

Road accidents

December 2019

Tirana, 20 January 2020: In December 2019, are counted 135 road accidents, from 136 accidents occurred in December 2018, decreasing by 0.7 % compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2019, are counted 1,498 road accidents, from 1,718 accidents in 2018, decreasing by 12.8 % compared to the previous year.

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



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

In December 2019, the number of casualties (killed and injured) is 187 from 162 persons in December 2018, increasing 15.4 %. In 2019, the number of casualties is 2,044 from 2,291 persons, decreasing by 10.8 % compared to the previous year.

In December 2019, the number of killed from road accidents is 24 persons from 23 killed persons in December 2018. In 2019, the killed from road accidents are 227 from 213 persons compared to the previous year.

In December 2019, road accidents, in 91.9 % 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 of 25-34, accounting for 25.9 % of the total number of accidents. Accidents in this age group have decreased by 18.6 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

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In 2019, road accidents, in 14.6 % of the cases, occurred as a result of pedestrian behavior. During this period, the number of accidents by the pedestrian behavior has decreased 37.7 % compared with the same of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Road accidents

Period	Total Accidents	Killed persons		Injured persons	
		Female	Male	Female	Male
December - 2018	136	5	18	54	85
December - 2019	135	2	22	62	101
The annual change (%)	-0.7	-60.0	22.2	14.8	18.8
January - December 2018	1,718	41	172	703	1,375
January - December 2019	1,498	56	171	558	1,259
The annual progressive change (%)	-12.8	36.6	-0.6	-20.6	-8.4

Source: General Directorate of State's Police

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
December - 2018	97	39	13	10
December - 2019	124	11	21	3
The annual change (%)	27.8	-71.8	61.5	-70.0
January - December 2018	1,368	350	161	52
January - December 2019	1,280	218	197	30
The annual progressive change (%)	-6.4	-37.7	22.4	-42.3

Source: General Directorate of State's Police

Tab. 3 Road accidents, by driver's age

Period	0 - 24 years old	25- 34 years old	35- 44 years old	45-59 years old	60+ years old	Left the accident scene
December - 2018	26	43	14	26	12	15
December - 2019	27	35	25	29	11	8
The annual change (%)	3.8	-18.6	78.6	11.5	-8.3	-46.7
January - December 2018	349	489	296	349	124	111
January - December 2019	309	441	262	294	118	74
The annual progressive change (%)	-11.5	-9.8	-11.5	-15.8	-4.8	-33.3

Source: General Directorate of State's Police

Tab. 4 Road accidents, by regions

Period	Accidents		Killed		Accidents		Killed persons	
	December 2018	December 2019	December 2018	December 2019	Jan.-Dec. 2018	Jan.-Dec. 2019	Jan.- Dec. 2018	Jan.-Dec. 2019
Albania	136	135	23	24	1,718	1,498	213	227
Tiranë	64	59	8	4	735	642	46	50
Durrës	14	6	3	2	208	121	22	34
Shkodër	3	5	1	4	37	26	23	20
Elbasan	9	11	0	4	123	89	24	25
Fier	13	10	1	1	136	131	29	32
Vlorë	3	4	1	1	116	75	7	8
Korçë	10	12	5	2	90	114	14	17
Lezhë	14	17	3	4	142	163	21	22
Berat	1	4	0	1	40	27	5	4
Kukës	2	1	1	0	25	34	9	5
Dibër	0	2	0	0	26	16	8	6
Gjirokastrë	3	4	0	1	40	60	5	4

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, please refer to: [Statistical Revision Policy](#).