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# July is the deadliest month on the road in Austria

## Alcohol-related accidents also peak in summer

Vienna, 2026-07-03 – According to Statistics Austria, most fatal road traffic accidents in Austria in 2025 occurred during the summer months, with peaks in July (56 fatalities) and August (46). The majority of those fatalities were occupants of passenger cars (36 fatalities), followed by motorcycles (29) and bicycles (22). Alcohol-related accidents also reached their highest levels during the summer months.

“Most fatal road accidents in Austria occur in the summer. As was the case last year, July saw the highest number of road deaths in 2025. Fatal accidents were also significantly more frequent in other warm months than during the rest of the year: almost two-thirds of all accidents occurred between May and October – this pattern is evident for both fatal accidents and accidents resulting in injuries,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics of Statistics Austria.

### Highest number of alcohol-related accidents in summer

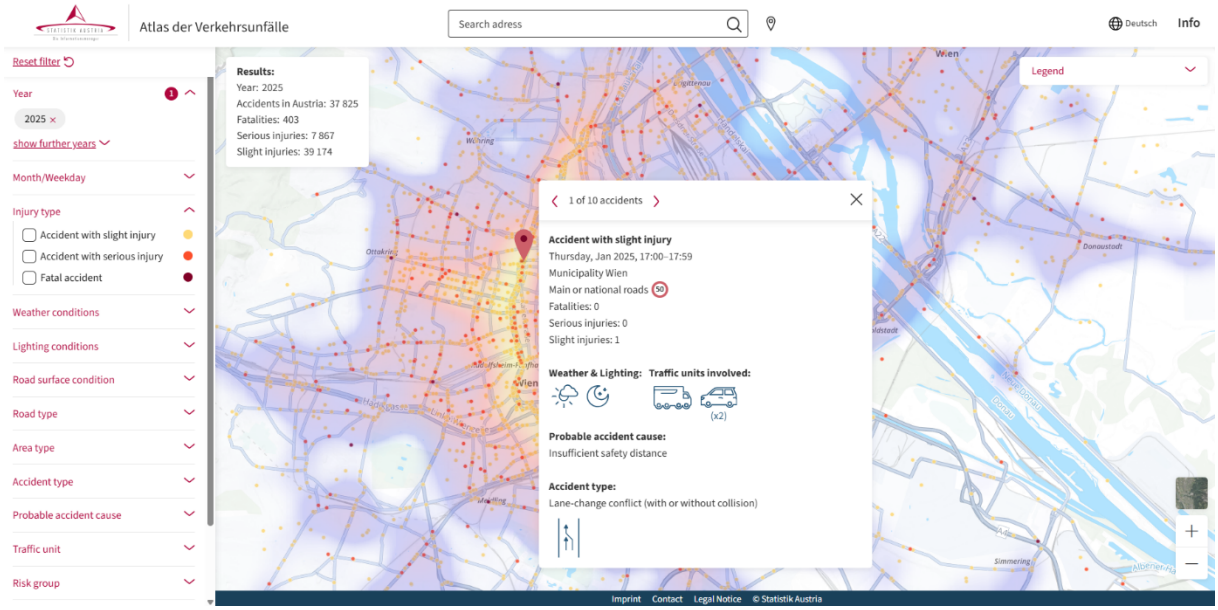
In addition to the generally high number of accidents during the summer months (see table 1), the number of alcohol-related accidents was also highest during the summer (June: 354 accidents, July: 304, August: 346; see table 2). During this period, 1 208 people were injured in alcohol-related accidents and 9 people were killed. The number of injuries was thus at its highest level since 2004 and rose by 9% compared to the previous year. Over the course of the week, alcohol-related accidents – both during the summer months and throughout the year – occurred most frequently on Saturdays: In 2025, approximately one in eight traffic accidents on a Saturday was alcohol-related. The single day with the highest number of alcohol-related accidents was Saturday, 5 July 2025, with a total of 25 accidents with personal injury.

### Highest share of alcohol-related accidents in Vorarlberg; men are more likely to drive under the influence

Across the federal provinces, Vorarlberg again recorded the highest proportion of alcohol-related accidents in 2025 (10.2%), followed by Styria (9.0%) and Burgenland (8.3%, see table 3). In addition, there were remarkable differences according to gender: 86% of the drivers of motor vehicles under the influence of alcohol involved in an accident were male and 14% female. Overall, one in 21 male drivers was impaired by alcohol at the time of the accident, compared to only one in 60 female drivers.

### Redesign of the traffic accident map

Statistics Austria’s traffic accident map now features a new, revamped design and enhanced functions. A wide range of new filter and selection options, along with additional detailed information on individual accidents, allows for more precise and user-friendly data exploration. The application has also been optimised for mobile devices and is now also available in English (see screenshot below). For detailed results and further information please refer to our website.




## Table 1: Accidents, injuries and fatalities in 2025 by month

| | Jan–Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Okt | Nov | Dez |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Acci-dents | 37 825 | 1 972 | 1 635 | 2 429 | 3 266 | 3 592 | 4 693 | 4 181 | 4 442 | 3 993 | 2 960 | 2 422 | 2 240 |
| Inju-ries | 47 041 | 2 573 | 2 119 | 3 091 | 4 102 | 4 394 | 5 721 | 5 106 | 5 471 | 4 748 | 3 666 | 3 049 | 3 001 |
| Fatali-ties | 403 | 19 | 17 | 27 | 36 | 29 | 42 | 56 | 46 | 41 | 33 | 21 | 36 |

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Road traffic accidents.

## Table 2: Alcohol-related accidents and thereby injured and fatally injured in 2025 by month

| | Jan–Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Okt | Nov | Dez |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alco-hol ac-cidents | 2 792 | 154 | 147 | 173 | 232 | 246 | 354 | 304 | 346 | 255 | 211 | 165 | 205 |
| Inju-ries | 3 420 | 189 | 177 | 217 | 287 | 278 | 426 | 368 | 414 | 315 | 266 | 213 | 270 |
| Fatal injuries | 32 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 |

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## Table 3: Alcohol-related accidents in 2025 by federal province

| Alcohol-related accidents | Austria | Bgl | Car | Lwa | Uwa | Sal | Sty | Tyr | Vor | Vie |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Absolute | 2 792 | 77 | 194 | 569 | 496 | 233 | 503 | 324 | 207 | 189 |
| Share in % | 7.4 | 8.3 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 10.2 | 3.4 |

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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.

**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.

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.

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