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| **ROAD ACCIDENTS**  Reference Metadata in Euro SDMX Metadata Structure  (ESMS)  INSTAT |

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| 3. Statistical presentation | |
| 3.1. Data description | Data on Road Accidents provide information on number of road accidents and number of injured at the country and prefecture level. Statistical information on Road Accidents is a monthly indicator which represents the dynamics of the number of road accidents. The data on road accidents that INSTAT collects and publishes are:   * The number of road accidents * Number of accidents, divided to killed and injured, broken down by gender * Number of accidents by road users * Fatalities by road users * Number of accidents according to the age of the driver * Number of road accidents by prefectures * Number of fatalities according to the prefectures |
| 3.2. Classification system | Not applicable. |
| 3.3. Sector coverage | The statistical information covers data on road accidents in the territory of the Republic of Albania. |
| 3.4. Statistical concepts and definitons | **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 road vehicle in motion on a public road or private road to which the public has right of access, resulting in at least one injured or killed person.  **Person killed:** It is considered any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of the accident, excluding suicides.  **Person Injured:** Any person who as result of an accident was not killed immediately or not dying within 30 days, but sustained an injury, normally needing medical treatment, excluding attempted suicides.  **The behavior of the driver:** : It implies when 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 implies when pedestrain does not comply with the traffic rules according to the "Road Code" as crossing the road carelessly, etc. |
| 3.5. Statistical unit | The statistical unit is the number of accidents and number of injured and killed. |
| 3.6. Statistical population | All accidents and number of injuries’ cases occurred in the territory of the Republic of Albania. |
| 3.7. Reference area | Data on Road Accidents cover the entire territory of the country. |
| 3.8. Time coverage | Road accidents date from 1995. |
| 3.9. Base period | Not applicable. |
| 4. Unit of measure | Data on Road Accidents are published in absolute values and in percentage. The number is used as the unit of measure for the road accidents and injuries indicators. The percentage is used to represent monthly and yearly changes. |
| 5. Reference period | The reference period of statistical information on Road Accidents is monthly from 2016, and quarterly for the period 1995-2015. This report is based on reference year 2021. |
| 6. Institutional mandate | |
| 6.1. Legal acts and other agreements | * Legal basis for the production of Road Accident statistics in country level are: * [Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics](http://www.instat.gov.al/media/3972/law-no17-2018-on-official-statistics.pdf)" * [Official Statistics National Program, 2017-2021](http://www.instat.gov.al/media/3705/psz-2017-2021_english.pdf) * Memorandums of cooperation with State police directorate * According to European Regulation: * [Council Decision of 30 November 1993](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A31993D0704), (93/704/EC) on the creation of a Community database on road accidents |
| 6.2. Data sharing | Statistics on Road Accidents are not transmitted to EUROSTAT yet. Currently, INSTAT fills in a number of questionnaires of International Organizations regarding road accidents indicators such as: EUROSTAT, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), International Road Federation (IRF), etc. |
| 7. Confidentiality | |
| 7.1. Confidentiality - policy | The data collected are considered as strictly confidential and used only for statistical purposes and scientific research in accordance with the national Statistical Law No.17/2018 “On Official Statistics”, date 10.03.2018 and the Law no. 9887, dated 10.03.2008 "Personal Data Protection", Article 31 of the Law "On Official Statistics" clearly define that all statistical information collected by INSTAT are confidential and may only be used or published in such summary tables that do not identify the information of the unit. The direct identification is called when a statistical unit is directly identified by the name, address or any officially recognized identification number. When data processing is performed in such a way as to enable the data subject to be identified, the data must be coded immediately so that the entities are no longer recognized. |
| 7.2. Confidentiality - data treatment | Albanian Institute of Statistics protects and does not disseminate data it has obtained or it has access to, which enable the direct or indirect identification of the statistical units. Albania Institute of Statistics takes all appropriate preventive measures so as to render impossible the identification of individual statistical units by technical or other means that might reasonably be used by a third party. Statistical data that could potentially enable the identification of the statistical unit are disseminated by Albania Institute of Statistics if and only if:  a) these data have been treated, as it is specifically set out in the Regulation, in such a way that their dissemination does not prejudice statistical confidentiality or b) the statistical unit has given its consent, without any reservations, for the disclosure of data.  The confidential data that are transmitted to Albania Institute of Statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes and the only persons who have the right to have access to these data are the personnel engaged in this task. Issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality are examined by the staff working in Albania Institute of Statistics. The responsibilities of this staff are to recommend on: which detailed level the statistical data can be disseminated, so as the identification, either directly or indirectly, of the surveyed statistical unit is not possible; the anonymization criteria for the microdata provided to users; the access granting to researchers on confidential data for scientific purposes. |
| 8. Release policy | |
| 8.1. Release calendar | Announcements about the dissemination of statistics are published in the release calendar, which is available on the website. The announcements and delays are pre-announced in this calendar. In the case of delays, the date of the next publication and the explanation of the reasons for the delays are specified. |
| 8.2. Release calendar access | [The Calendar](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/publications/calendar/) of Publications is available on the INSTAT website. |
| 8.3. User access | In accordance with Article 34 of Law no. 17/2018 "On Official Statistics", are distributed so that all users have immediate and equal rights, all available media formats, INSTAT and agencies are used, having distribution responsibilities in the program, requiring meet any requirement of any organization or individual for unpublished data or specific analyzes. Channels from which users can get the results are as follows:   1. Website - online release 2. Written requests 3. Publication [Road Accidents](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/industry-trade-and-services/transport-and-accidents/#tab3) 4. [Data request](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/about-us/search-for-data/data-request/), section available for external users |
| 9. Frequency of dissemination | Road Accident statistics are published on monthly bases. |
| 10. Accessibility and clarity | |
| 10.1. News release | The press release contains information about the main Road Accident indicators. The format of press release has not been changed; it is defined by publication sector as well as the date of release. The Road Accident press release is published online on the INSTAT website: [Transport and Accidents](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/industry-trade-and-services/transport-and-accidents/#tab3). |
| 10.2. Publications | The Road Accident results are published in the publication "Road Accidents", "Statistical Yearbook", as well as in the "Regional Statistical Yearbook". Users can find the results on the INSTAT website:   * [Road Accidents](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/industry-trade-and-services/transport-and-accidents/#tab3) * Statistical Yearbook: * Regional Statistical Yearbook |
| 10.3. On-line database | Data on Road Accidents are published in the official website of INSTAT, under the section: [Database.](http://databaza.instat.gov.al/pxweb/en/DST/START__TR/?rxid=b9566c6a-6207-42c1-902e-dc75176c5245) |
| 10.4. Micro – data access | Road Accident data are not available at micro level as a result of confidentiality. Aggregated data is the only type of data provided to external users. These data shall be distributed to users in accordance to the criteria of Article 31, of Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics". |
| 10.5. Other | Users can submit specific data requests through INSTAT website in a dedicated section for [Contact](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/about-us/search-for-data/data-request/). |
| 10.6. Documentation on methodology | The methodology of the Road Accident is based on Eurostat manuals and regulations on Road Accident, which contains a comprehensive set of recommendations on the compilation of the Road Accident indicators. Also the [Methodological](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/industry-trade-and-services/transport-and-accidents/#tab4) notes are published at INSTAT website. |
| 10.7. Quality documentation | The Sector of R&D, Innovation, Information Technology and Transport Statistics documents the entire work process and procedures on Road Accidents for internal purposes. |
| 11. Quality managment | |
| 11.1. Quality assurance | INSTAT is committed to ensure the highest quality with respect to the compilation of statistical information. In accordance with the Statistics Law No 17/2018 "On Official Statistics", INSTAT use statistical methods and processes in compliance with internationally recognized scientific principles and standards conduct ongoing analyses of the statistics with a view to quality improvements and ensure that statistics are as up-to-date. In performing its tasks it follows the general principles of quality management from the European Statistics Code of Practice. INSTAT declares that it takes into account the following principles: impartiality, quality of processes and products, user orientation, employee orientation, effectiveness of statistical processes, reducing the workload for respondents. |
| 11.2. Quality assessments | Road Accident data are compared with the previous years data in order to check for data coherence or if there is a presence of major changes. |
| 12. Relevance | |
| 12.1. User needs | Users on Road Accidents are as following:   * External users are: * Public Administration Institutions; * Universities; * Non-profit national and international organizations * Businesses, * Researchers, students and other similar groups   The publication of Road Accident is sent annually to a specific group of users. Some key indicators are sent by filling in various questionnaires to: EUROSTAT, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), International Road Federation (IRF), etc. |
| 12.2. User satisfaction | Page Views (Hits) about Road Accidents in 2020 are around 9,609 clicks.  During 2020, INSTAT conducted a survey to measure user satisfaction from INSTAT publications. The survey results show that the overall quality of Road Accidents is rated 3.75 (75 %) on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).  INSTAT organizes every year [User Satisfaction Survey](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/user-satisfaction-survey/). |
| 12.3. Completeness | The completeness of the data for " Road Accidents Statistics" for 2021 is judged by comparing the quality and quantity of indicators covered in INSTAT from those provided in European Regulation.  Data produced on Road Accidents are at the most detailed level required according to number of road accidents, number of injured (dead or injured). Road accident statistics do not provide information of the number of accidents without injuries, the number of victims by details (driver, passenger or pedestrian), the distribution of deaths by type of transport and the distribution of deaths by type of the area where the accident occurs, etc.  The data completeness rate, for Road Accident Statistics, is approximately 70%. |
| 13. Accuracy and reliability | |
| 13.1. Overall accuracy | Information on Road Accidents is collected by administrative sources, subject to the enforcement of the legal basis and applicable Memorandums of Understanding. No surveys are conducted on the Road Accidents data. |
| 13.2. Sampling error | Not applicable, the data are administrative. |
| 13.3. Non - sampling error | Data revision occurs only if the relevant institutions revise the data sent to INSTAT for update effect or any potential human error. If the relevant institutions revise the data sent to INSTAT, then in the most recent publication INSTAT will reflect these changes and provide brief clarification information to the users. Non-sampling errors are treated with based on the Error Treatment policy. |
| 14. Timeliness and punctuality | |
| 14.1. Timeliness | Information on Road Accidents is published about 18 days after the end of the reference month according to the predetermined date in the INSTAT publication calendar (T+18 days).   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Reference period | 9/30/2021 | | Date of publication | 10/18/2021 | | Timeliness | 18 | |
| 14.2. Punctuality | The data of Road Accidents Statistics are disseminated according to the publication calendar. The publication of Road Accidents statistics has been punctuality in time to 100% of publications carried out over the years.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Reference period | 9/30/2021 | | Date of announcement | 10/18/2021 | | Date of publication | 10/18/2021 | | Time lag | 0 | |
| 15. Coherence and comparability | |
| 15.1. Comparability - geographical | Data on Road Accidents are compiled in accordance with the EUROSTAT methodology and as such are comparable at international level. Data on Road Accidents are comprehensive, they are produced at country level and by prefectures. |
| 15.2. Comparability - over time | Statistical information on Road Accidents is collected in the same way dating back to 1995. Since 2007, Road Accident data are provided according to a certain electronic format determined by the administrative source and INSTAT, providing a comparability of 15 years  (CC2=Jlast-Jfirst+1=15). |
| 15.3. Coherence - cross domain | Not applicable. |
| 15.4. Coherence - internal | The internal consistency of the data is checked before being finalized. It is also checked the relation between the variables and the coherence in the various series. The coherence of variables "Total number of Road Accidents" and "Number of Road Accidents according to behavior of driver/ pedestrian” is one of the main checks. |
| 16. Cost and burden | The staff involved in the preparation of Road Accidents data at the R&D, Innovation, Information Technology and Transport Statistics Sector is: 1 employee at INSTAT. |
| 17. Data revision | |
| 17.1. Data revision - policy | Revision policies are done in accordance with the revision policy and the policy of errors treatment set by INSTAT, for more refer to:   * [Revision policy](http://www.instat.gov.al/media/2940/revision_policy_2016.pdf) * [The errors treatment policy](http://www.instat.gov.al/media/2939/the_errors_treatment_policy.pdf) |
| 17.2. Data revision - practise | In the case when local authorities report changes in Road Accidents information sent to INSTAT, the data will be updated and published in the next month's publication accompanied by an explanatory note to the user.  No reviews of data on “Road Accidents” for 2021 have been conducted, subject to this report. |
| 18. Statistical processing | |
| 18.1. Source data | Administrative source, data are collected by Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Directorate of State's Police. Coverage is comprehensive at country level, data is administrative and statistical information is countinuosly available. |
| 18.2. Frequency of data collection | Data are collected on monthly bases. |
| 18.3. Data collection | Data on Road Accidents are administrative. Statistical information on Road Accidents is collected by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the General Directorate of State's Police, and contains information on the number of road accidents classified by gender, road user’s behavior, age and by prefecture level. |
| 18.4. Data validation | Logic and mathematical checks were made for Road Accidents data.. These checks are carried out for all indicators that INSTAT publishes, throughout the data processing process. |
| 18.5. Data compilation | Not applicable. |
| 18.6. Adjustment | Not applicable. |
| 19. Comment |  |
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