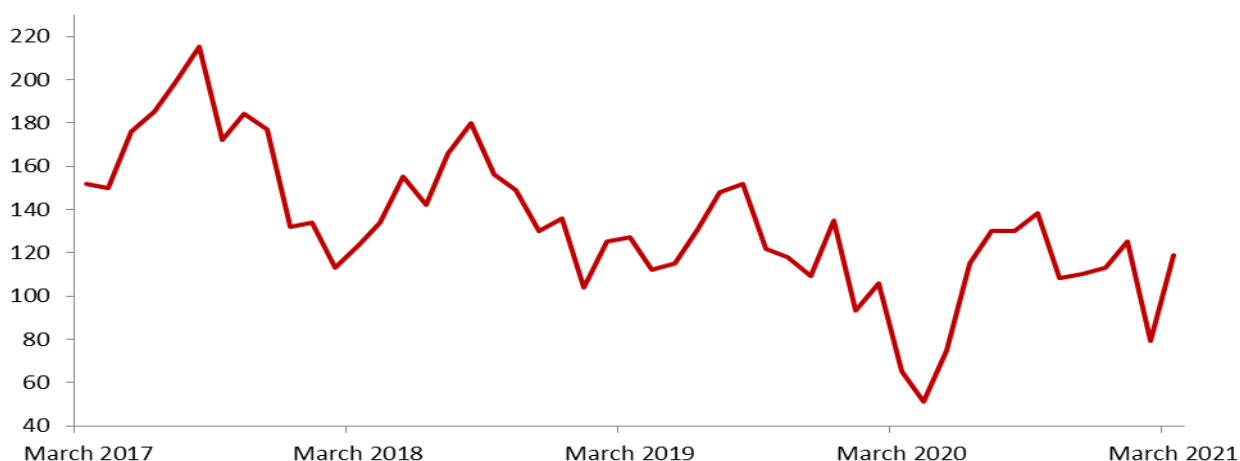


Road accidents

March 2021

Tirana, 21 April 2021: In March 2021, are counted 119 road accidents, from 65 accidents occurred in March 2020, increasing by 83.1 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Due to the lockdown in 2020, the decline in accidents was large. So the comparison with this abnormal year due to the pandemic has brought a high increase during this month. In the first quarter of 2021, are counted 323 road accidents, from 264 accidents in the first quarter of 2020, increasing by 22.3 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

Fig. 1 Monthly road accidents, March 2017 – March 2021



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

In March 2021, the number of casualties (killed and injured) is 150 from 94 persons in March 2020, increasing 59.6 %. In the first quarter of 2021, the number of casualties is 418 from 360 persons, increasing by 16.1 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

In March 2021, the number of killed from road accidents is 18 persons from 10 killed persons in March 2020. In the first quarter of 2021, the killed from road accidents are 58 from 39 persons compared to the same period of the previous year.

In March 2021, road accidents, in 79.8 % 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 26.1 % of the total number of accidents. Accidents in this age group have increased by 34.8 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

In the first quarter of 2021, road accidents, in 19.8 % of the cases, occurred as a result of pedestrian behavior. During this period, the number of accidents by the pedestrian behavior has increased 12.3 % compared with the same of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Road accidents and number of casualties by gender

Period	Total	Killed persons		Injured persons	
	Accidents	Female	Male	Female	Male
March 2020	65	0	10	30	54
March 2021	119	1	17	46	86
The annual change (%)	83.1	-	70.0	53.3	59.3
January-March 2020	264	10	29	112	209
January-March 2021	323	9	49	111	249
The annual progressive change (%)	22.3	-10.0	69.0	-0.9	19.1

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

Tab. 2 Road accidents and number of killed persons by users of road

Period	Accidents by		Killed persons by	
	Behavior of the driver	Behavior pedestrian	Behavior of the driver	Behavior pedestrian
March 2020	50	15	8	2
March 2021	95	24	16	2
The annual change (%)	90.0	60.0	100.0	0.0
January-March 2020	207	57	30	9
January-March 2021	259	64	50	8
The annual progressive change (%)	25.1	12.3	66.7	-11.1

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

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
March 2020	11	23	10	11	5	5
March 2021	21	31	23	24	8	12
The annual change (%)	90.9	34.8	130.0	118.2	60.0	140.0
January-March 2020	35	75	45	59	26	24
January-March 2021	70	91	63	48	25	26
The annual progressive change (%)	100.0	21.3	40.0	-18.6	-3.8	8.3

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

Tab. 4 Road accidents and number of killed persons by regions

Period	Accidents		Killed persons		Accidents		Killed persons	
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2020	March 2021	Jan-March 2020	Jan-March 2021	Jan-March 2020	Jan-March 2021
Albania	65	119	10	18	264	323	39	58
Berat	1	2	1	0	2	7	2	0
Dibër	4	4	0	1	15	6	1	1
Durrës	9	6	5	1	25	24	7	6
Elbasan	1	4	0	1	8	19	4	5
Fier	6	12	0	2	23	26	3	8
Gjirokastrë	2	9	0	1	12	17	3	2
Korçë	4	5	0	1	14	13	1	3
Kukës	1	4	0	1	3	13	0	2
Lezhë	4	10	0	1	19	33	3	8
Shkodër	0	1	0	0	5	4	3	2
Tiranë	31	60	4	8	131	152	12	14
Vlorë	2	2	0	1	7	9	0	7

Source: General Directorate of State's Police

Methodology

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 pedestrian 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: [Statistical Revision Policy](#).

Explanation of Symbols

- 0 value less than half of unit of measure
- no value
- (...) missing data