



1.4.2. Civilian casualties

In the current reference period (1 October 2025 to 31 May 2026), SNHR documented 586 conflict-related civilian fatalities across Syria. The highest numbers of civilian fatalities were recorded in January 2026, which saw a 28 % increase to 111 fatalities from 80, and February 2026 (96 fatalities). By contrast, the lowest numbers of civilian fatalities were seen towards the end of the reference period (55 in April and 44 in May 2026).³⁷⁶ During the overall period from December 2024 to May 2026, SNHR recorded a total of 4 201 civilian casualties, with significant peaks recorded in March 2025 and July 2025.³⁷⁷ This distribution of civilian fatalities reflected the large-scale sectarian killings on the coast in March 2025 and the heavy clashes in Sweida involving Druze and Bedouins in July 2025.³⁷⁸ By comparison, the UN Commission of Inquiry (UNCOI) estimated that over 3 500 people of unspecified profile had been killed between December 2024 and January 2026, mostly during large-scale waves of violence in March and July 2025.³⁷⁹ Civilian casualties since December 2024 further resulted from Israeli military operations and in the context of fighting between the SDF and the former SNA in the north and northeast.³⁸⁰

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Figure 3: Evolution of civilian fatalities countrywide per month, based on SNHR data³⁸¹

Governorate-wise, the highest numbers of civilian fatalities in the current reference period were recorded in Aleppo (106), Homs (90), Hama (85) and Idlib (67), while the lowest were seen in Quneitra (1), Damascus (4), Hasaka (5), Tartous (5) and Latakia (13). Between the fourth quarter of 2025 and the first quarter of 2026, civilian fatalities notably increased in Aleppo (from 27 to 75) and Raqqa (from 4 to 38), while numbers sharply declined in Rural Damascus (from 31 to 7) and Hama (39 to 26).³⁸² Meanwhile, looking at the entire period from December 2024 to May 2026, it was the coastal governorates of Latakia and Tartous, as well as Sweida, Aleppo and Hama, that saw the highest numbers of civilian deaths, while the fewest were recorded in Quneitra, Hasaka, Damascus and Rural Damascus.³⁸³

Governorate	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Total
Hasaka	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	5
Aleppo	13	5	9	30	27	18	1	3	106
Raqqa	0	1	3	26	9	3	7	1	50
Sweida	8	5	9	5	10	1	1	3	42
Damascus	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
Dar'a	7	6	6	4	5	1	2	3	34
Deir Ez-Zor	5	3	7	3	9	8	3	2	40

Governorate	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Total
Hama	10	15	14	9	9	8	12	8	85
Homs	10	12	8	16	13	10	15	6	90
Idlib	6	10	5	12	6	7	8	13	67
Latakia	1	2	2	0	3	2	2	1	13
Quneitra	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rural Damascus	4	11	16	3	2	2	4	2	44
Tartous	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Total	66	73	80	111	96	61	55	44	586

Figure 4: Number of civilian fatalities per government and month between October 2025 and May 2026, based on SNHR data[384](#)

Governorate	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Total
Hasaka	1	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	12
Aleppo	234	83	52	29	21	25	6	5	3	7	465
Raqqqa	16	3	10	2	4	7	4	1	1	5	53
Sweida	9	8	5	2	1	16	7	372 385	0	0	420
Damascus	1	1	2	0	2	0	25	10	3	0	44
Dar'a	20	12	7	39	32	8	21	3	8	18	168
Deir Ez-Zor	14	23	33	23	12	8	4	5	9	1	132
Hama	74	39	36	153	15	19	25	21	19	22	423
Homs	39	13	32	48	47	24	22	18	27	8	278
Idlib	85	20	21	17	21	6	4	13	11	5	203
Latakia	6	20	11	561	9	24	11	5	4	1	652
Quneitra	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Rural Damascus	4	5	4	11	1	12	9	5	1	1	53
Tartous	0	3	8	338	8	6	2	2	2	2	371
Total	503	236	222	1562 386	174	157	140	460	91	70	3615

Figure 5: Number of civilian fatalities per government and month between December 2024 and September 2025, based on SNHR data[387](#)

During the current reference period up until the end of March 2026 for which specific data on involvement armed actors in civilian deaths is available, the highest numbers of civilian fatalities were attributed to unidentified actors (339 civilian fatalities) and the SDF (71). The government forces were attributed 16 civilian fatalities, while another 14 were attributed to Israeli forces. Looking at the overall period from December 2024 to March 2026, unidentified actors were likewise attributed the largest number of civilian fatalities. However, government and government-aligned actors ranked second (due to their implication in numerous killings of civilians in March 2025), followed by Assadist remnants (also linked to significant numbers of civilian deaths in December 2024 and March 2025), and the SDF, whose deadly attacks on

civilians peaked in December 2024/January 2025 and then again in early 2026.[388](#)

Further analysis of SNHR data on civilian casualties at the governorate level can be found in the respective sub-sections of section [2. Security situation and conflict impact on civilians by governorate](#).

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