Ukraine: civilian casualty update[1]

Date: 3 April 2023

March 2023

From 1 to 31 March 2023, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 765 civilian casualties in Ukraine:

- 178 killed (100 men, 51 women, 7 boys, 1 girl, as well as 19 adults whose sex is not yet known); and
- 587 injured (251 men, 116 women, 23 boys, 2 girls, as well as 2 children and 193 adults whose sex is not yet known).

This included:

- 154 killed and 505 injured in 138 settlements in territory controlled by the Government when casualties occurred (86 percent of the total); and
- 24 killed and 82 injured in 21 settlements in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred (14 percent of the total).

Per type of weapon/incident:

- Explosive weapons with wide area effects: 149 killed and 514 injured (87 per cent);
- Mines and explosive remnants of war: 29 killed and 73 injured (13 per cent).

Total civilian casualties from 24 February 2022 to 2 April 2023

From 24 February 2022, which marked the start of the large-scale armed attack by the Russian Federation, to 2 April 2023, OHCHR recorded 22,607 civilian casualties in the country: 8,451 killed and 14,156 injured. This included:

- 18,180 casualties (6,567 killed and 11,613 injured) in territory controlled by the Government when casualties occurred:
  - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 9,358 casualties (3,903 killed and 5,455 injured); and
  - In other regions[2]: 8,822 casualties (2,664 killed and 6,158 injured).
- 4,427 casualties (1,884 killed and 2,543 injured) in territory occupied by the Russian Federation when casualties occurred:
  - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 2,941 casualties (642 killed and 2,299 injured); and
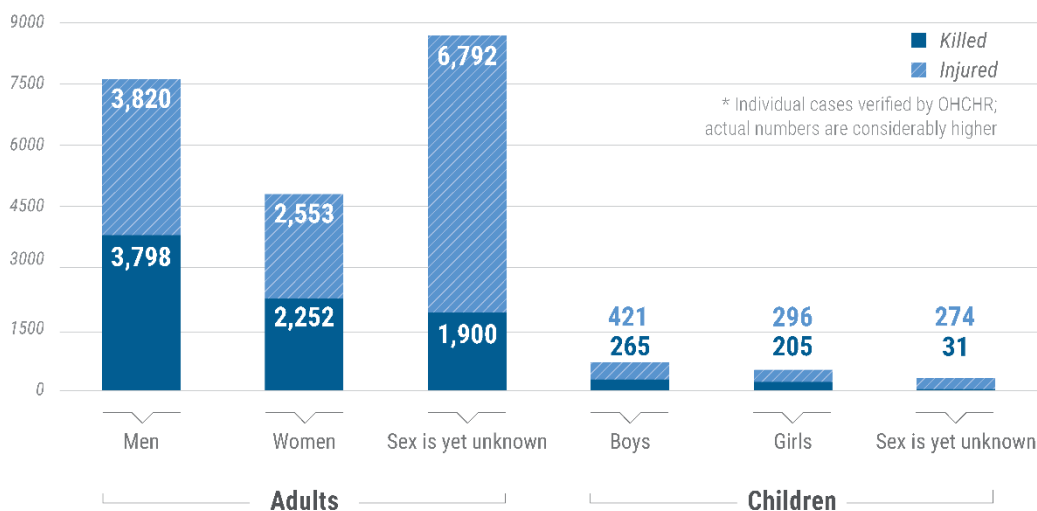 - In other regions[3]: 1,486 casualties (1,242 killed and 244 injured).

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.

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[1] An increase in figures in this update compared with the previous update (as of 26 March 2023) should not be attributed to civilian casualties that occurred from 27 March to 2 April only, as during these days OHCHR also corroborated casualties that occurred on previous days. Similarly, not all civilian casualties that were reported from 27 March to 2 April 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, Khmelnitskyi, Lviv, Poltava, Rivne, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Volyn, and Zhytomyr regions.
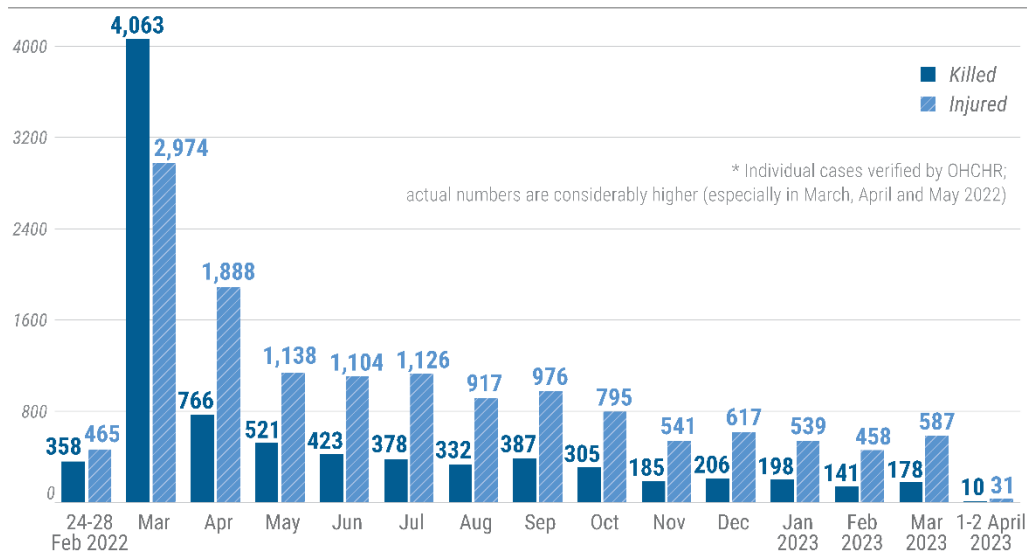
[3] Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Sumy, and Zaporizhzhia regions.

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UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES*, PER AGE AND SEX, *from 24 February 2022 to 2 April 2023*

- **Killed**
- **Injured**

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

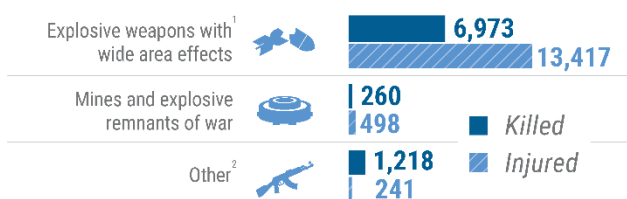|	Adults			Children	
Men	Women	Sex is yet unknown	Boys	Girls	Sex is yet unknown
3,820 / 3,798	2,553 / 2,252	6,792 / 1,900	421 / 265	296 / 205	274 / 31

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UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES*, PER MONTH, *from 24 February 2022 to 2 April 2023*

- **Killed**
- **Injured**

* Individual cases verified by OHCHR; actual numbers are considerably higher (especially in March, April and May 2022)

Month	Killed	Injured
24-28 Feb 2022	358	465
Mar	4,063	2,974
Apr	766	1,888
May	521	1,138
Jun	423	1,104
Jul	378	1,126
Aug	332	917
Sep	387	976
Oct	305	795
Nov	185	541
Dec	206	617
Jan 2023	198	539
Feb 2023	141	458
Mar 2023	178	587
1-2 April 2023	10	31

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UKRAINE: TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES*, PER TYPE OF WEAPON/INCIDENT, from 24 February 2022 to 2 April 2023

Explosive weapons with [1] wide area effects — **6,973** / 13,417

Mines and explosive remnants of war — **260** / 498

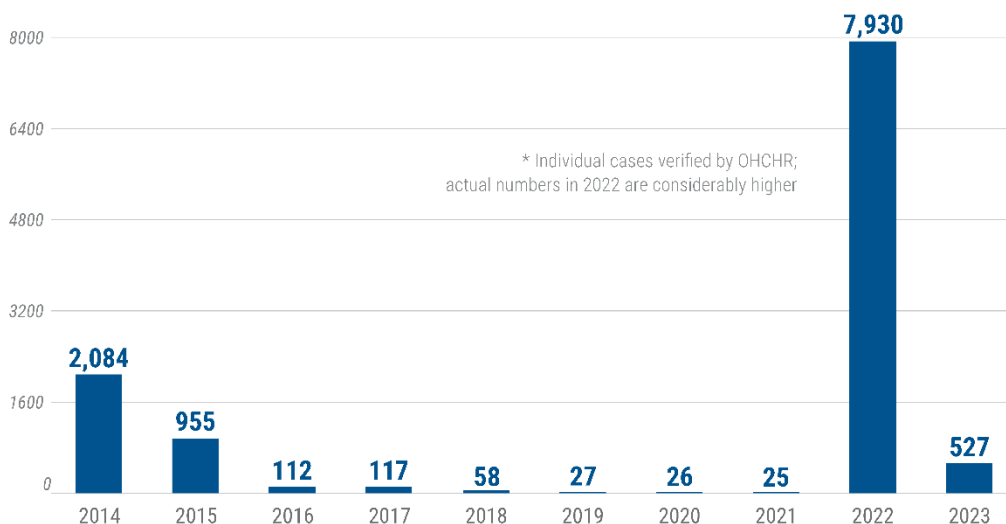Other [2] — **1,218** / 241

■ Killed ▨ Injured

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

* Individual cases verified by OHCHR; actual numbers in 2022 are considerably higher

2014: 2,084; 2015: 955; 2016: 112; 2017: 117; 2018: 58; 2019: 27; 2020: 26; 2021: 25; 2022: 7,930; 2023: 527

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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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