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Number of seriously injured people in road traffic reaches highest level since 2011

Particularly high fatality rates in accidents involving trucks over 3.5 tonnes

Vienna, 2026-02-26 – More than 37 000 people were injured in road traffic accidents in Austria between January and September 2025, as Statistics Austria reports. This is the highest figure for the first 3 quarters since 2016. Particularly remarkable was the 14-year high in serious injuries and the second-highest proportion of traffic fatalities in heavy truck accidents since digital records began in 1992.

“Between January and September 2025, about 37 000 people were injured in road traffic accidents in Austria – around 900 more than in the first 9 months of the previous year. This is the highest figure for the first 3 quarters since 2016. The largest increases were recorded in Vorarlberg with +8% and Burgenland with +6%. In these federal provinces, the number of injured was the highest since 2016 respectively 2012. Overall, the number of slight injuries rose by 3% and the number of serious injuries by 2%,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics of Statistics Austria.

Highest number of serious injuries in the last 14 years

More than 6 500 people were seriously injured in road traffic accidents between January and September 2025 (see table). This is the highest number of serious injuries in the last 14 years. Most of the seriously injured were cyclist – here, 2 221 people were seriously injured, a 3% increase compared to the previous year. This corresponds to 34% of all serious injuries and was the highest number of seriously injured cyclists since digital records began in 1992. 6 out of 10 seriously injured cyclists (61%) were involved in single-vehicle accidents. Motorcyclists came second (1 371), followed by car occupants (1 305). The number of seriously injured car occupants and pedestrians (478) decreased compared to the previous year (both −6%).

Second highest proportion of fatalities in heavy truck accidents since 1992

Approximately 1 in 5 road deaths (18.5%) between January and September 2025 occurred in accidents involving a heavy truck over 3.5 tonnes of weight. This is the second highest proportion since digital records began in 1992 (highest proportion in 2010: 18.8%). 58 people died in these accidents, including 29 car occupants, 12 pedestrians, 8 motorcyclists, 5 truck drivers/passengers and 4 cyclists. By comparison, between January and September 2024, 35 people were killed in accidents involving heavy trucks.

Highest number of children involved in accidents in the past 18 years

From January to September 2025, 2 872 children till the age of 14 were injured in road traffic accidents, and a further 7 children died. This is the highest number of children injured or killed between January and September in the past 18 years. Most children – almost half (42%) – were involved in accidents while riding bicycles (23.7%) or e-scooters (18.5%). This represents an increase of 42% compared to the period January to September 2024. 60% of children injured or killed in accidents while riding a bicycle were wearing a bicycle helmet at the time of the accident, compared to only 17% of e-scooter riders.

Accidents, injuries, fatalities and fatalities in heavy truck accidents 2012–2025

Year[1]	Accidents	Injuries	Thereof serious injuries	Fatalities	Thereof fatalities in heavy truck accidents	Share of overall fatalities in %
2025	30 158	37 274	6 518	313	58	18.5
2024	29 478	36 351	6 393	281	35	12.5
2023	27 804	34 408	5 823	316	53	16.8
2022	27 236	33 716	5 758	304	54	17.8
2021	25 687	31 864	5 663	276	40	14.5
2020	24 642	30 298	5 513	265	34	12.8
2019	27 745	34 988	5 960	323	39	12.1
2018	27 304	34 371	5 806	313	44	14.1
2017	29 216	36 854	6 168	317	38	12.0
2016	30 022	37 655	6 152	334	53	15.9
2015	29 025	36 002	5 847	375	51	13.6
2014	29 327	36 637	5 895	348	43	12.4
2013	29 833	37 168	5 886	360	38	10.6
2012	31 915	39 632	6 454	404	60	14.9

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Road traffic accidents. – Preliminary data.
1) 2012–2017 final results, from 2018 onwards preliminary data.

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 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.

A person is considered **seriously injured** if they have "damage to their health lasting longer than 24 days or occupational disability or a serious injury in itself" in accordance with Section 84 of the Austrian Criminal Code (StGB).

Heavy trucks include trucks, semitrailer trucks and tractor-trailer vehicles of a weight above 3.5 tonnes.

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