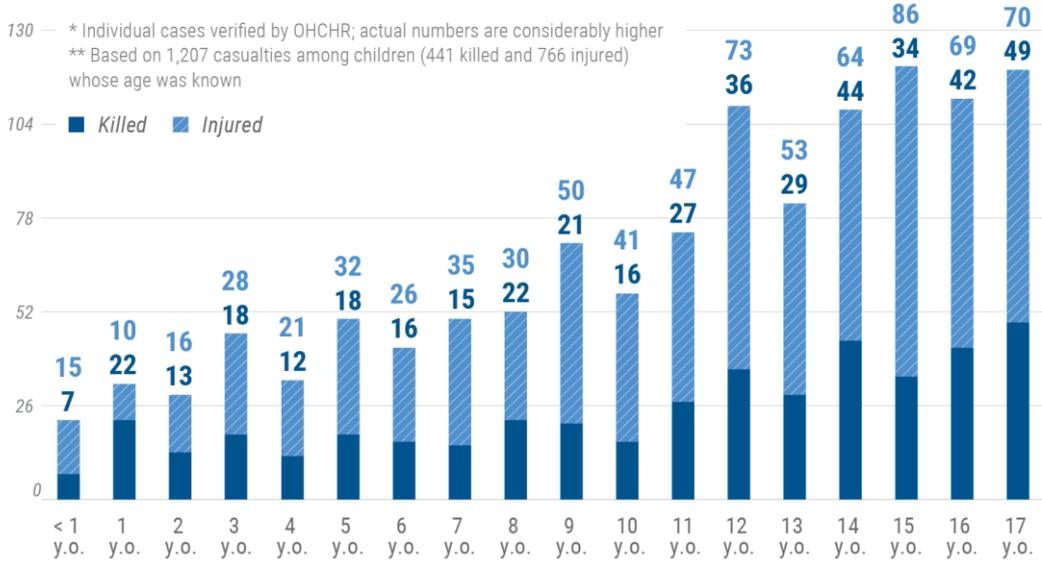


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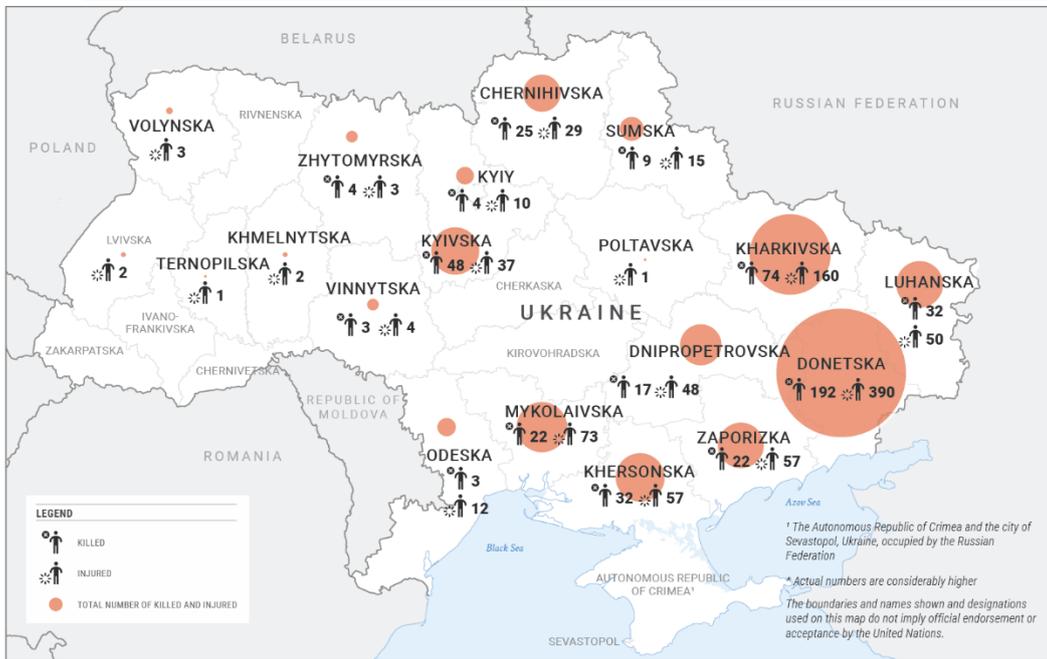
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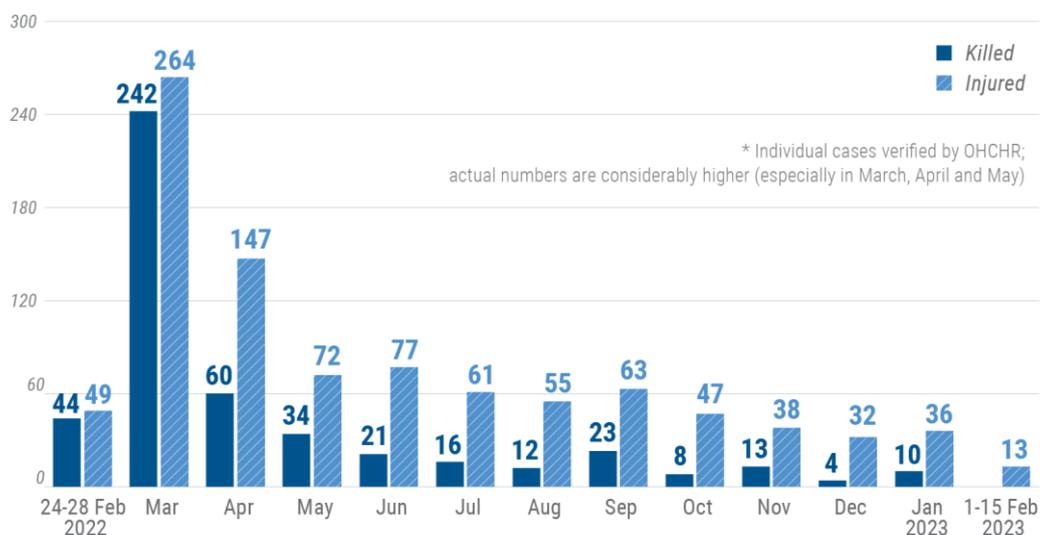


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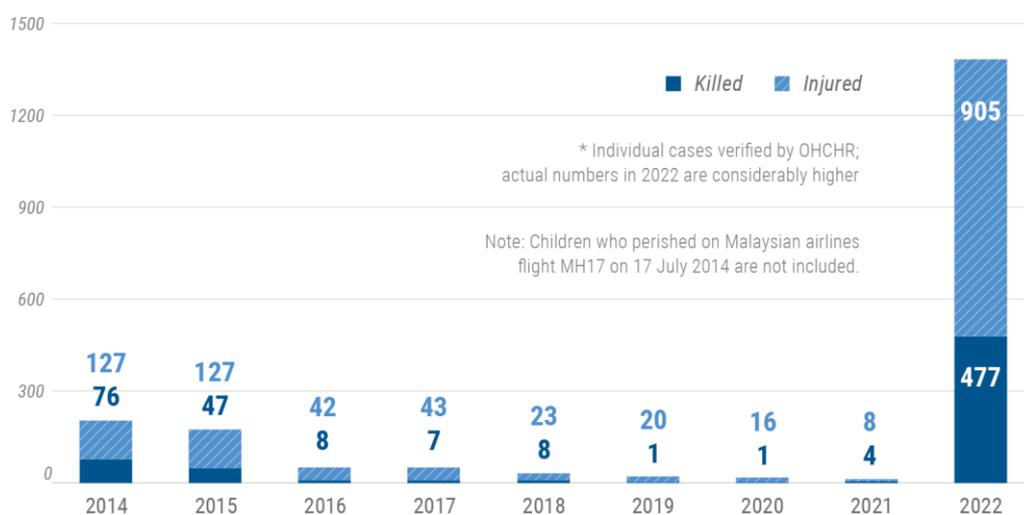
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The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine

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