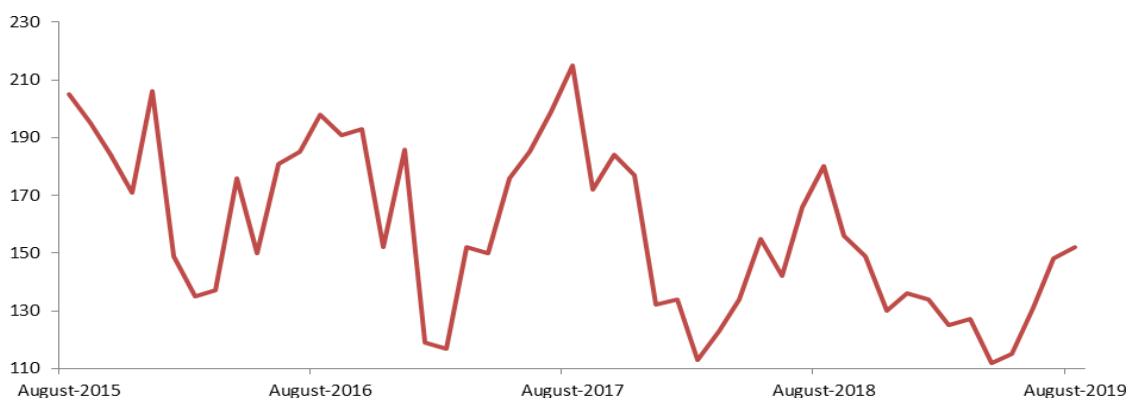


Road accidents

August 2019

Tirana, 23 September 2019: In August 2019, are counted 152 road accidents, from 180 accidents occurred in August 2018, decreasing by 15.6 % compared to the same period of the previous year. In the eight months of 2019, are counted 1,014 road accidents, from 1,147 accidents occurred in August 2018, decreasing by 11.6 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

Fig. 1 Monthly road accidents, August 2015 – August 2019



Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

In August 2019, the number of casualties (killed and injured) is 230 from 268 persons in August 2018, decreasing 14.2 %. In the eight months of 2019, the number of casualties is 1,418 from 1,547 persons, decreasing by 8.4 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

In August 2019, the number of killed from road accidents is 22 persons from 27 killed persons in August 2018. In the eight months of 2019, the killed from road accidents are 137 from 143 persons compared to the same period of the previous year.

In August 2019, road accidents, in 81.6 % of cases, occurred as a result of the driver's behavior. The highest number of accidents in this month was carried out by the age group 25-35, accounting for 34.2 % of the total number of accidents. Accidents in this age group have decreased by 3.7 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

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In the eight months of 2019, 14.2 % of cases, occurred as a result of pedestrian behavior. During this period, the number of accidents by the pedestrian behavior has decreased 38.5 % compared with the same of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Road accidents

Period	Total	Killed persons		Injured persons	
	Accidents	Female	Male	Female	Male
August - 2018	180	3	24	86	155
August - 2019	152	5	17	71	137
The annual change (%)	-15.6	66.7	-29.2	-17.4	-11.6
January - August 2018	1,147	29	114	459	945
January - August 2019	1,014	41	96	393	888
The annual progressive change (%)	-11.6	41.4	-15.8	-14.4	-6.0

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

Tab. 2 Road accidents, by users of road

Period	Accidents by		Killed persons by	
	Behavior of the driver	Behavior pedestrian	Behavior of the driver	Behavior pedestrian
August - 2018	147	33	20	7
August - 2019	124	28	19	3
The annual change (%)	-15.6	-15.2	-5.0	-57.1
January - August 2018	913	234	108	35
January - August 2019	870	144	124	13
The annual progressive change (%)	-4.7	-38.5	14.8	-62.9

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

Tab. 3 Road accidents, by driver's age

Period	0 - 25 years old	25- 35 years old	35- 45 years old	45-60 years old	60+ years old	Left the accident scene
August - 2018	37	54	28	45	11	5
August - 2019	32	52	21	28	12	7
The annual change (%)	-13.5	-3.7	-25.0	-37.8	9.1	40.0
January - August 2018	236	318	195	245	83	70
January - August 2019	213	305	184	192	74	46
The annual progressive change (%)	-9.7	-4.1	-5.6	-21.6	-10.8	-34.3

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

Tab. 4 Road accidents, by regions

Period	Accidents		Killed		Accidents		Killed persons	
	August-2018	August-2019	August-2018	August-2019	Jan.-August 2018	Jan.-August 2019	Jan.- August 2018	Jan.-August 2019
Albania	180	152	27	22	1,147	1,014	143	137
Tiranë	59	52	7	3	491	425	33	34
Durrës	25	15	1	2	153	83	13	16
Shkodër	4	1	3	1	24	16	18	13
Elbasan	9	8	0	1	77	58	17	11
Fier	20	21	7	10	84	90	22	25
Vlorë	22	4	1	1	86	61	3	5
Korçë	7	13	0	1	51	74	4	11
Lezhë	17	21	2	2	91	111	12	9
Berat	3	2	0	0	29	15	3	2
Kukës	2	2	1	0	12	25	6	4
Diber	7	2	3	1	24	8	7	5
Gjirokastrë	5	11	2	0	25	48	5	2

Source: General Directorate of State's Police

Metodology

The purpose of the monthly publication of accidents is to present the results and indicators of road accidents such as: the change in the number of monthly accidents, number of killed and injured persons by road accidents classified by gender, the behavior of road users, age and counties in the country comparing with the same period a year ago. The General Directorate of State Police is the institution that provides INSTAT with a comprehensive system of information on road accidents.

Definitions

Accidents: Unwanted or unintended sudden event or a specific chain of such events which have harmful consequences.

Injury accident: Any accident involving at least one vehicle in motion, resulting in at least one killed or injured person. Accidents in workshops, warehouses and depots are excluded.

Person killed: It is considered any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of the accident.

Person injured: It is considered any person not killed but who sustained an injury as a result of an injury accident. normally needing medical treatment.

The behavior of the driver: It means if the driver does not comply with the traffic rules according to the "Road Code" as sudden braking, ignores signs (signaling) traffic, disregard the speed limit, etc.

Pedestrian Behavior: It means if pedestrain does not comply with the traffic rules according to the "Road Code" as crossing the road carelessly, etc.

Source of data: The data are provided by Ministry of Internal Affairs/General directorate of State's Police.

The data of a last month on killed persons by road accidents are preliminary and subject of revision. For more information, refer to: [Statistical Revision Policy](#).