

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: December 2023

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces provisional¹ data from the survey on "Road Traffic Accidents" for December 2023. In particular, the road traffic accidents which occurred in Greece, resulting in death or injury, increased by 0.7% in comparison with the corresponding month of 2022 (873 road accidents in December 2023, against 867 road accidents in December 2022).

The casualties of the injury-causing accidents that occurred in December 2023 were as follows: 55 deaths, 47 serious injuries and 984 slight injuries. In contrast, in December 2022 the corresponding figures were: 54 deaths, 66 serious injuries and 982 slight injuries. Therefore, road traffic accident casualties in December 2023 increased by 1.9% for deaths and by 0.2% for slight injuries and decreased by 28.8% for serious injuries.

1,400 450 400 1,200 350 Road accidents 1,000 (left axis) 300 800 250 Slight injuries (left axis) 200 600 Fatalities (right axis) 150 400 100 Serious injuries (right axis) 200 50 0 0 Dec-23 Jul-18 Nov-21 Jul-23

Graph 1: Road traffic accidents and casualties, January 2016 - December 2023

Provisional data for the period January 2023 – December 2023

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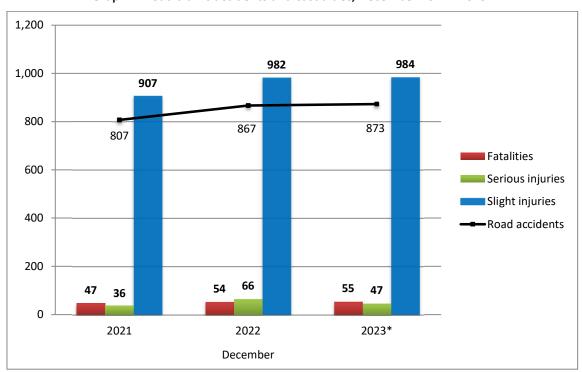
^[1] Data for the reference year is provisional until the finalization of the annual data, which takes place 12 months after the end of the reference year and is published in the corresponding announcement of the following year. During these 12 months the provisional data is updated on the basis of the data of the Road Accident Forms of that year which is transmitted to ELSTAT by Police Authorities (see explanatory notes).

Table 1: Road traffic accidents and casualties, December 2021 - 2023*

	December								
	2021	2022	2022/2021 (%)	2023*	2023*/2022 (%)				
Road accidents	807	867	7.4	873	0.7				
Fatalities	47	54	14.9	55	1.9				
Total injuries	943	1,048	11.1	1,031	-1.6				
Serious injuries	36	66	83.3	47	-28.8				
Slight injuries	907	982	8.3	984	0.2				

^{*} Provisional data

Graph 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, December 2021 - 2023*



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Table 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, by region and department, December 2022 and 2023*

Region and	Road accidents			Fatalities		Serious injuries			Slight injuries			
department	2022	2023*	%	2022	2023*	%	2022	2023*	%	2022	2023*	%
Greece Total	867	873	0.7	54	55	1.9	66	47	-28.8	982	984	0.2
Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki (East Macedonia and Thrace)	22	35	59.1	3	6	100.0	2	3	50.0	28	44	57.1
Drama	7	2	-71.4	1	2		0	0		7	2	
Evros	7	15	114.3	0	1		0	0		9	21	
Kavala	1	7	600.0	0	1		0	0		1	11	
Xanthi	6	7	16.7	2	2		2	1		8	7	
Rodopi	1	4	300.0	0	0		0	2		3	3	
Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	145	170	17.2	7	9	28.6	11	4	-63.6	164	212	29.3
Imathia	3	3	0.0	0	2		1	0		4	3	
Thessaloniki	123	147	19.5	3	1		8	2		144	181	
Kilkis	5	6	20.0	0	1		0	0		5	12	
Pella	2	1	-50.0	1	1		1	0		0	1	
Pieria	3	3	0.0	2	3		0	2		2	1	
Serres	5	4	-20.0	1	1		1	0		4	7	
Chalkidiki	4	6	50.0	0	0		0	0		5	7	
Dytiki Makedonia (West Macedonia)	4	6	50.0	0	2	-	0	3	-	9	6	-33.3
Grevena	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Kastoria	2	1	-50.0	0	0		0	1		2	2	
Kozani	2	5	150.0	0	2		0	2		7	4	
Florina	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Ipeiros (Epirus)	12	10	-16.7	1	3	200.0	3	1	-66.7	14	15	7.1
Arta	2	0	-100.0	1	0		1	0		0	0	
Thesprotia	3	1	-66.7	0	0		1	0		2	1	
Ioannina	6	6	0.0	0	3		1	1		11	6	
Preveza	1	3	200.0	0	0		0	0		1	8	
Thessalia (Thessaly)	20	20	0.0	4	5	25.0	5	1	-80.0	20	19	-5.0
Karditsa	3	8	166.7	1	0		1	1		5	10	
Larissa	5	8	60.0	1	3		2	0		5	6	
Magnissia	6	3	-50.0	2	1		2	0		2	2	
Trikala	6	1	-83.3	0	1		0	0		8	1	
lonia Nisia (Ionian Islands)	7	7	0.0	3	1	-66.7	2	1	-50.0	4	6	50.0
Zakynthos	4	2	-50.0	1	0		2	0		2	3	
Kerkyra	1	1	0.0	0	0		0	0		1	1	
Kefallinia	1	3	200.0	2	1		0	1		0	1	
Lefkada	1	1	0.0	0	0		0	0		1	1	

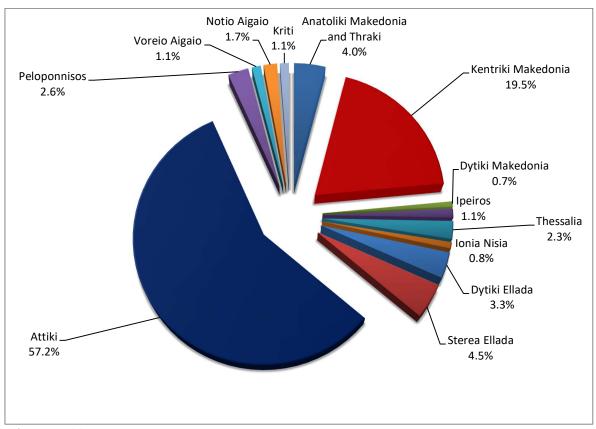
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Table 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, by region and department, December 2022 and 2023* (Continued)

Region and	Ro	ad accide	ents		Fatalitie	S	S	erious inju	ries	Sli	ght injuri	es
department	2022	2023*	%	2022	2023*	%	2022	2023*	%	2022	2023*	%
Dytiki Ellada (West Greece)	40	29	-27.5	5	3	-40.0	5	1	-80.0	41	32	-22.0
Etolia & Akarnania	16	14	-12.5	2	1		2	0		19	15	
Achaia	15	11	-26.7	1	1		1	1		14	14	
Ilia	9	4	-55.6	2	1		2	0		8	3	
Sterea Ellada	44	39	-11.4	5	1	-80.0	6	5	-16.7	44	49	11.4
Viotia	9	11	22.2	0	1		2	1		10	16	
Evia	22	14	-36.4	4	0		1	3		20	17	
Evrytania	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Fthiotida	7	12	71.4	1	0		1	0		7	15	
Fokida	6	2	-66.7	0	0		2	1		7	1	
Attiki (Attica)	505	499	-1.2	15	16	6.7	11	16	45.5	600	549	-8.5
Peloponnisos (Peloponnese)	28	23	-17.9	7	2	-71.4	3	3	0.0	27	23	-14.8
Argolida	4	4	0.0	1	0		0	1		4	3	
Arkadia	5	6	20.0	0	2		0	0		8	6	
Korinthia	6	8	33.3	1	0		1	0		6	11	
Lakonia	4	1	-75.0	2	0		0	0		4	1	
Messinia	9	4	-55.6	3	0		2	2		5	2	
Voreio Aigaio (North Aegean)	8	10	25.0	1	1	0.0	2	1	-50.0	8	12	50.0
Lesvos	7	7	0.0	1	1		2	1		7	8	
Samos	1	2	100.0	0	0		0	0		1	3	
Chios	0	1	-	0	0		0	0		0	1	
Notio Aigaio (South Aegean)	18	15	-16.7	0	1	-	5	5	0.0	16	12	-25.0
Dodekanissos	12	7	-41.7	0	1		4	2		11	6	
Kyklades	6	8	33.3	0	0		1	3		5	6	
Kriti (Crete)	14	10	-28.6	3	5	66.7	11	3	-72.7	7	5	-28.6
Iraklio	8	3	-62.5	2	3		9	1		3	0	
Lassithi	1	3	200.0	0	0		0	1		2	2	
Rethymno	2	2	0.0	0	1		1	0		1	1	
Chania	3	2	-33.3	1	1		1	1		1	2	

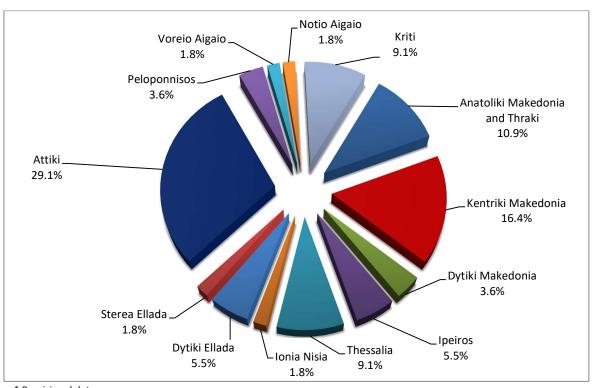
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Graph 3: Road traffic accidents by region, December 2023 *



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Graph 4: Fatalities by region, December 2023 *



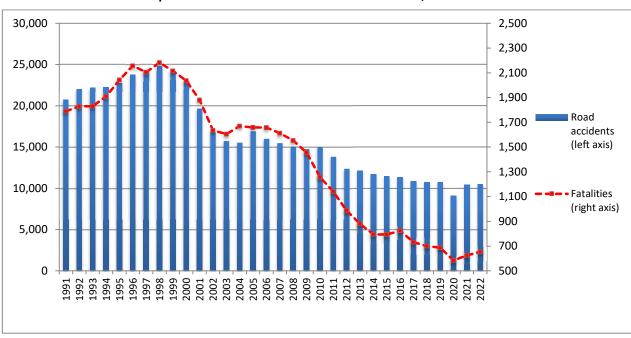
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Table 3: Road traffic accidents and casualties for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023*

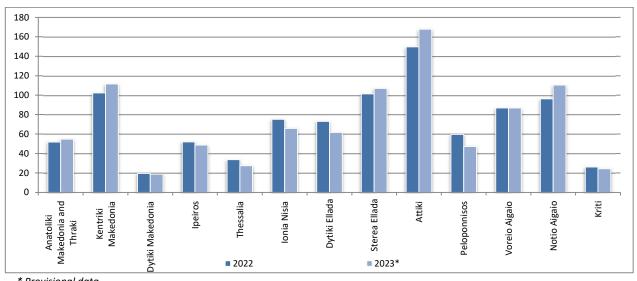
	2021	2022	2023*			
	January - December	January - December	January - December			
Road Accidents	10,454	10,487	11,201			
	Annual Change (%) :	0.3	6.8			
Fatalities	624	654	621			
	Annual Change (%) :	4.8	-5.0			
Serious injuries	610	664	657			
	Annual Change (%) :	8.9	-1.1			
Slight injuries	11,746	11,961	12,644			
	Annual Change (%) :	1.8	5.7			

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Graph 5: Total road traffic accidents and fatalities, 1991-2022

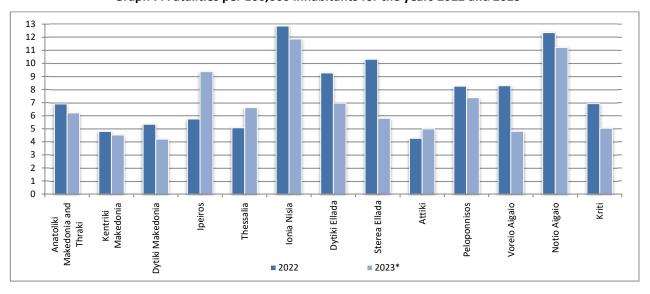


Graph 6: Road traffic accidents per 100,000 inhabitants for the years 2022 and 2023*

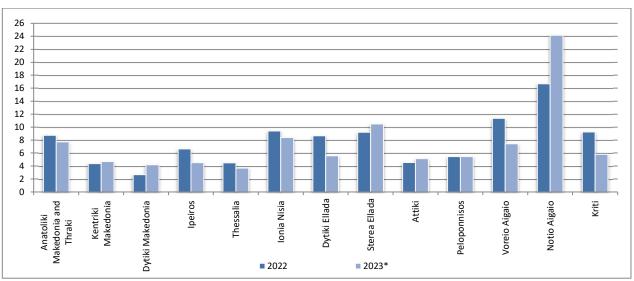


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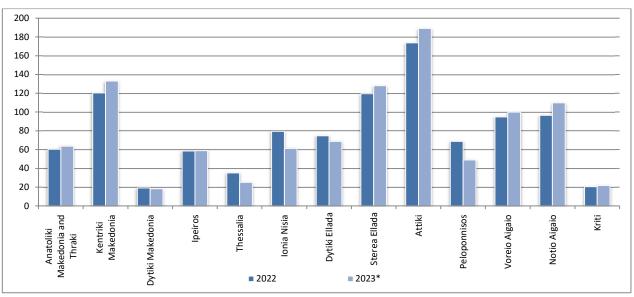
Graph 7: Fatalities per 100,000 inhabitants for the years 2022 and 2023*



Graph 8: Serious injuries per 100,000 inhabitants for the years 2022 and 2023*



Graph 9: Slight injuries per 100,000 inhabitants for the years 2022 and 2023*



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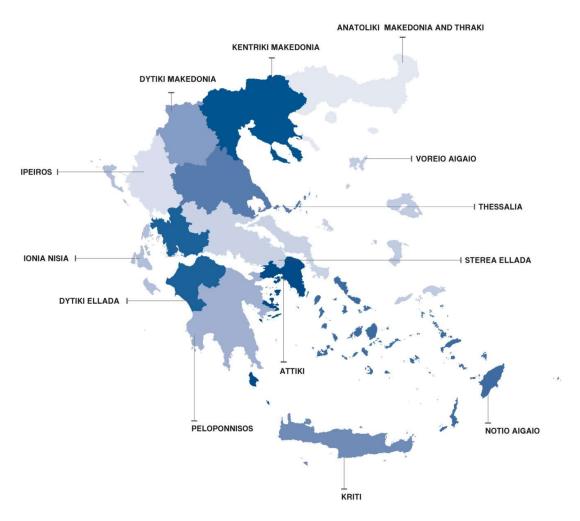
EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Road Traffic Accidents

The Survey on Road Traffic Accidents is conducted on a monthly basis and it records, for each region (see map) and department of Greece and for each month separately, the number of accidents resulting in death or injury, as well as the number of persons injured by categories (drivers, passengers, pedestrians).

On a yearly basis, road traffic accidents are further analyzed. The competent agencies for filling in/collecting the forms on road accidents are the local Police Authorities and the local Port Authorities of Greece.

The lower level of analysis for the place where an injury road accident occurred is the settlement. Data are collected on a monthly basis. The main variables are the following: place of accident, kind of road, casualties, conditions of road surface and type of road.



Legal basis The Survey on Road Traffic Accidents is governed by Council Decision 93/704 of the European Community.

Reference Monthly. period

Availability Provisional data are available 2 months after the reference month. **of data** Final data are available 12 months after the reference year.

Road accident (injury accident): Any accident involving at least one road motor vehicle in motion on a public road or square to which the public has access (excluding yards, industrial sites or vehicle depot of public transport enterprises), resulting in at least one injured or killed person. Accidents with only material damages are not included.

Fatality (Death): Any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of an injury accident (This national definition applies since 01.01.1996)

Person injured: Any person who sustained an injury as result of an injury accident, and who normally needs medical treatment.

Serious injury: Any person who sustained an injury as result of an injury accident, such as brain damages, mutilation, multiple injuries, which may result in lack of awareness or which are lifethreatening.

Slight injury: Any person injured who sustained minor and not life-threatening injuries.

Vehicle: Include motor vehicles, trolleybuses, motorcycles, bicycles, motorbikes, agricultural and road making machines, animal and hand-drawn vehicles. Railway vehicles are excluded, unless the road accident involves at least one of the aforementioned types of vehicles and therefore, railway vehicles are considered vehicles.

Methodology The forms of the survey are filled in by the local Police Authorities and the local Port Authorities as well.

References More information about Road Traffic Accidents is available on ELSTAT's website and more specifically at the link: https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SDT03/-.