

# **ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: March 2024**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces provisional<sup>1</sup> data from the survey on "Road Traffic Accidents" for March 2024. In particular, the road traffic accidents which occurred in Greece, resulting in death or injury, decreased by 2.5% in comparison with the corresponding month of 2023 (841 road accidents in March 2024, against 863 road accidents in March 2023).

The casualties of the injury-causing accidents that occurred in March 2024 were as follows: 38 deaths, 43 serious injuries and 970 slight injuries. In contrast, in March 2023 the corresponding figures were: 41 deaths, 33 serious injuries and 989 slight injuries. Therefore, road traffic accident casualties in March 2024 decreased by 7.3% for deaths and by 1.9% for slight injuries and increased by 30.3% for serious injuries.

1,400 450 400 1,200 350 Road accidents 1,000 (left axis) 300 Slight injuries 800 250 (left axis) 200 600 Fatalities (right axis) 150 400 Serious 100 injuries (right axis) 200 50 0 Jan-18 Mar-18 May-18 Jan-19 Mar-19 Jul-19 Sep-19 Jul-20 Sep-20 Jul-20 Sep-20 Jul-20 Jul-20 Sep-20 Jul-20 Ju

Graph 1: Road traffic accidents and casualties, January 2017 - March 2024

Provisional data for the period April 2023 – March 2024

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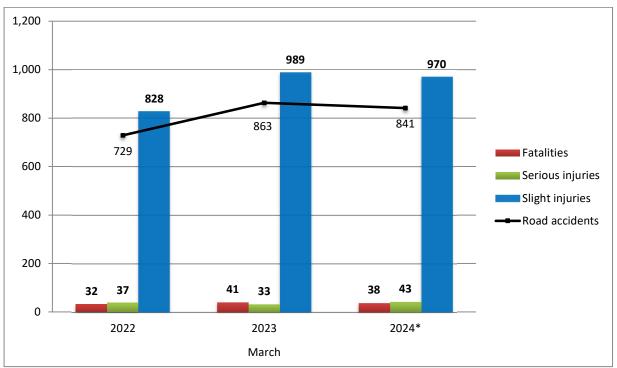
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[1]</sup> Data for the reference year is provisional until the finalization of the annual data, which takes place 12 months after the end of the reference year and is published in the corresponding announcement of the following year. During these 12 months the provisional data is updated 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, March 2022 - 2024\*

	March									
	2022	2023	2023/2022 (%)	2024*	2024*/2023 (%)					
Road accidents	729	863	18.4	841	-2.5					
Fatalities	32	41	28.1	38	-7.3					
Total injuries	865	1,022	18.2	1,013	-0.9					
Serious injuries	37	33	-10.8	43	30.3					
Slight injuries	828	989	19.4	970	-1.9					

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional data

Graph 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, March 2022 - 2024\*



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Table 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, by region and department, March 2023 and 2024\*

Region and	Road accidents		Fatalities			Serious injuries			Slight injuries			
department	2023	2024*	%	2023	2024*	%	2023	2024*	%	2023	2024*	%
Greece Total	863	841	-2.5	41	38	-7.3	33	43	30.3	989	970	-1.9
Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki (East Macedonia and Thrace)	20	16	-20.0	1	0	-100.0	1	3	200.0	22	19	-13.6
Drama	2	3	50.0	1	0		0	1		1	3	
Evros	12	2	-83.3	0	0		0	0		15	3	
Kavala	3	4	33.3	0	0		1	1		3	3	
Xanthi	1	5	400.0	0	0		0	1		1	8	
Rodopi	2	2	0.0	0	0		0	0		2	2	
Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	142	177	24.6	10	10	0.0	7	5	-28.6	159	214	34.6
Imathia	2	2	0.0	1	1		1	1		0	2	
Thessaloniki	116	163	40.5	2	3		4	1		137	201	
Kilkis	5	2	-60.0	2	0		0	0		5	4	
Pella	4	1	-75.0	0	2		1	1		3	0	
Pieria	3	1	-66.7	3	1		0	0		1	0	
Serres	5	3	-40.0	1	1		1	1		3	2	
Chalkidiki	7	5	-28.6	1	2		0	1		10	5	
Dytiki Makedonia (West Macedonia)	3	3	0.0	0	0	-	1	0	-100.0	2	3	50.0
Grevena	1	0	-100.0	0	0		0	0		1	0	
Kastoria	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Kozani	2	3	50.0	0	0		1	0		1	3	
Florina	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Ipeiros (Epirus)	15	9	-40.0	0	2	-	0	3	-	18	6	-66.7
Arta	1	3	200.0	0	2		0	1		1	1	
Thesprotia	6	2	-66.7	0	0		0	1		7	1	
Ioannina	7	1	-85. <i>7</i>	0	0		0	0		9	2	
Preveza	1	3	200.0	0	0		0	1		1	2	
Thessalia (Thessaly)	17	10	-41.2	5	1	-80.0	3	0	-100.0	16	16	0.0
Karditsa	2	1	-50.0	1	0		0	0		2	1	
Larissa	6	2	-66.7	1	0		0	0		7	2	
Magnissia	8	4	-50.0	2	0		3	0		7	8	
Trikala	1	3	200.0	1	1		0	0		0	5	
Ionia Nisia (Ionian Islands)	3	5	66.7	0	3	-	0	0	-	3	2	-33.3
Zakynthos	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Kerkyra	1	5	400.0	0	3		0	0		1	2	
Kefallinia	1	0	-100.0	0	0		0	0		1	0	
Lefkada	1	0	-100.0	0	0		0	0		1	0	

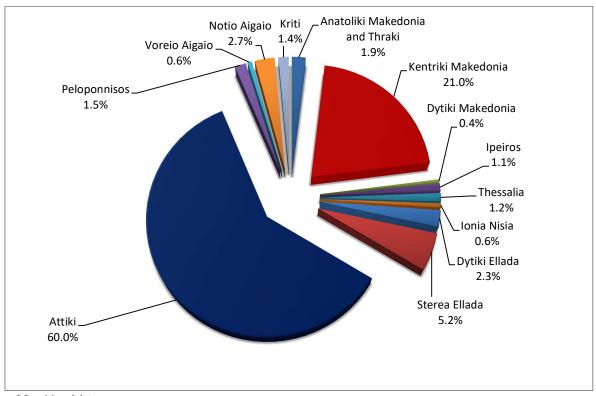
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Table 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, by region and department, March 2023 and 2024\* (Continued)

Region and	Road accidents		Fatalities			Serious injuries			Slight injuries			
department	2023	2024*	%	2023	2024*	%	2023	2024*	%	2023	2024*	%
Dytiki Ellada (West Greece)	31	19	-38.7	4	2	-50.0	0	2	-	32	24	-25.0
Etolia & Akarnania	11	6	-45.5	1	0		0	1		13	6	
Achaia	16	6	-62.5	3	1		0	1		15	8	
Ilia	4	7	<i>75.0</i>	0	1		0	0		4	10	
Sterea Ellada	35	44	<i>25.7</i>	0	4	-	1	0	-100.0	46	45	-2.2
Viotia	6	7	16.7	0	0		1	0		6	8	
Evia	24	21	-12.5	0	4		0	0		31	17	
Evrytania	1	2	100.0	0	0		0	0		1	2	
Fthiotida	4	11	175.0	0	0		0	0		8	15	
Fokida	0	3	-	0	0		0	0		0	3	
Attiki (Attica)	539	505	-6.3	10	11	10.0	9	20	122.2	640	592	<i>-7.5</i>
Peloponnisos (Peloponnese)	22	13	-40.9	4	2	-50.0	4	0	-100.0	19	16	-15.8
Argolida	9	1	-88.9	1	0		0	0		11	1	
Arkadia	1	4	300.0	1	0		0	0		0	5	
Korinthia	5	8	60.0	0	2		3	0		4	10	
Lakonia	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Messinia	7	0	-100.0	2	0		1	0		4	0	
Voreio Aigaio (North Aegean)	7	5	-28.6	1	0	-100.0	1	1	0.0	11	4	-63.6
Lesvos	4	3	-25.0	1	0		1	1		6	2	
Samos	1	2	100.0	0	0		0	0		3	2	
Chios	2	0	-100.0	0	0		0	0		2	0	
Notio Aigaio (South Aegean)	16	23	43.8	3	3	0.0	4	6	50.0	10	17	70.0
Dodekanissos	6	13	116.7	2	3		1	4		3	9	
Kyklades	10	10	0.0	1	0		3	2		7	8	
Kriti (Crete)	13	12	-7.7	3	0	-100.0	2	3	50.0	11	12	9.1
Iraklio	7	4	-42.9	2	0		1	1		6	5	
Lassithi	1	1	0.0	0	0		0	0		1	2	
Rethymno	2	5	150.0	0	0		0	2		3	3	
Chania	3	2	-33.3	1	0		1	0		1	2	

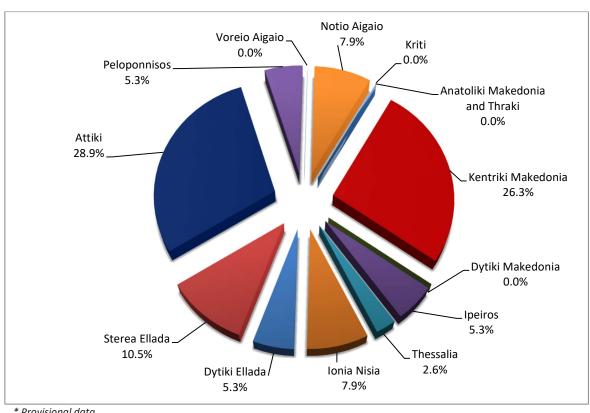
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Graph 3: Road traffic accidents by region, March 2024 \*



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Graph 4: Fatalities by region, March 2024 \*



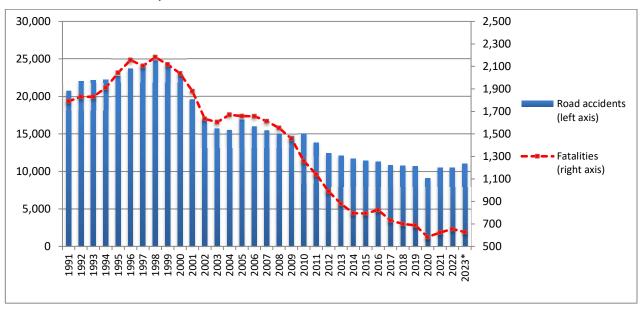
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Table 3: Road traffic accidents and casualties for the period January - March 2022, 2023 and 2024\*

	2022		2023	2024 *		
	January - March	Total year	January - March	Total year*	January - March	
Road Accidents	2,079	10,487	2,251	11,022	2,417	
	Annual	Change (%)	8.3	5.1	7.4	
Fatalities	117	654	123	627	125	
	Annual	Change (%)	5.1	-4.1	1.6	
Serious injuries	117 664		92	646	104	
	Annual	Change (%)	-21.4	-2.7	13.0	
Slight injuries	2,326 <b>11,961</b>		2,563	12,511	2,753	
	Annual	Change (%)	10.2	4.6	7.4	

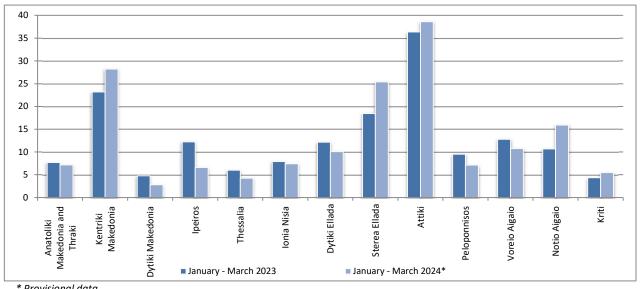
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Graph 5: Total road traffic accidents and fatalities, 1991-2023\*



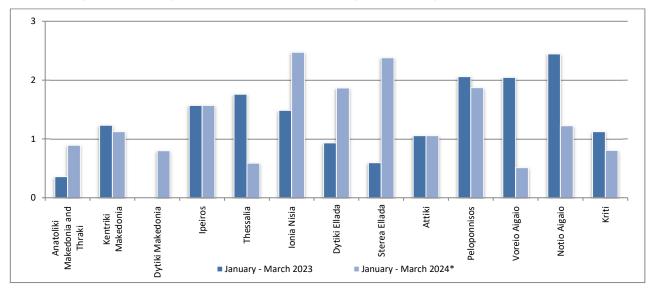
<sup>\*</sup> Provisional data for the period April 2023 – December 2023

Graph 6: Road traffic accidents per 100,000 inhabitants, for the period January - March 2023 and 2024\*

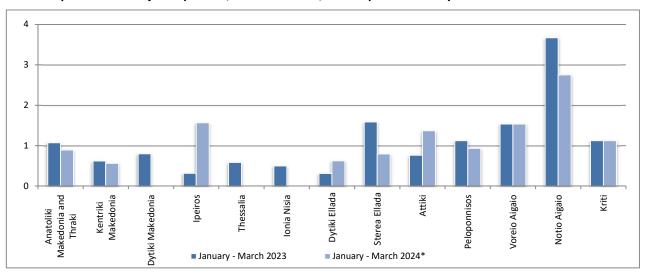


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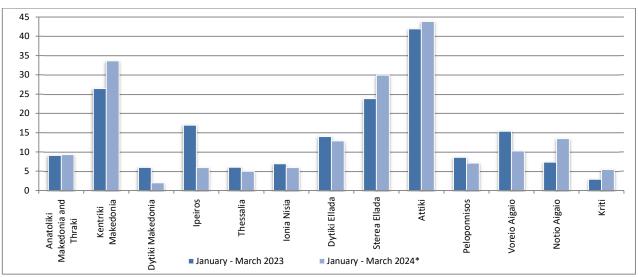
Graph 7: Fatalities per 100,000 inhabitants, for the period January - March 2023 and 2024\*



Graph 8: Serious injuries per 100,000 inhabitants, for the period January - March 2023 and 2024\*



Graph 9: Slight injuries per 100,000 inhabitants, for the period January - March 2023 and 2024\*



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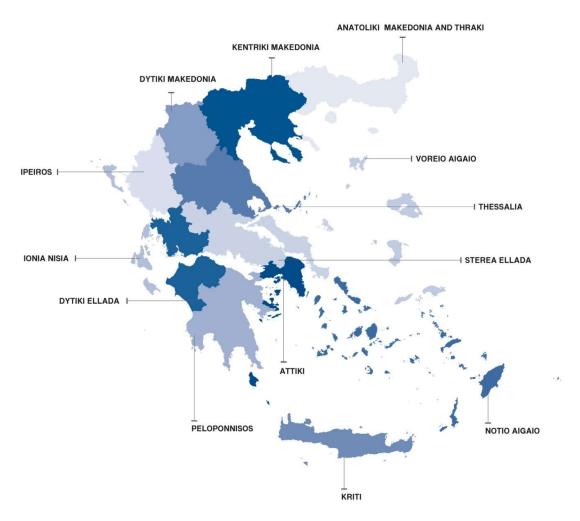
### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## 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/-.