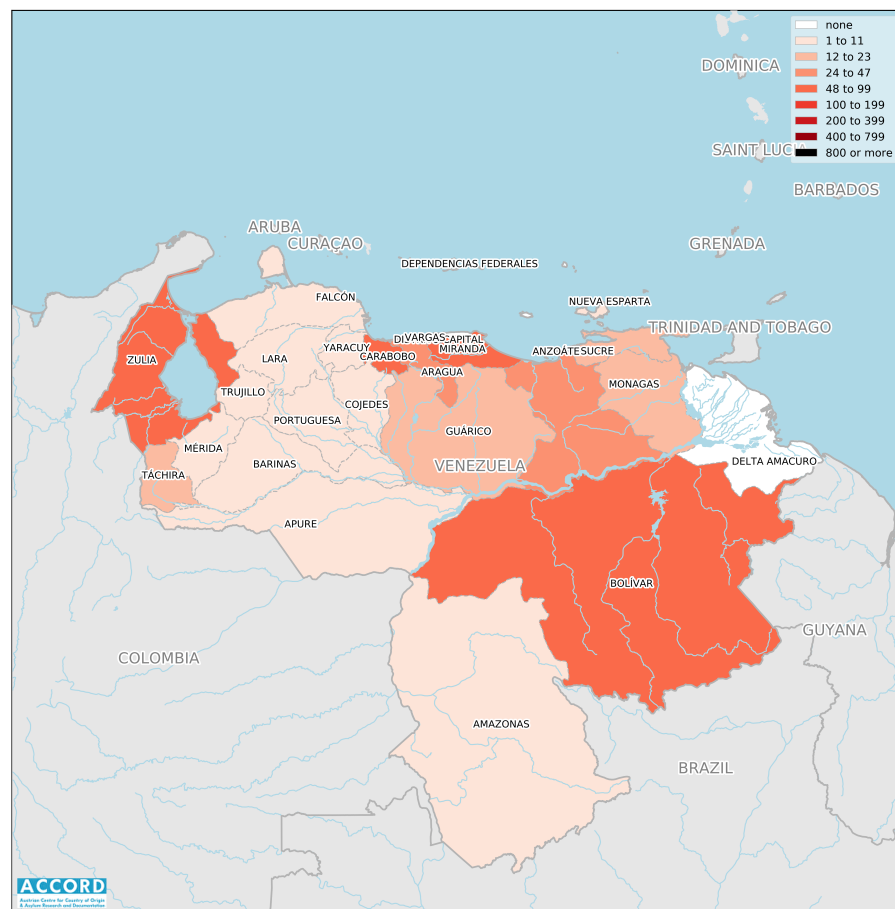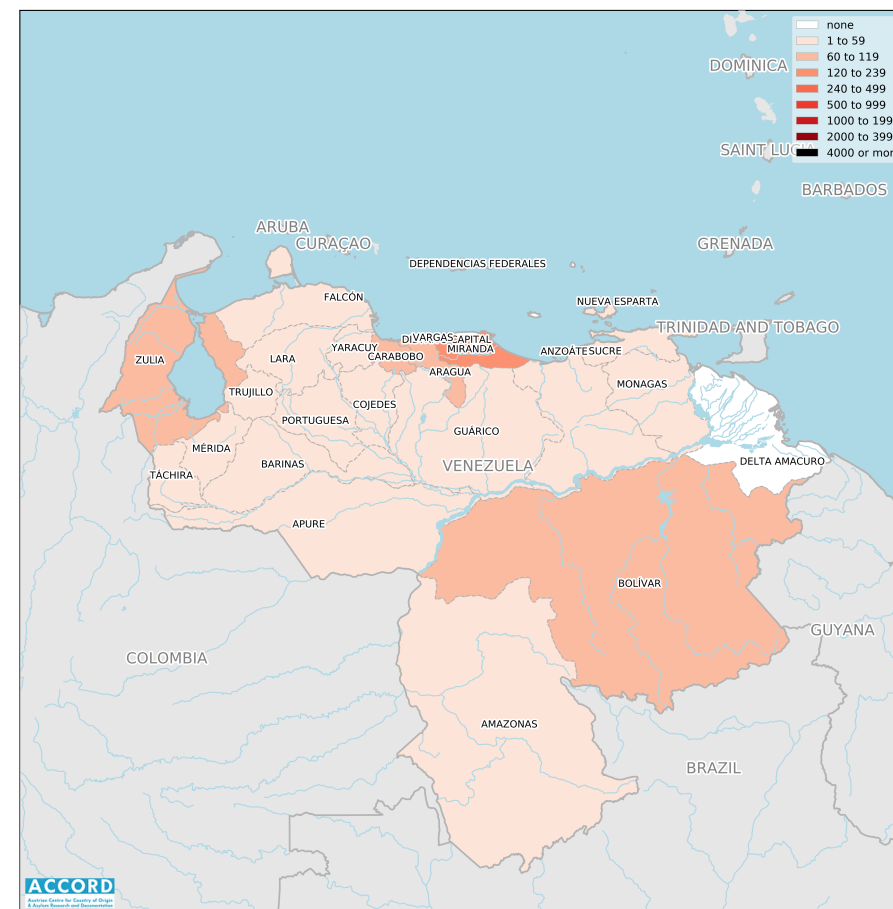# VENEZUELA, YEAR 2022:
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 12 April 2023

Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 11
- 12 to 23
- 24 to 47
- 48 to 99
- 100 to 199
- 200 to 399
- 400 to 799
- 800 or more

Number of reported fatalities

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 59
- 60 to 119
- 120 to 239
- 240 to 499
- 500 to 999
- 1000 to 1999
- 2000 to 3999
- 4000 or more

National borders: GADM, 6 May 2018; administrative divisions: **Venezuela28**; incident data: ACLED, 10 March 2023; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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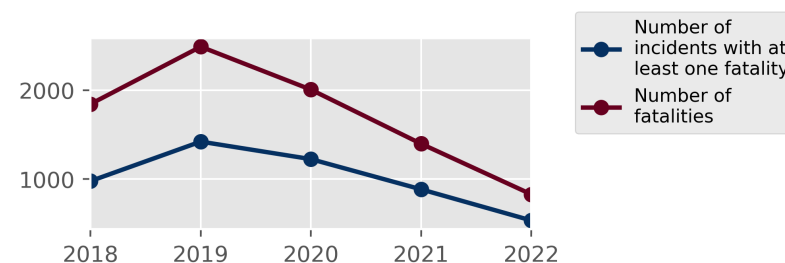# Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Protests	2238	0	0
Battles	400	351	593
Violence against civilians	224	167	206
Strategic developments	103	1	1
Riots	53	9	13
Explosions / Remote violence	22	6	15
Total	3040	534	828

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 10 March 2023).

Development of conflict incidents from 2018 to 2022

This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 10 March 2023).

Methodology

The data used in this report was collected by the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED). ACLED collects data on reported conflict events in selected African and Asian countries, Venezuela being among them. ACLED researchers collect event data from a variety of sources and code them by date, location, agent, and event type.

Most of the data collected by ACLED is gathered based on publicly available, secondary reports. It may therefore underestimate the volume of events. Fatality data particularly is vulnerable to bias and inaccurate reporting, and ACLED states to use the most conservative estimate available. ACLED uses the reports' context to estimate fatalities for events with reported fatalities for which the exact number is unknown ("3" or "10" for plural fatalities, depending on the context; "100" if "hundreds" are mentioned, etc.). For further details on ACLED and for the full data, see www.acleddata.com and Raleigh; Linke; Hegre, and Karlsen, 2010.

Based on this data, the Austrian Centre for Country of Origin & Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD) compiles updates on conflict incidents and publishes them on ecoi.net to offer another access point to the ACLED datasets.

It is advised to employ extreme caution when using fatality numbers.

Assessments of the security situation should not be based solely on quantitative analysis of event data.

Please see ACLED's additional methodological paper for Venezuela: ACLED, February 2020

Geographic map data is primarily based on GADM, complemented with other sources if necessary. Incidents are mapped to GADM provinces using the provinces in ACLED data. Province names and borders may differ between ACLED and GADM. Incidents that could not be located are ignored. The numbers included in this overview might therefore differ from the original ACLED data. ACLED uses varying degrees of geographic precision for the individual incidents, depending on what level of detail is reported. Thus, towns may represent the wider region in which an incident occured, or the provincial capital may be used if only the province is known. Erroneous location data, especially due to identical place names, cannot be fully excluded.

Incidents comprise the following categories: battles, violence against civilians, remote violence, riots/protests, non-violent strategic activities. For details on these categories, please see

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Conflict incidents per province

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Amazonas	28	3	10
Anzoátegui	118	28	42
Apure	107	11	32
Aragua	153	47	88
Barinas	80	4	7
Bolívar	341	54	71
Carabobo	231	70	102
Cojedes	37	1	1
Delta Amacuro	35	0	0
Distrito Capital	294	40	49
Falcón	127	9	10
Guárico	65	15	35
La Guaira	61	3	6
Lara	215	6	8
Miranda	244	92	154
Monagas	76	18	33
Mérida	94	2	2
Nueva Esparta	51	2	2
Portuguesa	113	11	14
Sucre	125	14	19

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Trujillo	34	10	15
Táchira	87	12	15
Yaracuy	72	7	14
Zulia	252	75	99

Localization of conflict incidents

Note: The following list is an overview of the incident data included in the ACLED dataset. More details are available in the actual dataset (date, location data, event type, involved actors, information sources, etc.). The data's precision varies among the incidents: a town may represent a region, or the provincial capital may be used if the precise location of an incident is unkown. In the following list, the names of event locations are taken from ACLED, while the administrative region names are taken from GADM data which serves as the basis for the maps above.

In **Amazonas**, **28** incidents killing **10** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alto Orinoco, Puerto Ayacucho, San Fernando de Atabapo, Topocho**.

In **Anzoátegui**, **118** incidents killing **42** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Anaco, Barcelona, Bergantin, El Amparo, El Chaparro, El Hatillo, El Tigre, Lecheria, Onoto, Palital, Pariaguan, Pertigalete, Puerto La Cruz, Puerto Piritu, San Diego de Cabrutica, San Jose de Guanipa, San Tome, Santa Teresa - Campo Mata, Soledad, Urica, Valle de Guanape, Zuata**.

In **Apure**, **107** incidents killing **32** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Achaguas, Biruaca, El Amparo de Apure, El Nula,**

Elorza, Guasdualito, La Victoria, Palmarito, Puerto Paez, San Fernando de Apure, San Juan de Payara, San Rafael de Atamaica, Santa Rita, Santa Rosa, Urdaneta.

In **Aragua**, **153** incidents killing **88** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Cagua, Colonia Tovar, El Cambur, El Limon, Guiripa, La Victoria, Las Tejerias, Magdaleno, Maracay, Morocopo, Palo Negro, San Mateo, Santa Cruz de Aragua, Santa Rita, Tocoron, Turmero, Villa de Cura**.

In **Barinas**, **80** incidents killing **7** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Barinas, Barrancas, Capitanejo, Ciudad Bolivia, Los Guasimitos, Santa Barbara de Barinas**.

In **Bolívar**, **341** incidents killing **71** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Agua Salada, Caicara del Orinoco, Canaima National Park, Ciudad Bolivar, Ciudad Guayana, El Callao, El Dorado, El Manteco, Guarataro, Guasipati, Las Claritas, Los Pijiguaos, Maripa, Palo Grande, Sifontes, Tumeremo, Unare, Upata**.

In **Carabobo**, **231** incidents killing **102** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Barrera, Bejuma, Belen, Canoabo, El Cambur, El Milagro, Guacara, Guigue, Los Guayos, Mariara, Moron, Naguanagua, Puerto Cabello, San Diego, San Joaquin, Tacarigua, Tocuyito, Urama, Valencia**.

In **Cojedes**, **37** incidents killing **1** person were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Cojedes, Libertad, San Carlos, Tinaco**.

In **Delta Amacuro**, **35** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **La Horqueta, Tucupita**.

In **Distrito Capital**, **294** incidents killing **49** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Caracas, Caracas - Libertador**.

In **Falcón**, **127** incidents killing **10** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Amuay, Boca de Aroa, Capatarida, Carazao, Judibana, La Vela de Coro, Las Piedras, Mene de Mauroa, Palma Sola, Puerto Cumarebo, Punta Cardon, Punto Fijo, Santa Ana de Coro, Tacuato, Tucacas, Villa Marina**.

In **Guárico**, **65** incidents killing **35** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Altagracia de Orituco, Calabozo, El Sombrero, San Jose de Guaribe, San Juan de los Morros, Santa Maria de Ipire, Tucupido, Valle De La Pascua, Zaraza**.

In **La Guaira**, **61** incidents killing **6** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Caraballeda, Carayaca, Catia la Mar, La Guaira, Macuto, Maiquetia, Naiguata**.

In **Lara**, **215** incidents killing **8** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Barquisimeto, Cabudare, Carora, El Tocuyo, Guarico, La Morita, Moran, Sanare, Tamaca, Yogore**.

In **Miranda**, **244** incidents killing **154** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Caracas - Baruta, Caracas - Chacao, Caracas - Sucre, Carrizal, Caucaguita, Charallave, Cua, El Cartanal, El Clavo, Guarenas, Guatire, Higuerote, Hoyo de La Puerta, La Democracia, Los Teques, Nueva Cua, Ocumare del Tuy, Rosario de Soapire, San Antonio de Los Altos, San Francisco de Yare, San Jose de Barlovento, Santa Barbara, Santa Lucia, Santa Teresa del Tuy, Tacata, Turumo**.

In **Monagas**, **76** incidents killing **33** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Barrancas del Orinoco, Caripito, Chaguaramas, Maturin, Punta de Mata, Santa Barbara**.

In **Mérida**, **94** incidents killing **2** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Canagua, Chiguara, Ejido, El Vigia, Lagunillas, Merida, San Juan, Santa Cruz de Mora, Timotes, Tovar**.

In **Nueva Esparta**, **51** incidents killing **2** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Juan Griego, La Asuncion, Porlamar, Punta de Piedras**.

In **Portuguesa**, **113** incidents killing **14** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Acarigua, Araure, Guanare, Guanarito, Ospino, Payara, Piritu, Rio Acarigua**.

In **Sucre**, **125** incidents killing **19** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Araya, Cariaco, Carupano, Chacopata, Costilla de Vaca, Cumana, Guaca, Guaranache, Guiria, Rio Caribe, Rio Grande, San Lorenzo, San Vicente**.

In **Trujillo**, **34** incidents killing **15** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Carvajal, El Progreso, Las Adjuntas, Motatan, Santa Apolonia, Santa Isabel, Tres de Febrero, Trujillo, Valera**.

In **Táchira**, **87** incidents killing **15** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chururu, El Palotal, La Blanquita, La Fria, La Grita, La Tendida, Lobatera, Orope, Rubio, San Antonio del Tachira, San Cristobal, San Rafael del Pinal, Seboruco, Urena**.

In **Yaracuy**, **72** incidents killing **14** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Boraure, Campo Elias, Chivacoa, Cocorote, Maporita, Nirgua, San Felipe, Taria, Urachiche, Yaritagua**.

In **Zulia**, **252** incidents killing **99** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alto Viento, Bachaquero, Bobures, Cabimas, Casigua** El Cubo, Catatumbo, Ciudad Ojeda, Concepcion, Cuatro Esquinas, El Cruce, El Guanabano, El Laberinto, Encontrados, Guarero, Jesus Enrique Lossada, La Canada de Urdaneta, La Concepcion, Lagunillas, Los Jobitos, Los Puertos de Altagracia, Machiques, Maracaibo, Mecocal, Nueva Lucha, Palito Blanco, Paraguaipoa, Pueblo Nuevo El Chivo, Puerto Chama, Punta Canonera, Punta de Palmas, Sabaneta de Palmas, San Francisco, San Rafael, San Timoteo, Santa Barbara del Zulia, Santa Rita, Sinamaica, Tia Juana.

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