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Fewer road fatalities, but more injuries in first quarter of 2024

Highest share of serious injuries since 24 years

Vienna, 2024-08-28 – According to Statistics Austria, 6 110 road traffic accidents with personal injury were recorded in Austria in the first quarter of 2024, which is an 8% increase compared to the first three months of 2023. Those accidents resulted in 54 fatalities, the second lowest value of any first quarter in the past 32 years (2021: 48 fatalities). In contrast, the number of injuries rose by 8% towards 7 928.

“While in the first quarter of 2024 29% fewer people were killed in road traffic accidents than in the first quarter of 2023, the number of injuries rose by 8% to almost 8 000. 14% of these were even seriously injured. This is the highest share of serious injuries since 24 years,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

No road fatalities in Burgenland in the first quarter of 2024

Burgenland was the only federal province in which no person died in road traffic accidents in the first quarter of 2024. In comparison, four people died in the first quarter of the previous year. There was also a substantial decline in road deaths in Salzburg (-70%, from ten to three), Vorarlberg (-60%, from five to two), Vienna (-50%, from four to two) and Lower Austria (-40%, from 20 to 12, see table).

Highest number of children injured or killed in accidents in past ten years

In the first quarter of 2024, three children were killed in road traffic accident as car passengers, with the oldest child being ten years old and the youngest less than one year old. In comparison, no children lost their lives in the first quarter of the previous year. The number of children injured in the first three months was also considerably higher than in the first quarter of the previous year (+13%) and represented the highest figure in the past ten years. There was a large increase in the number of children injured who were riding a bicycle/e-scooter (+39%) or moped (+233%).

More pedestrians seriously injured or killed

A total of 189 pedestrians were seriously injured or killed in the first quarter of 2024, which is an increase of 9% compared to the first quarter of the previous year and the highest figure in the past five years. 38% of seriously injured and 50% of pedestrians killed were involved in accidents at dusk or in the dark. A third of seriously injured or killed pedestrians in the first quarter of 2024 had an accident on the crosswalk.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our [website](#).

Fatalities and injuries (thereof serious injuries) 2023 und 2024 (each first quarter only) by federal province

Federal province	Fatalities		Injuries			
			Overall		Thereof serious injuries	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Burgenland	4	-	190	185	33	29
Carinthia	5	4	413	523	41	58
Lower Austria	20	12	1 392	1 495	213	243
Upper Austria	11	12	1 404	1 418	165	188
Salzburg	10	3	562	616	86	108
Styria	11	13	1 121	1 225	170	182
Tyrol	6	6	738	824	119	124
Vorarlberg	5	2	370	409	48	57
Vienna	4	2	1 176	1 233	75	120
Austria	76	54	7 366	7 928	950	1 109

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Information on methodology, definitions: Statistics Austria has been compiling and publishing statistics on road traffic accidents with personal injury since 1961. The traffic accidents are recorded electronically by the police authorities and transmitted to Statistics Austria via a web service. The currently published quarterly results are to be regarded as provisional until the final annual results are available, as changes to the accident data (e.g. subsequent injury reports) that subsequently become known are still possible by the Federal Ministry of the Interior or the police authorities.

Injury accident: Any accident involving at least one road vehicle in motion on a public road, resulting in at least one injured or killed person.

Person killed: Any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of an injury accident.

Casualties: include persons injured or killed in and as a result of an accident.

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