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Rise in traffic fatalities and injuries in 2025

Remarkably high number of accidents involving children, e-bikes and e-scooters

Vienna, 2026-05-13 – According to Statistics Austria, more than 47 000 people were injured in traffic accidents in Austria in 2025, and another 403 people were killed. This marked the highest number of injuries since 2017, while the number of fatalities rose by 15% compared to 2024 (351 fatalities). Particularly notable in 2025 were the high numbers of accidents involving children, e-scooters and e-bikes.

“Since recording a historic low in 2020 (the year of the coronavirus pandemic), the number of traffic accidents and the number of people injured has been rising steadily. In 2025, an average of 129 people was injured in traffic accidents each day, which is 3 more injuries per day than in 2024. Among those injured, an average of 22 people suffered serious injuries each day. This is the highest figure in the past 13 years. A key factor in the rise in injuries was the higher number of injured e-scooter and e-bike riders compared to the previous year. The number of children involved in traffic accidents even reached its highest level since 2007, also with e-scooters being one of the contributing factors,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics of Statistics Austria.

Sharp rise in injuries involving e-bikes and e-scooters

10 488 cyclists were injured in traffic accidents in 2025, a 4% increase compared to the previous year and the second-highest figure since records began in 1961, although e-scooters were still included in the same category with bicicles during the peak year 2022. This increase is entirely attributable to **e-bike riders** injured in accidents, whose numbers rose by 17% compared to the previous year, while the number of injured riders on conventional bicycles remained stable. The number of injured **e-scooter riders** even rose by as much as 24%, meaning that one in every 18 injured people was riding an e-scooter (2 597 people, see table 2). 25% of these were children (aged 0–14), with a particularly sharp increase in injuries among the 10–14 age group, rising from 328 injuries in 2024 to 606 (+85%).

Highest number of children casualties since 2007

The high number of e-scooter accidents was one of the reasons for the high number of children injured in traffic accidents in 2025. More than 3 500 children (+16%) were injured in traffic accidents in 2025, and another 8 children died. The combined figure for children injured or killed is the highest in 18 years. The largest share of those children was involved in accidents as car passengers (31%), while riding a bicycle (22%) or on an e-scooter (18%). 59% of the children injured or killed in accidents who were riding a bicycle were wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, compared to only 18% of e-scooter riders.

More than 400 traffic fatalities, 28% of them in Lower Austria

403 people died in traffic accidents in 2025. This is the highest number of traffic fatalities since 2019 and a 15% increase compared to 2024 (351 people). Lower Austria saw a particularly sharp increase, with 111 fatalities compared to 84 in 2024 (see table 3). In Vorarlberg, the number even doubled, albeit from a lower level, from 7 to 14. This means that 28% of all traffic fatalities in 2025 occurred on Lower Austria’s roads. Across Austria, the sharpest increase in fatalities was among **cyclists**: 65 people riding bicycles were killed

in traffic accidents in 2025, twice as many as in the previous year (32). Fatalities involving muscle-powered bicycles rose from 12 to 33, while those involving e-bikes rose from 20 to 32.

Table 1: Accidents, injuries and fatalities in 2020–2025

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Change 2024/25 in %
Accidents	30 670	32 774	34 869	35 809	37 117	37 825	1.9
Injuries	37 730	40 889	43 262	44 585	45 995	47 041	2.3
thereof children[1]	2 179	2 402	2 689	2 841	3 070	3 551	15.7
Fatalities	344	362	370	402	351	403	14.8
thereof children[1]	2	6	13	7	4	8	100.0

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Road traffic accidents.
1) 0–14 old.

Table 2: Injuries and fatalities in 2024 and 2025 by traffic unit

Traffic unit	Injuries		Fatalities	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
Moped	3 099	3 186	6	7
Motorcycle	4 468	4 584	83	81
Passenger car	19 793	19 785	147	166
Truck[1]	1 281	1 230	21	10
Bicycle	10 061	10 488	32	65
thereof muscle-powered bicycles	7 360	7 334	12	33
thereof e-bikes	2 701	3 154	20	32
E-scooter	2 095	2 597	7	6
Pedestrian	3 328	3 404	48	58
Others	1 870	1 767	7	10
All traffic units	**45 995**	**47 041**	**351**	**403**

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1) Incl. articulated vehicles.

Table 3: Accidents, injuries and fatalities in 2024 and 2025 by federal province

Federal province	Accidents		Injuries		Fatalities	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Burgenland	867	932	1 100	1 176	15	20
Carinthia	2 706	2 803	3 342	3 432	30	35
Lower Austria	7 091	7 182	8 927	8 963	84	111
Upper Austria	6 462	6 609	8 268	8 460	72	74
Salzburg	3 011	2 995	3 683	3 664	28	24
Styria	5 500	5 599	6 818	6 989	63	68
Tyrol	3 995	4 094	4 812	5 015	32	42
Vorarlberg	1 966	2 035	2 342	2 476	7	14
Vienna	5 519	5 576	6 703	6 866	20	15
Austria	**37 117**	**37 825**	**45 995**	**47 041**	**351**	**403**

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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.

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).

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.

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