

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS:** April 2021

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces provisional<sup>1</sup> data from the survey on "Road Traffic Accidents" for April 2021. In particular, the road traffic accidents which occurred in Greece, resulting in death or injury, increased by 140.7% in comparison with the corresponding month of 2020 (751 road accidents in April 2021, against 312 road accidents in April 2020).

The casualties of the injury-causing accidents that occurred in April 2021 were as follows: 35 deaths, 36 serious injuries and 790 slight injuries. In contrast, in April 2020 the corresponding figures were: 23 deaths, 28 serious injuries and 320 slight injuries. Therefore, road traffic accident casualties in April 2021 increased by 52.2% for deaths, by 28.6% for serious injuries and by 146.9% for slight injuries.

1,600 500 450 1,400 400 Road 1.200 accidents 350 (left axis) 1,000 Slight injuries 300 (left axis) 800 250 Fatalities 200 (right axis) 600 150 400 Serious iniuries 100 (right axis) 200 50 0

Graph 1: Road traffic accidents and casualties,
January 2014 - April 2021

Provisional data for the period August 2020 – April 2021

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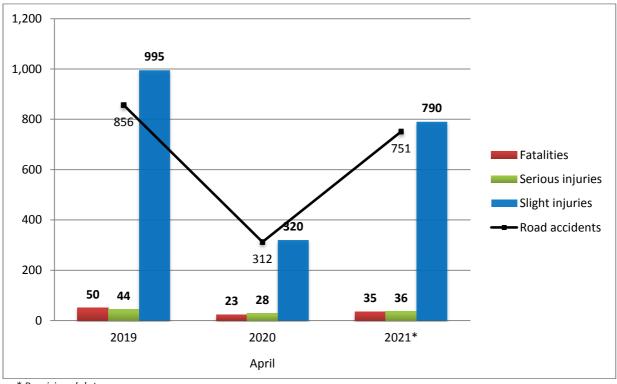
<sup>[1]</sup> Data for the reference year is provisional until the finalization of the annual data, which takes place 10 months after the end of the reference year and is published in the corresponding press release of the following year. During these 10 months the provisional data is updated on the 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, April 2019 - 2021\*

	April									
	2019	2020	2020/2019 (%)	2021*	2021*/2020 (%)					
Road accidents	856	312	-63.6	751	140.7					
Fatalities	50	23	-54.0	35	52.2					
Total injuries	1,039	348	-66.5	826	137.4					
Serious injuries	44	28	-36.4	36	28.6					
Slight injuries	995	320	-67.8	790	146.9					

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional data

Graph 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, April 2019 - 2021\*



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Table 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, by region and department, April 2020 and 2021\*

Region and Road ac		ad accide	idents		Fatalities		Serious injuries			Slight injuries		
department	2020	2021*	%	2020	2021*	%	2020	2021*	%	2020	2021*	%
Greece Total	312	751	140.7	23	35	52.2	28	36	28.6	320	790	146.9
Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki (East Macedonia and Thrace)	16	17	6.3	2	0	-100.0	2	1	-50.0	17	19	11.8
Drama	2	5	150.0	0	0		1	0		1	6	
Evros	7	7	0.0	1	0		1	0		7	9	
Kavala	6	1	-83.3	0	0		0	0		8	1	
Xanthi	0	3	-	0	0		0	1		0	2	
Rodopi	1	1	0.0	1	0		0	0		1	1	
Kentriki Makedonia	40	139	247.5	1	5	400.0	4	4	0.0	42	165	292.9
(Central Macedonia)	1					10010						
Imathia	0	3	-	0	1		0	0		0	2	
Thessaloniki	36	118	227.8	0	3		2	4		40	133	
Kilkis	1	4	300.0	0	0		0	0		1	6	
Pella	3	5	66.7	1	0		2	0		1	16	
Pieria	0	1	-	0	0		0	0		0	1	
Serres	0	3	-	0	1		0	0		0	2	
Chalkidiki	0	5	-	0	0		0	0		0	5	
Dytiki Makedonia (West Macedonia)	4	4	0.0	1	1	0.0	2	0	-100.0	1	3	200.0
Grevena	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Kastoria	1	0	-100.0	0	0		1	0		0	0	
Kozani	2	3	50.0	1	0		1	0		0	3	
Florina	1	1	0.0	0	1		0	0		1	0	
Ipeiros (Epirus)	3	8	166.7	2	1	-50.0	0	0	-	1	8	700.0
Arta	1	2	100.0	1	1		0	0		0	1	
Thesprotia	0	2	-	0	0		0	0		0	2	
Ioannina	1	4	300.0	1	0		0	0		0	5	
Preveza	1	0	-100.0	0	0		0	0		1	0	
Thessalia (Thessaly)	3	13	333.3	0	2	-	0	1	-	4	11	175.0
Karditsa	1	4	300.0	0	1		0	0		1	3	
Larissa	2	4	100.0	0	0		0	0		3	4	
Magnissia	0	3	-	0	1		0	1		0	1	
Trikala	0	2	-	0	0		0	0		0	3	
Ionia Nisia (Ionian Islands)	6	9	50.0	0	1	-	0	0	-	7	11	57.1
Zakynthos	1	1	0.0	0	0		0	0		1	1	
Kerkyra	2	3	50.0	0	1		0	0		2	2	
Kefallinia	3	1	-66.7	0	0		0	0		4	2	
Lefkada	0	4	-	0	0		0	0		0	6	

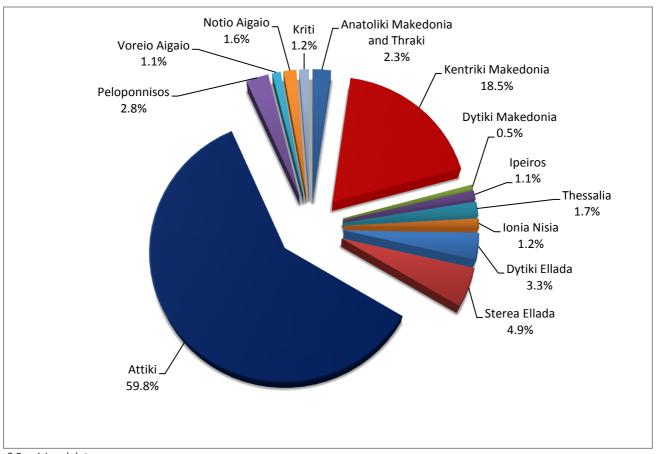
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Table 2: Road traffic accidents and casualties, by region and department, April 2020 and 2021\* (Continued)

Region and	on and Road accidents		ents	Fatalities			Serious injuries			Slight injuries		
department	2020	2021*	%	2020	2021*	%	2020	2021*	%	2020	2021*	%
Dytiki Ellada (West Greece)	23	25	8.7	4	1	-75.0	1	0	-100.0	23	32	39.1
Etolia & Akarnania	9	12	33.3	1	0		0	0		12	15	
Achaia	11	8	-27.3	2	1		0	0		9	11	
Ilia	3	5	66.7	1	0		1	0		2	6	
Sterea Ellada	21	37	76.2	4	5	25.0	1	2	100.0	17	41	141.2
Viotia	5	5	0.0	1	1		0	0		5	5	
Evia	10	22	120.0	1	2		1	1		8	26	
Evrytania	2	1	-50.0	1	0		0	0		1	1	
Fthiotida	4	6	50.0	1	1		0	1		3	7	
Fokida	0	3	-	0	1		0	0		0	2	
Attiki (Attica)	158	449	184.2	4	12	200.0	9	19	111.1	177	456	157.6
Peloponnisos (Peloponnese)	14	21	50.0	3	3	0.0	2	2	0.0	10	21	110.0
Argolida	3	7	133.3	0	1		0	1		3	6	
Arkadia	0	2	-	0	0		0	0		0	4	
Korinthia	6	7	16.7	0	0		0	1		6	6	
Lakonia	3	3	0.0	2	1		0	0		1	3	
Messinia	2	2	0.0	1	1		2	0		0	2	
Voreio Aigaio (North Aegean)	5	8	60.0	1	2	100.0	1	0	-100.0	6	7	16.7
Lesvos	3	4	33.3	0	0		0	0		4	5	
Samos	2	3	50.0	1	1		1	0		2	2	
Chios	0	1	-	0	1		0	0		0	0	
Notio Aigaio (South Aegean)	11	12	9.1	0	0	-	2	2	0.0	9	10	11.1
Dodekanissos	7	6	-14.3	0	0		1	0		6	6	
Kyklades	4	6	50.0	0	0		1	2		3	4	
Kriti (Crete)	8	9	12.5	1	2	100.0	4	5	25.0	6	6	0.0
Iraklio	5	6	20.0	1	1		3	4		3	4	
Lassithi	1	1	0.0	0	1		0	0		1	0	
Rethymno	0	0	-	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Chania * Provisional data	2	2	0.0	0	0		1	1		2	2	

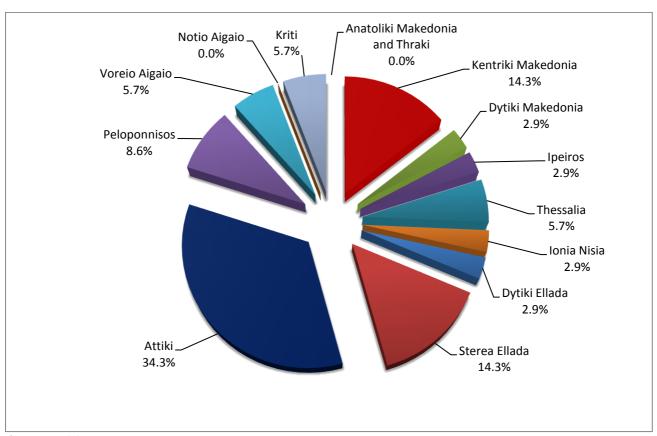
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Graph 3: Road traffic accidents by region, April 2021 \*



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Graph 4: Fatalities by region, April 2021 \*



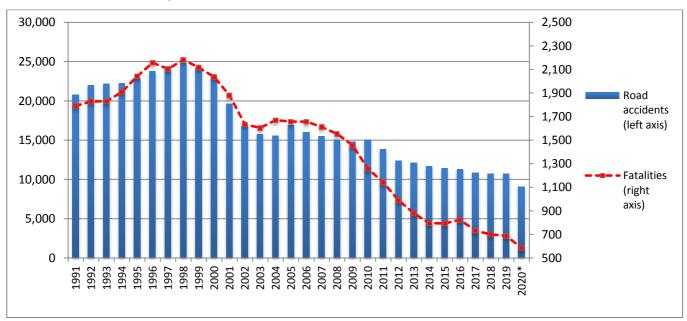
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Table 3: Road traffic accidents and casualties for the period January - April 2019, 2020 and 2021\*

	2019		2020	2021 *	
	January - April	Total year	January - April	Total year*	January - April
Road Accidents	3,064 <b>10,712</b>		2,480	9,092	2,512
	Annual	Change (%)	-19.1	-15.1	1.3
Fatalities	172	688	143	584	132
	Annual	Change (%)	-16.9	-15.1	-7.7
Serious injuries	154 <b>652</b>		137	500	120
	Annual	Change (%)	-11.0	-23.3	-12.4
Slight injuries	3,504 <b>12,350</b>		2,806	10,218	2,666
	Annual	Change (%)	-19.9	-17.3	-5.0

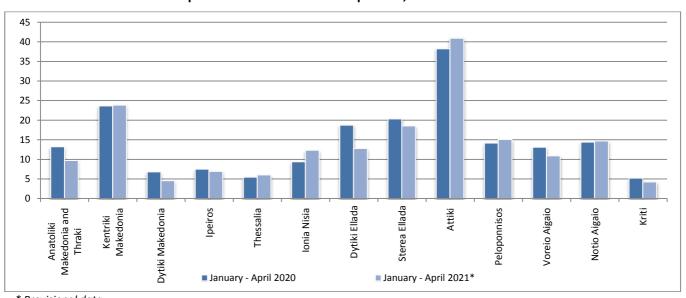
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Graph 5: Total road traffic accidents and fatalities, 1991-2020\*



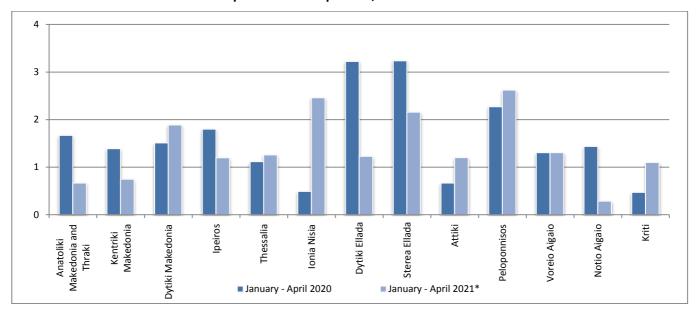
<sup>\*</sup> Provisional data for the period August 2020 – December 2020

Graph 6: Road traffic accidents per 100,000 inhabitants

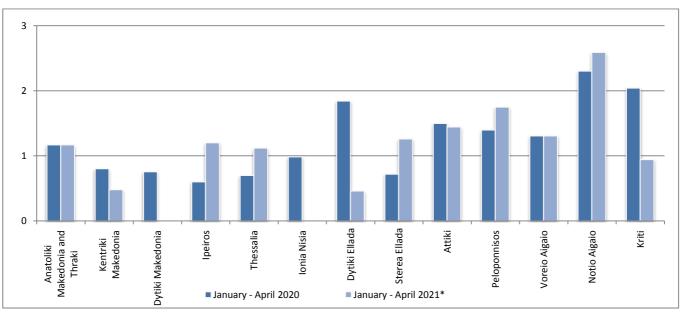


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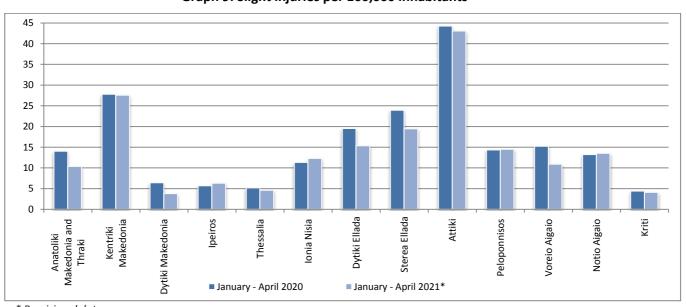
Graph 7: Fatalities per 100,000 inhabitants



Graph 8: Serious injuries per 100,000 inhabitants



Graph 9: Slight injuries per 100,000 inhabitants



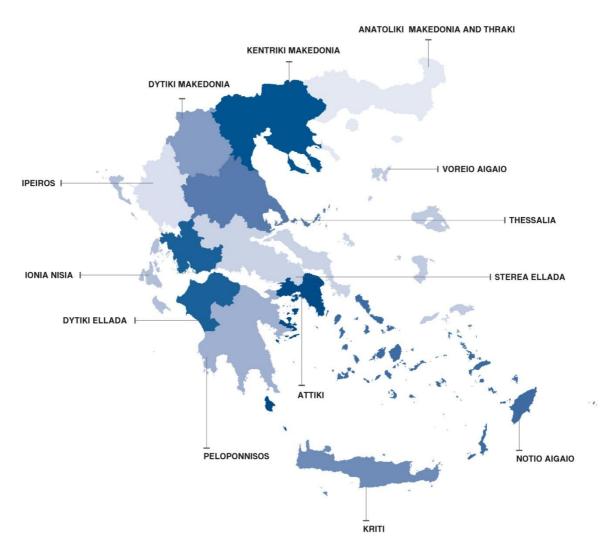
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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

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 10 months after the reference year.

#### **Definitions**

**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/-.