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Lowest number of road fatalities in first half of 2024

100 fewer road fatalities than ten years ago, but more serious injuries

Vienna, 2024-10-25 – According to Statistics Austria, 138 people were killed in road traffic accidents in Austria in the first half of 2024. This is the lowest figure for a first half-year since the survey began in 1961. However, road traffic accidents increased by 8% to just under 17 000 compared to the first half of 2023, while the number of people injured also rose by 8% to 21 248.

“In the first half of 2024, 138 people lost their lives on Austria’s roads. This is the lowest number in this period since records began in 1961. Ten years ago, there were 100 more road fatalities. However, we are seeing the opposite trend in the number of serious injuries: 3 490 people were seriously injured in accidents this year up to June, 14% more than in the first half of the previous year. There have never been so many serious injuries in the first half of the past twelve years,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

Most of the **seriously injured** in the first half of 2024 were cyclists: 1 065 were seriously injured, 20% more than in the previous year. This corresponds to 31% of all serious injuries. This was followed by car occupants (891; 26%) and motorcyclists (617; 18%). The number of seriously injured pedestrians (348; 10%) also increased compared to the previous year (+14%) and is at its highest value since 2019.

100 fewer road deaths than ten years ago; lowest figures in four federal provinces

Never in a first half of the year fewer road deaths were recorded than in 2024. The 138 fatalities represent a decrease of 23% compared to the previous year and are exactly 100 people less than in 2014. In Lower Austria (33 fatalities) and Upper Austria (26), new lows were set for the first half of the year, while in Burgenland (2) and Carinthia (9), the number of road deaths once again fell to the historic lows of the first half of 2021 and 2020, respectively. Styria was the only federal province in which the number was slightly above that of the previous year at 28 road fatalities (2023: 27, see table).

Highest number of children injured in the past 15 years

Three children lost their lives in the first half of 2024 and a further 1 515 were injured on the roads, 9% of them seriously. The number of children (0–14 years of age) injured in the first half of 2024 was therefore substantially higher than in the previous year (+16%) and represented the highest figure in the past 15 years.

Single-vehicle accidents at a new high; cyclists as largest group

5 706 single-vehicle accidents in the first half of 2024 marked a new record since the start of digital recording in 1992. This means that one in three accidents during this period was a single-vehicle accident. The largest group was single-vehicle accidents of bicycles at 36%, followed by single-vehicle accidents of cars at 27% and motorcycles at 13%. Single-vehicle accidents involving motorcyclists were substantially more serious: A rider was seriously injured or killed in 38% of all single-vehicle accidents involving motorcycles, while this was significantly less common in single-vehicle accidents of bicycles at 28% and in single-vehicle accidents of cars at 18%.

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

Federal province	Fatalities		Injuries			
			Overall		Thereof serious injuries	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Burgenland	8	2	503	518	96	108
Carinthia	14	9	1 240	1 459	187	198
Lower Austria	44	33	3 723	4 179	650	786
Upper Austria	34	26	3 799	3 921	561	597
Salzburg	19	14	1 512	1 726	239	339
Styria	27	28	2 879	3 120	531	555
Tyrol	18	13	2 095	2 143	399	426
Vorarlberg	8	6	1 115	1 015	152	158
Vienna	7	7	2 881	3 167	241	323
Austria	179	138	19 747	21 248	3 056	3 490

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

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 half-year 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 become known subsequently 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.

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