

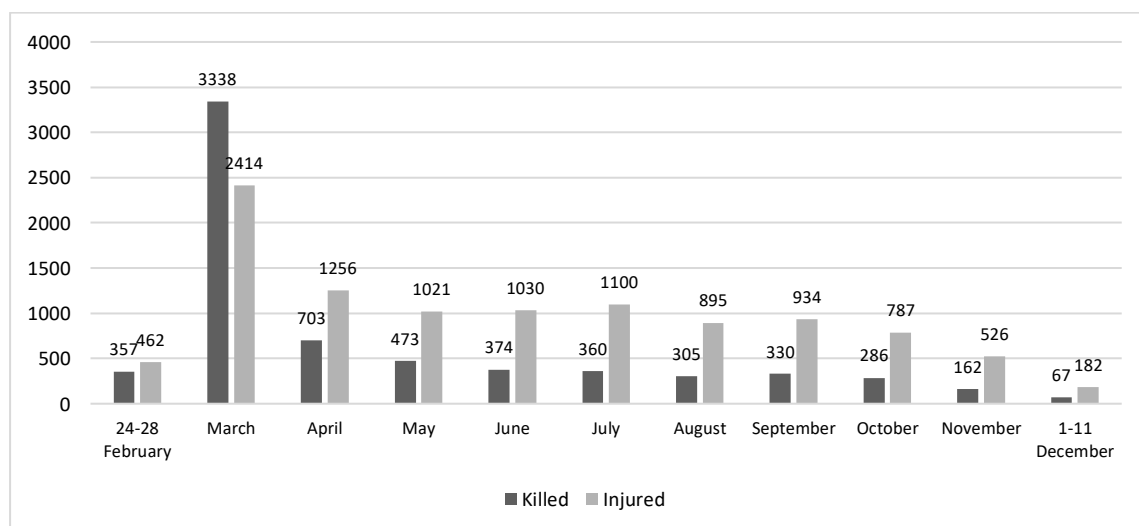
Ukraine: civilian casualty update¹

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From 24 February 2022, when the Russian Federation's armed attack against Ukraine started, to 11 December 2022, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 17,362 civilian casualties in the country: 6,755 killed and 10,607 injured. This included:

- a total of 6,755 killed (2,656 men, 1,804 women, 174 girls, and 212 boys, as well as 38 children and 1,871 adults whose sex is yet unknown)
- a total of 10,607 injured (2,312 men, 1,661 women, 221 girls, and 310 boys, as well as 250 children and 5,853 adults whose sex is yet unknown)
 - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 9,525 casualties (4,005 killed and 5,520 injured)
 - On Government-controlled territory: 7,454 casualties (3,528 killed and 3,926 injured)
 - On territory controlled by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups: 2,071 casualties (477 killed and 1,594 injured)
 - In other regions of Ukraine (the city of Kyiv, and Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Khmelnytskyi, Poltava, Rivne, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Volyn, and Zhytomyr regions), which were under Government control when casualties occurred: 7,837 casualties (2,750 killed and 5,087 injured)

Civilian casualties in Ukraine from 24 February to 11 December 2022 (individual cases verified by OHCHR), per month



¹ An increase in figures in this update compared with the previous update (as of 4 December 2022) should not be attributed to civilian casualties that occurred from 5 to 11 December only, as during these days OHCHR also corroborated casualties that occurred on previous days. Similarly, not all civilian casualties that were reported from 5 to 11 December have been included into the above figures. Some of them are still pending corroboration and if confirmed, will be reported on in future updates.

Most of the civilian casualties recorded were caused by the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects, including shelling from heavy artillery, multiple launch rocket systems, missiles and air strikes. 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), Izium (Kharkiv region), Lysychansk, Popasna, and Sievierodonetsk (Luhansk region), where there are allegations of numerous civilian casualties.

Civilian casualties from 1 to 11 December 2022 (individual cases verified by OHCHR)

From 1 to 11 December 2022, OHCHR recorded 249 civilian casualties:

- 67 killed (34 men, 11 women, as well as 22 adults whose sex is yet unknown); and
- 182 injured (52 men, 43 women, 4 girls, 1 boys, as well as 82 adults whose sex is yet unknown).

This included:

- 51 killed and 142 injured in 51 settlements in regions (parts of regions), which were under Government control when casualties occurred (78 percent of the total); and
- 16 killed and 40 injured in 3 settlements in parts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions controlled by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups (22 percent of the total).

Per type of weapon/incident:

- Explosive weapons with wide area effects: 61 killed and 165 injured (91 per cent);
- Mines and explosive remnants of war: 6 killed and 17 injured (9 per cent).

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Since 2014, OHCHR has been documenting civilian casualties in Ukraine. Reports are based on information that the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU) collected through interviews with victims and their relatives; witnesses; analysis of corroborating material confidentially shared with HRMMU; official records; open-source documents, photo and video materials; 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 may take time. This may mean 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 civilian casualty records 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 casualty took place as described.

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