

CONFLICT TRENDS - 2019 - BY FATAL INCIDENTS
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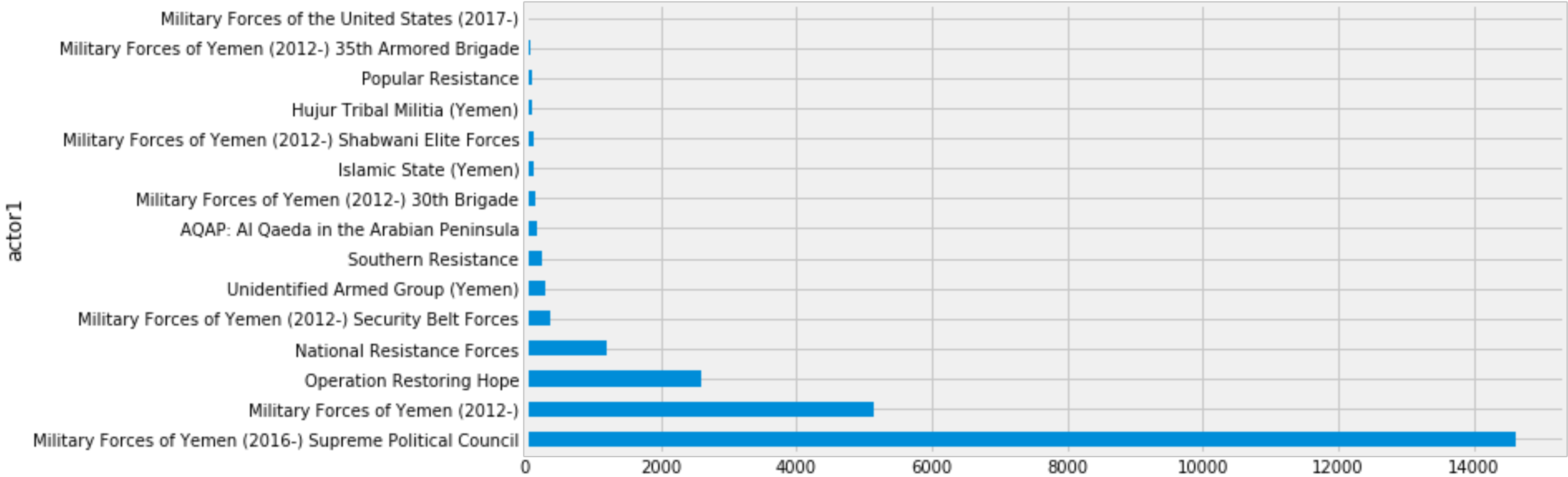
INTRODUCTION – ANALYTICAL PURPOSE

- ▶ Source: **Armed Conflict Location and Event Dataset (ACLED) project**
- ▶ Subject: **Conflict in Yemen, Jan - Dec 2019**
- ▶ Analysis: **Key mortality trends, by actor, method, and place in Yemen**
- ▶ Purpose: **Inform ICRC Yemen protection strategy 2020**

MORTALITY, BY ACTOR

- ▶ Military forces of Yemen allied with the (pro-Houthi) Supreme Political Council accounted for the largest proportion of conflict incidents (4,548, or about 40%), and perpetrator of the highest number of deaths (14,612)
- ▶ National Resistance Forces accounted for the second largest proportion of conflict incidents (2,159, or about 19%), but only the fourth highest number of deaths (1,198)
- ▶ Military forces of Yemen (pro-Hadi?) accounted for the fourth largest proportion of conflict incidents (1,191), but was perpetrator of second highest number of deaths (5,155).
- ▶ The fatalities within both the pro-Had and pro-Houthi military forces of Yemen were the highest two (12,801 and 9,206, respectively).
- ▶ Attacks targeting Yemeni civilians caused 1,212 deaths in 2019.

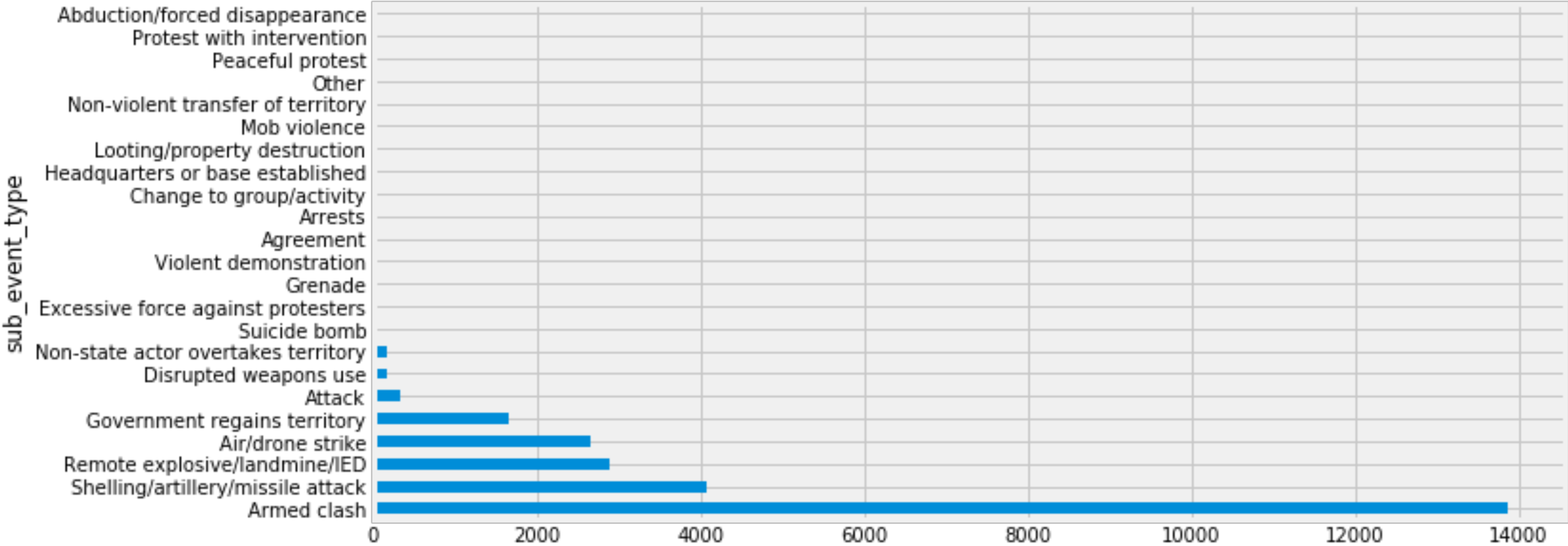
MORTALITY, BY ACTOR



MORTALITY, BY METHOD

- ▶ Indirect fire attacks (shelling/artillery/missile attacks) were the most prevalent form of attack (4,181), followed by armed clashes (3,097), air/drone strikes (1,260), and landmines/IEDs (619).
- ▶ Armed clashes were the primary driver of mortalities (13,875), followed by indirect fires (4,082), landmines/IEDs (2,882), air/drone strikes (2,662), and government operations to regain lost territory (1,659).
- ▶ Landmines/IEDs incurred the highest fatality average per incident (about 4.7 people killed), followed by armed clashes (4.5), and government operations to regain territory (4.5).

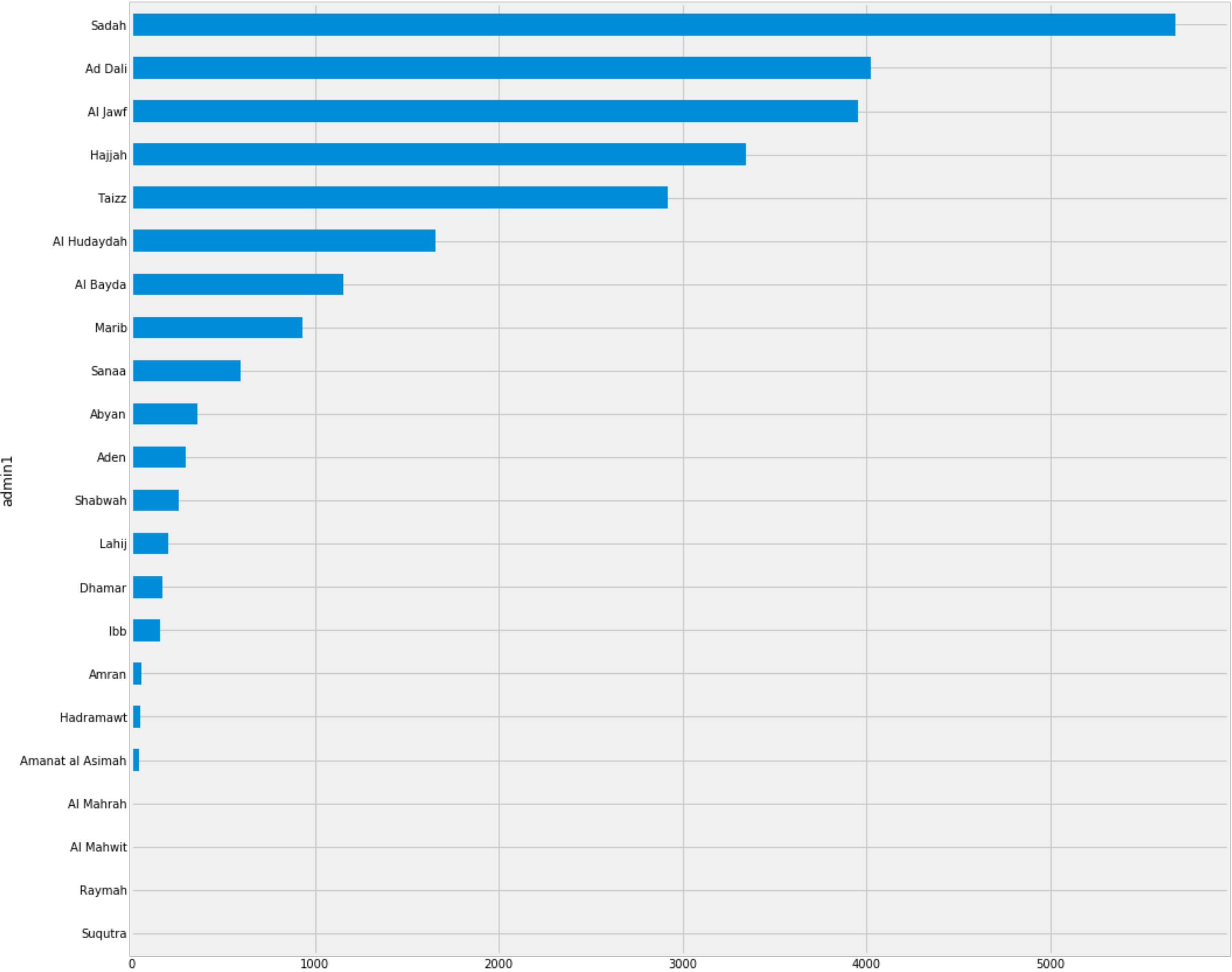
MORTALITY, BY METHOD



MORTALITY, BY PLACE

- ▶ Although most conflict incidents occurred in Al-Hudaydah governorate, these incidents did not incur the highest casualties
- ▶ Highest casualties occurred in the governorates of Sadah (5,681), Ad-Dali (4,023), Al-Jawf (3,954), Hajjah (2,922) and Taizz (2,922).
- ▶ The highest 'fatality to incident' ratio occurred in Ad-Dali governorate, with almost four people killed per each conflict incident, on average.

MORTALITY, BY PLACE



SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

- ▶ From the conflict data analysis, ICRC Yemen's protection strategy may wish to prioritise focus on the following aspects, to improve respect for international humanitarian law:
- ▶ **Location:** Sadah, Ad-Dali, and Al-Jawf governorates.
- ▶ **Conflict actors:** Pro-Houthi Supreme Political Council and pro-Hadi forces
- ▶ **Types of incident:** Armed clashes (ground skirmishes), shelling/mortars/missiles, and landmines/IEDs.