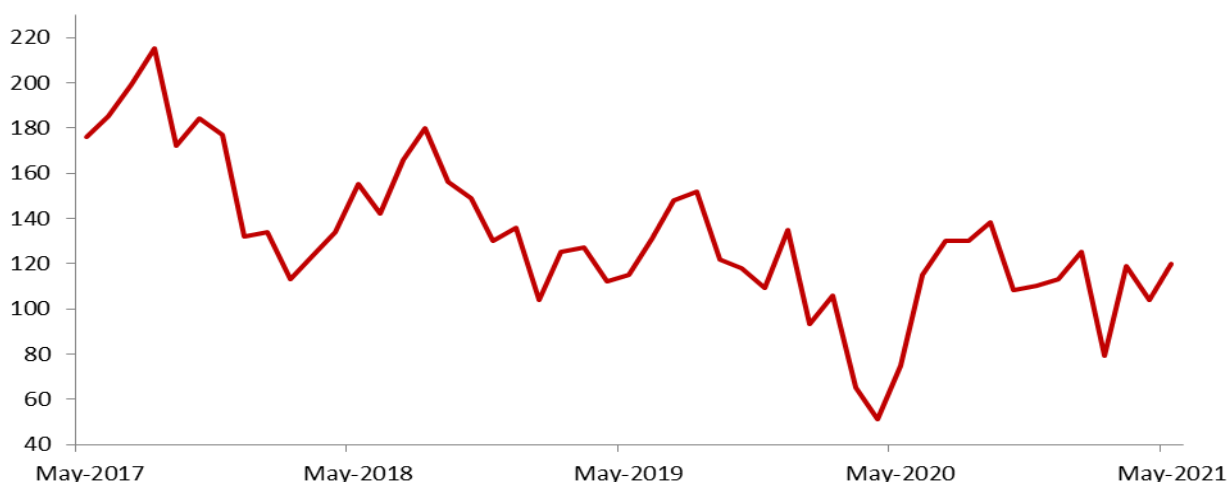


# Road accidents

## May 2021

**Tirana, 18 June 2021:** In May 2021, are counted 120 road accidents, from 75 accidents occurred in May 2020, increasing by 60.0 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Due to restrictive measures in circulation in May 2020, the comparison of the number of accidents is presented with a higher increase during this month. Consequently, the five-month comparison is presented with an increase of 40.3 %, where 547 road accidents are counted from 390 accidents that occurred in the first five months of 2020.

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



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

In May 2021, the number of casualties (killed and injured) is 151 from 86 persons in May 2020, increasing 75.6 %. In the first five months of 2021, the number of casualties is 714 from 513 persons, increasing by 39.2 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

In May 2021, the number of killed from road accidents is 20 persons from 9 killed persons in May 2020. In the first five months of 2021, the killed from road accidents are 90 from 58 persons compared to the same period of the previous year.

In May 2021, road accidents, in 84.2 % 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 24.2 % of the total number of accidents. Accidents in this age group have increased by 20.8 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

In the first five months of 2021, road accidents, in 18.5 % of the cases, occurred as a result of pedestrian behavior. During this period, the number of accidents by the pedestrian behavior has increased 42.3 % 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
May 2020	75	1	8	19	58
May 2021	120	4	16	50	81
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>163.2</b>	<b>39.7</b>
January-May 2020	390	11	47	149	306
January-May 2021	547	17	73	204	420
<b>The annual progressive change (%)</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>37.3</b>

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
May 2020	69	6	9	0
May 2021	101	19	18	2
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>216.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-</b>
January-May 2020	319	71	49	9
January-May 2021	446	101	78	12
<b>The annual progressive change (%)</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>33.3</b>

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
May 2020	9	24	12	18	10	2
May 2021	25	29	25	25	13	3
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>177.8</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>
January-May 2020	54	116	64	85	41	30
January-May 2021	117	145	107	96	49	33
<b>The annual progressive change (%)</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>10.0</b>

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	
	May 2020	May 2021	May 2020	May 2021	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021
<b>Albania</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>90</b>
Berat	1	3	1	0	3	10	3	0
Dibër	3	3	0	1	18	13	1	3
Durrës	5	8	2	0	39	38	12	7
Elbasan	6	6	2	3	17	28	6	8
Fier	5	16	2	3	35	52	8	15
Gjirokastrë	2	8	0	0	15	33	3	2
Korçë	3	5	0	0	19	23	1	4
Kukës	2	5	0	0	5	18	0	1
Lezhë	6	16	2	7	29	64	6	17
Shkodër	0	1	0	2	6	8	4	5
Tiranë	38	48	0	4	192	249	14	21
Vlorë	4	1	0	0	12	11	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