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# E-scooter casualties continue to rise

## Significantly more people killed in road traffic in the first half of 2025

Vienna, 2025-10-30 –According to Statistics Austria, 1 125 e-scooter riders were injured in road traffic accidents in Austria in the first half of 2025, with two more killed. With 30 cyclists fatally injured, a record high was recorded for the first six months since 2002. Overall, more people died in road traffic accidents in the first half of 2025: 170 people fatally injured in accidents represents an increase of 23% compared to the first half of 2024 (138 people).

“In the first half of 2025, 1 127 e-scooter riders were injured or killed on Austria's roads – 31% more than in the previous year and even 84% more than in 2023. In total, there were 17 478 traffic accidents and 21 873 injuries in the first six months of 2025, each about three percent more than in the previous year. This means that the first half of 2025 saw the highest number of accidents and injuries in eleven years. In addition, 170 people were killed in road traffic, an increase of 23% compared to 2024,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics of Statistics Austria.

### **15% of e-scooter casualties were under the influence of alcohol, only 7% were wearing a bicycle helmet**

A high proportion (15%) of e-scooter riders involved in accidents were under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident. In comparison, the proportion was 6% for bicycles and 6% for passenger cars. In addition to the level of alcohol consumption, there were also differences recorded in the rate of helmet use at the time of the accident: only 7% of e-scooter casualties wore a bicycle helmet, compared to 52% of cyclists. Even in the age group up to 12 years, only 17% of e-scooter riders wore a helmet, compared to 66% of cyclists of the same age.

Most e-scooter casualties occurred among 10–14 year-olds, with the number doubling compared to the previous year (from 123 to 252). This means that more e-scooter riders in this age group were injured or killed in accidents than riders of muscle-powered bicycles or car passengers.

Not least due to the increase in the number of e-scooter accidents, accidents involving children reached their highest level since 2007, with 1 720 children up to 14 years of age being injured or killed. This represents an increase in child accidents of 13% compared to 2024 and 31% compared to 2023.

### **Highest number of cyclists killed in the last 23 years**

A record high was also recorded for cyclists killed in accidents: In the first half of 2025, 30 cyclists were killed, more than twice as many as in the first half of 2024 (11 people, see Table 2) and the highest figure in the last 23 years. Every second cyclist killed was riding an e-bike.

### **Overall increase in number of fatalities and injuries**

A total of 170 people were killed in road traffic accidents in Austria in the first half of 2025- an increase of 23% compared to the first half of 2024 (138 fatalities). Road traffic accidents also rose by 3% to just slightly under 17 500, and the number of injuries increased by 3% to 21 873. This corresponds to the highest number of accidents and injuries in the past eleven years (see Table 1).

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

**Table 1: Accidents, injuries and fatalities in 2020–2025 (each first half only)**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Change 2024/2025 in %
Accidents	12 525	14 065	16 042	15 727	16 981	17 478	2.9
Injuries	15 524	17 585	19 990	19 747	21 248	21 873	2.9
thereof children <sup>1</sup>	841	1 114	1 287	1 309	1 515	1 716	13.3
Fatalities	152	151	191	179	138	170	23.2
thereof children <sup>1</sup>	-	3	6	2	3	4	33.3

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Road traffic accidents. – Preliminary data.

1) 0–14 old.

**Table 2: Injuries and fatalities in 2024 and 2025 (each first half only) by traffic unit**

Traffic unit	Injuries		Fatalities	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
Moped und Motorcycle	3 253	3 488	28	39
Passenger car	9 464	9 459	61	66
Truck <sup>1</sup>	568	548	14	4
Bike <sup>2</sup>	4 433	4 699	11	30
E-scooter	862	1 125	1	2
Pedestrian	1 670	1 655	20	23
Others	998	899	3	6
<b>All traffic units</b>	<b>21 248</b>	<b>21 873</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>170</b>

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1) Incl. articulated vehicles. – 2) Incl. e-bike.

**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 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.

The traffic unit **bicycle** also includes e-bikes and until the reporting year 2022 electric scooters as well. From 2023 onwards, they are published within the separate category **scooter**.

An **alcohol accident** is an accident in which at least one person involved (driver or pedestrian) is influenced by alcohol (in accordance with § 5 (1) of the Road Traffic Act) or exceeds of the blood limit (specified in § 14 (8) of the Driving License Act) or breath alcohol level was determined, alcohol consumption was suspected by the police or the alcohol test was refused.

A **child accident** is defined as an accident in which at least one child aged 0–14 years was injured or killed, or was involved as a driver (e.g., of a play or sports device).

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