



Fatalities

ACLED has several rules about fatalities numbers, sourcing and reporting.

1. ACLED does not have a fatality threshold for event inclusion. This means that conflict and demonstration events in ACLED do not have to produce any fatalities in order to be included as a valid event. We use no arbitrary number of deaths to define a conflict.
2. ACLED reports fatalities only when a reputable source has relayed that information. Further, researchers seek out information to triangulate – where and when possible – the numbers from any report.
3. ACLED uses the most conservative estimate available, and will revise and correct the totals – upward or downward – when better information comes available.

ACLED advises caution in using all fatality numbers from its, or any other conflict data source. Fatality information is the most biased, and least accurate, part of any conflict report and extreme caution should be employed when using any fatality number to show patterns.

For more details, please see [this article](#).