

CONFLICT-RELATED DEATHS OF CIVILIANS

SDG INDICATOR 16.1.2



NUMBER OF CONFLICT-RELATED DEATHS PER 100,000 POPULATION, BY SEX, AGE AND CAUSE.

2024

WHAT?

This indicator is the total count of direct conflict-related deaths, focusing on civilians, divided by the total population, expressed per 100,000 population.

207,633

CIVILIAN DEATHS IN 14 OF THE DEADLIEST ARMED CONFLICTS BETWEEN 2015 AND 2023



14 ARMED CONFLICTS

Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Libya, Mali

Myanmar, Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen

WHY?

Counting conflict-related deaths contributes to protecting civilians, promoting respect for human rights and humanitarian standards, and understanding better patterns and consequences of armed conflicts in order to prevent their repetition.

2022



In 2022, out of 10 civilians killed in conflicts, **2 were women and 1 was a child.**

2023



In 2023, the proportion of women killed **doubled** and that of children **tripled.**

NUMBER OF CIVILIAN CONFLICT-RELATED DEATHS AND PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, 2015-2023

The number of civilian deaths in armed conflict skyrocketed in 2023. Between 2022 and 2023, civilian casualties increased by 72%, making it the highest increase since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in 2015.



Note: Due to the continuing intensity of the conflict in Gaza, the United Nations is still in the process of verifying casualties.
Source: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



Clear indicators are crucial to detecting the drivers of conflict and addressing them.

Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

