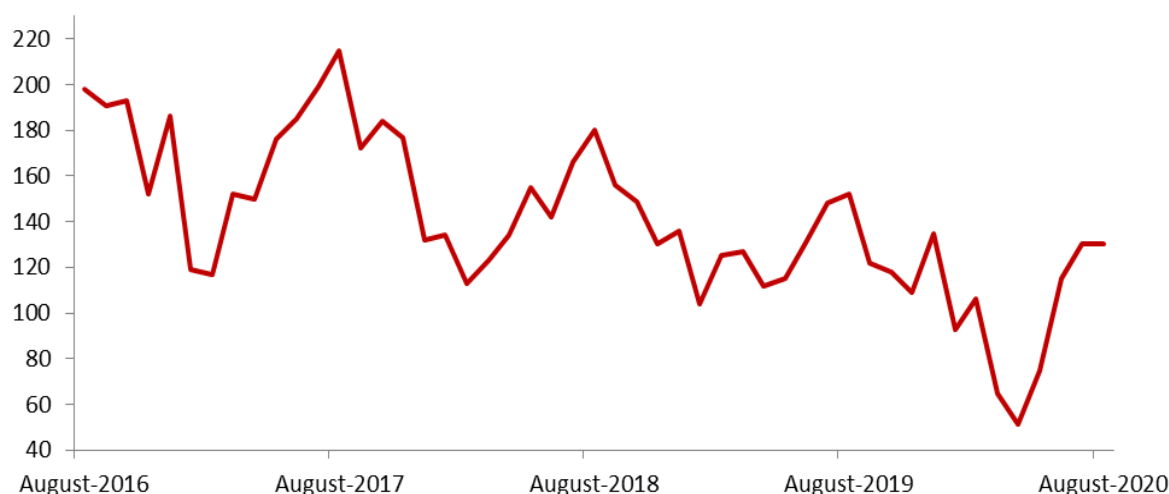


# Road accidents

## August 2020

**Tirana, 18 September 2020:** In August 2020, are counted 130 road accidents, from 152 accidents occurred in August 2019, decreasing by 14.5 % compared to the same period of the previous year. In the eight months of 2020, are counted 765 road accidents, from 1,014 accidents in the eight months of 2019, decreasing by 24.6 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

**Fig. 1 Monthly road accidents, August 2016 – August 2020**



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

In August 2020, the number of casualties (killed and injured) is 156 from 230 persons in August 2019, decreasing 32.2 %. In the eight months of 2020, the number of casualties is 980 from 1,418 persons, decreasing by 30.9 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

In August 2020, the number of killed from road accidents is 26 persons from 22 killed persons in August 2019. In the eight months of 2020, the killed from road accidents are 114 from 137 persons compared to the same period of the previous year.

In August 2020, road accidents, in 91.5 % 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 25.4 % of the total number of accidents. Accidents in this age group have decreased by 36.5 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

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In the eight months of 2020, road accidents, in 14.8 % of the cases, occurred as a result of pedestrian behavior. During this period, the number of accidents by the pedestrian behavior has decreased 21.5 % compared with the same of the previous year.

**Tab. 1 Road accidents**

Period	Total Accidents	Killed persons		Injured persons	
		Female	Male	Female	Male
August - 2019	152	5	17	71	137
August - 2020	130	4	22	34	96
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>-14.5</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>-52.1</b>	<b>-29.9</b>
January - August 2019	1,014	41	96	393	888
January - August 2020	765	20	94	266	600
<b>The annual progressive change (%)</b>	<b>-24.6</b>	<b>-51.2</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-32.3</b>	<b>-32.4</b>

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 - 2019	124	28	19	3
August - 2020	119	11	25	1
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-60.7</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>-66.7</b>
January - August 2019	870	144	124	13
January - August 2020	652	113	104	10
<b>The annual progressive change (%)</b>	<b>-25.1</b>	<b>-21.5</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-23.1</b>

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

**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
August - 2019	32	52	21	28	12	7
August - 2020	21	33	20	33	16	7
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>-34.4</b>	<b>-36.5</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
January - August 2019	210	305	185	193	75	46
January - August 2020	107	230	129	165	85	49
<b>The annual progressive change (%)</b>	<b>-49.0</b>	<b>-24.6</b>	<b>-30.3</b>	<b>-14.5</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>

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

**Tab. 4 Road accidents, by regions**

Period	Accidents		Killed		Accidents		Killed persons	
	August-2019	August-2020	August-2019	August-2020	Jan.-August 2019	Jan.-August 2020	Jan.- August 2019	Jan.-August 2020
<b>Albania</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>115</b>
Tiranë	52	57	3	4	425	364	34	24
Durrës	15	14	2	4	83	74	16	19
Shkodër	1	3	1	1	16	15	13	9
Elbasan	8	8	1	4	58	39	11	14
Fier	21	5	10	2	90	57	25	15
Vlorë	4	2	1	2	61	16	5	3
Korçë	13	10	1	1	74	44	11	3
Lezhë	21	18	2	1	111	74	9	10
Berat	2	1	0	1	15	5	2	5
Kukës	2	5	0	3	25	16	4	4
Dibër	2	3	1	1	8	33	5	3
Gjirokastrë	11	4	0	2	48	28	2	5

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 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](#).*