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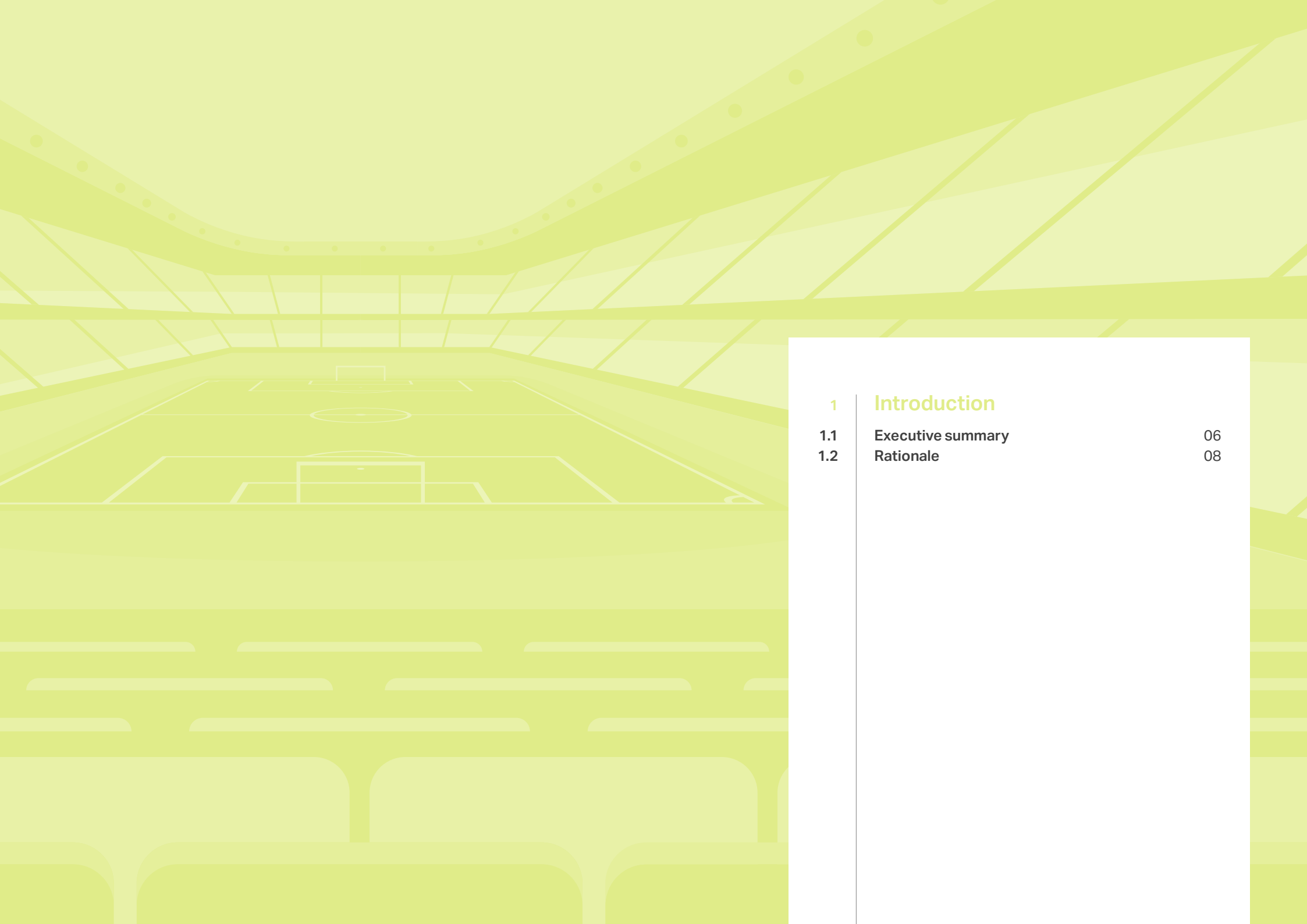
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Executive summary

Welcome to
fifth edition
the award-winning
men's European
football injury

2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | **2024/25**

Five years on

Following the conclusion of the 2024/25 season, this landmark report analyses the impact of injuries over the last five years across the top five men's European leagues.

Throughout this edition, we evaluate the evolution of injury count and the cost of absence, and discuss possible reasons for the relevant disparities.

We have also investigated trends in overall injury severity across the leagues, by position and by age group.

Our minutes analysis now incorporates every player to have competed for clubs in the top five men's European leagues. We are then able to overlay this data with the corresponding number of injuries incurred.

The summer of 2025 also saw a newly expanded FIFA Club World Cup™, and we debate the effects of this competition on overall injury numbers.



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Rationale

Methodology

Our data is intended to capture the impact of injury and absence on men's professional football across Europe and we hope it serves as a valuable tool for players, clubs and governing bodies in their ongoing discussions.

Caveats and assumptions:

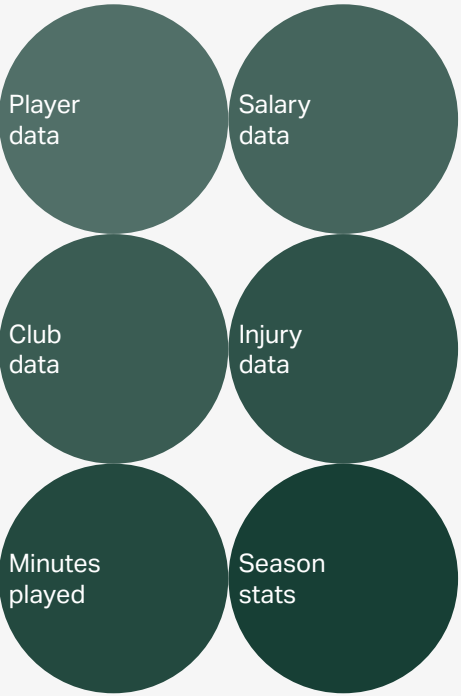
- Injury figures are considered over a full 12-month period for each season from 2020/21 to 2024/25.
- Injury cost is calculated by taking the daily base salary of the injured player and multiplying this by the number of days they were unavailable due to injury.
- Where appropriate, a conversion of £1 = €1.16 has been applied.
- An injury has been counted towards the month in which it occurred.
- Injuries of more than one day have been considered.
- We have assumed that all clubs pay all injured players wages in full.
- Absence as a result of COVID-19 has been included within our analysis.
- Data has been considered for domestic club matches only.

The charts in this report have been divided into the following four categories:

-  Season
-  League
-  Club
-  Player

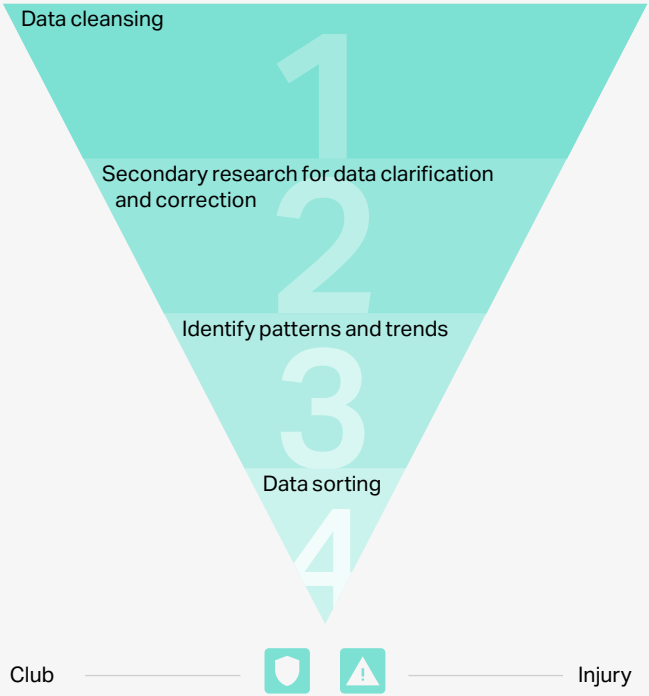
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Classifications



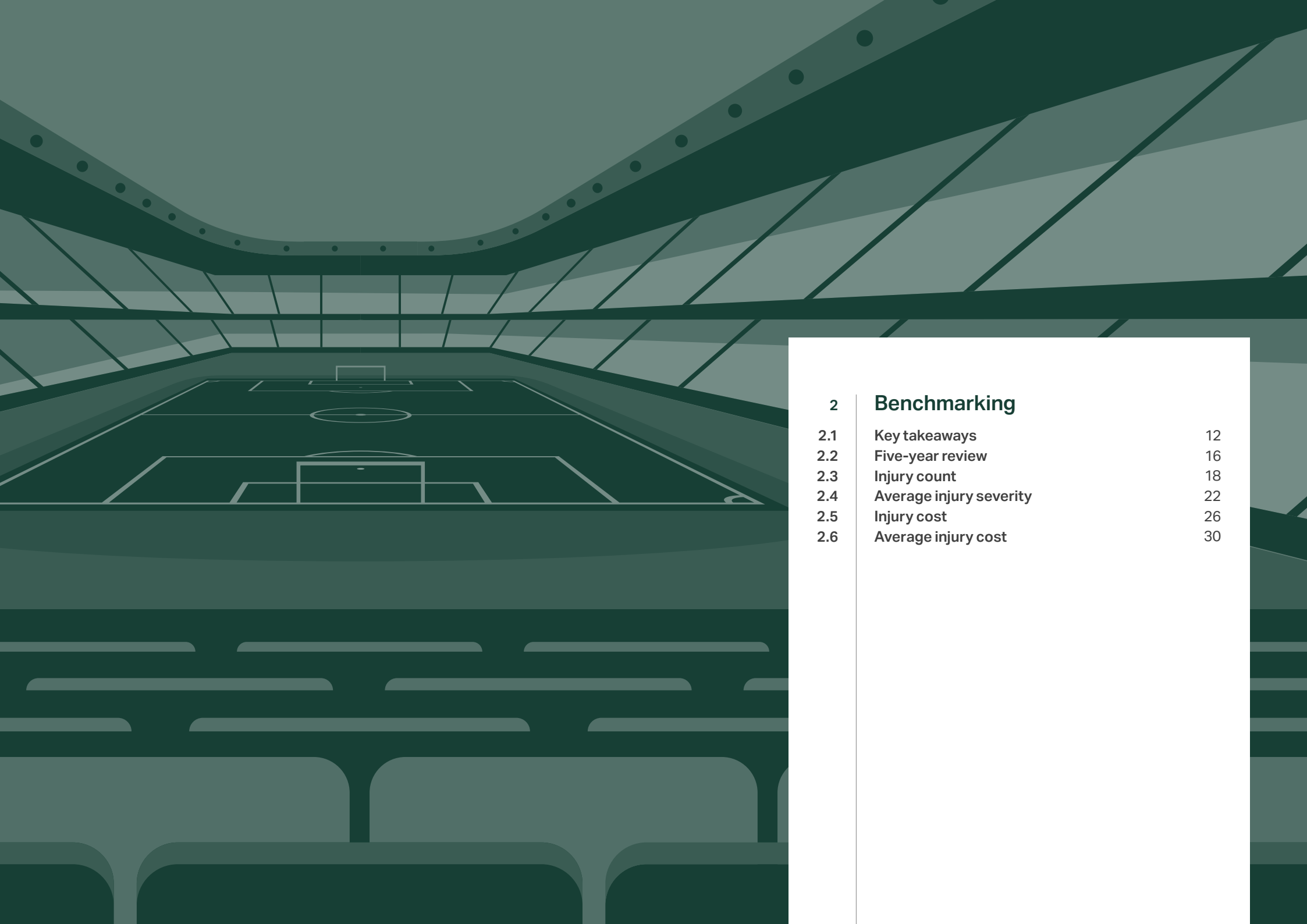
Data cleansing and categorisation

Process



Benchmarking





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Benchmarking

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Key takeaways

The headlines

Over the last five years, we can see that injury count peaked in 2021/22 – 4,981 – in part, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Injury costs reached their highest levels in 2023/24 – EUR 836.62m – the season prior to the inaugural winter FIFA Men's World Cup™.

Following the conclusion of the 2024/25 season, we have observed a slight increase in the number of injuries.

Despite this increase in the number of injuries recorded, we see a greater than proportionate decrease in the costs incurred by top clubs (from EUR 836.62m in 2023/2024 to EUR 676.14m in 2024/25).

22,596

Total injury count
(2020/21 – 2024/25)

€3.45bn

Total injury cost
(2020/21 – 2024/25)



Injury count and cost trends



Premier League

In line with the overall trend in injuries, we see that both Premier League injury count and associated costs peaked in 2021/22 and 2023/24 seasons respectively.

The Premier League remains the largest contributor to overall injury costs.

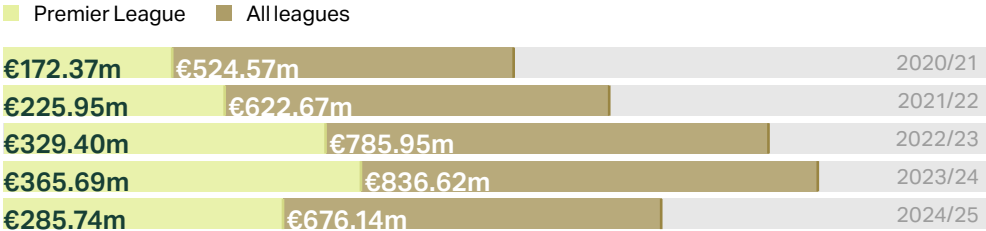
There is also a notable decrease of EUR 160.48m in overall injury costs in 2024/25.

Clubs in England account for 40% of the total injury costs incurred by top men's European clubs across the five-year period. English clubs also contributed to 24% of overall injury numbers.

Injury count: Premier League vs all leagues



Injury cost: Premier League vs all leagues





Injury severity

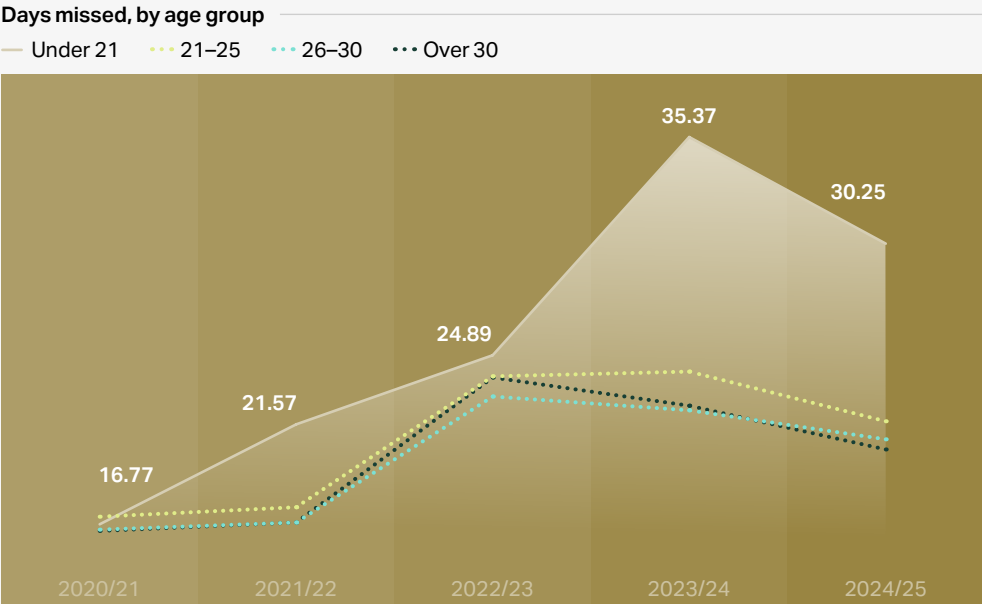
Over the five-year period, we have observed a notable increase in the overall injury severity for players under the age of 21.

The data shows a near 14-day increase in the time spent on the sidelines for this particular age group.

However, we see a five-day decrease following the 2024/25 season, relative to 2023/24.

For further context, we can see a wider increase in injury severity over the period of approximately four to five days across the other three age groups.

In 2024/25, players aged 21-25 were sidelined for an average of 21.76 days.



“ In 2024/25, players under the age of 21 in Ligue 1 suffered the most severe injuries. They were sidelined, on average, for 47 days per injury.

Ed Anton
Project Lead

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In 2023/24, under 21 Premier League players recorded the highest injury severity figure

23
Number of days out, due to injury, for Premier League players (2024/25)

10
Under 21 players in La Liga were sidelined for the shortest period of time in 2020/21



Minutes: injuries

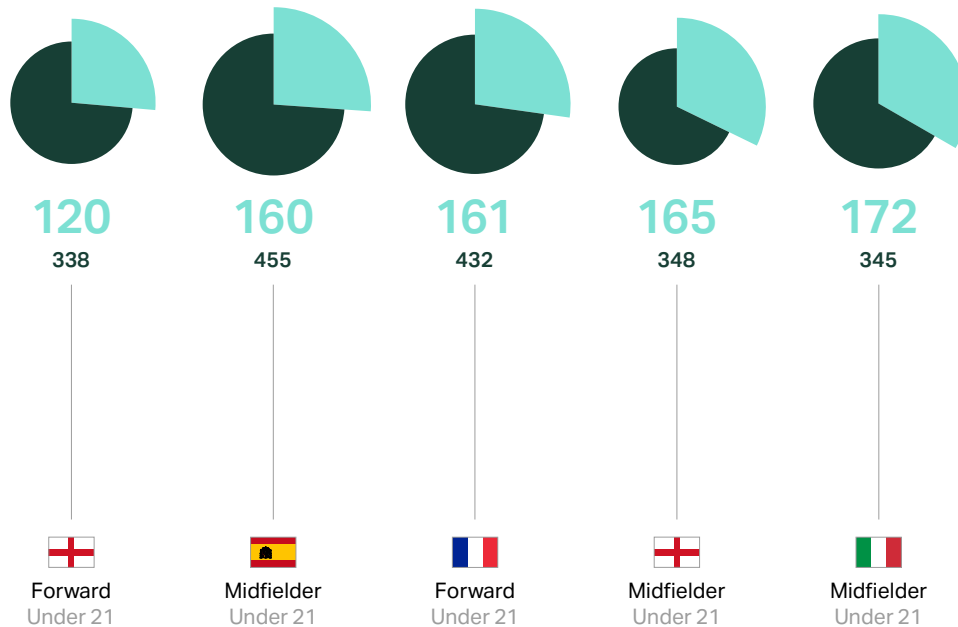
Considering the top five most injury prone 'scenarios' – with a minimum of 300 minutes played – we see that they all involve players under the age of 21.

Premier League forwards under the age of 21 were the most susceptible to injury – they sustained an injury every 120 minutes of football played.

We can also see that these players were subject to an average of 338 minutes of playing time per season.

Most injury prone (minimum 300 minutes):

■ Average minutes per injury ■ Average minutes played



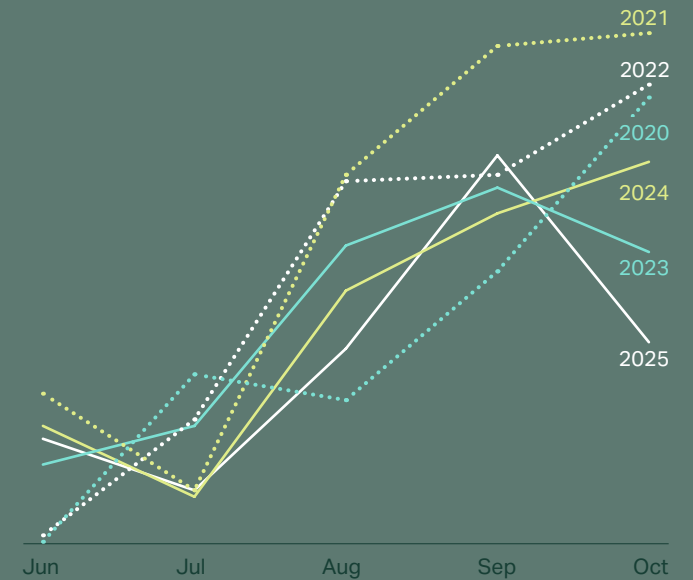
FIFA Club World Cup™

Overall, the data suggests that the FIFA Club World Cup™ had a minimal impact on the overall number of injuries sustained.

In fact, we see a decline in injury occurrence in June – October 2025, compared to June – October 2024.

August to October 2025 saw a total of 121 injuries – the lowest figure over the previous six years.

Injury count



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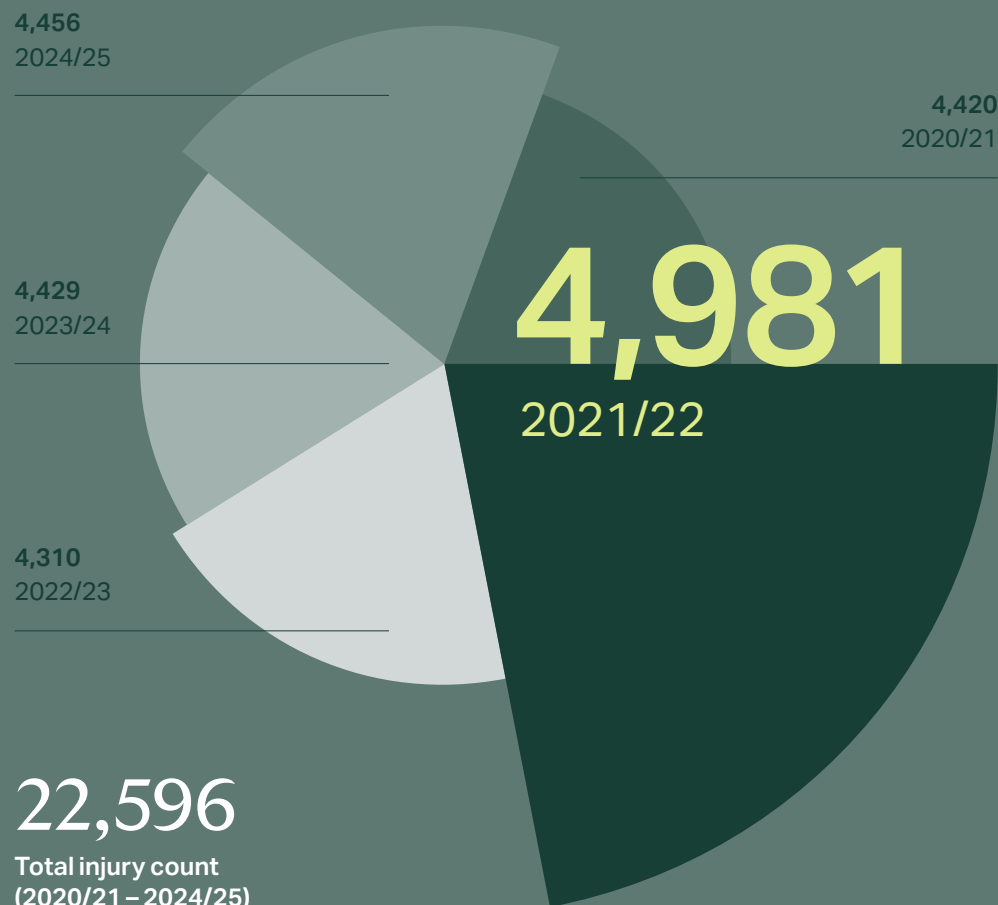
Five-year review

Over the course of the five previous seasons (2020/21 to 2024/25), we have seen a total of 22,596 injuries sustained by men's clubs competing across the top five European football leagues. This equates to an average of 4,519 injuries per season.

These 22,596 injuries cost competing clubs EUR 3.45 billion, with an average of EUR 150,000 paid out per injury sustained.

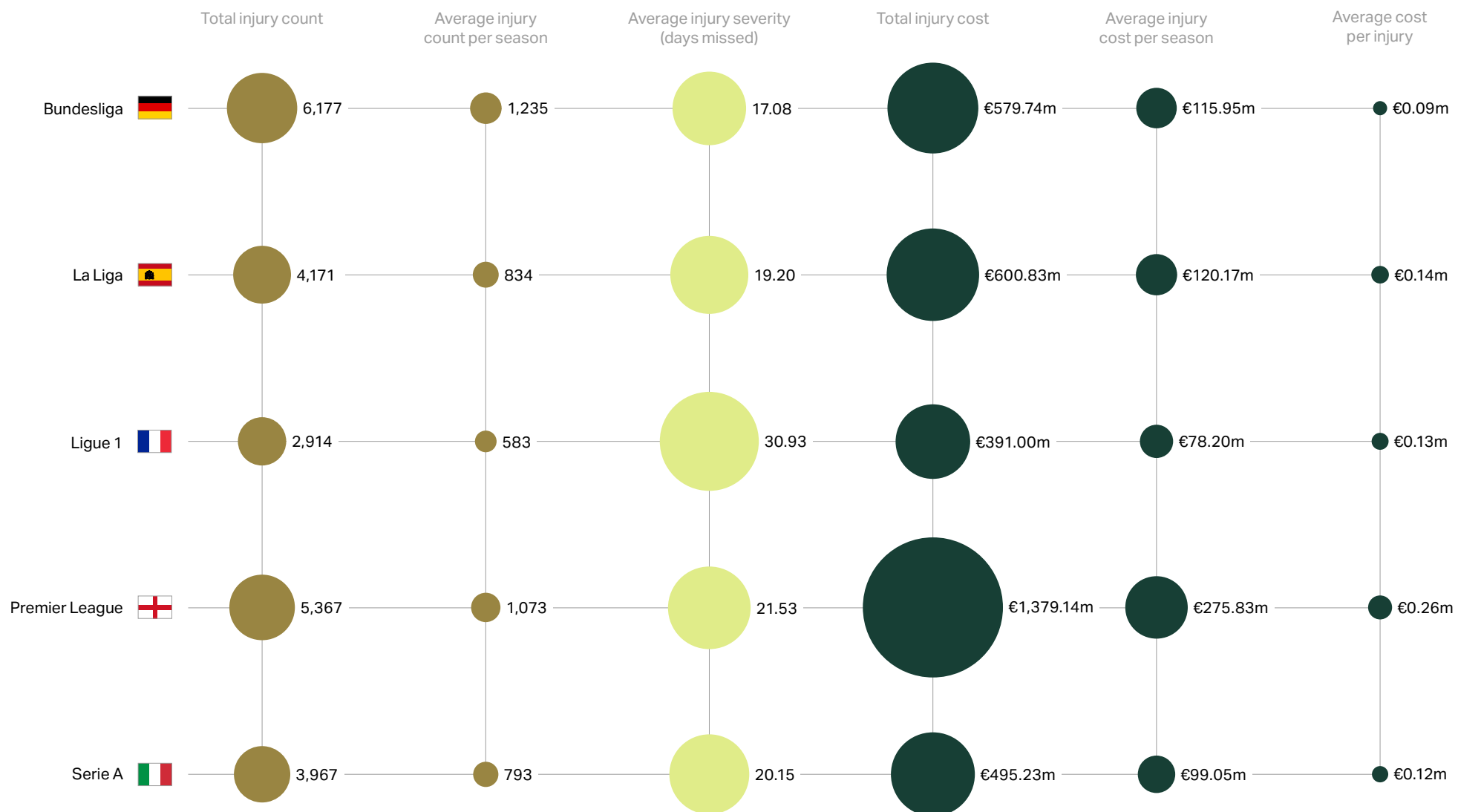


Total injury count per season





Overview



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Injury count

A review of the overall number of injuries that occur in each month over the last five seasons, provides some noteworthy points of analysis.

Overview

We have observed a significant spike in injuries in the Premier League during the 2021/22 season.

Men's English clubs recorded a total of 219 injury instances in December 2021.

This represents a near 100% increase compared to November 2021 and equates to 33% of overall absences across the top five leagues in December 2021.

We also see a notable rise in injuries during July and August each year. The most notable percentage increase comes in July 2022 – this represents a 1,950% increase on the previous month.

With domestic leagues restarting in July/August, this is not uncommon, but we have noted the highest month-on-month increase in instances of injury from July to August 2021. Players across the top five leagues incurred 443 injuries in total – an increase of 374 when comparing the two months.



33%

Proportion of overall Premier League absences in December 2021

1,950%

Month-on-month percentage increase from July to August 2021



Injury count evolution overall

— Bundesliga — La Liga ... Ligue 1 ... Premier League — Serie A



2.3
Injury
count

Germany vs France

Players at clubs in the Bundesliga were the most injury prone.

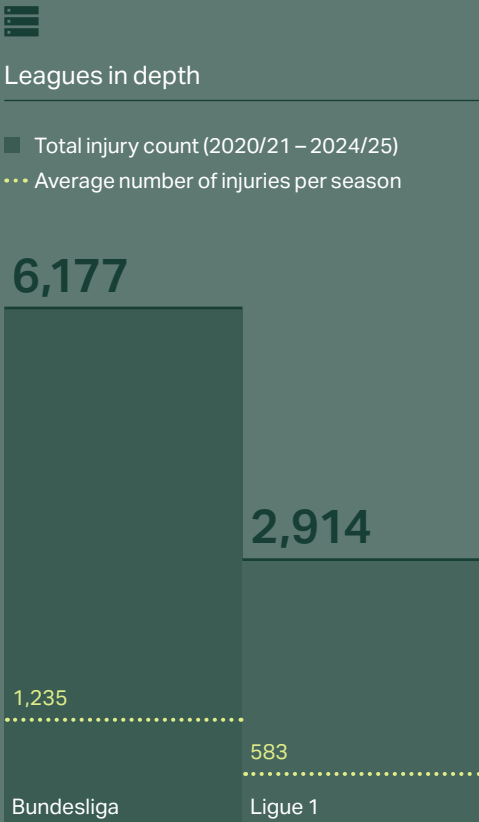
Top men's German sides suffered a total of 6,177 injuries from 2020/21 – 2024/25, at an average of 1,235 injuries per season.

The German topflight has also consistently registered the highest figure for injury count across each of the five seasons.

This is perhaps surprising, as the Bundesliga is the only top five league to have had 18 teams consistently competing across each of the five seasons.

Conversely, we can see that players in France registered a total of 2,914 injury occurrences, with an average of 583 across each season.

When comparing the two leagues, this means that the Bundesliga clubs suffered a total of 3,263 more injuries than their French counterparts, as well as an average of 652 more absences per season.



La Liga players saw the largest percentage increase in injury instances in the 2023/24 season (46%).

This significant increase can potentially be attributed to the European success of La Liga sides in European competition over the course of the 2023/24 season.

Barcelona, Real Sociedad, Atlético Madrid and Real Madrid all reached the quarter finals of the UEFA Champions League™, with the latter winning the competition.

However, only Villarreal reached the round of 16 in the UEFA Europa League™, with no Spanish side progressing to this stage in the UEFA Conference League™.

Across the border in France, Ligue 1 clubs saw a 25% reduction in the number of injuries during the same season (2023/24).

Injury instances within the French league peaked in the 2021/22 season, recording a total of 696.

Although, the highest percentage reduction in injury rates was in fact recorded by La Liga clubs – 29% in 2022/23.

Premier League clubs recorded over 1,000 injuries in three seasons (2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23). Yet, the league has seen a consistent decrease in the number of player

absences since 2021/22, with the most significant percentage decline (18%) seen following the conclusion of the 2022/23 season.

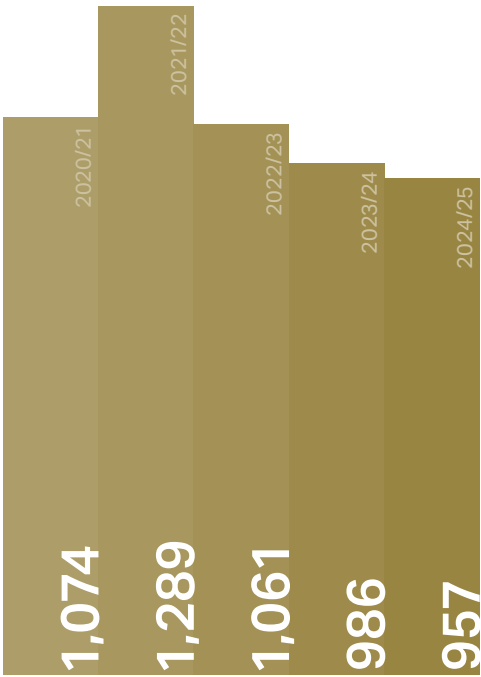
Injuries to players within Serie A have fluctuated over the five-year period, with the highest number of injury instances recorded in 2020/21 (879).

Following a steady decline in injury rates from 2021/22 – 2023/24, we can see that last season (2024/25), the Italian league registered a 24% increase.

This sees Serie A return to its original injury levels recorded in 2020/21 and 2021/22.



Annual Premier League injury count



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Average injury severity

Where are we now?

Following the conclusion of the 2023/24 season, we highlighted an increase in the overall severity of injuries incurred by players across the top five men's European leagues.

However, we can now see that the injury severity figure has softened slightly.

During the 2024/25 season, players were sidelined due to injury for an average of 21.71 days – an improvement of two days (23.78) compared to the previous season.

We see the greatest improvement in injury severity in La Liga – 20.6 days (2023/24), compared to 15.95 days (2024/25). Conversely, Ligue 1 players have recorded a consistent increase in injury severity since 2020/21. Interestingly, we have already discussed a trend of increased injury numbers across the Bundesliga. However, these clubs have recorded the least severe injuries in three of the last five seasons.

22.47 days

Premier League injury severity (2024/25)

8.15 days

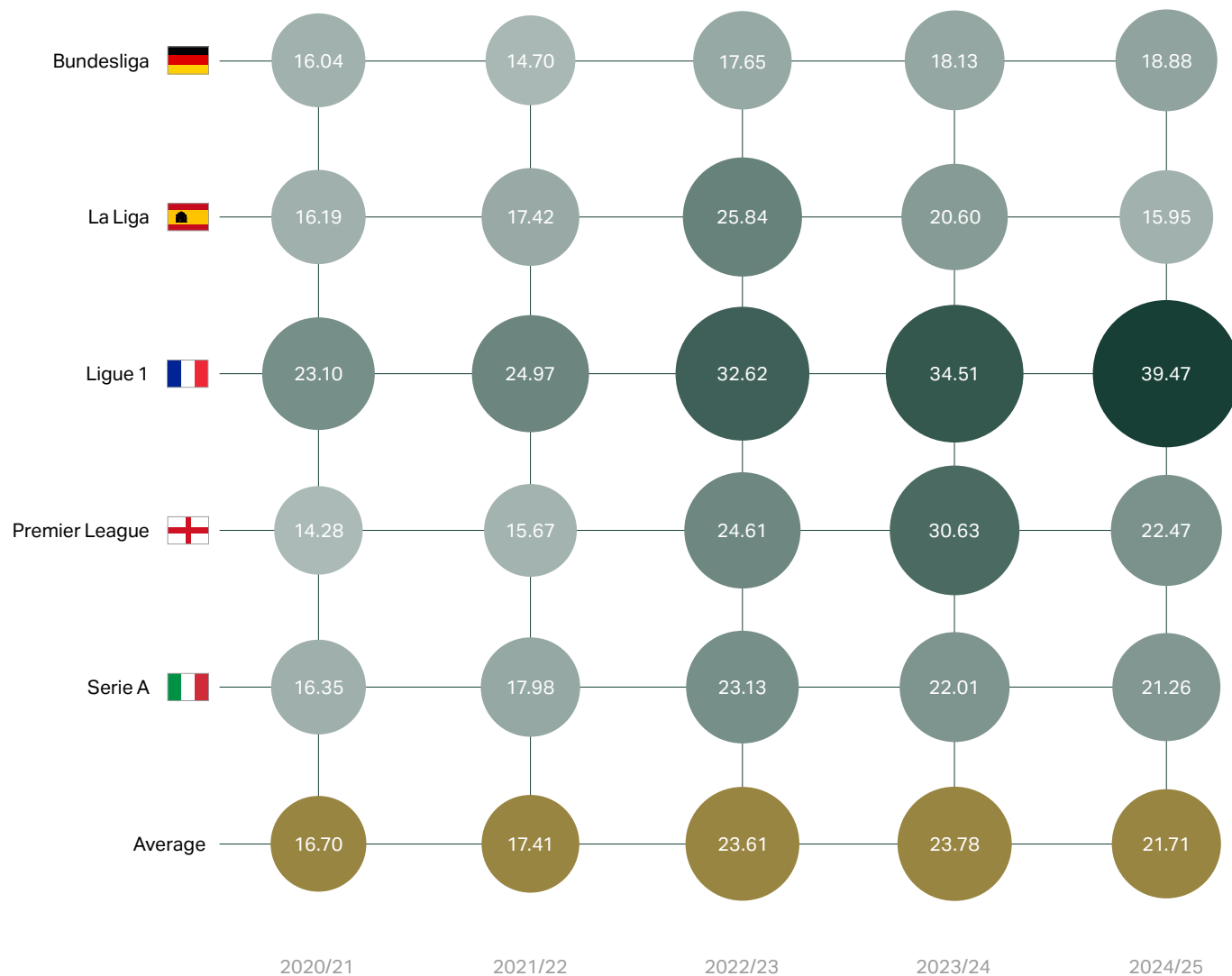
Reduction in Premier League injury severity (2023/24 – 2024/25)

↑71%

Increase in Ligue 1 injury severity (2020/21 – 2024/25)



Injury severity by season (days missed)



2024/25 season →



39.47

Record high for days missed through injury was in Ligue 1

2020/21 season →



14.28

Fewest days missed through injury was in the Premier League

↑30%

Overall increase in average injury severity (2020/21 – 2024/25)

2.4
Average
injury
severity

The age impact

As shown in the graphic on the right-hand side, we observe a significant reduction (five days) in the severity of injuries incurred by under 21 players from 2023/24 to the 2024/25 season.

Although, this age category remains susceptible to the most severe injuries compared to the other age groups.

Further analysis of the data shows that under 21 players in the Premier League recorded the worst injury severity figure in 2023/24 – 49.21 days out per injury. This figure has subsequently reduced to 35.33 days following the 2024/25 season.

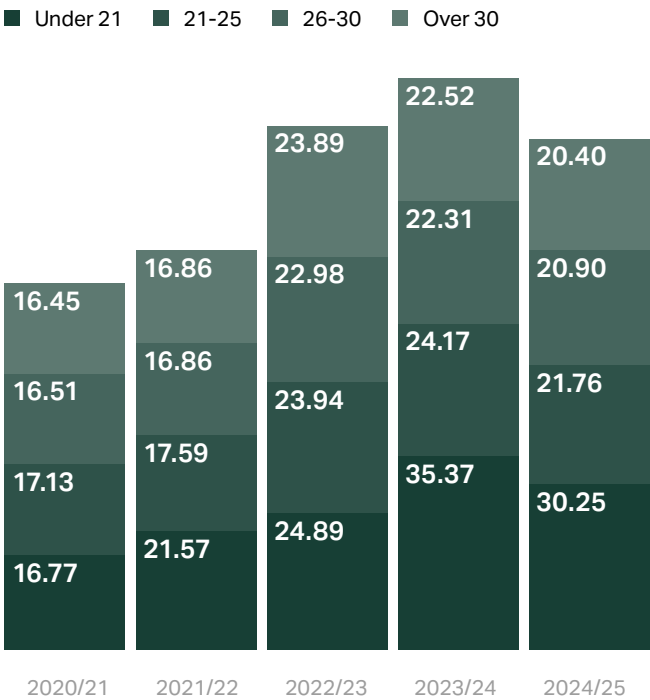
We also observe two further examples where age groups have recorded severity figures of over 40.

Under 21 players in Ligue 1 were sidelined for an average of 46.75 days per injury during the 2024/25 season – an eight-day increase on the previous season. Remaining in France, we also see that players aged 21-25 suffered an injury severity figure of 44.92 days in the same season.

Players under the age of 21, across all the top five men’s European leagues, have recorded the highest injury severity figure in each of the last four seasons – 2021/22 – 2024/25.



Injury severity by age group (2020/21 – 2024/25)



Positional bias

A review of the five-year period shows us that players in each position were sidelined due to injury for a longer period of time, on average, in the 2024/25 season, relative to the 2020/21 season.

The most significant increase can be seen amongst goalkeepers – (+9.07 days per injury), with forwards being the only other position to see a greater than five-day increase in overall injury severity.

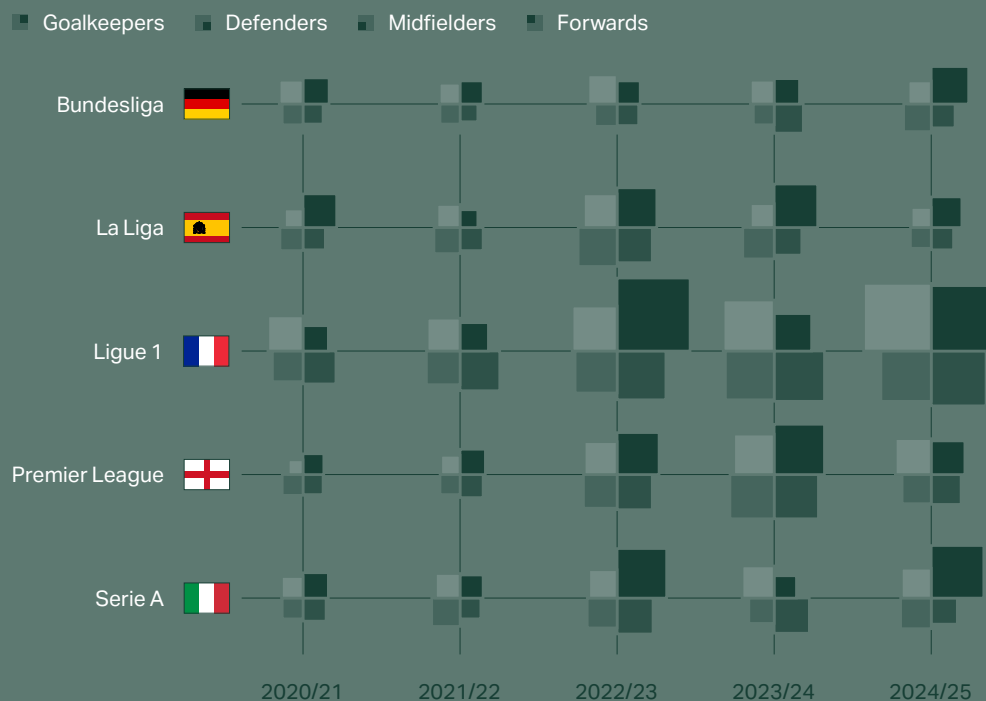
Defenders see the greatest decrease in injury severity when comparing the two most recent seasons (2023/24 and 2024/25). The data shows that defenders across the top five leagues were sidelined for 4.59 days less per injury instance.

On a league-by-league basis, we can observe that positional injury severity figures exceeded 30 days per injury on 15 separate occasions. The highest figure being that of Ligue 1 forwards in 2024/25 – 46.62 days out, closely followed by Ligue 1 goalkeepers who were sidelined due to injury for 44.75 days on average.

It is also worth noting that each of these instances were incurred in the three most recent seasons (2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25).



Injury severity by position across all leagues (2020/21 – 2024/25)



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Injury cost

Overview

We see that, in August 2023, Premier League clubs recorded their highest injury cost figure over the five-year period – EUR 66.62m (GBP 55.98m).

This meant that English clubs accounted for 50% of overall salaries paid to injured players. Unsurprisingly, August 2023 was the costliest month over the five-year period analysed.

Considering the fact that four of the top men's leagues (excluding the Premier League) benefit from a winter break from mid-to-late December to early January in each season, it is not surprising that in four of the last five seasons, December has seen a higher injury cost figure, compared to January.

However, December 2022 – a period in which the top men's players competed in the winter FIFA Men's World Cup™ – was the only occasion that we saw a lower injury cost figure recorded in comparison to the following month – January 2023.

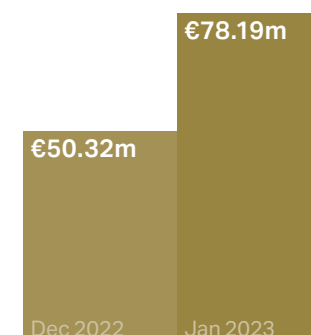


€66.62m

(£55.98m)

Premier League injury cost (August 2023)

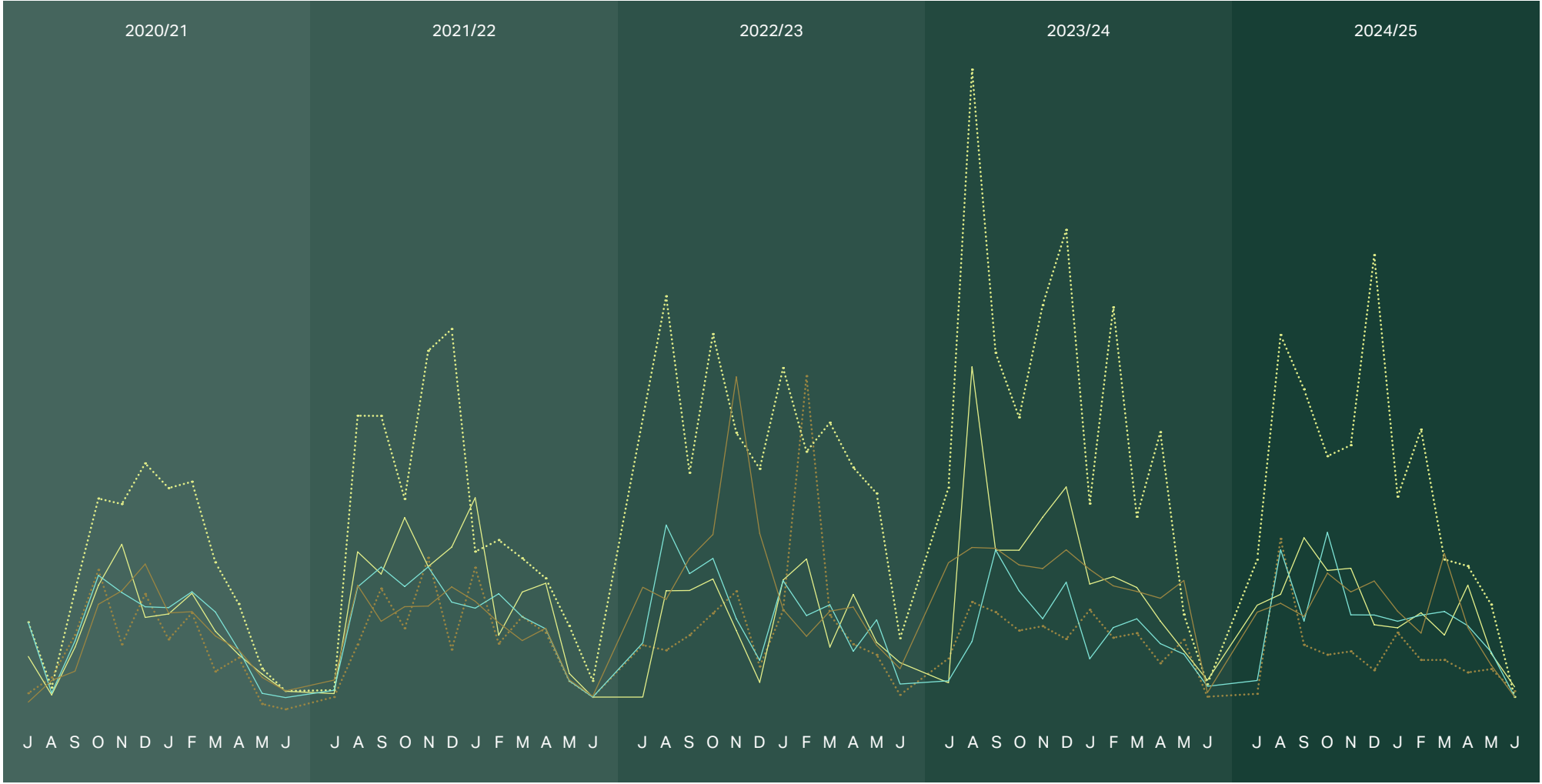
Total injury cost comparison (December 2022 vs January 2023)





Injury cost evolution overall

— Bundesliga — La Liga — Ligue 1 — Premier League — Serie A



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Injury
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Premier League contribution

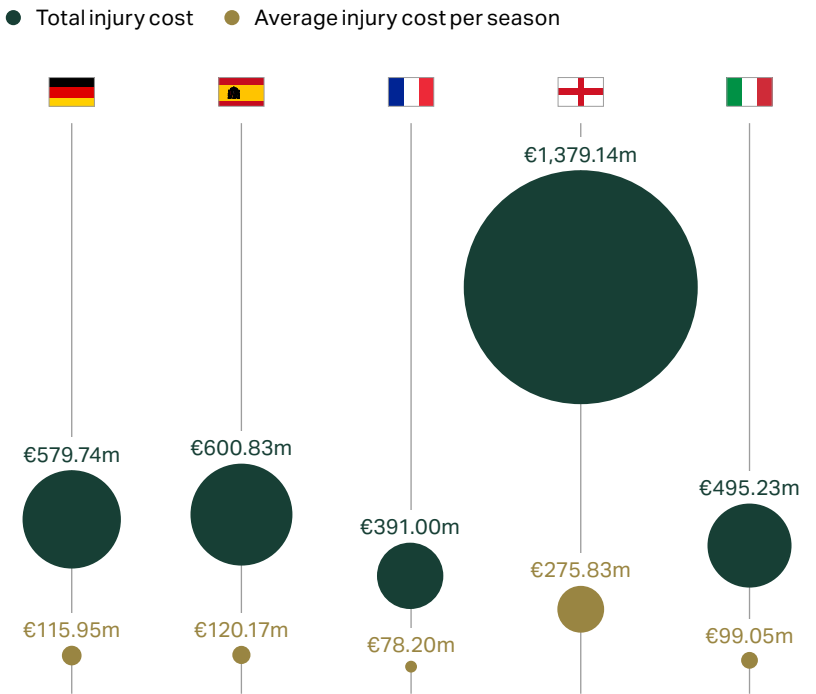
Overall, the 2023/24 season registered the highest total injury cost figure – EUR 836.82m. This was closely followed by the 2022/23 season – EUR 785.95m – which included the inaugural winter FIFA Men's World Cup™.

According to our analysis, Premier League clubs have paid out EUR 1.38 billion in salaries to injured players over the previous five seasons – at an average of EUR 275.83m per season.

This overall figure represents 40% of the total injury cost recorded across the top five men's European leagues during this time. This cost figure is also more than double the next highest figure (La Liga, EUR 600.83m).



Injury cost overview (2020/21 – 2024/25)



It is also prudent to identify key changes in injury cost across each season.

The 2022/23 Premier League season saw the largest percentage increase in injury costs (46%) relative to the previous season.

However, following the conclusion of the 2024/25 season, we can see that injury costs incurred by English clubs have fallen by 22% to EUR 285.74m (GBP 246.32m).

Whilst Bundesliga clubs have consistently recorded the highest rates of injury across each season, the data shows that they come at a notably lower cost – an average of EUR 115.95m per season. This is likely due to the lower wages being paid to players, compared to the Premier League, in particular.

We do, however, see a notable spike in Bundesliga injury costs in 2022/23 – a rise of 73% compared to the 2021/22 season. This is the largest percentage increase across the top five men's European leagues during this period.

This was a season in which five Bundesliga clubs (Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund, RB Leipzig, Bayer Leverkusen and Freiburg) reached the round of 16 of UEFA competitions.

Costs incurred by clubs in both Serie A and Ligue 1 have remained stable during the five-year period, with an average of EUR 99.05m and EUR 78.20m paid out to injured players in their respective leagues, per season.

However, the total injury costs incurred by French men's clubs over the five-year period equates to EUR 391m.

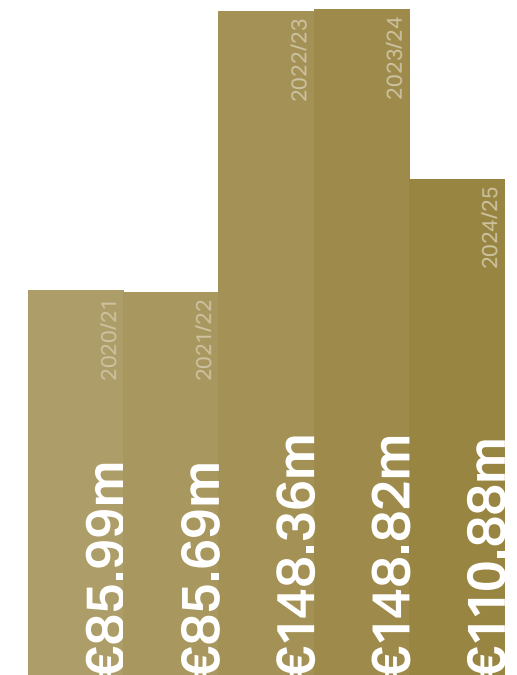
This represents a significant disparity when compared to the average injury cost incurred by Premier League clubs in a single season – EUR 275.83m (GBP 236.46).

La Liga clubs saw a significant percentage increase in 2023/24 (67%) relative to the season prior.

Overall, Spanish men's clubs registered an average total cost of EUR 120.17m – over EUR 150m below that of the identical metric for clubs in the Premier League.



Annual Bundesliga injury cost



2.6

Average injury cost

A familiar trend

We can see that the average cost of injury has consistently risen over the course of 2020/21 – 2023/24 – from EUR 120,000 to EUR 190,000. However, there has been a slight decrease in this figure, following the conclusion of the 2024/25 season (EUR 150,000).

It is notable that following a decline in overall injury numbers from 2021/22 – 2022/23, we see a significant rise in the costs of these injuries – EUR 163.28m overall and EUR 60,000 per injury.

This would be consistent with a larger proportion of higher paid players incurring injuries during this period. This is perhaps due to the mid-season winter FIFA Men's World Cup in 2022, which afforded no winter break to international players across the top five men's European leagues.

€190,000

Average injury cost
(2023/24)

€163.28m

Overall rise in injury costs
(2021/22 – 2022/23)

€60,000

Average cost per injury



Injury cost per club (2020/21 – 2024/25)

● Injury cost per club ● Average injury cost per season



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Average injury

High-value injuries

The Premier League recorded the highest figures across all leagues, with each injury costing on average EUR 260,000 over the five-year period.

This figure peaked in the 2023/24 season at EUR 370,000 – the highest average injury cost recorded so far.

La Liga clubs come in second place at EUR 140,000 per injury over the same period, followed closely by Ligue 1 (EUR 130,000) and Serie A (EUR 120,000).

We have previously highlighted the significant rates of injury suffered by men's clubs in Germany, and the Bundesliga is the only league to record an average injury cost figure below EUR 100,000 in three of the last five seasons.

We do see the largest percentage increase in Bundesliga average injury costs – 70% – when comparing 2021/22 to 2022/23.

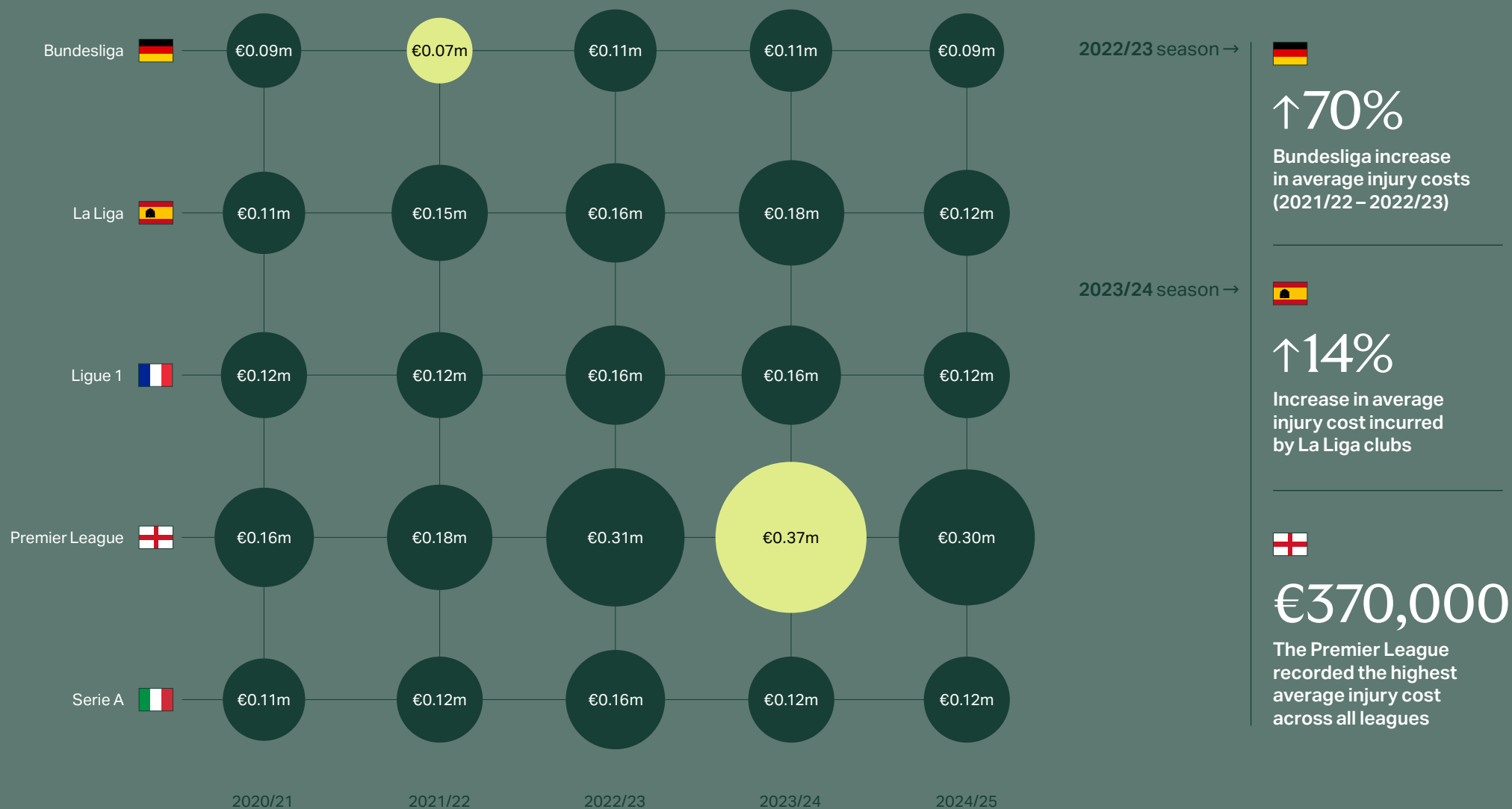
It has also been highlighted that La Liga clubs saw a significant increase in the number of injuries in 2023/24. This is reinforced by the 14% increase in the average cost of injury figure for this particular season.

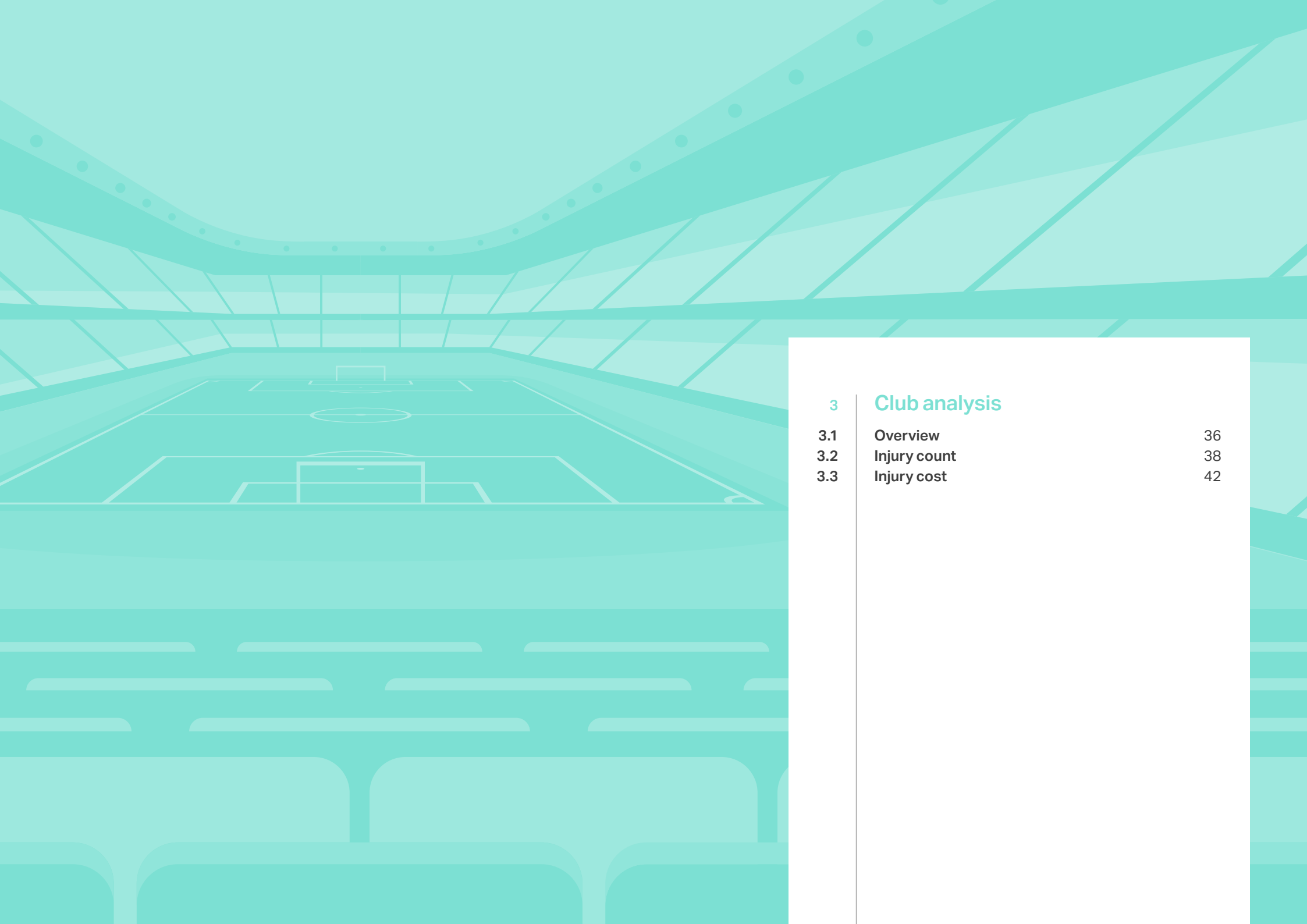
Serie A clubs recorded their largest percentage increase in average injury cost (35%) following the 2022/23 season.

The reason for this could, in part, be due to seven Italian men's clubs reaching a minimum of the round of 16 in the three UEFA competitions. This included Fiorentina, who were defeated in the final of the UEFA Conference League™, and Inter Milan who suffered a similar fate in the UEFA Champions League™ Final.



Average injury cost overview





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Club analysis

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Overview



Five-year trend

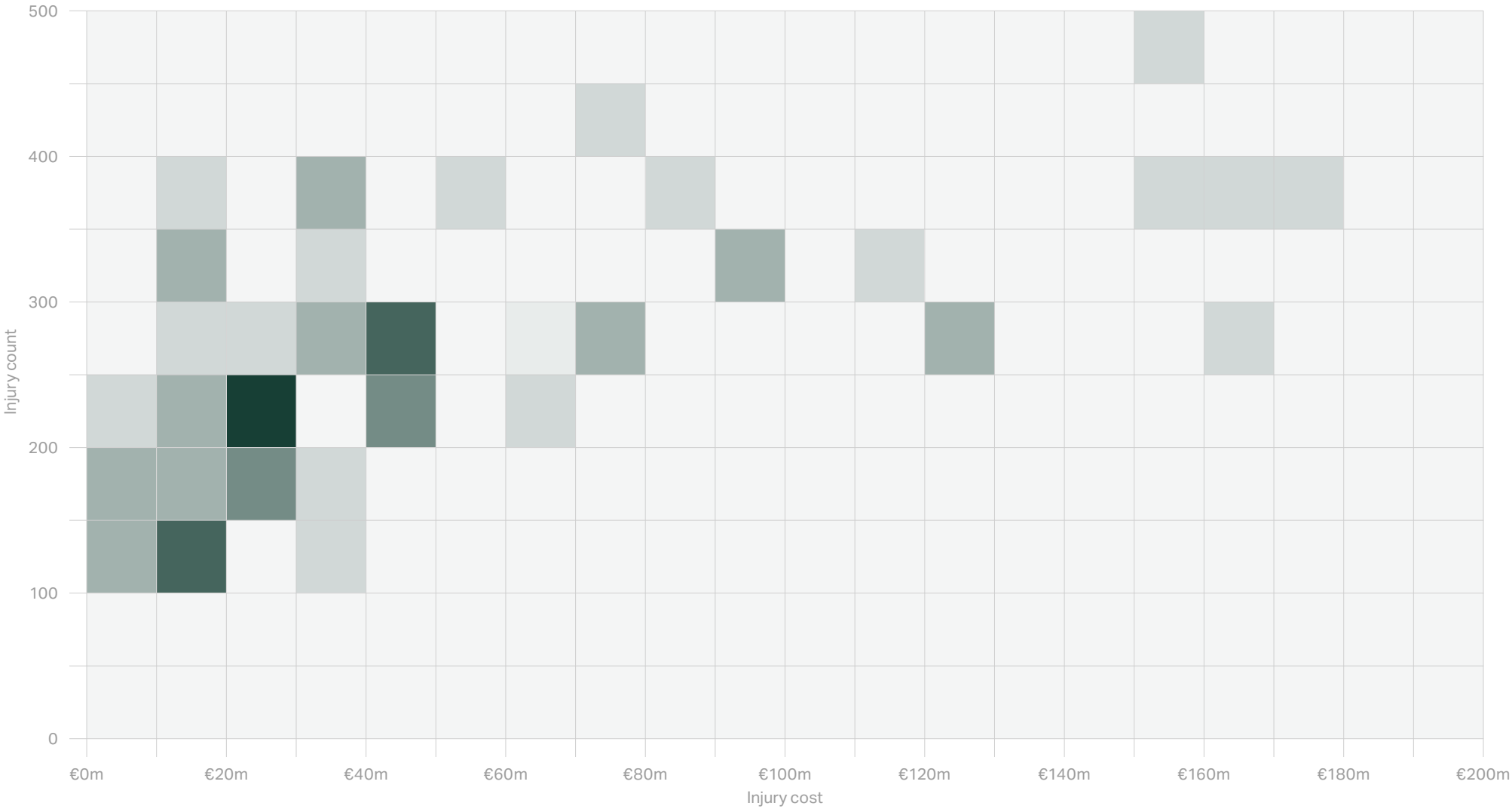
The data recorded from 2020 to 2025 constitutes 486 individual club seasons.

Of these 486 individual club seasons, a total of 57 clubs have competed in all of the five seasons covered.

Throughout this section, we will explore the key trends of specific clubs across both injury count and injury cost relative to their domestic and international counterparts.



Cumulative injury count and injury cost dispersion for clubs featuring in all five seasons



3.2

Injury count

Injury-impacted clubs

During this period, we can see that on seven occasions, clubs recorded in excess of 100 injuries in a season.

Interestingly, six of the seven instances involve Bundesliga clubs, with three instances recorded in a single season – 2023/24.

Borussia Mönchengladbach suffered this fate in back-to-back seasons from 2022/23 – 2023/24, which resulted in a 10th and 14th place finishes respectively in the league – this means that the German side suffered, on average, 2.86 injuries per competitive fixture.

Compare this to Bayern Munich, who feature twice (2021/22 and 2023/24), and we see that they contested a total of 96 competitive fixtures across both seasons, incurring 210 injuries, at an average, of 2.19 per game.

Whilst Bayern Munich were able to overcome 103 injuries in the 2021/22 season to win the league title, the 107 instances recorded in the 2022/23 season is likely to have been a hindrance to their title challenge.

With a disparity of only four injuries between the two seasons, the injuries incurred are likely to have had a significant impact.

Despite the above, we can see that it is, in fact, Real Madrid that recorded the highest number of injuries in a single season during this period – 115 during the 2021/22 La Liga season. Despite this figure, Real were able to regain the La Liga title at the end of the season.

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Number of clubs to record more than 100 injuries in a season



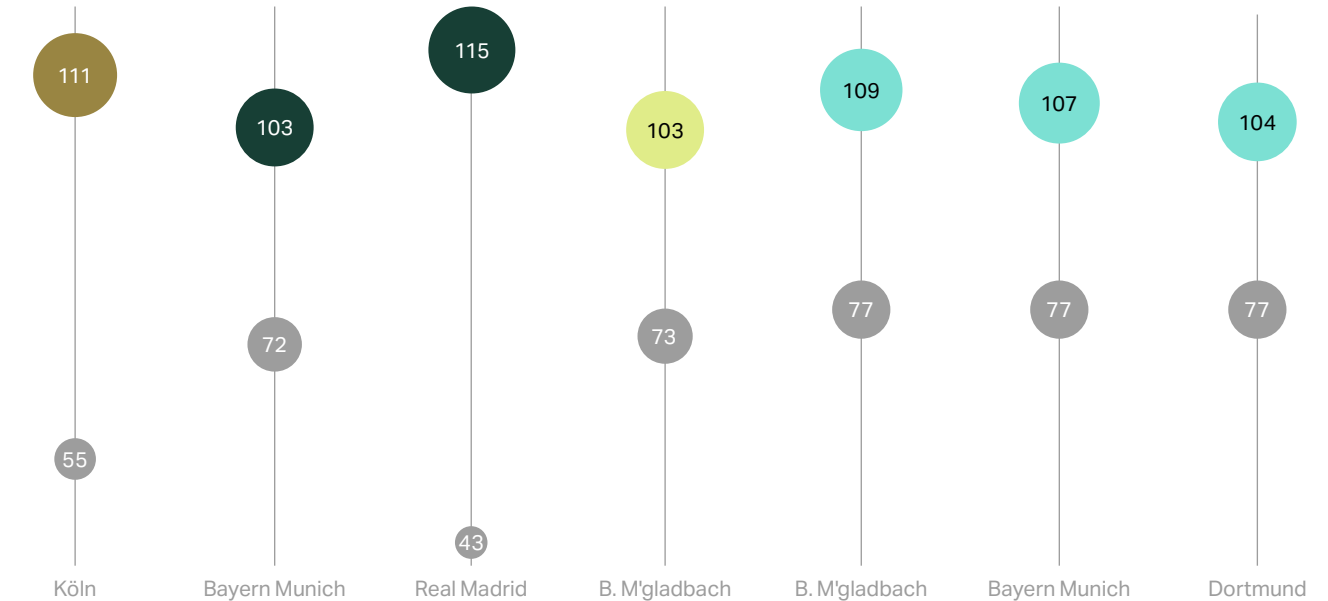
115

Number of injuries incurred by Real Madrid (2021/22)



Clubs with 100+ injuries in one season

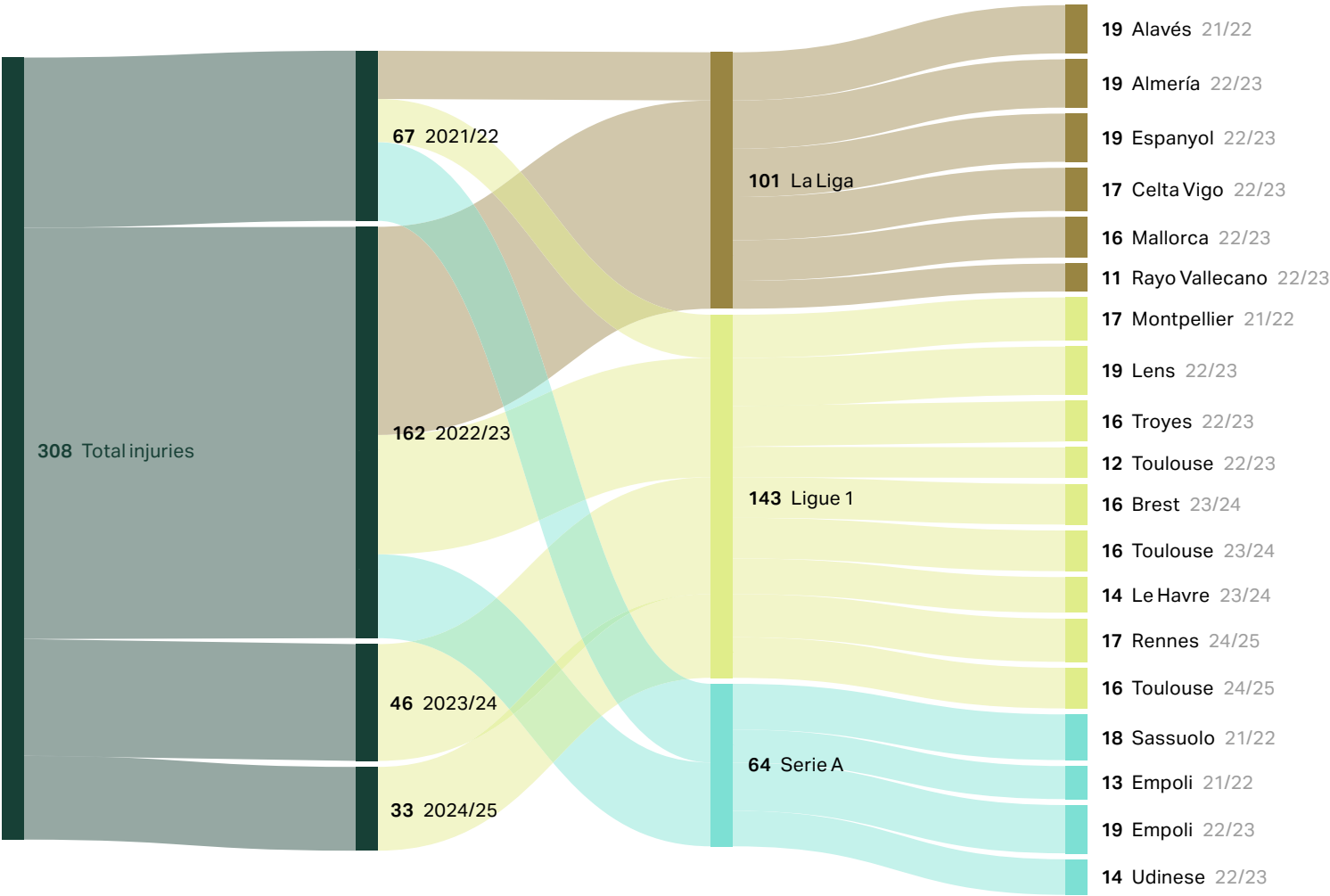
2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 League average





Clubs with fewer than 20 injuries in one season

La Liga Ligue 1 Serie A



Lower injury rates

Across the five years we see 19 instances of clubs incurring fewer than 20 injuries in a single season.

Ligue 1 clubs account for nine of the twenty instances recorded.

Lens achieved a 2nd place finish in Ligue 1 in 2022/23, when they only recorded 19 injuries overall. Franck Haise's side successfully navigated 42 competitive matches, suffering an injury, on average, every two games.

We can also observe that Brest's 3rd place finish will likely have been aided by their low rates of injury (16).

Toulouse incurred fewer than 20 injuries in three consecutive seasons from 2022/23 – 2024/25.

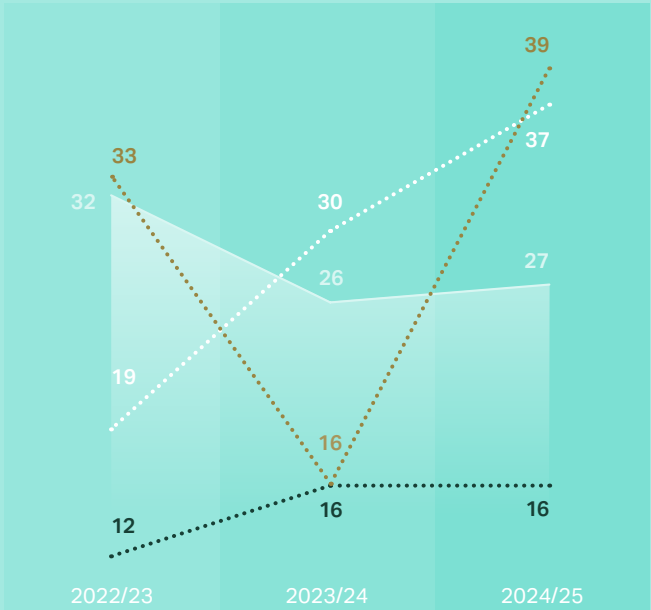
Empoli were the only other team to feature in this list on more than one occasion. The Italian side recorded a combined total of 32 injuries across the 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons on route to back-to-back 14th place finishes.

However, it was Rayo Vallecano who recorded the lowest injury count figure over the last five years. In what was the 99th season in their history, Andoni Iraola navigated the 2022/23 season and accumulated 11 injuries, at an average of 0.27 injuries per competitive game.



Injury count per season (Ligue 1, 2022/23 – 2024/25)

● Brest ● Lens ● Toulouse — League average



3.3

Injury cost

Increased cost of injury

Premier League clubs have accounted for five of the eleven clubs with injury costs greater than EUR 40m.

Manchester United incurred the highest injury cost figure of any individual club over the last five years.

In 2023/24 the Red Devils paid out a total of EUR 53.89m (GBP 45.28m) in wages to injured players – at an average cost of EUR 670,000 (GBP 560,000) per injury.

Chelsea follow close behind, recording an injury cost figure of EUR 52.22m (GBP 43.88m) in 2022/23.

Outside of the English Premier League, both Paris Saint-Germain and Real Madrid also registered injury costs of over EUR 50m in a single season.

During the 2023/24 La Liga season, Real Madrid recorded the highest average cost per injury on record – EUR 930,000 per absence – with Paris Saint-Germain close behind, paying out EUR 880,000 per instance to their injured squad in 2022/23.

It is notable that no Serie A club incurred an overall cost of injury figure of more than EUR 50m.



€53.89m

(£45.28m)

Manchester United
injury cost (2023/24)

€670,000

(£560,000)

Average cost per injury



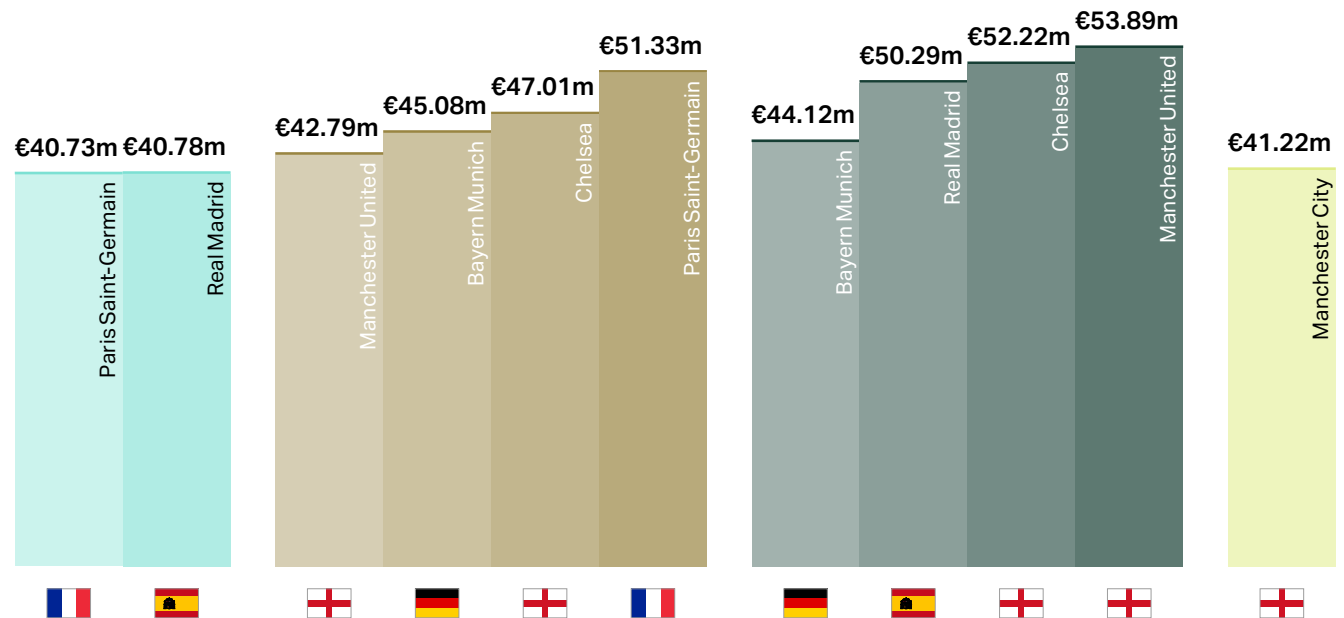
€930,000

In the same season,
Real Madrid recorded the
highest average cost per
injury absence on record



Clubs to record over €40m injury costs in a single season

2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 2024/25



3.3

Injury
cost

Injury cost suppression

The data shows that there has been a total of 50 individual instances where men's clubs across the top five European leagues have recorded injury costs of under EUR 1m in a single domestic season.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, there are no examples of teams from the Premier League recording such a figure, with West Brom incurring the lowest injury cost figure of EUR 1.66m (GBP 1.41m) during the 2020/21 season.

La Liga's Almería recorded the lowest injury cost incurred by a single club during the 2022/23 season – EUR 0.35m. However, this figure rose by over 400% to EUR 1.77m in 2023/24.

Across the border in France, Clermont Foot also feature on this list for each of their three Ligue 1 seasons. Ligue 1 sides overall account for almost half of the clubs to record injury costs of less than EUR 1m.

Earlier in this section, we have previously highlighted that no Serie A club features at the top end of injury costs (EUR 40m+). Although we can see there were five individual clubs that recorded under EUR 1m injury costs.

50

Number of clubs to record injury costs under €1m in a single season

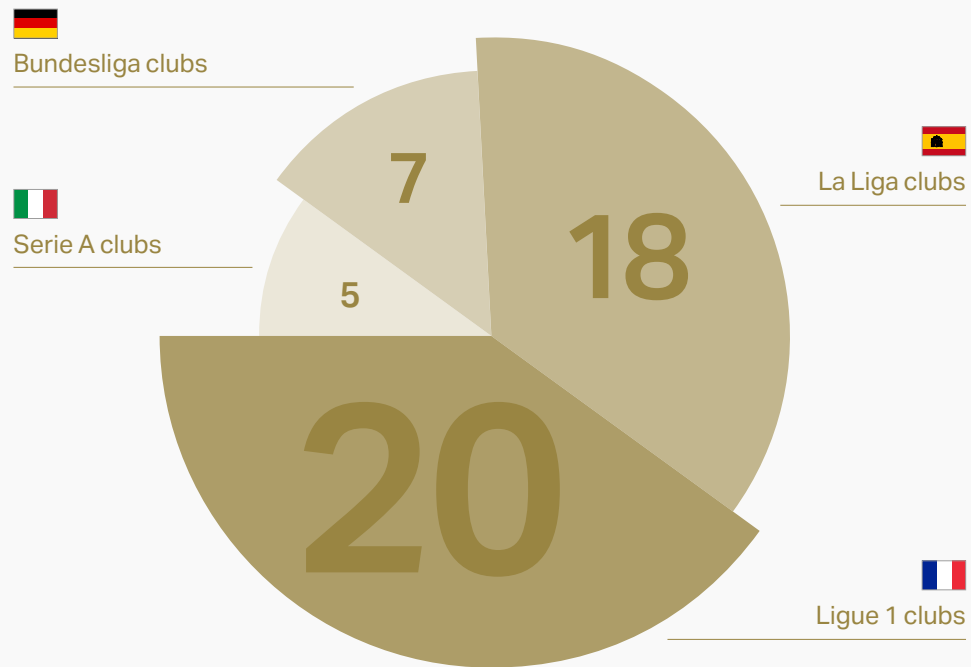


€0.35m

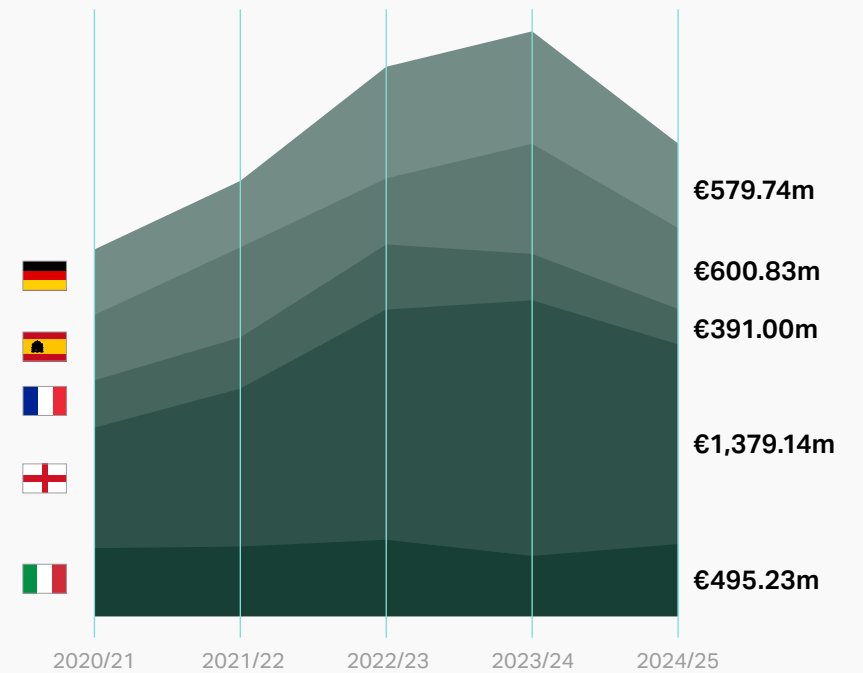
Almería injury count (2022/23)



Clubs to record under €1m injury costs in a single season



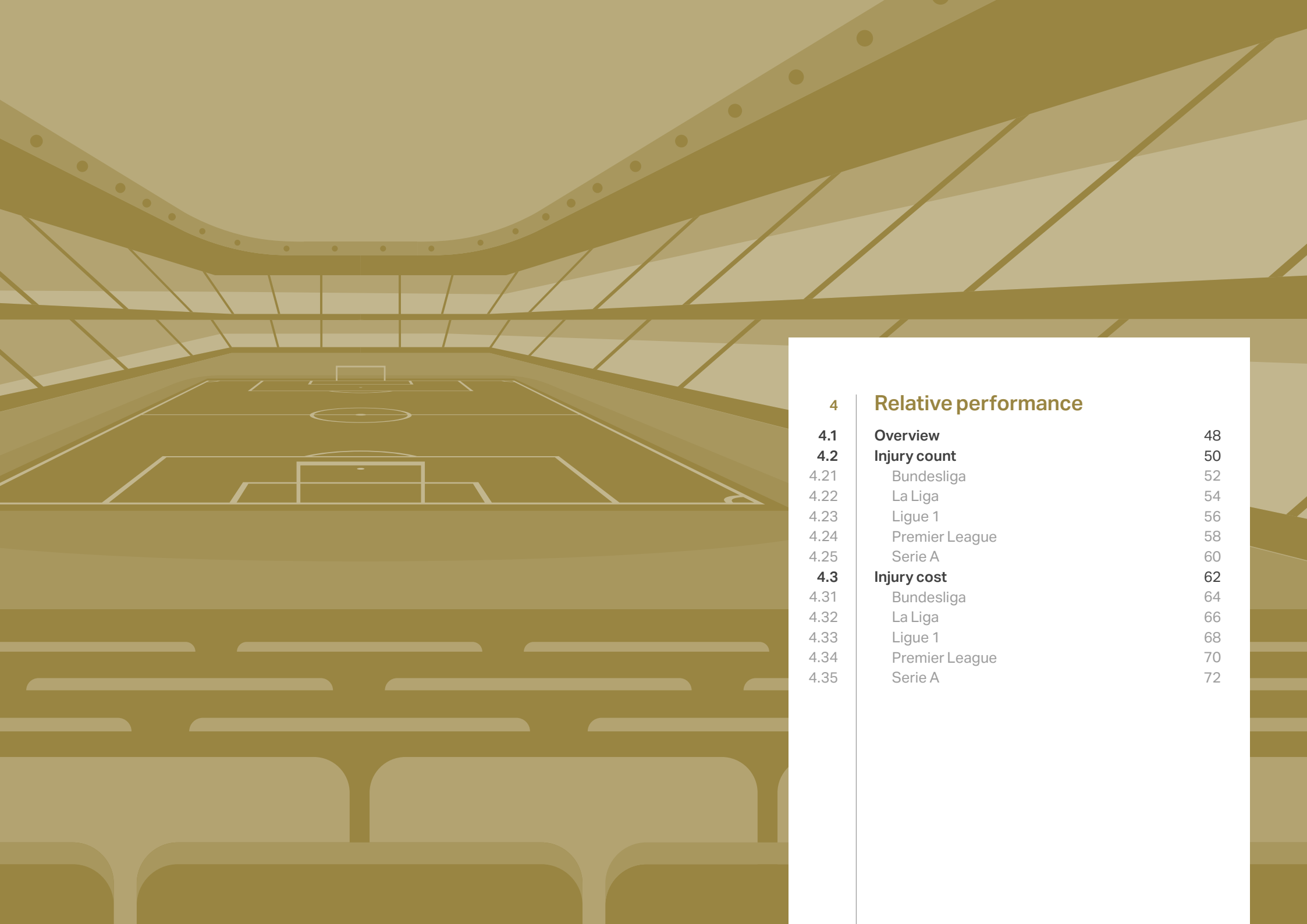
Total injury cost per league (2020/21 – 2024/25)



Relative
performance

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Relative performance

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4.1

Overview



Given the data at our disposal over the previous five seasons for men's teams competing across the top five leagues in Europe, it is prudent to review the relevant correlations between both injury count and cost, relative to a team's final league position.

Setting the scene

Considering this through a binary lens, you would expect that if a club incurred more injuries, there would be a corresponding negative impact on their final league position.

With an increasing number of injuries, you would also assume that this would be reflected in an increase in injury costs.

salaries paid to players across the teams competing in the top five men's European leagues.

From previous editions of the report, we know that this cannot be considered as a clear-cut or consistent pattern, as there are numerous elements to consider – squad depth, number of games played, and overall

Throughout this section of the report, we will analyse injury count and cost and the impact on club league finishing positions relative to what is shown within the data.

4.2

Injury count

Bundesliga

La Liga

Ligue 1

Premier League

Serie A

Injuries vs performance

Reviewing this with a specific focus on Injury Count vs League Position, we can observe a weak positive correlation between the two metrics.

This would suggest that teams that finish higher up in the table tend to have only slightly more injuries, however it must be noted that this specific relationship is not considerable.

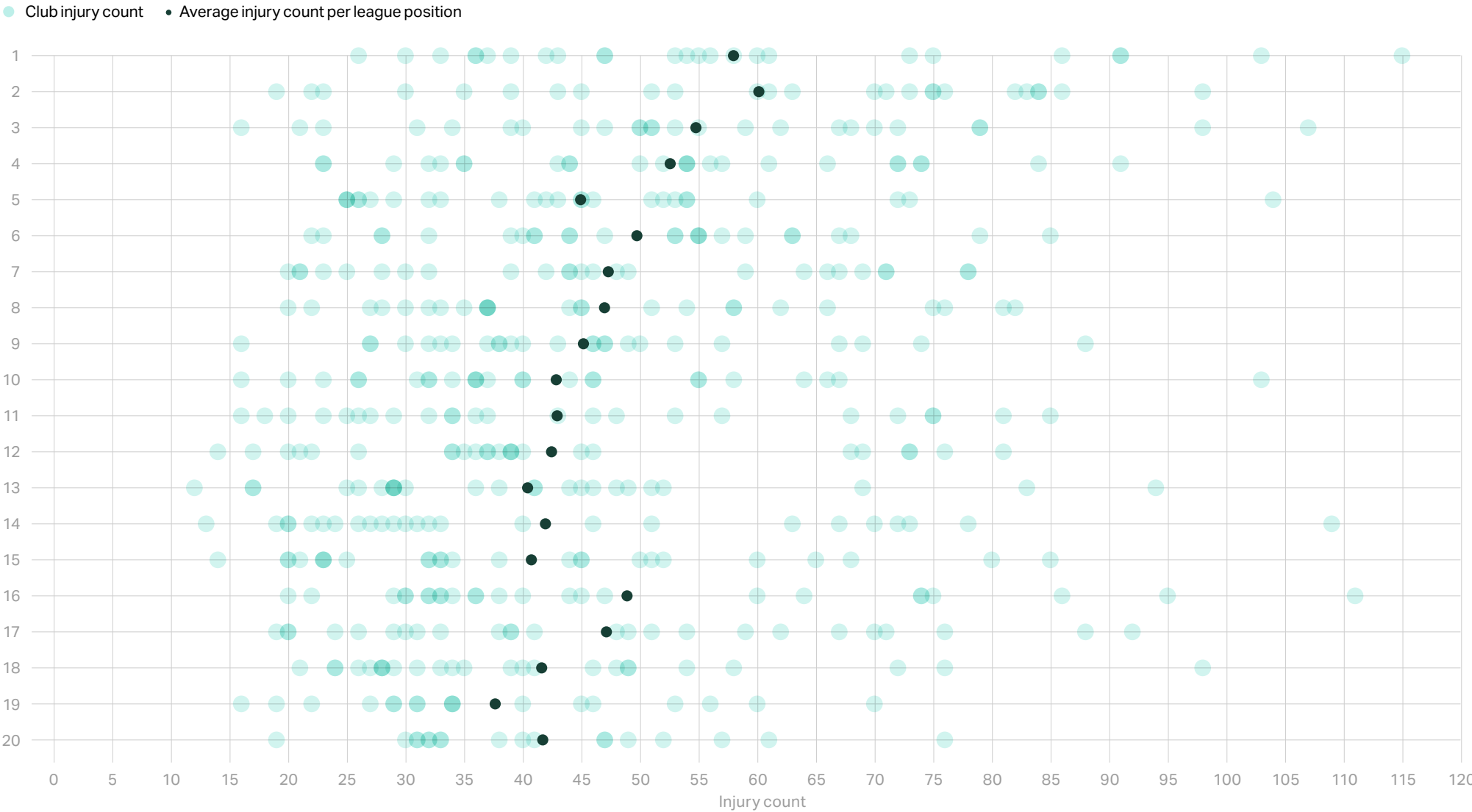
We can see that injury counts are highly variable, which translates to some clubs suffering significantly more injuries than others in each of the top five men's European leagues.

Factoring in individual club spending power, it would be fair to say that top clubs are arguably better placed to navigate injury crises with the depth of talent at their disposal.

Consequently, this would lead to an assumed improved performance in domestic and European cup competitions. Although, this would place further strain on players and may lead to an increase in overall injury susceptibility.



Injury count: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)



4.21

Injury
count

Bundesliga

La Liga

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Bavarian injury battle

Throughout the five seasons analysed, only Bayern Munich recorded injury rates above the Bundesliga average in each individual season.

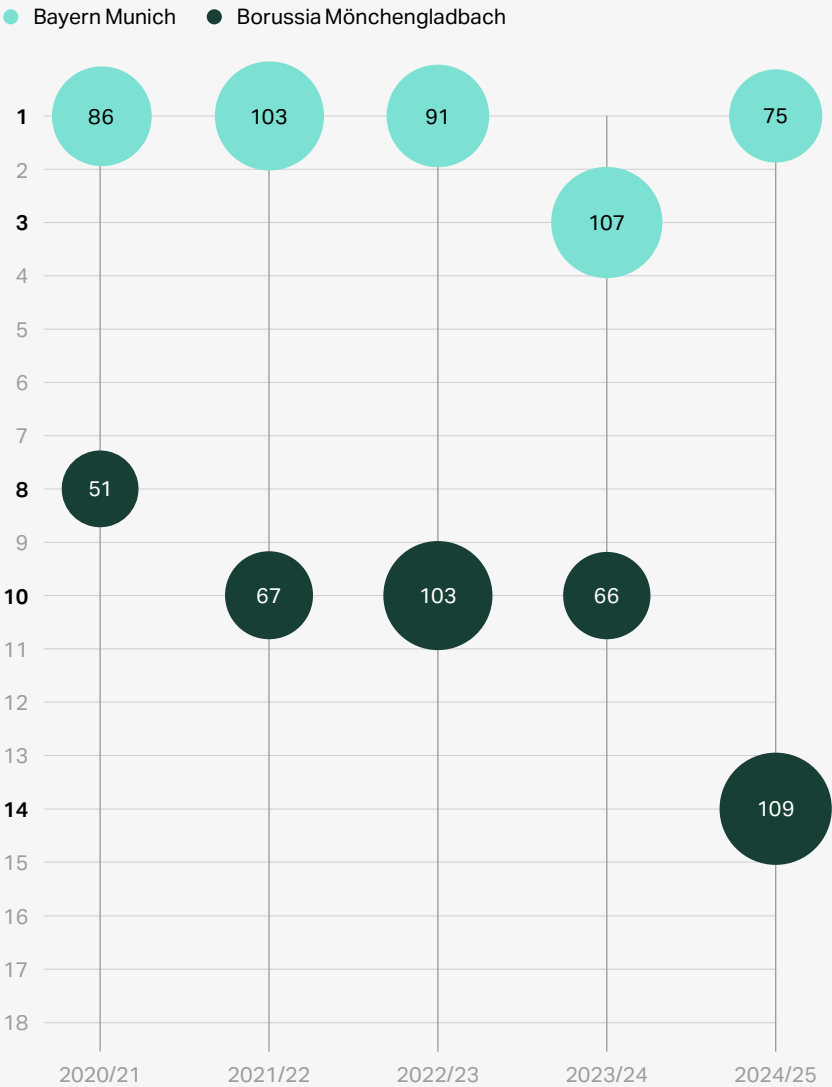
The Bavarian club recorded their worst injury rate figure in the 2023/24 season (107).

This was 40 occurrences of injury greater than the overall league average. It is also important to highlight that this was also the only season in which the club did not win the Bundesliga title.

Due to the significant squad depth at their disposal, the injury figures recorded during this specific season can only partially be used to explain this eventuality.



Injury count: league position (Bundesliga, 2020/21 – 2024/25)



107

Bayern Munich recorded their worst injury figure during the 2023/24 season

40

which was an increase of 40 injuries, compared with the overall league average

100+

During two consecutive seasons, Borussia Mönchengladbach suffered an injury count of more than 100 injuries

103

Firstly, in 2022/23

109

and then again, recording their highest injury count, in 2023/24

Bayer Leverkusen (42) and Stuttgart (75) both secured higher league finishes than Bayern Munich in 2023/24, but their rates of injury tell different stories.

The Bundesliga champions, Bayer Leverkusen, certainly benefited in part, from incurring the second fewest injuries of all men's German clubs, with only 8th placed Heidenheim recording fewer.

They were also one of three German sides to regularly record below-average injury count figures relative to their domestic opponents.

On the other hand, Stuttgart were able to overcome a total of 75 instances in the same season – finishing in 2nd place and recording their best league position for almost 20 years.

Freiburg and Union Berlin also feature in this list.

Over this five-year period, Freiburg recorded their joint highest league finish in 2022/23 and 2024/25, where they suffered 42 and 45 injuries respectively – their lowest injury figures during the five-year period.

Union Berlin achieved top-half finishes in three out of the last five seasons, with 15th and 13th place finishes in 2023/24 and 2024/25, where they incurred a total of 101 injuries across both seasons.

Overall, we see that Bundesliga clubs recorded more than 100 injuries in a single season on six occasions.

Borussia Mönchengladbach account for two of these – 103 in 2022/23 and 109 in 2023/24. This resulted in consecutive bottom half finishes.

Conversely, we see that Werder Bremen and Schalke recorded the lowest figures in Germany in 2020/21, but were unable to capitalise on this, finishing 17th and 18th respectively.

4.22

Injury
count

Bundesliga

La Liga

Ligue 1

Premier League

Serie A



Overcoming injury count

Despite recording the highest number of injuries in four out of the five seasons analysed, Real Madrid were crowned Spanish champions twice during this period – 2021/22 and 2023/24.

The club's 2023/24 title win will have been hampered by their 54 injuries sustained – the 6th highest figure in the league – however second placed Barcelona did incur fewer injuries (45).

Both clubs cumulatively incurred 652 injuries across the five-year period, at an average of 65 per club each season. Despite this, we can see that both sides were consistently involved in the La Liga title race.



652

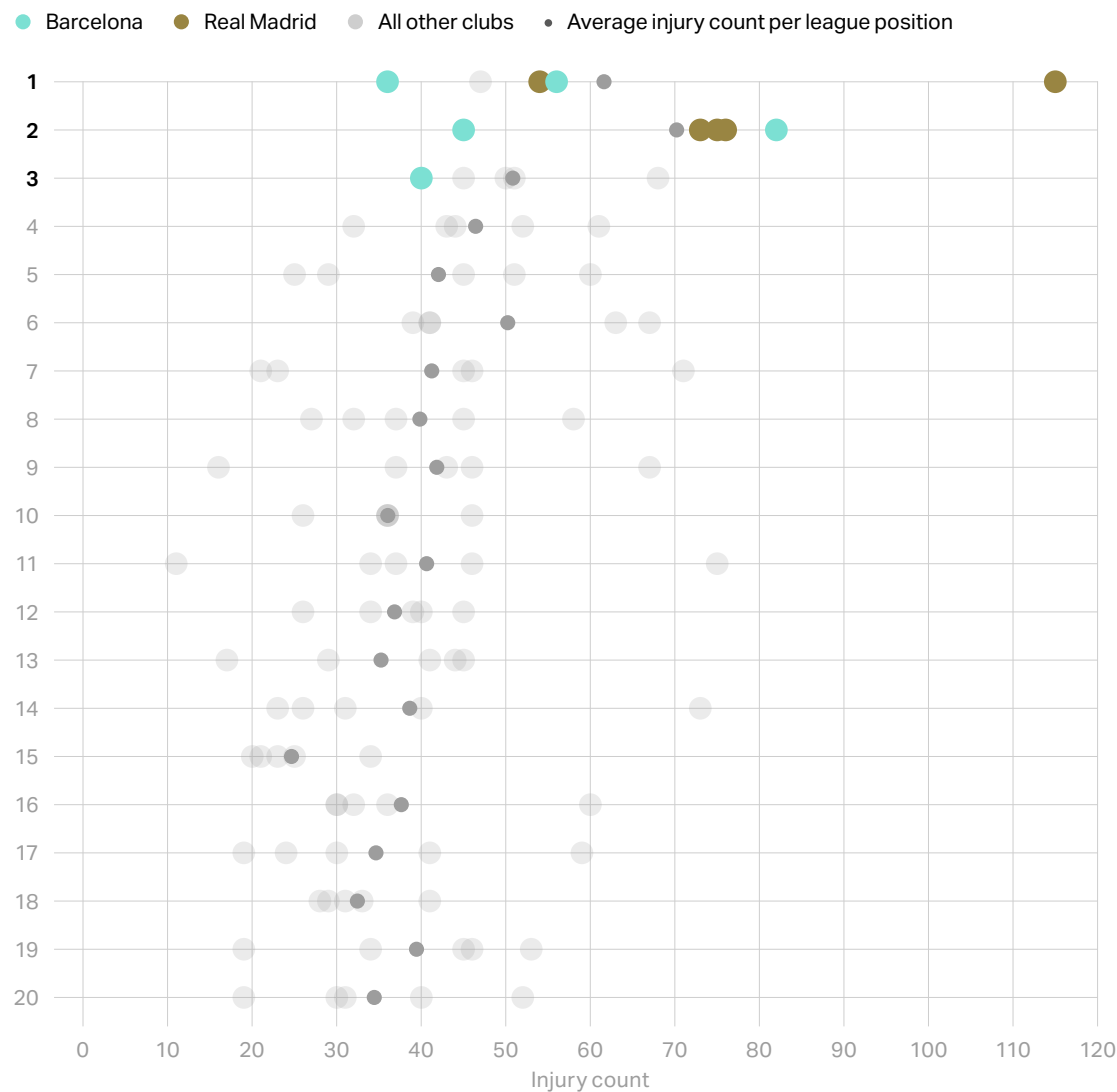
Across the five year period, Real Madrid and Barcelona incurred a combined injury total of 652



Despite this, both sides were consistently involved in the title race

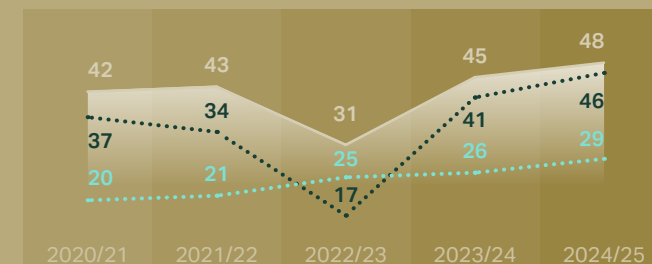


Injury count: league position (La Liga, 2020/21 – 2024/25)



Injury count vs league average, per season

● Celta Vigo ● Getafe — League average



Celta Vigo were consistently below the La Liga average in terms of injuries incurred.

The Spanish side recorded a league-best finish of 7th in 2024/25, which saw the club successfully navigate the season with 46 injuries in total.

Celta Vigo have recorded a total of 175 injuries in the previous five seasons, an average of 35 – fewer than an injury per game. These suppressed rates of injury have assisted the Galician side with two top-half finishes.

Getafe were also successful in registering low rates of injury, incurring 121 over the same period – an average of 24 injuries per season. However, they have been unable to exploit this to finish in the top half of the table.

4.23

Injury
count

Bundesliga

La Liga

Ligue 1

Premier League

Serie A



French title race

Paris Saint-Germain were the only French men’s team to record above-average injury figures in each of the last five seasons.

During this period, Paris Saint-Germain incurred a total of 299 injuries. However, we can observe that the overall rates of injury sustained by the club have consistently fallen since the 2021/22 season. This downward trend on injury numbers comes at a time where the club has played over 50 games in each of the three most recent seasons – 161 matches in total, excluding the FIFA Club World Cup™.

The 2020/21 season saw Lille crowned as French champions, their fourth title overall and their highest points total in history.

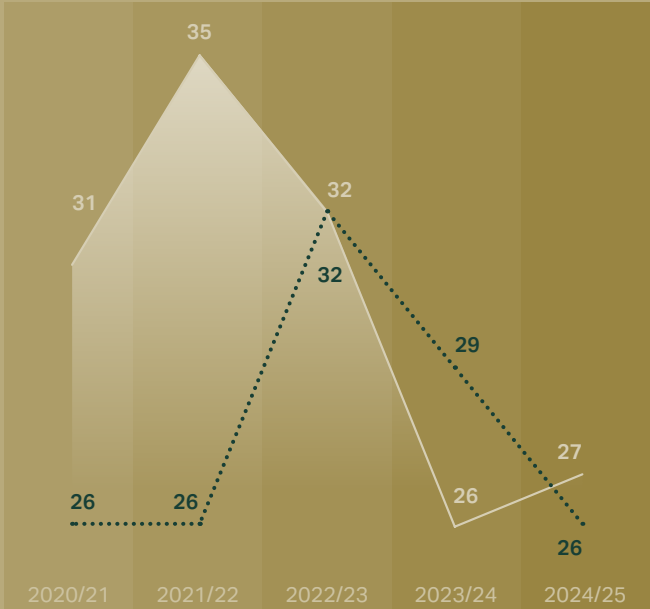
A review of Lille's injury figures provides further explanation of their success. They recorded a total of 26 injuries during the season.

However, a review of the five-year trend shows that Lille finished the following season in 10th place and have subsequently recorded a highest league finish of 5th – 2022/23 and 2024/25, despite injury numbers remaining consistent.



Injury count: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)

... Lille — League average



Lens have also been a beneficiary of low injury levels, particularly during the 2022/23 season, where they sustained a total of 19 on their way to a 2nd place finish.

The French side recorded their highest injury figure in 2024/25 (37), but league positions have remained consistent.

Montpellier's figures can be seen as comparable, despite recording a greater variability in league positions in each of the five seasons.

The southern French side recorded their highest league position in 2020/21, when recording their second lowest injury figure – 8th, 20 injuries.

Conversely, Montpellier incurred their highest injury count figure in 2022/23 when finishing 12th.

37

Lens recorded their highest injury figure in 2024/25

8th

During 2020/21, Montpellier recorded their highest league position over the five years

20

incurring their second lowest injury count total



Injury count: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)

● Montpellier ● Lens



4.24

Injury
count

Bundesliga
La Liga
Ligue 1
Premier League
Serie A



The tale of the tape

Arsenal, Chelsea, Manchester United and Newcastle United were the only teams across the English top-flight to consistently record above-average injury instances in each of the previous five seasons.

Manchester United were regularly in the top three in terms of injury occurrences – suffering the highest number of injuries sustained in three out of the last five seasons – 2020/21, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

During this period, the Red Devils suffered a total of 399 injuries, at an average of almost 80 per season.

The red half of Manchester recorded their worst league finishing position in 2024/25 (15th), despite recording their lowest injury count figure across the five-year period.

In the 2022/23 season, Chelsea recorded the second highest injury levels, which likely contributed to their 12th placed finish – their lowest league position over this period.

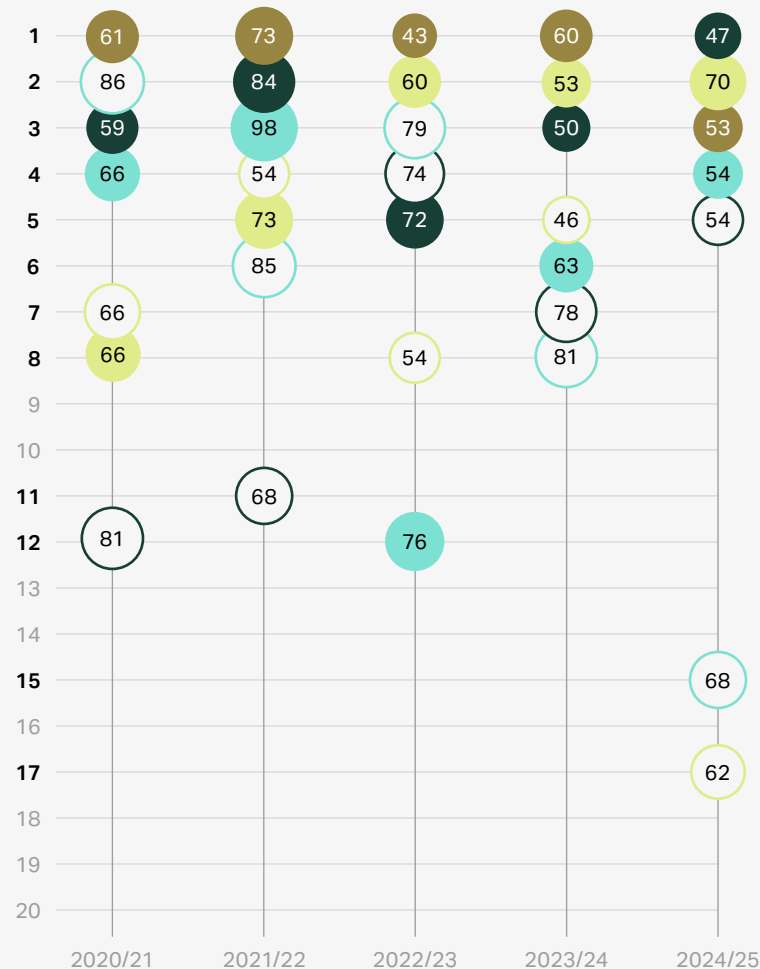
We observe a similar story with Newcastle United in the 2020/21 season as they registered 81 injuries (relative to a league average of 54) and finished in 12th place.

Arsenal have consistently finished in second place for the last three seasons, despite battling an increase in rates of injury – 60 in 2022/23 and 70 in 2024/25.



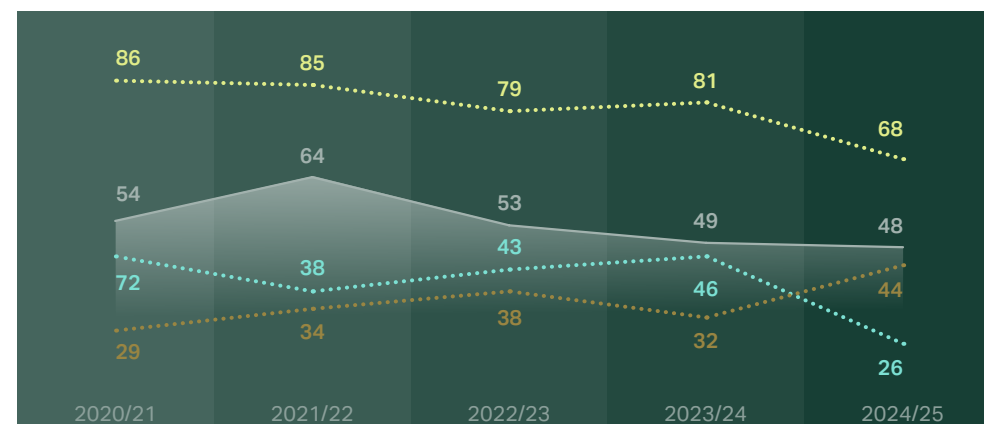
Injury count: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)

Arsenal Chelsea Liverpool Manchester City
 Manchester United Newcastle Tottenham



Injury count vs league average, per season

Crystal Palace Manchester United Wolves League average



Crystal Palace and Wolves were the only two teams to continuously record below-average injury instances.

Over the five-year period, Wolves incurred a total of 177 injuries, at an average of 35.4 per season.

We see that Wolves suffered the most injuries in 2024/25 when finishing 16th.

Conversely, we observe that they secured their highest league position of 10th in 2021/22, when they incurred 34 injuries.

Crystal Palace recorded 209 injuries over the five-year period, at an average of nearly 42 per season – 38 fewer, on average, compared to Manchester United over the same period.

The 2025 FA Cup winners incurred their joint highest injury figures in 2020/21 and 2023/24 (46), where they finished 14th and 10th, respectively.

4.25

Injury
count

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Lazio success

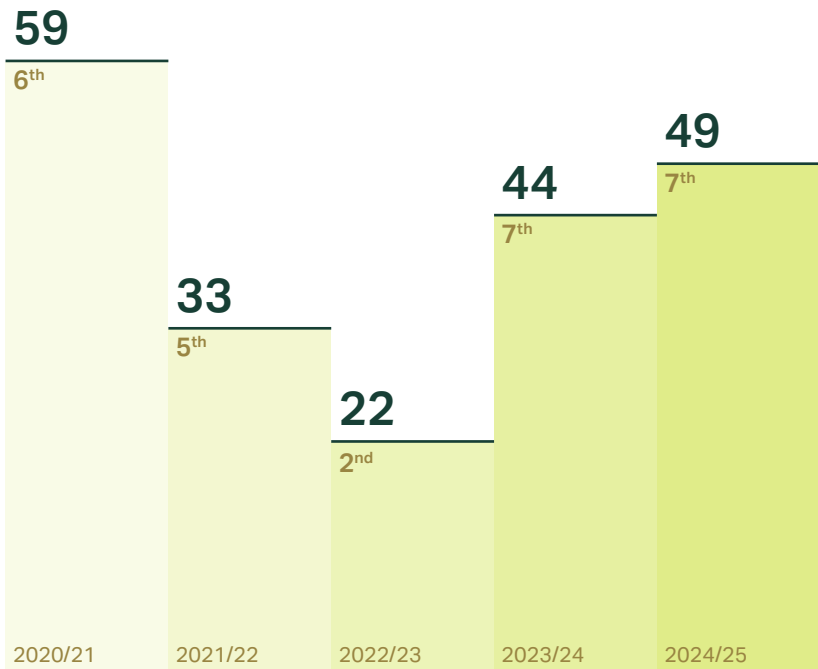
Lazio recorded consistent top-half finishes in each of the five Serie A seasons; however, we can see a significant fluctuation in injury rates per season.

The Biancocelesti finished second in the 2022/23 season, partly due to the 22 injuries they incurred.

Compare this with a five-year high of 59 injuries in 2020/21, we can see that they were able to record a 6th place finish which included a quarter final in the Coppa Italia, as well as a UEFA Champions League™ round of 16 defeat to Bayern Munich.



Lazio injury count vs league position



Two teams in Serie A incurred above-average injury counts – AC Milan and Juventus.

Juventus have been unable to win the domestic title in any of the previous five years. However, looking at the number of injuries incurred over this period may offer some explanation.

Despite seeing an improvement in injury rates since 2021/22, Juventus have incurred the most injuries in three out of the last five seasons, where they finished 4th in 2020/21 and 2021/22, as well as a 7th place finish in 2022/23. During this time, Juventus suffered an average of 40 further injuries in each of the three seasons, compared to the league average.

AC Milan were crowned champions in 2021/22, despite registering the fourth highest injury count (55).

More recently, during the 2024/25 season, we can see that Sérgio Conceição's men were unable to overcome the second highest injury figure in Italy (58), having finished the season in 8th position.

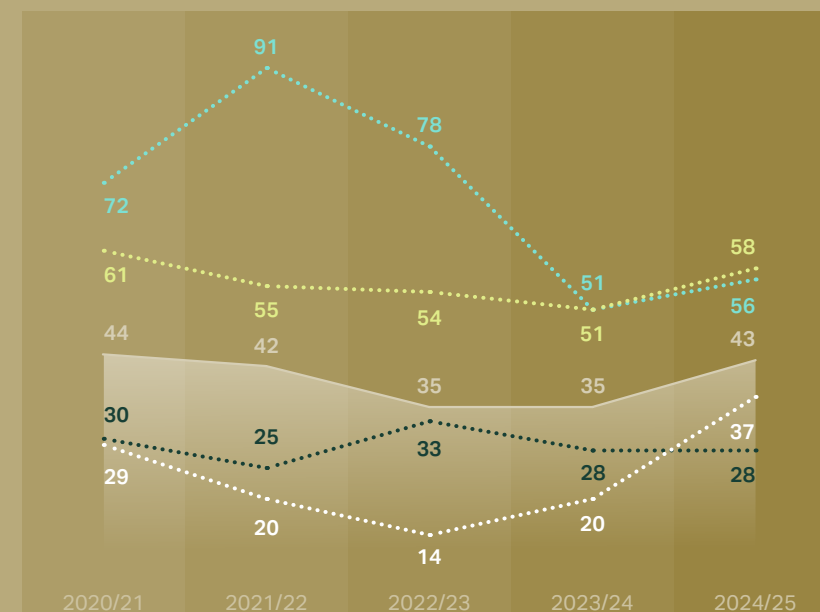
Udinese have seen a significant increase in the number of injuries incurred, a near 30% increase when comparing the 2020/21 (29) and 2024/25 (37) seasons. This rise in injury rates has perhaps contributed to bottom half finishes in each of the last five seasons.

Fiorentina have recorded a total of 144 injuries over the same period, 24 fewer than Udinese.



Injury count vs league average, per season

--- AC Milan --- Fiorentina --- Juventus --- Udinese — League average



4.3

Injury cost

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External factors

As referenced earlier in this section, a club that experiences significant rates of injury would be expected to pay out a greater cost figure with respect to wages to injured players.

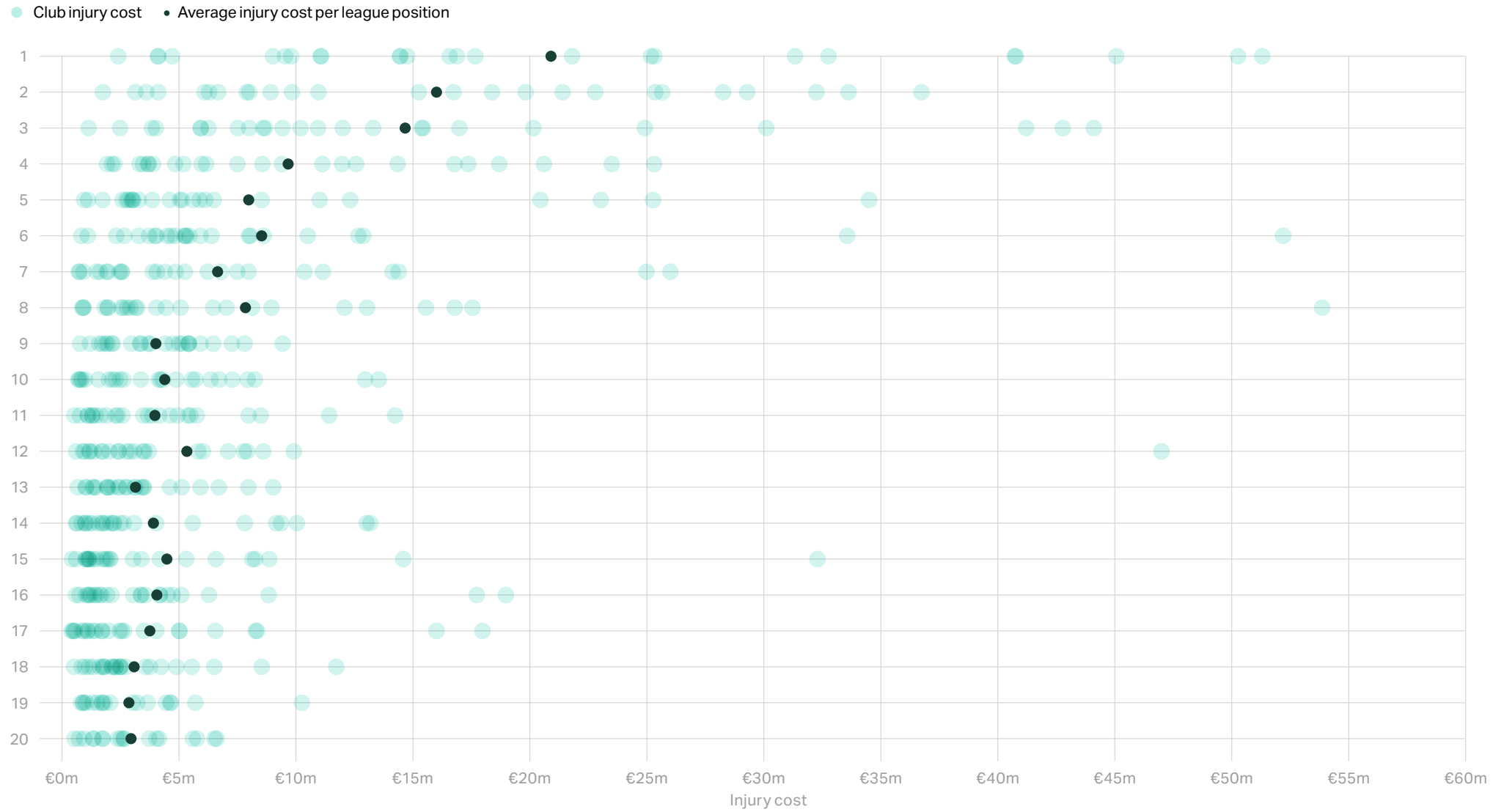
However, this is of course to be considered within the lens of the overall financial capabilities of each individual club, as well as the overall wealth within each of the top five men's European leagues.

In general terms, the data shows an overall positive correlation between injury cost and a club's final league position. This would appear to demonstrate that teams with a higher league position tend to incur higher injury costs on average.

We know that a club's ability to spend on higher wages for better quality players will likely have an effect on their overall squad depth. Although, this increased squad depth will lead to higher injury costs due to the salaries paid to each player.



Injury cost: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)



4.31

Injury
cost

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Above-average Bayern

Bayern Munich were the only team to register above-average injury costs in each of the previous five seasons.

The largest disparities were seen during the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons – EUR 36.84m and EUR 35.85m respectively.

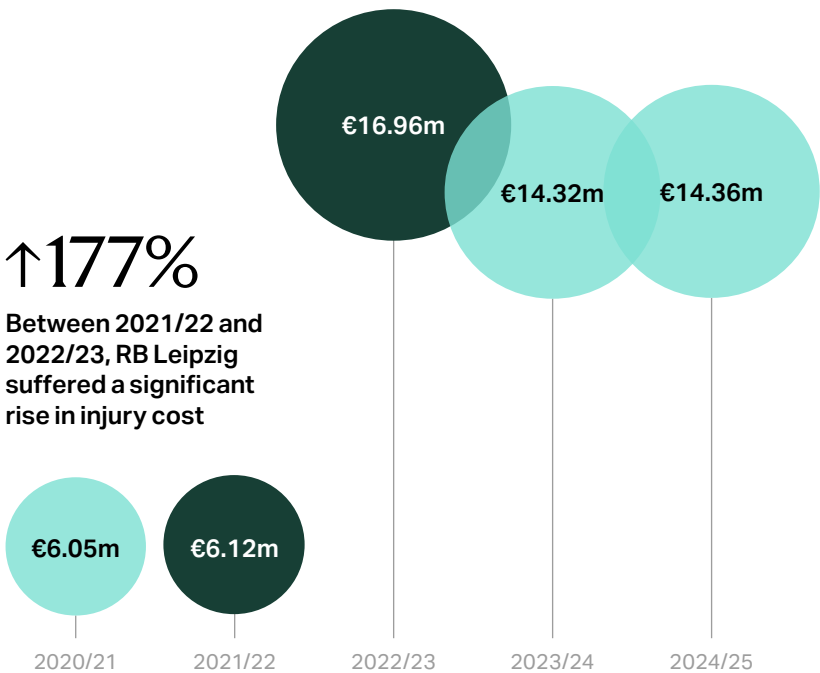
We have previously referenced that 2023/24 was the only season in which the German side did not win the domestic title, therefore could this be correlated to the significant injury costs incurred within this season.

RB Leipzig were the only other club to incur above-average injury costs during this period, with a notable rise from 2021/22 (EUR 6.12m) to 2022/23 (EUR 16.96m).

This rise perhaps points to increased investment by the club to maintain their early season success.



RB Leipzig injury cost (2020/21 – 2024/25)



Conversely, there were five teams that were consistently paying out below-average injury costs to injured players (Augsburg, Frankfurt, Mainz 05, Union Berlin and Stuttgart).

A review of the data demonstrates that Union Berlin were able to successfully secure a top-half finish in three of the previous five seasons.

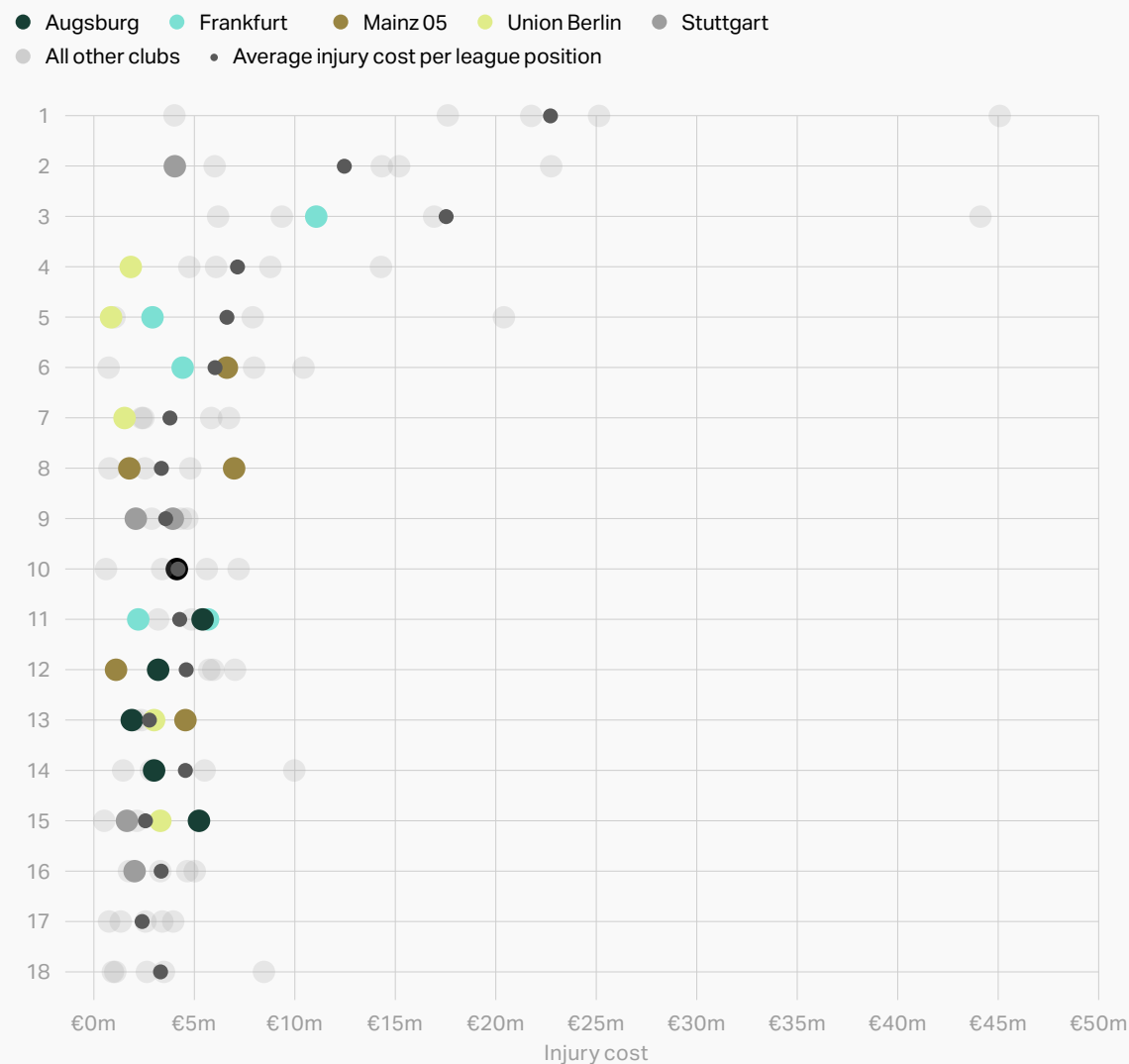
These top-half finishes came at a total cost of EUR 4.34m, an average of EUR 1.45m per season.

Union Berlin also recorded the lowest total injury cost (of these five clubs) during this period (EUR 11.13m).

Stuttgart were unable to capitalise on relatively low injury cost figures across this five-year period, with the exception of 2023/24, where they recorded their second highest cost figure, en-route to finishing 2nd in the league.



Injury cost: league position (Bundesliga, 2020/21 – 2024/25)



4.32

Injury
cost

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The tale of the top three

Real Madrid incurred a total injury cost of EUR 168.76m during this period, compared to Barcelona's EUR 122.99m.

Both sides, as well as Atlético Madrid, all recorded above-average injury costs in each season.

Despite this, all three teams have finished in the top three league positions in each of the previous five seasons. These sides have registered a cumulative injury cost of EUR 351.96m during this time (59% of overall La Liga injury costs).

The only exception was in 2023/24, where Girona secured 3rd place (EUR 3.80m) with Atlético Madrid in 4th.

€68.76m

Real Madrid total injury cost (2020/21 – 2024/25)

€351.96m

Real Madrid, Atlético Madrid and Barcelona's cumulative injury cost

59%

represents over half of the overall La Liga injury costs



Combined injury costs (2020/21 – 2024/25)



Further analysis of the 2023/24 season also indicates that Sevilla were affected by the third highest injury costs incurred during this season – EUR 13.15m.

The Andalusian side finished 14th, which hints to a series of high-profile player absences, as this individual 'season' figure is almost double that of the five-year average cost of injuries for the club – EUR 8.14m.

In contrast, Real Betis, Celta Vigo, Getafe and Real Sociedad all incurred below-average injury costs.

It can be said that Getafe's injury cost 'per season' correlates strongly with their final league position, as shown by the graphic on the right-hand side.

The Spanish side incurred a total injury cost over this period of EUR 8.74m, at an average of EUR 1.75m per season.

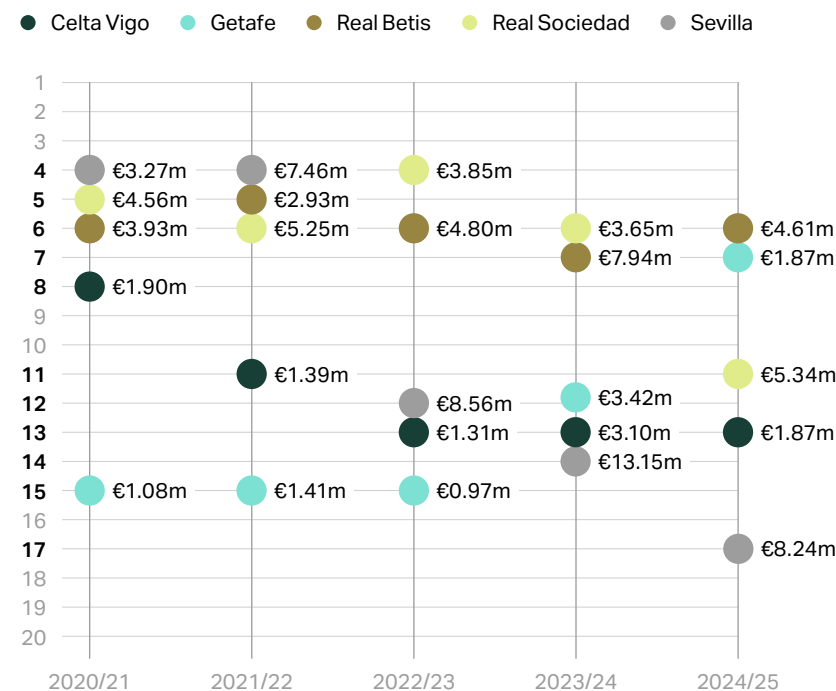
Real Sociedad and Real Betis paid out a total of EUR 25.34m and EUR 24.21m respectively in injury costs across the five seasons, compared to Celta Vigo with EUR 9.56m.

Real Betis have secured top-half finishes in each of the previous five seasons.

Celta Vigo have seen the most significant fluctuation in league finishing position – 7th in 2024/25 and 13th in both 2022/23 and 2023/24.



Injury cost: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)



4.33

Injury
cost

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A French contrast

Paris Saint-Germain have incurred a total injury cost of EUR 165.11m, at an average of EUR 33.02m per season.

The Parisian side recorded the highest injury cost figure in 2022/23 (EUR 51.33m).

We can also see that in 2020/21, (the only season in which they did not win the Ligue 1 title), the club paid out EUR 35.74m in salaries to injured players. This perhaps contradicts the explanation that the club suffered injuries to high profile players, which you would expect to be the most likely cause for their 2nd place finish.

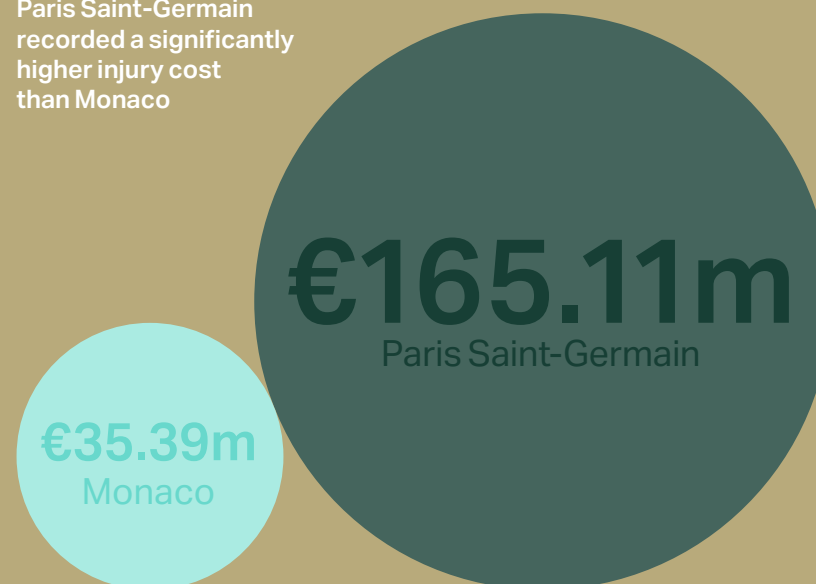
Compare this to Monaco over the same period, and we see a stark contrast. Monaco incurred an overall injury cost of EUR 35.39m, at an average of EUR 7.08m per season.



Combined injury cost comparison (2020/21 – 2024/25)

+400%

Paris Saint-Germain
recorded a significantly
higher injury cost
than Monaco



Lille paid out a total of EUR 2.36m in wages to injured players in 2020/21.

We have previously discussed Lille's title-winning season in 2020/21, during this particular season, Lille recorded the 8th highest figure for wages paid to injured players amongst Ligue 1 clubs, although this was the club's lowest injury cost figure over the five-year period.

Overall injury costs incurred by the club totalled EUR 15.24m (just under half that of Monaco for the same period).

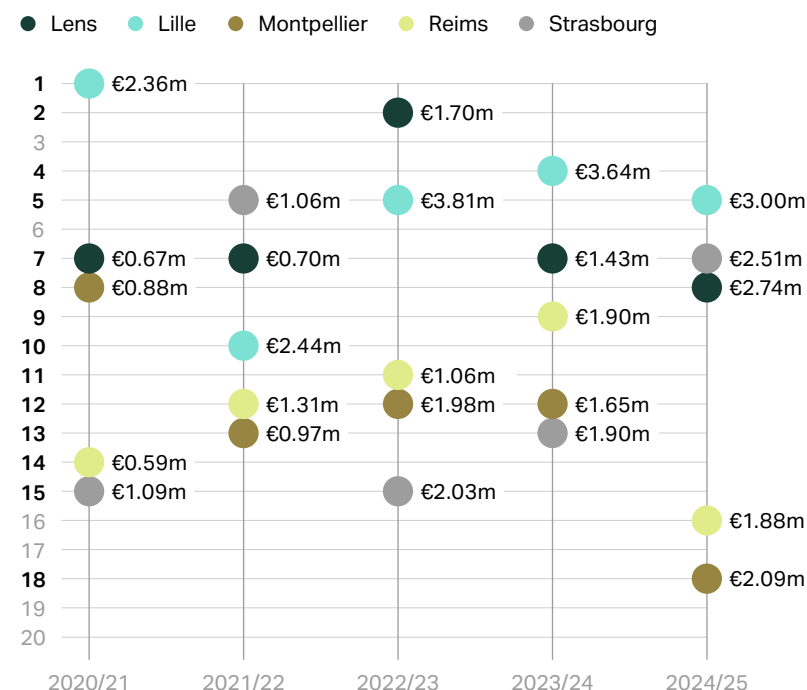
At the opposite end of the spectrum, we can see five clubs regularly record below-average cost figures – Lens, Lille, Montpellier, Reims and Strasbourg.

Lens are perhaps the greatest beneficiary, as they have consistently recorded top-half finishes in each of the last five seasons, with a high of 2nd in 2022/23, where they recorded a total injury cost of EUR 1.7m.

Conversely, Montpellier have registered steady increases in injury costs during this time, which ultimately led to their relegation from Ligue 1 at the conclusion of the 2024/25 season.



Injury cost: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)



4.34

Injury
cost

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Significant costs

Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United all recorded above-average injury costs in each of the seasons analysed.

Manchester United recorded either the highest or second highest cost figure in each of the five English domestic seasons, with 2023/24 seeing the most significant cost figure (EUR 53.89m / GBP 45.28m).

Liverpool were crowned champions in the 2024/25 season and recorded a vastly lower cost figure (EUR 14.73m / GBP 12.69m) relative to Manchester City (EUR 41.22m / GBP 35.53m).

This observation points to a possible lack of severe injuries to higher paid players, which will have aided Arne Slot's ability to effectively manage player workload.

Chelsea recorded a total injury cost of EUR 159.92m (GBP 137.06m), at an average of EUR 31.99m (GBP 27.41m).

The Blues recorded their worst league finish during this period in the 2022/23 season (12th). However, it must be highlighted that this was the highest cost figure recorded in this season.

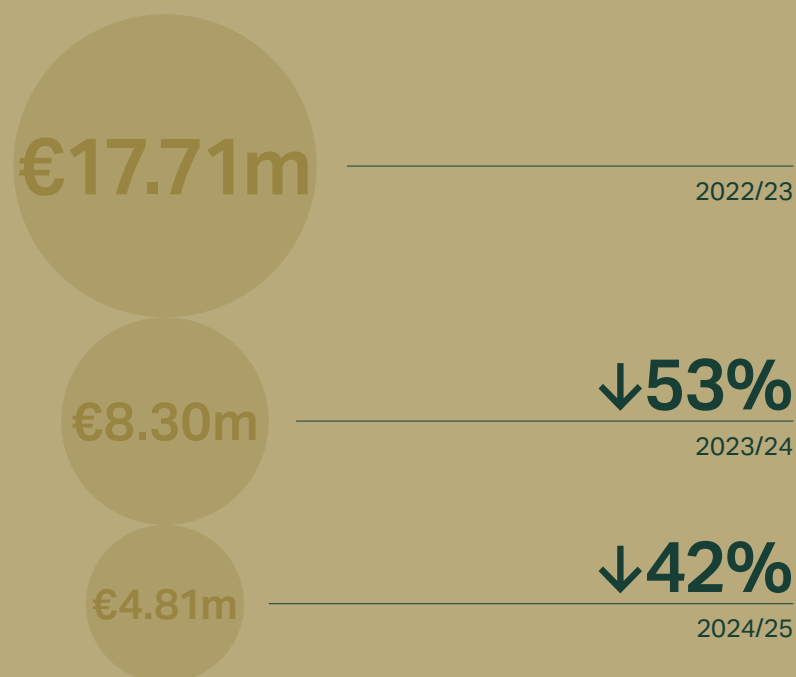


Injury cost: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)





Year-on-year decrease in injury costs, Nottingham Forest



Upon their return to the top-flight, Nottingham Forest have seen a consistent reduction in injury costs from 2022/23 to 2024/25.

This has unsurprisingly led to their highest league finish since promotion back to Premier League, 7th in 2024/25. Forest incurred costs of EUR 4.81m (GBP 4.14m), which represents a near 50% year-on-year decrease from 2023/24.

Crystal Palace, West Ham and Wolves all registered below-average injury costs across each season.

West Ham achieved their highest league finish (6th) during this period in 2020/21, despite recording the 10th highest cost figure (EUR 7.95m / GBP 6.80m).

Crystal Palace endured their most costly season in terms of salaries paid to injured players in 2023/24, and navigated this successfully to record a 10th placed finish.

Wolves have seen a relative fluctuation in injury costs, with increases between the 2020/21 and 2022/23 seasons with a subsequent dip in 2023/24 (EUR 3.98m / GBP 3.34m), before a EUR 2.27m / GBP 2.04m rise in 2024/25.

4.35

Injury
cost

Bundesliga
La Liga
Ligue 1
Premier League
Serie A



The Milan story

Unsurprisingly, both Milan clubs, Juventus and Roma, all saw above-average injury costs in each of the five seasons.

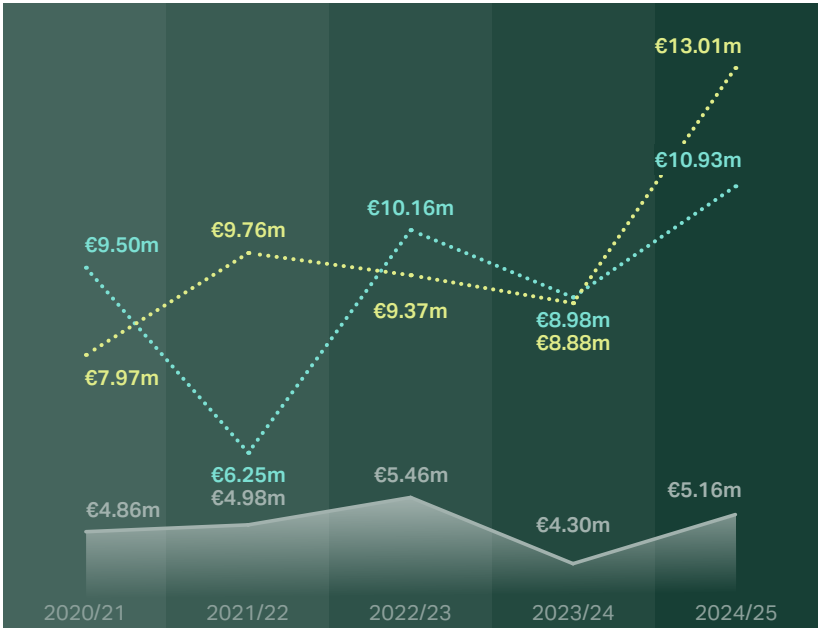
Looking at both Milan sides in greater detail, we can see that they incurred similar overall injury costs during this time (AC Milan, EUR 48.99m, and Inter Milan, EUR 45.82m). Despite this similarity, Inter Milan have finished higher in the league than their city rivals in four of the five seasons.

A review of the graphic to the right-hand side shows a marginal increase in the cost of injuries for both sides over the five-year period. This observation is consistent with the general trend of injury costs within Serie A as a whole.



Injury cost evolution vs league average, per season

AC Milan Inter Milan League average



Juventus have recorded the most significant overall injury cost figure of EUR 97.71m, an average of EUR 19.54m per season.

The Bianconeri are also responsible for the top four highest injury cost figures recorded over the five-year period. It is also notable that the highest 'per season' figure was incurred in 2022/23, which resulted in a 7th placed finish which was their lowest league finishing position during this period.

It is notable that Juventus have not won the Serie A title during this period, perhaps partly due to higher injury costs compared to their league rivals.

A comparison of the only two clubs to register below-average costs is thought-provoking. Fiorentina and Udinese recorded total injury costs of EUR 14.75m and EUR 12.07m respectively.

However, Udinese were unable to secure a top-half finish in any of the five seasons covered within this report.

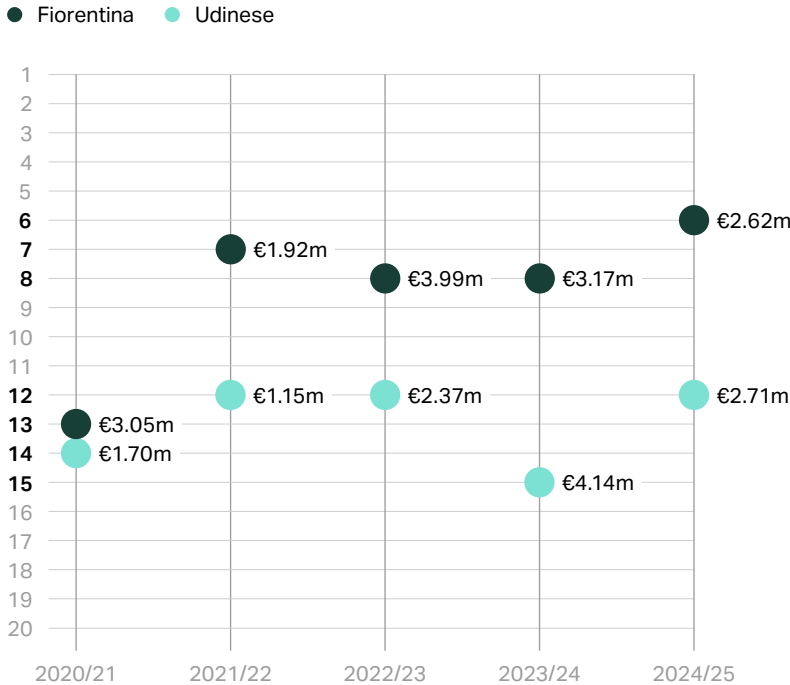
Compare that to Fiorentina, and we see that it was only in 2020/21 that the team did not finish in the top half of the table (13th).

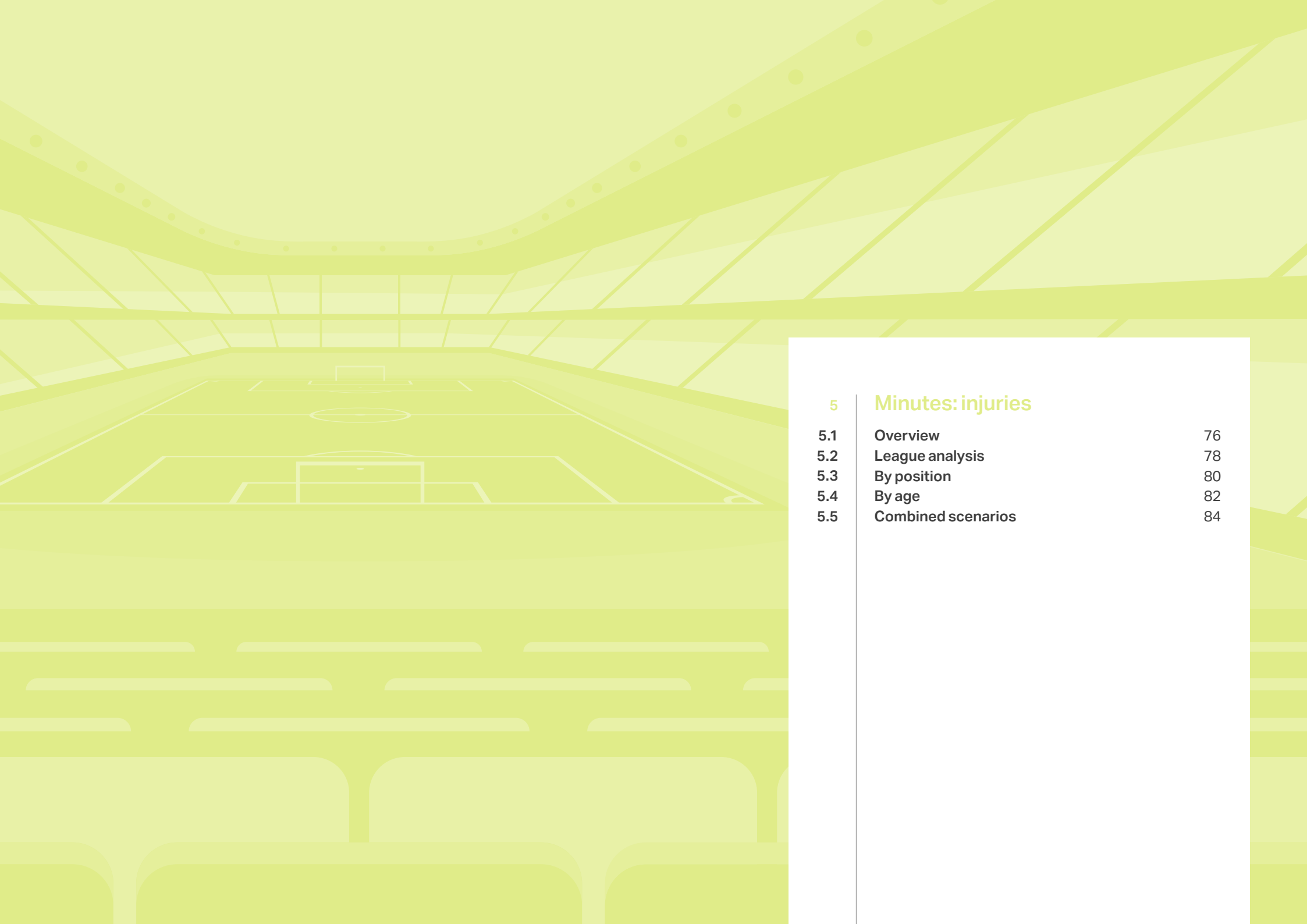
This analysis provides a good example of the benefits that can be reaped from incurring a proportionately low 'per season' injury cost figure.

However, we can also see that even with low costs of injury, there are many other elements that lead to on-field success.



Injury cost: league position (2020/21 – 2024/25)





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Overview

Five-year review

This section reviews the aggregated minutes played and injury count data, per player, over the last five years.

Through an analysis of this data, we can now provide a definitive overview as to the average number of minutes an individual player will play at a club in the top five men's European leagues, per season.

Cross referencing this analysis with the injury data we have collated, we can comment on the average minutes per injury.

Overall, we can see that, on average, a single player was involved in 1,393 minutes of football in an individual season.

A player would then subsequently incur an injury every 625 minutes of competitive domestic football, approximately every seven games.

1,393

Average number of minutes per player, per season

625

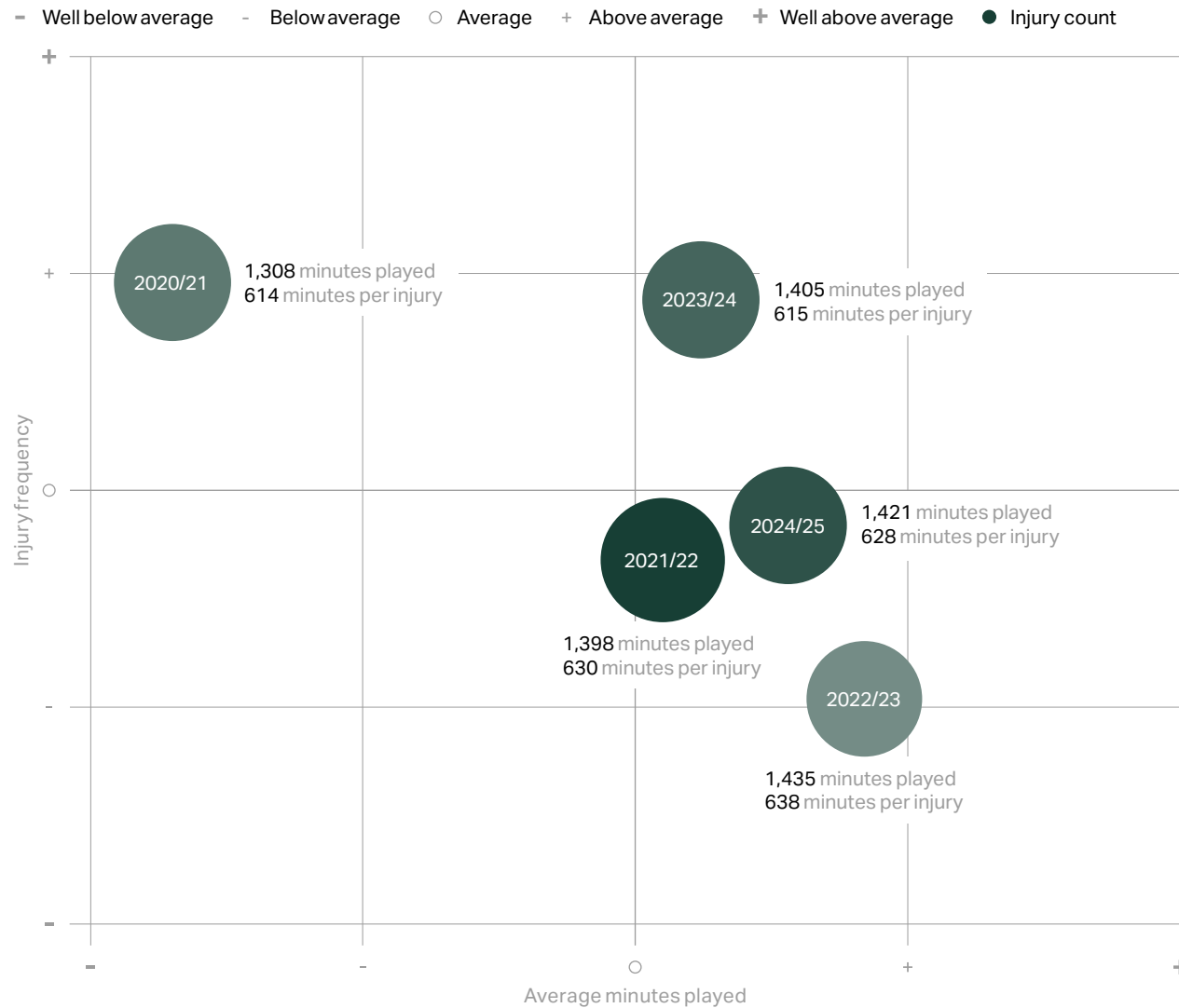
Average number of minutes for a player to incur a single injury

7

this equates to approximately every seven games



Average minutes played vs average minutes per injury, per player (2020/21 – 2024/25)



A detailed review of the data allows us to identify how this trend has evolved from 2020/21 to 2024/25.

As shown by the graphic on the left-hand side, we see that both metrics remained broadly consistent with the overall five-year average.

It is perhaps surprising that the highest average minutes played is recorded in the same season in which we see the best average minutes per injury.

This means that whilst players across the top five men's European leagues were playing more minutes in 2022/23, on average, they were also less susceptible to injury and sidelined every 638 minutes.

5.2

League analysis

A league comparison

Over the five-year period, we see that Premier League players were the most 'active'.

Marginally, these players are also the least injury-prone – one injury every 660 minutes, approximately every seven games.

This is perhaps surprising given the shift to a more high-pressing style of play in recent years.

We know Bundesliga clubs have recorded the most injuries during this time.

It is, as a result, perhaps unsurprising to see that players in this league are the most injury-prone – one injury every 569 minutes of domestic football.

17%

Percentage increase in average minutes per injury for Premier League players (2020/21 – 2024/25)

1,530

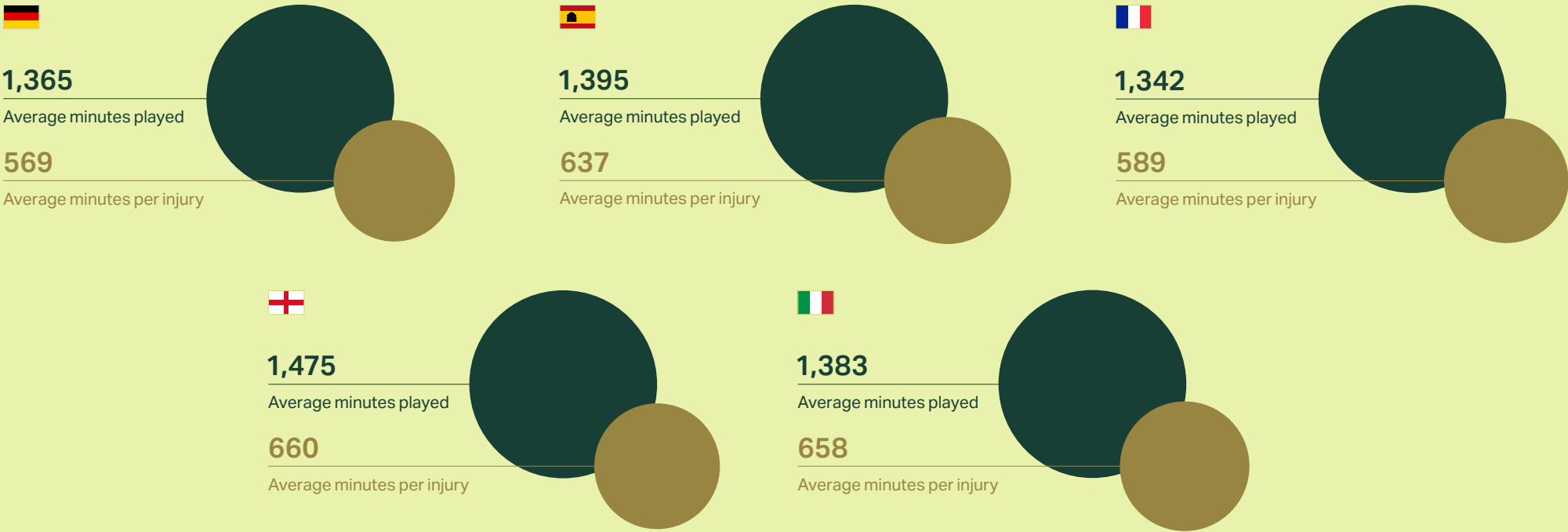
Highest average minutes played per player – Premier League 2023/24

21%

Percentage decrease in average minutes per injury in Germany (2020/21 – 2024/25)



Average minutes played vs average minutes per injury, per league (2020/21 – 2024/25)



5.3

By position

Positional breakdown

Considering the data by position, whilst forwards are subject to the fewest minutes of playing time, on average, they have been the most susceptible to injury (every 534 minutes – over the five-year period).

With an increased emphasis on the use of wingbacks across European football, it is interesting to see that defenders are subject to the highest number of minutes, on average, yet they are the least susceptible to injury.

One possible explanation is an increasing focus on squad depth in this position to effectively manage player workload.

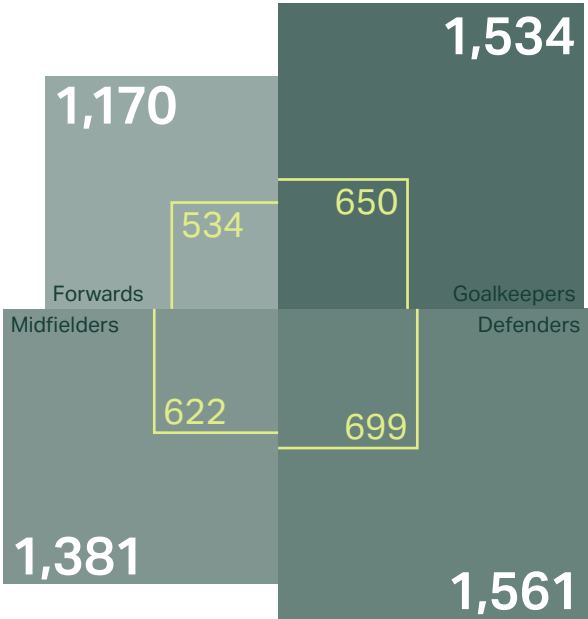
Conversely, you would perhaps expect goalkeepers to be the least prone to injury, given the intensity of their workload per game.

Yet, we see goalkeepers are the second most 'durable' position, incurring an injury every 650 minutes of competitive domestic football.



Average minutes played vs average minutes per injury, per position (2020/21 – 2024/25)

— Average minutes per injury ■ Average minutes played



5.4

By age

Under-21 conundrum

An analysis by age shows a marked difference in the average minutes played by under 21 players, relative to the three other age groups examined.

Players under the age of 21 played 456 minutes of competitive domestic football, on average, per season. It is notable that they also incurred an injury every 185 minutes, approximately every two games.

This would suggest that whilst the playing time of under 21 players is relatively minimal, they are more susceptible to injury.

A review on a 'per season' basis also shows that playing time for under 21 players is on the rise – 414 minutes in 2020/21 compared to 523 minutes in 2024/25.

However, we have also noted an overall improvement in their overall injury susceptibility, with younger players recording an injury every 231 minutes of football in 2024/25.

26%

Percentage increase in average minutes played by players under 21 (2020/21 – 2024/25)

569

Average minutes per injury for players aged 21-25

1,739

Average number of minutes played by players over the age of 30

Conversely, you would perhaps expect players over 30 to be subject to more restricted game time.

However, the data shows that they are the second 'most active' age group, in terms of minutes played. These players recorded an injury, on average, every eight games.

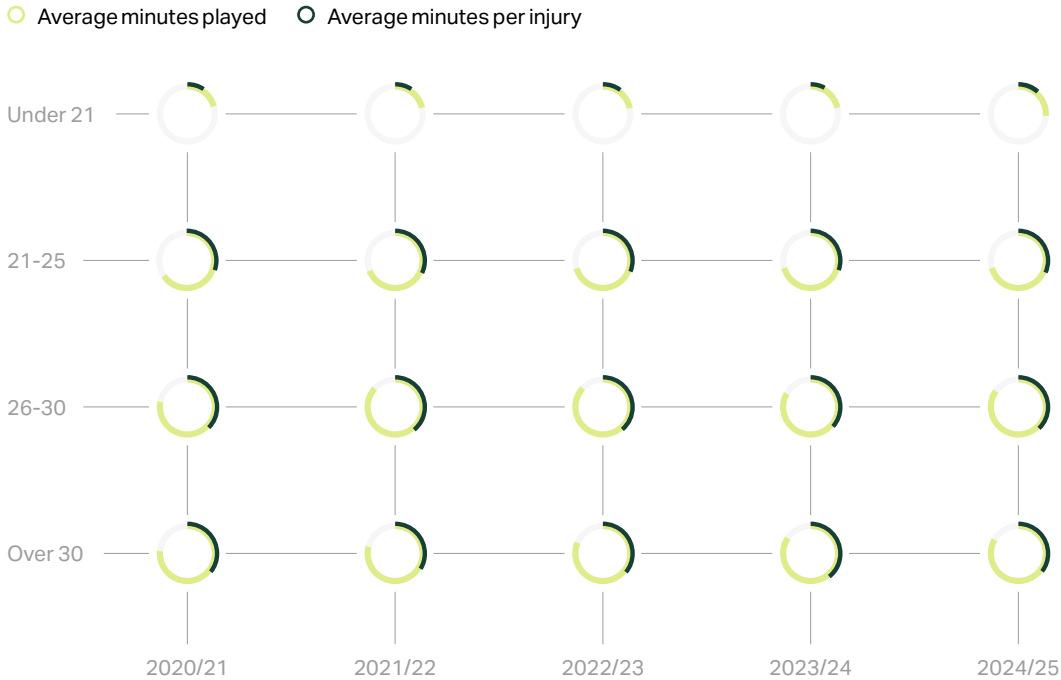
Over the five years, we see that the older age groups (26-30 and over 30s) are consistently subjected to the highest number of minutes per season.

However, these age groups also record the best average minutes per injury figures during this time.

This points to an increased focus on managing overall workload for older players in the top five men's European leagues.



Average minutes played vs average minutes per injury, per age group (2020/21 – 2024/25)



5.5

Combined scenarios

Overall susceptibility

With this data, we can now identify the most injury-prone category by league, position and age over the last five years.

By considering the top five most injury-prone 'scenarios' – with a minimum of 300 minutes played, on average, we see that they all involve players under the age of 21, which further reinforces the observations earlier in this report.

Premier League forwards under the age of 21 sustained an injury every 120 minutes of competitive domestic football. We can also observe that these players were subject to an average of 338 minutes of action per season.

Forwards under the age of 21 in Ligue 1 also feature, sustaining an injury every 161 minutes.

The remaining three scenarios within the top five are all midfielders. The worst of which can be seen among young La Liga midfielders, where players played an average of 455 minutes each season, the highest minutes played figure of the top five injury susceptible scenarios (with players being sidelined every 160 minutes).

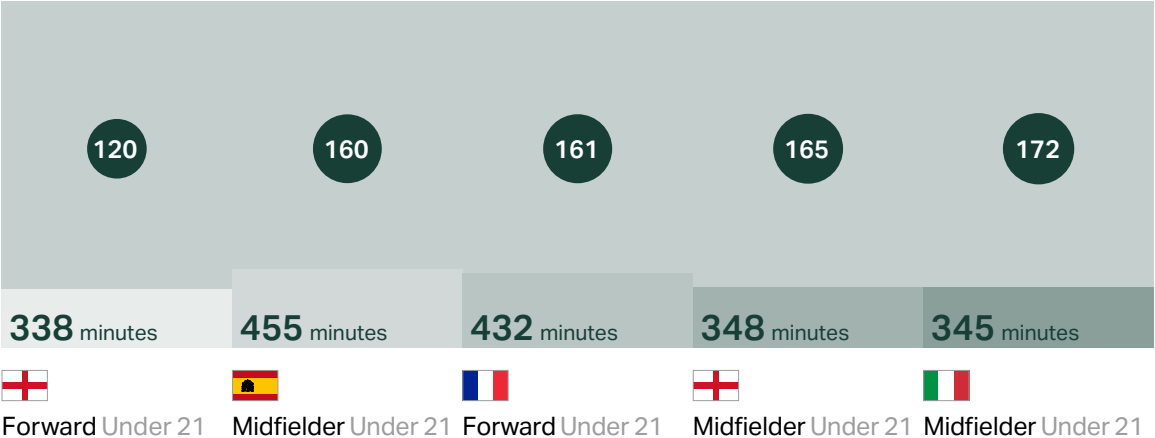
We can also see that 20 of the 21 most injury-prone scenarios involve players under the age of 21. The only outlier being Ligue 1 goalkeepers between the ages of 21-25.



Minutes: injuries analysis

Most injury-prone scenarios (minimum 300 minutes)

■ Average minutes played ● Average minutes per injury



Most active players

■ Average minutes played ● Average minutes per injury



A review of the most active players shows how workload can be effectively managed throughout an entire season.

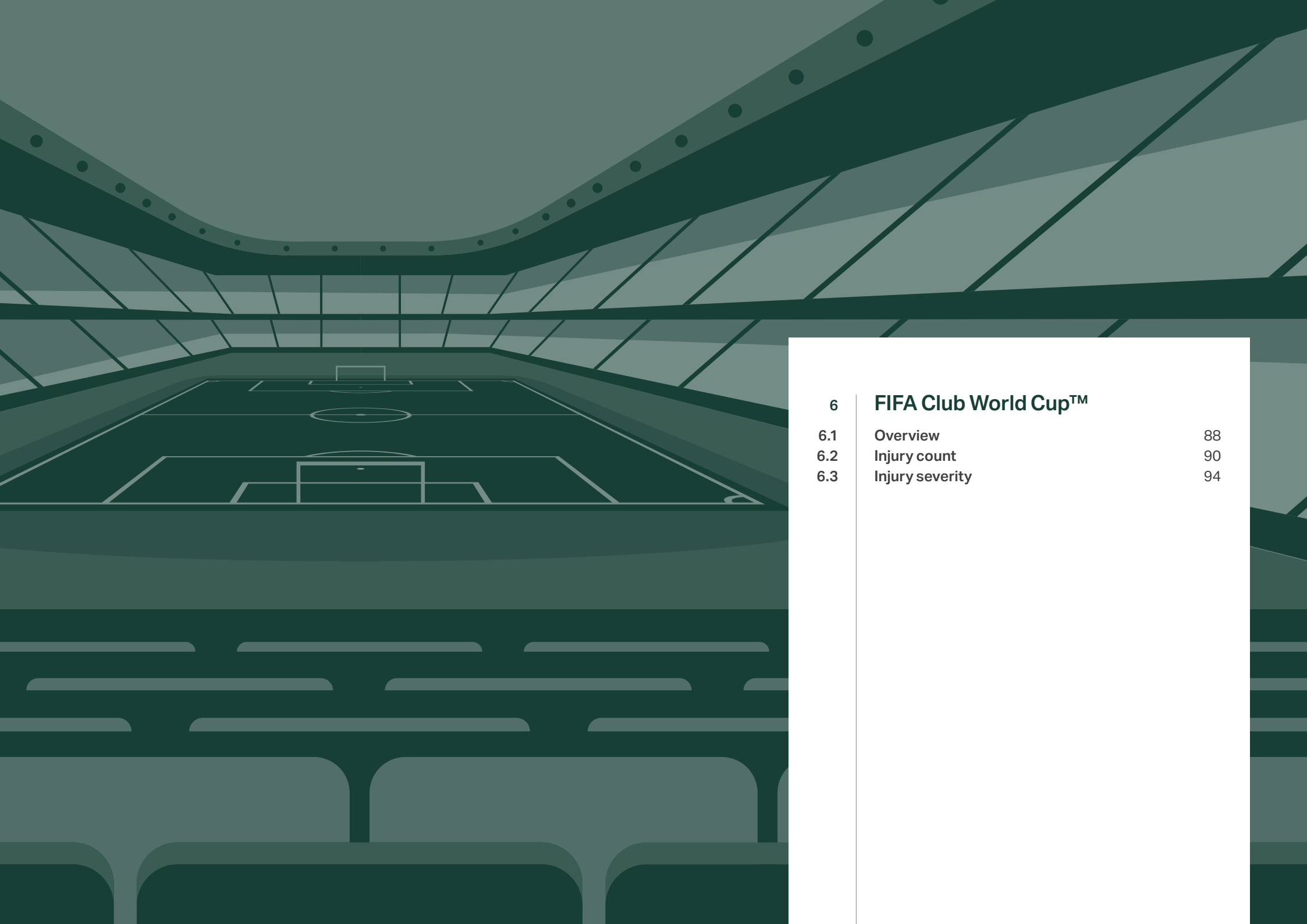
We can observe that Premier League midfielders aged 26-30, were subject to the most significant amount of playing time, on average, over the last five years.

Each midfielder, aged 26-30, played an average of 1,954 minutes in a single Premier League season and sustained an injury every 843 minutes of individual playing time. This minutes per injury statistic is only bettered by La Liga midfielders of the same age (26-30), one injury every 851 minutes, considering 1,720 minutes of domestic football.

The data also shows that older players are among the most active, with defenders over 30 in both La Liga and Ligue 1 being subject to 1,869 and 1,821 minutes, respectively. Although we see that La Liga players were less susceptible to injury.

FIFA Club
World Cup™





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FIFA Club World Cup™

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6.1

Overview



Following the 2024/25 season, we saw a total of 32 clubs compete in the newly expanded FIFA Club World Cup™ (FIFA CWC™).

The tournament took place between 14 June and 13 July 2025, and included nine clubs from the top five men's European leagues.

Extended season

In this section of the report, we compare the overall injury figures for the nine clubs for the months of June to October, from 2020 – 2025.

This comparison will enable us to review the impact, if any, of the newly expanded FIFA CWC™ on overall injury frequency.

We will also discuss the impact on injury severity and whether the competition's new format had a detrimental effect on these clubs.

In principle, you would expect this increased workload to lead to an increase in the number of injuries sustained, as well as a possible rise in overall injury severity.

6.2

Injury count

Workload effects

Overall, the data would suggest a minimal impact on overall injury figures.

In fact, we see a decline in the number of injuries sustained in 2025 when compared to 2024.

The data shows that five of the nine clubs saw a decrease in the overall number of injuries sustained in June to October 2025, when compared to the same period in the previous year.

Only Atlético Madrid, Chelsea and Paris Saint-Germain saw an increase in injuries, with Manchester City incurring an identical figure of 22.

23

Number of injuries incurred by Chelsea (Jun – Oct 2025)

6

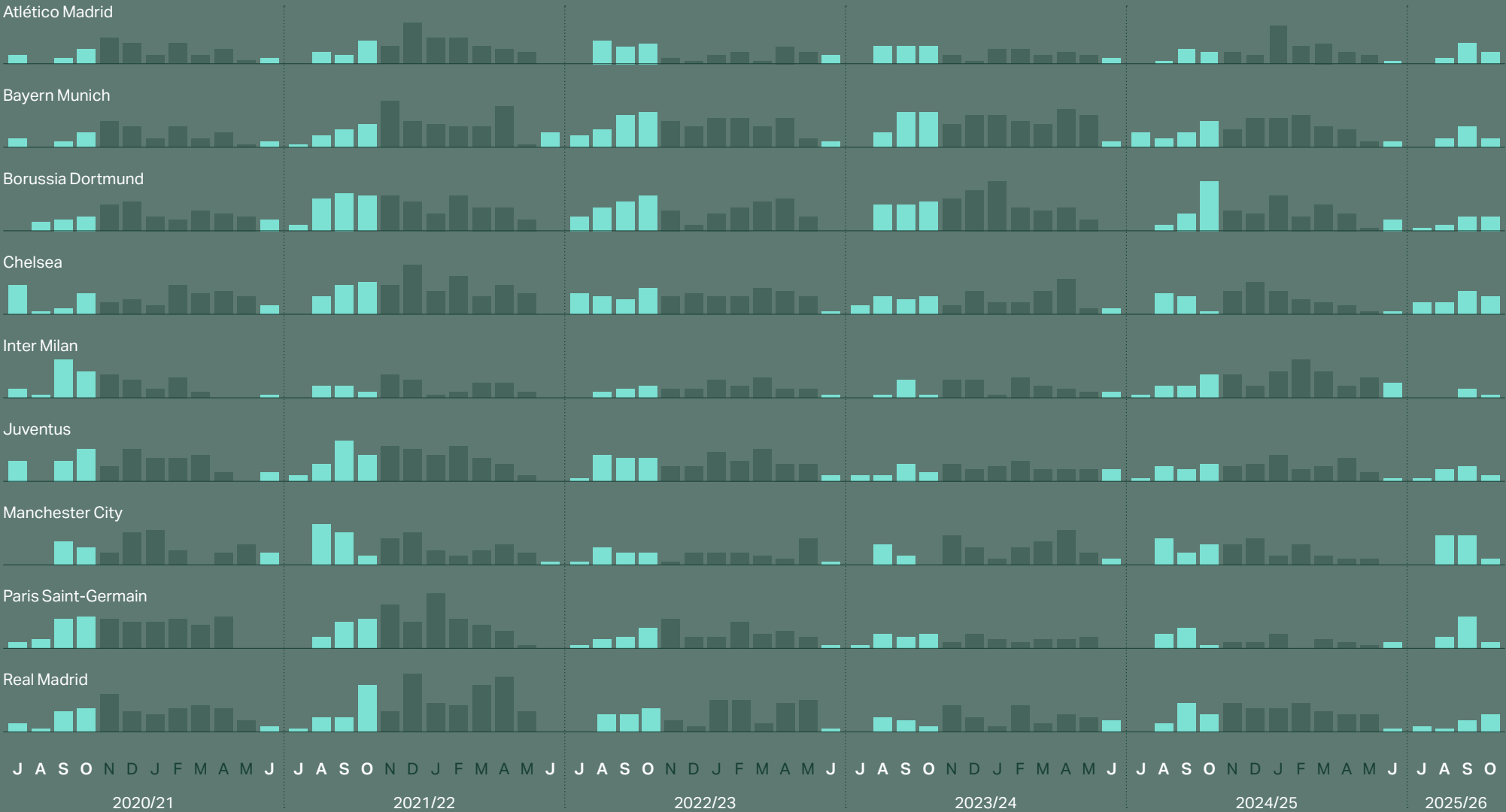
Increase in injuries recorded by Paris Saint-Germain (Jun – Oct 2024 vs 2025)

↓53%

Percentage decrease in injuries for Inter Milan (Jun – Oct 2024 vs 2025)



Injury count evolution



6.2

Injury count

FIFA Club World Cup™ count

During June and July 2025, we can see that all nine clubs from the top five men's European leagues incurred a combined total of 25 injuries.

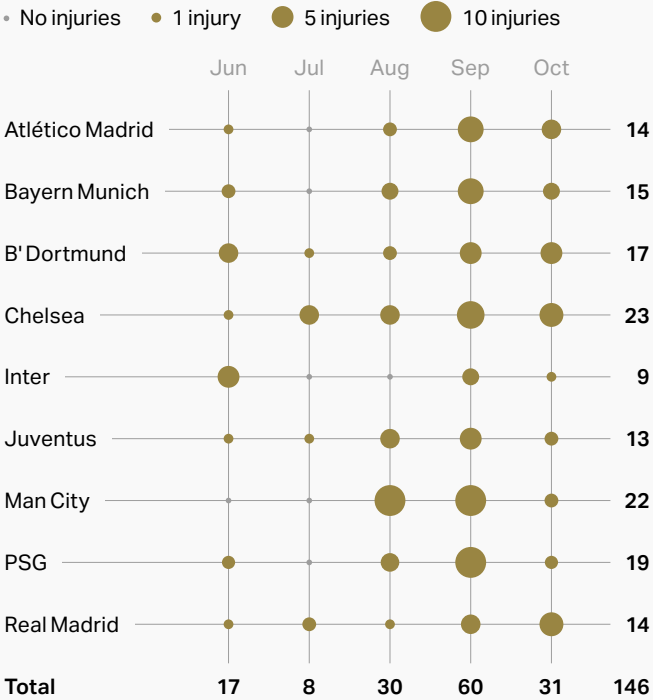
This represents an identical figure compared to the same period in the previous year.

Interestingly, we see that both finalists (Chelsea and Paris Saint-Germain) recorded a total of seven injuries between them, despite competing in the maximum number of games in the tournament (seven per club).

Atlético Madrid were the only club to not progress from the group stage and only sustained a single injury during this time. The combined data for June and July shows us that Chelsea and Inter Milan sustained the highest number of injuries (five).



Injury count (June – October 2025)



The months of August to October 2025 saw a total of 121 injuries sustained. This figure represents the lowest number of injuries recorded during this three-month period over the previous six years (2020 – 2025).

This equates to an average of 13 injuries per club.

Manchester City sustained no injuries during the FIFA CWC™. However, a further review of the data shows that they recorded 22 injuries in the three months that followed, the highest figure amongst these nine clubs.

This suggests that whilst workload was effectively managed during the tournament, the impact of this additional playing time was seen at the start of the 2025/26 Premier League season.

On the other hand, defeated UEFA Champions League™ finalists, Inter Milan, sustained the lowest number of injuries (four).

The Italian side were afforded a more prolonged break before the start of the Serie A season.

Paris Saint-Germain recorded a leading 11 injuries in the month of September, the highest monthly figure of the nine clubs analysed.

September 2025 saw the greatest number of injuries over this period (60). This is the second highest figure for September across the previous six years, behind September 2021, in which 77 injuries were sustained.

It is important to note that we then saw a fall in injury occurrence in October 2025 (30). This injury count figure represents the lowest number of injuries incurred by these nine clubs across the six years.

13

Average number of injuries incurred by the nine clubs (August – October)

22

Number of injuries incurred by Manchester City (August – October 2025)

60

Total number of injuries incurred by the nine clubs in September 2025

6.3

Injury severity

Sidelined players

Earlier in this report, we highlighted a marginal rise in the number of injuries from 2023/24 to 2024/25, with a greater than proportionate decrease in injury cost.

Generally, this would point to a fall in overall injury severity.

However, we can see that the injuries sustained by the nine clubs analysed during the months of June – October 2025 were less severe, relative to the same period in 2024.

This is perhaps surprising given that players had a maximum break of only 28 days between the end of the domestic league season and the start of the FIFA CWC™.

37 days

Average injury severity for the nine clubs during the FIFA CWC™

46 days

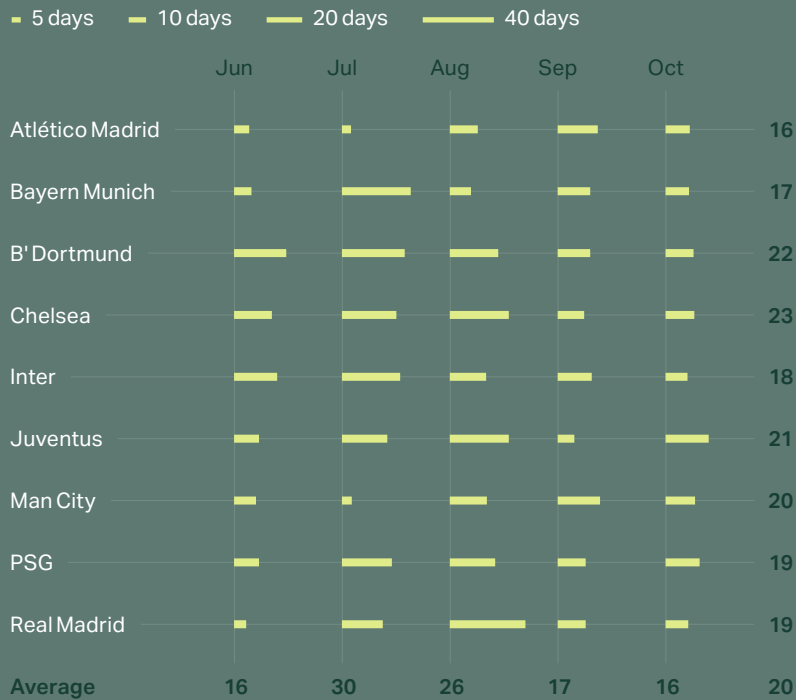
Atlético Madrid injury severity (August 2025)

28 days

Maximum break afforded to players pre-FIFA CWC™



Injury severity (June – October 2025)



Noting that the FIFA CWC™ took place between 14 June and 13 July 2025, a deeper dive in the monthly injury severity figures provides further context.

Borussia Dortmund, Chelsea and Juventus recorded significant injury severity figures of 56, 91 and 62 days respectively in June 2025.

Each of these clubs progressed from the group stage to the round of 16. Juventus suffered defeat at this stage and Borussia Dortmund suffered a similar fate in the quarter-finals.

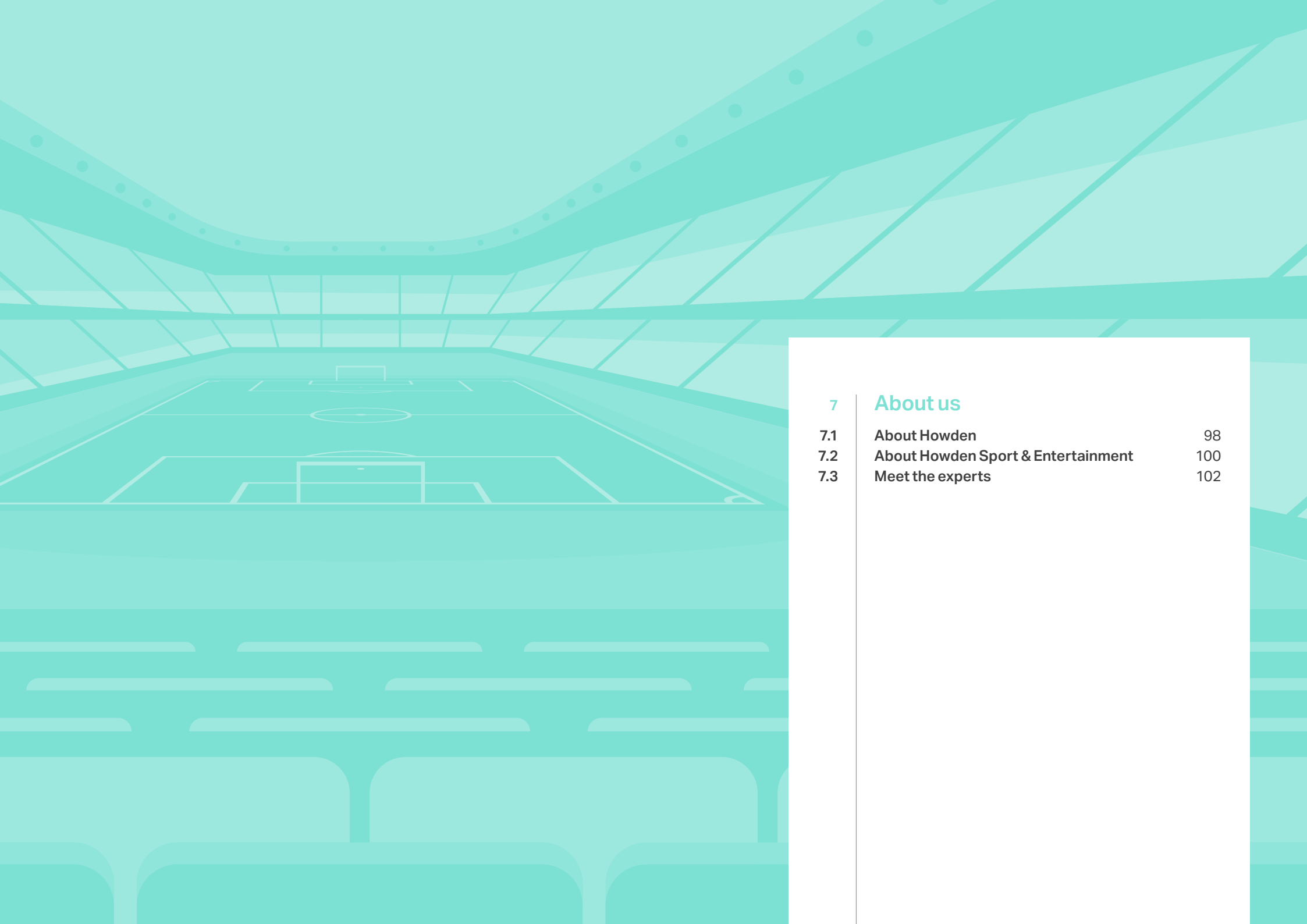
The German side incurred one injury in July 2025, which sidelined the player for 115 days in total.

Conversely, we see that Paris Saint-Germain incurred two injuries in June and July 2025, with players sidelined for two weeks on average.

Inter Milan recorded an overall injury severity figure of 36 days in June 2025, incurring a total of five injuries during this month period.

Focusing on the months prior to the FIFA CWC™, we can see that the 30 injuries sustained by these nine clubs in August 2025 sidelined players for 24 days on average. This represents a decrease in the overall severity of injuries sustained, when compared to the two months during the tournament.

Manchester City recorded an injury severity figure of 17 days over the five months analysed, a relatively 'stable' figure, bettered only by Atlético Madrid (14), Bayern Munich (9) and Juventus (15).



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Methodology

Our data is intended to capture the impact of injury and absence on men's professional football across Europe and we hope it serves as a valuable tool for players, clubs and governing bodies in their ongoing discussions.

Caveats and assumptions:

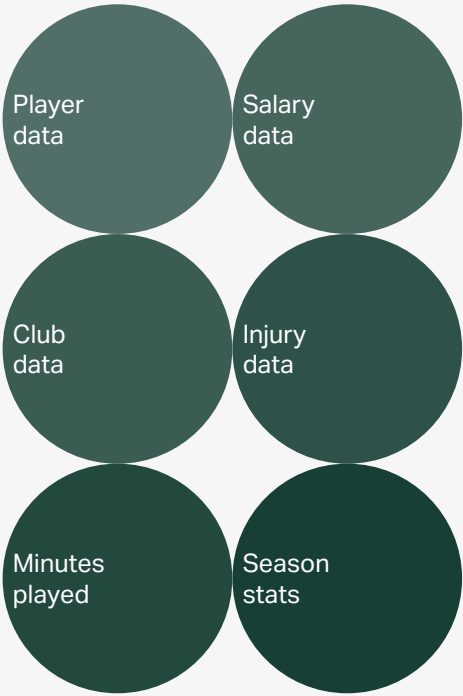
- Injury figures are considered over a full 12-month period for each season from 2020/21 to 2024/25.
- Injury cost is calculated by taking the daily base salary of the injured player and multiplying this by the number of days they were unavailable due to injury.
- Where appropriate, a conversion of £1 = €1.16 has been applied.
- An injury has been counted towards the month in which it occurred.
- Injuries of more than one day have been considered.
- We have assumed that all clubs pay all injured players wages in full.
- Absence as a result of COVID-19 has been included within our analysis.
- Data has been considered for domestic club matches only.

The charts in this report have been divided into the following four categories:

-  Season
-  League
-  Club
-  Player

Data collection

Classifications



Data cleansing and categorisation

Process



A.1

2020/21

Bundesliga
La Liga
Ligue 1
Premier League
Serie A

Overview

The COVID-19 season

The Premier League suffered the highest injury costs across the top five men's European leagues (€172.37m) – more than twice as high as others in some cases.

Compare that to France's Ligue 1, where injury costs were €73.79m due to a lower number of injuries.

Across the top five men's European leagues, we see that each club incurred, on average, 45 injuries during the 2020/21 season.

€172.37m

Premier League clubs incurred the highest total injury cost

€73.79m

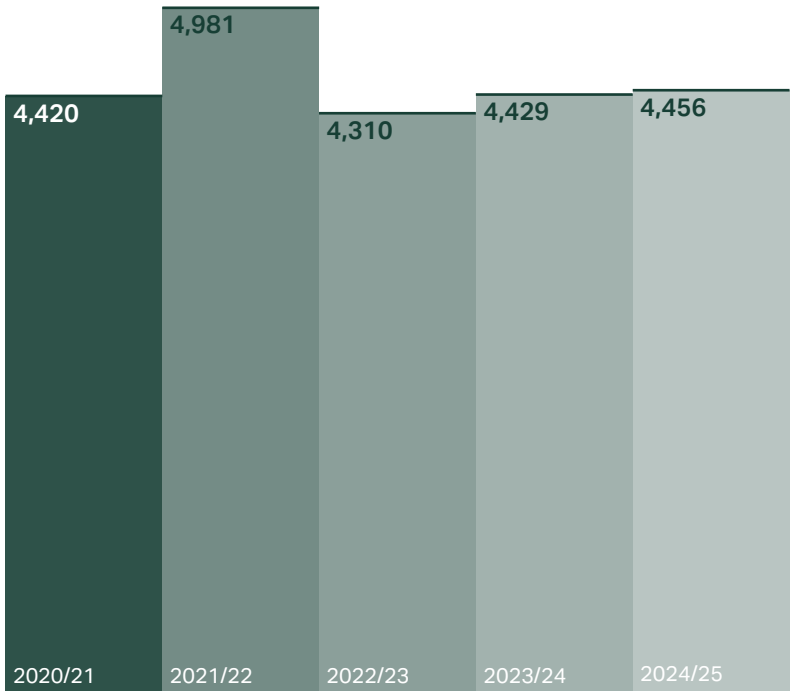
Ligue 1 injury cost

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Average number of injuries incurred per club

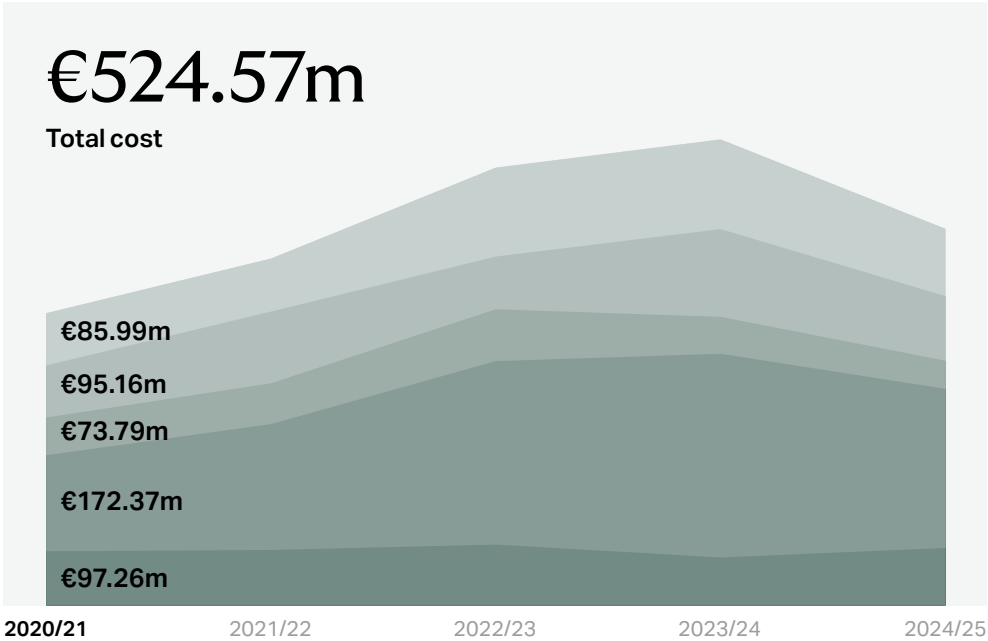


Injury count



Injury cost

■ Bundesliga ■ La Liga ■ Ligue 1 ■ Premier League ■ Serie A



A.11

20/21

Bundesliga

La Liga

Ligue 1

Premier League

Serie A



2020/21

Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Bayern Munich	86	15	17.64	0.21	20.51%
2 RB Leipzig	63	13	6.05	0.10	7.04%
3 Borussia Dortmund	62	11	9.39	0.15	10.92%
4 Wolfsburg	57	12	4.79	0.08	5.57%
5 Eintracht Frankfurt	38	18	2.96	0.08	3.44%
6 Bayer Leverkusen	53	18	8.01	0.15	9.31%
7 Union Berlin	39	23	1.57	0.04	1.83%
8 B. Monchengladbach	51	13	2.58	0.05	3.00%
9 Stuttgart	57	17	2.13	0.04	2.48%
10 Freiburg	32	13	0.65	0.02	0.76%
11 Hoffenheim	72	15	4.90	0.07	5.70%
12 Mainz 05	39	17	1.12	0.03	1.30%
13 Augsburg	41	21	1.93	0.05	2.25%
14 Hertha Berlin	51	20	5.55	0.11	6.45%
15 Bielefeld	44	12	0.56	0.01	0.65%
16 Köln	111	14	5.06	0.05	5.89%
17 Werder Bremen	51	17	2.61	0.05	3.03%
18 Schalke	49	27	8.50	0.17	9.89%

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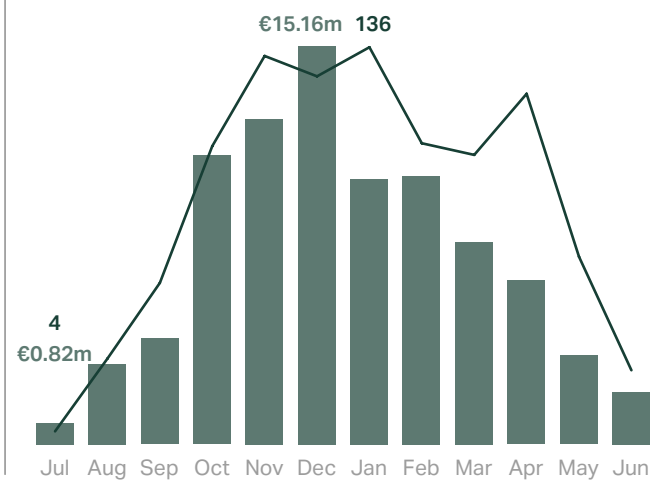
Total injuries

€85.99m

Total injury cost

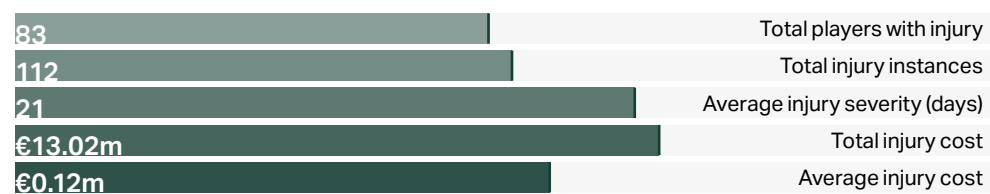
Count and cost by month

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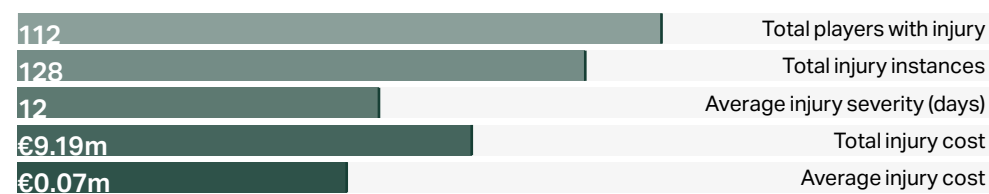


Injuries by type

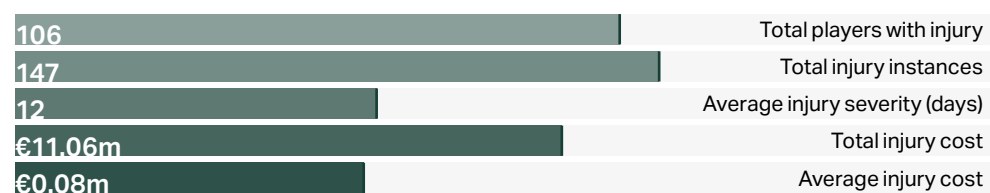
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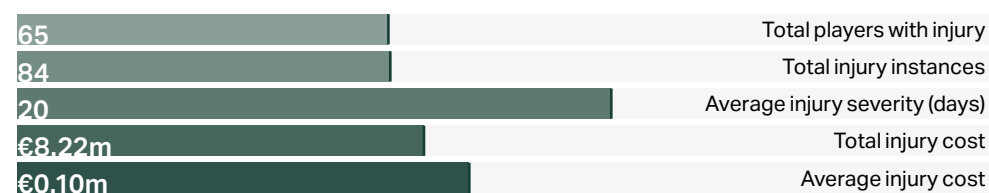
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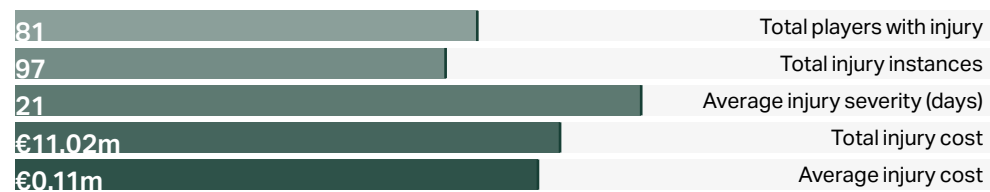
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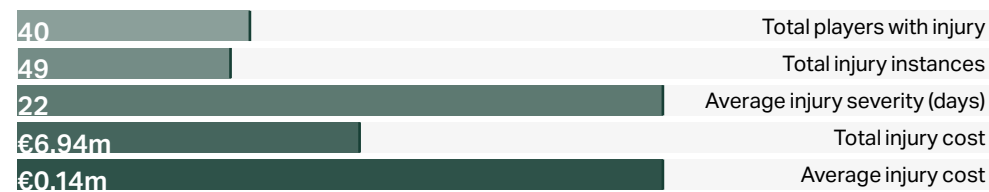
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Thigh/hip



Hamstring



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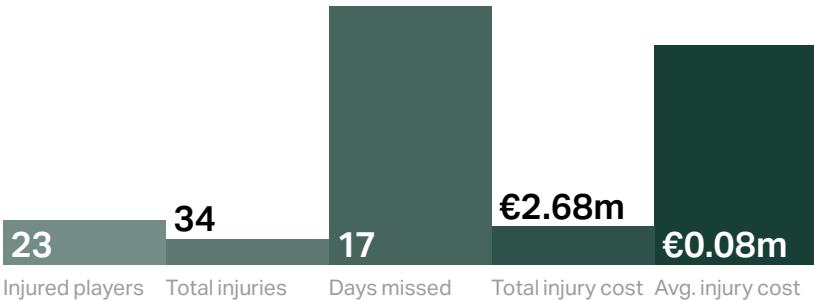
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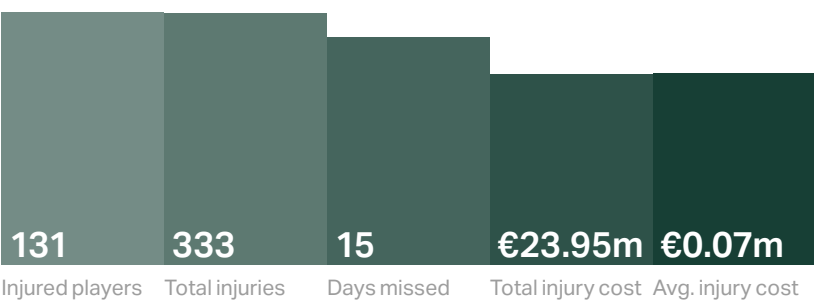
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Injuries by position

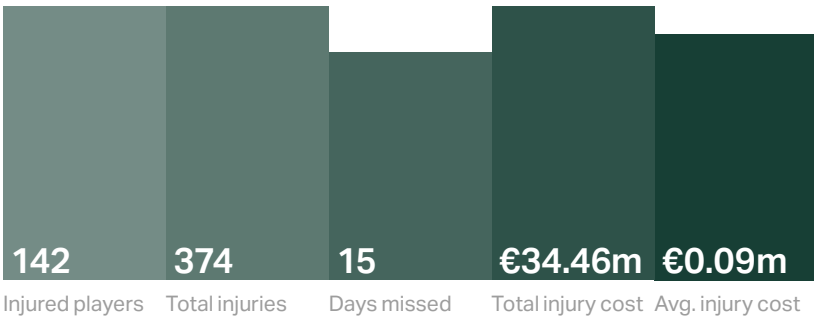
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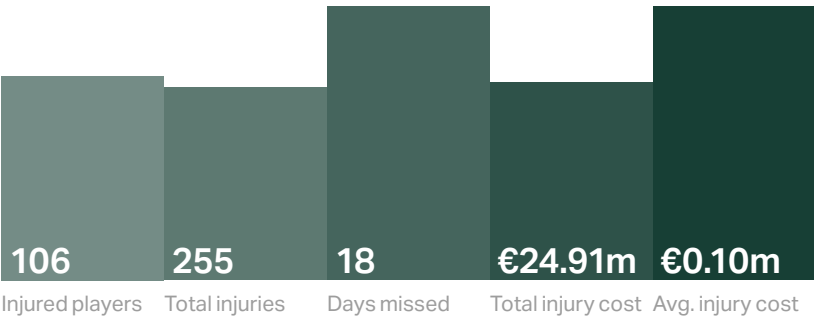
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 40



Total injury instances 73



Avg. injury severity 21



Total injury cost €4.29m

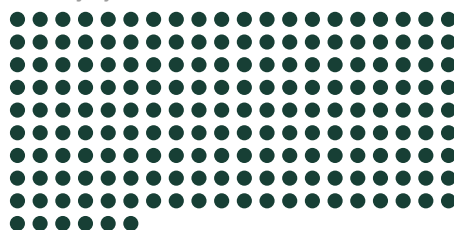


21 – 25

Total players injured 156



Total injury instances 372



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €25.03m

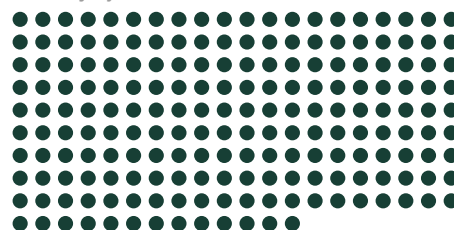


26 – 30

Total players injured 143



Total injury instances 386



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €36.02m



Over 30

Total players injured 63



Total injury instances 165



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €20.66m





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La Liga

Ligue 1

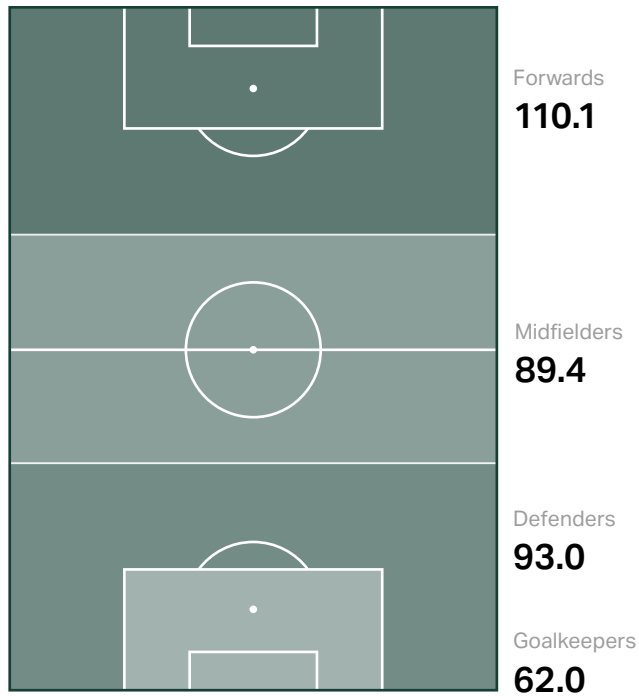
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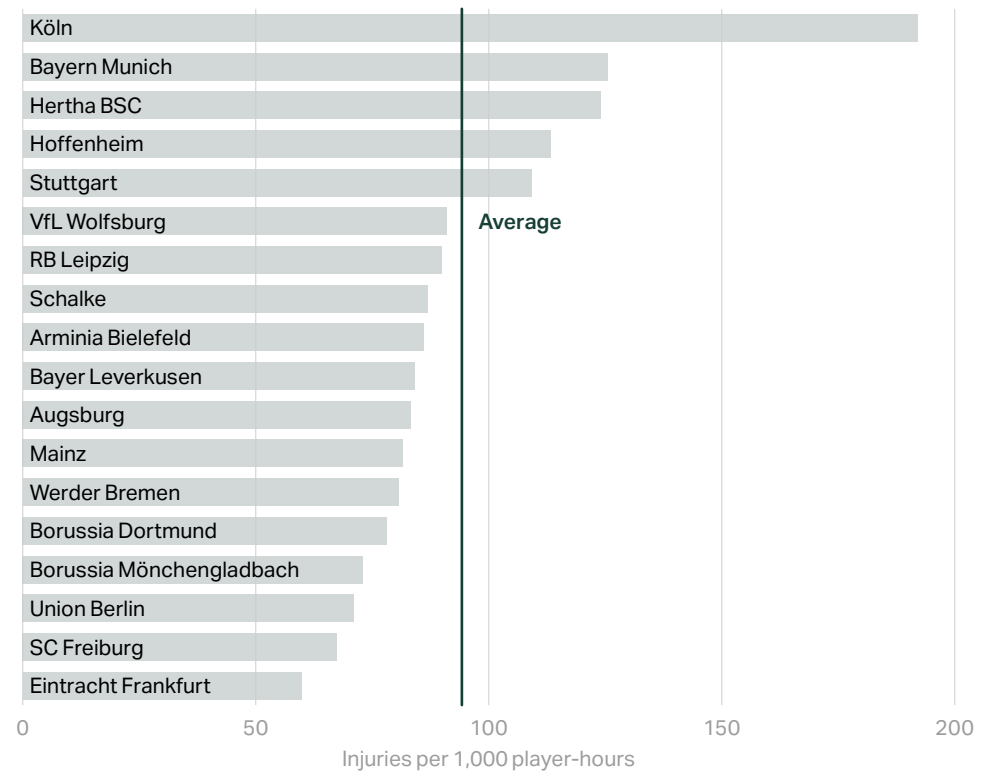
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



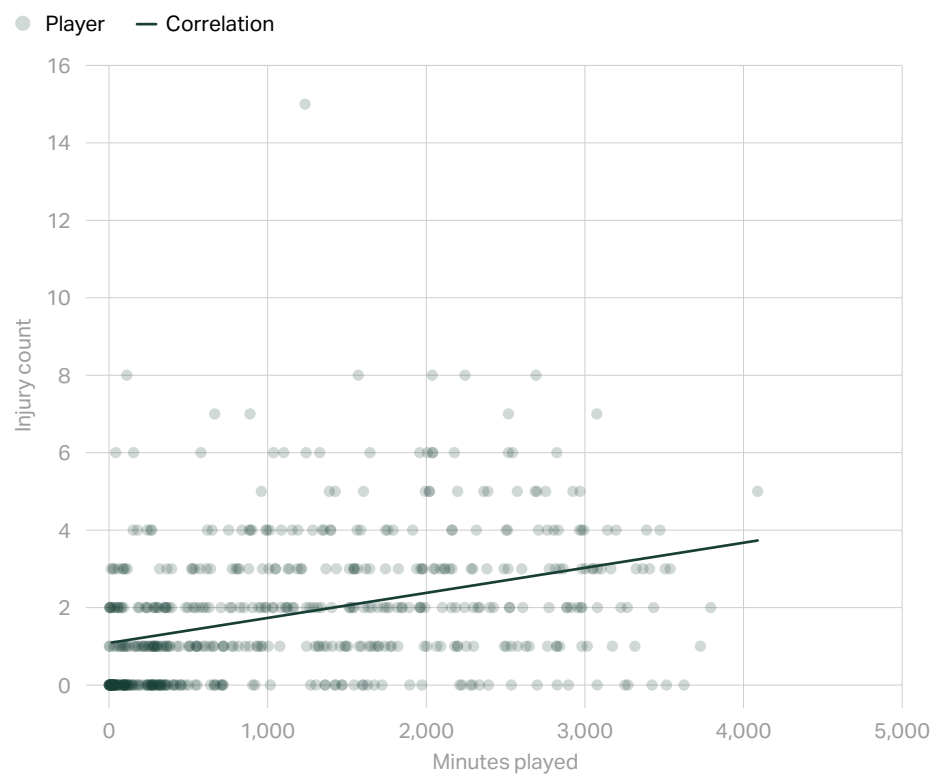
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

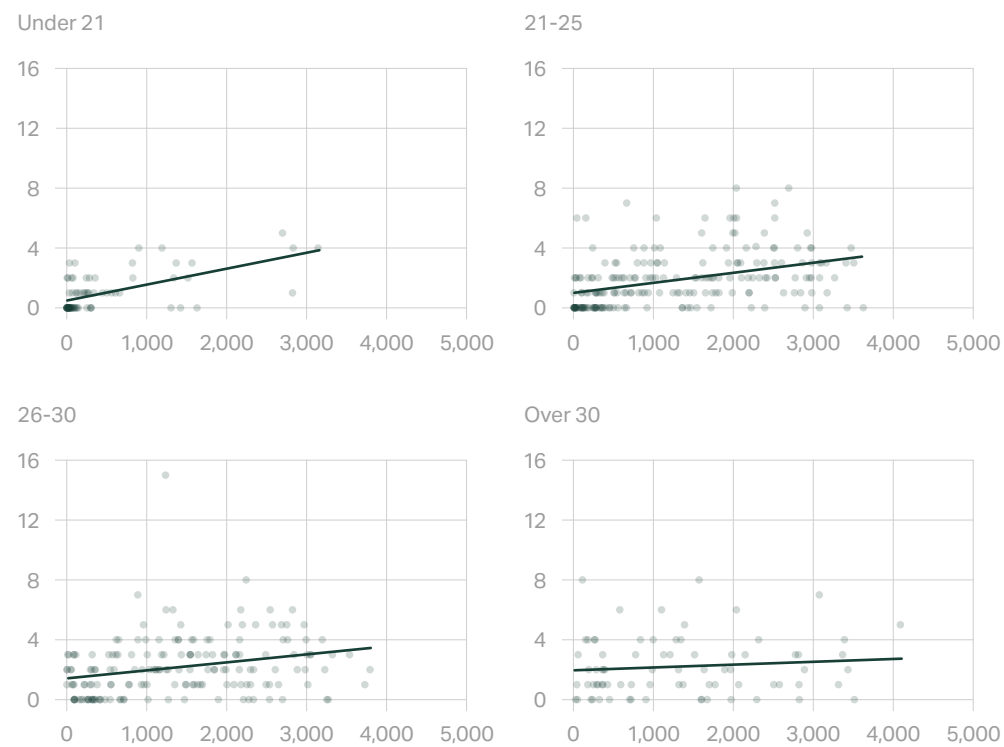


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)





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Injury count and cost

All teams

	Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Atlético Madrid	47	13	11.04	0.23	11.60%
2	Real Madrid	76	15	32.24	0.42	33.87%
3	Barcelona	40	15	15.35	0.38	16.13%
4	Sevilla	43	14	3.27	0.08	3.44%
5	Real Sociedad	51	20	4.56	0.09	4.79%
6	Betis	39	15	3.93	0.10	4.13%
7	Villarreal	45	16	4.01	0.09	4.22%
8	Celta Vigo	37	17	1.90	0.05	1.99%
9	Granada	67	18	2.08	0.03	2.18%
10	Athletic Bilbao	36	13	1.96	0.05	2.06%
11	Osasuna	46	18	1.24	0.03	1.31%
12	Cadiz	40	19	0.84	0.02	0.88%
13	Valencia	45	16	5.08	0.11	5.34%
14	Levante	40	16	1.66	0.04	1.75%
15	Getafe	20	18	1.08	0.05	1.13%
16	Alavés	30	15	0.55	0.02	0.58%
17	Elche	41	13	1.05	0.03	1.11%
18	Huesca	29	19	1.28	0.04	1.35%
19	Real Valladolid	45	15	0.76	0.02	0.80%
20	Eibar	31	21	1.28	0.04	1.34%

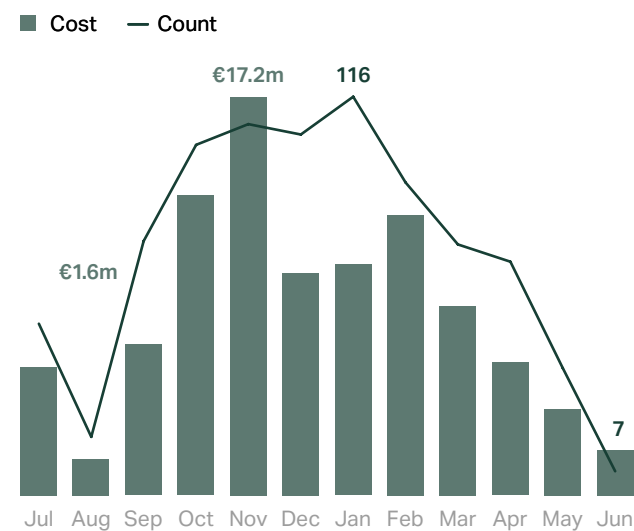
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Total injuries

€95.16m

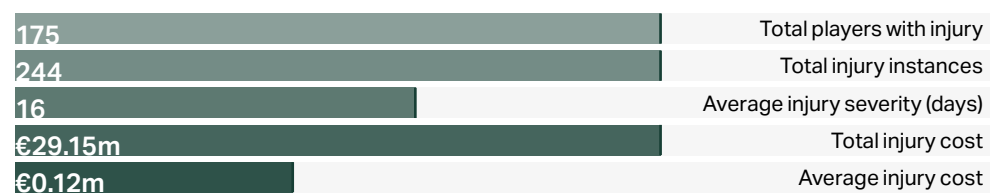
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

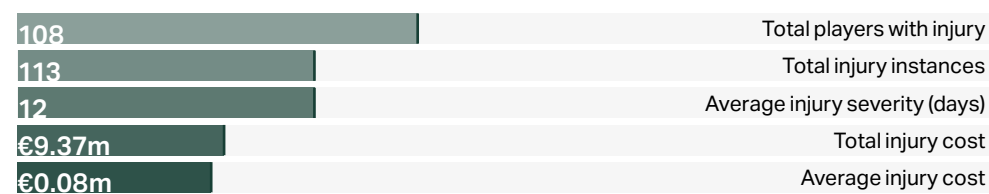


Injuries by type

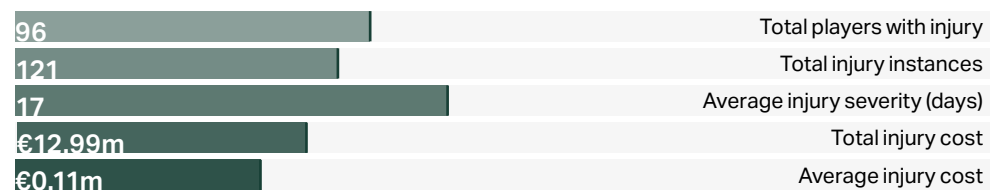
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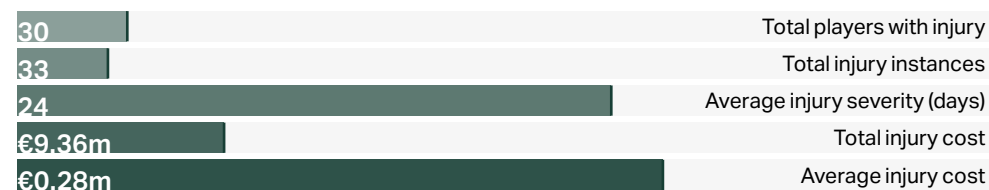
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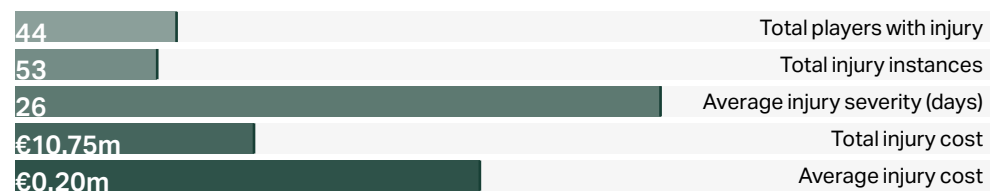
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Thigh/hip



Knee



Physical discomfort



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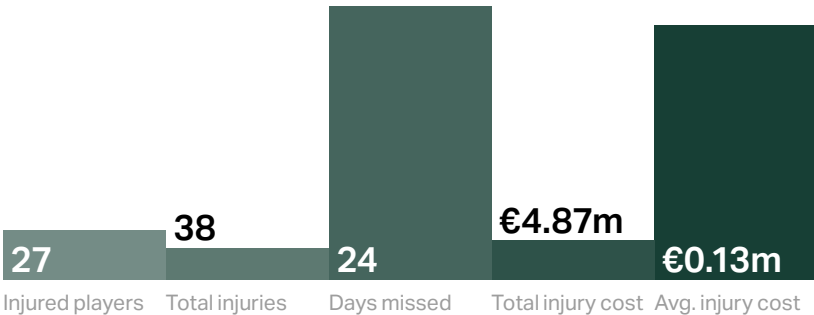
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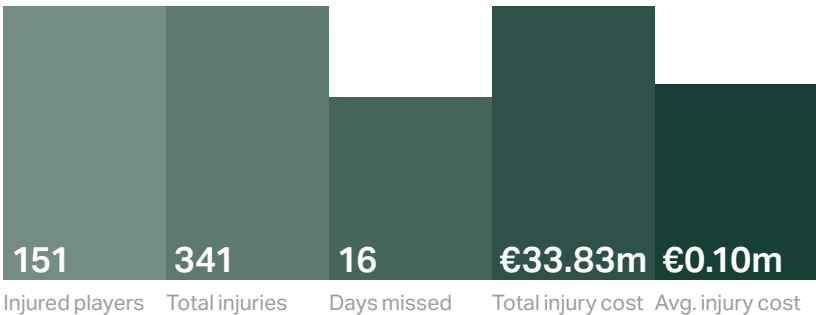
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Injuries by position

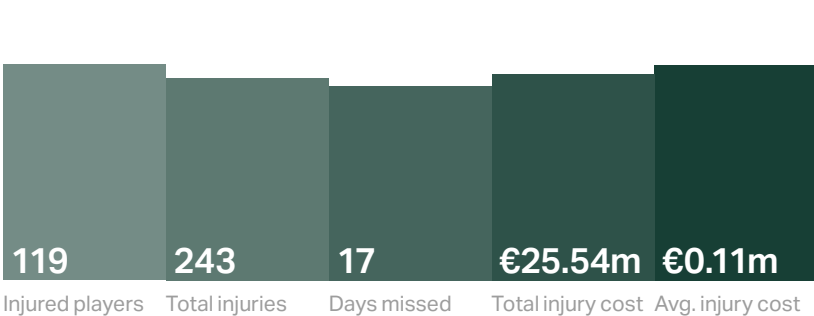
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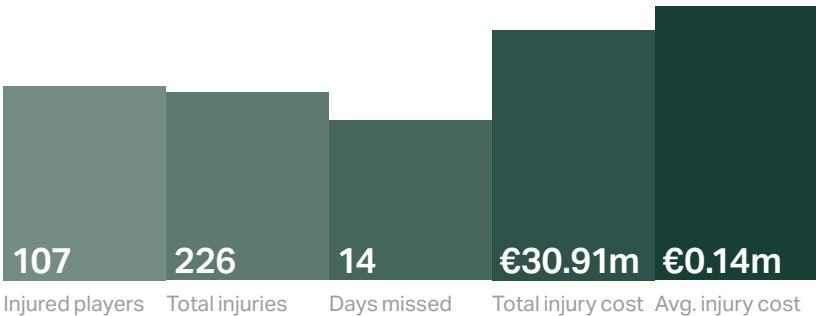
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 14



Total injury instances 20



Avg. injury severity 10



Total injury cost €0.15m

21 – 25

Total players injured 109



Total injury instances 223



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €10.15m

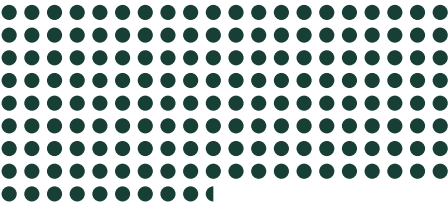


26 – 30

Total players injured 165



Total injury instances 339



Avg. injury severity 17



Total injury cost €36.16m



Over 30

Total players injured 116



Total injury instances 266



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €48.70m





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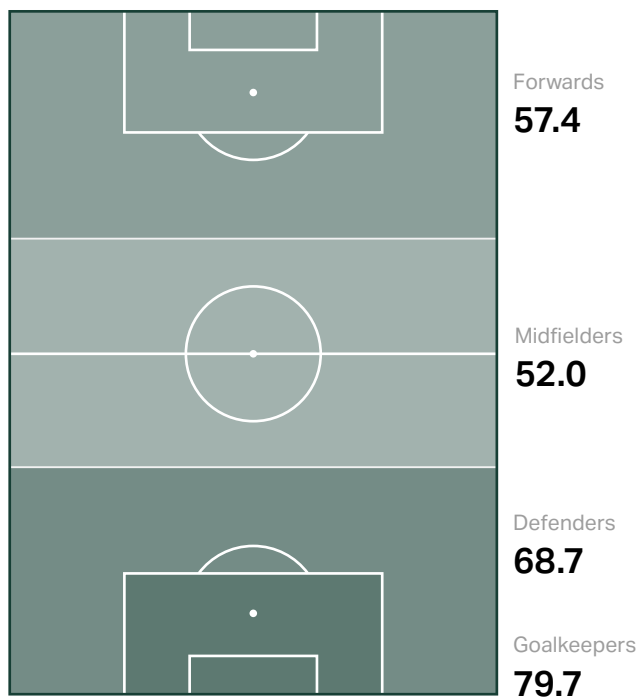
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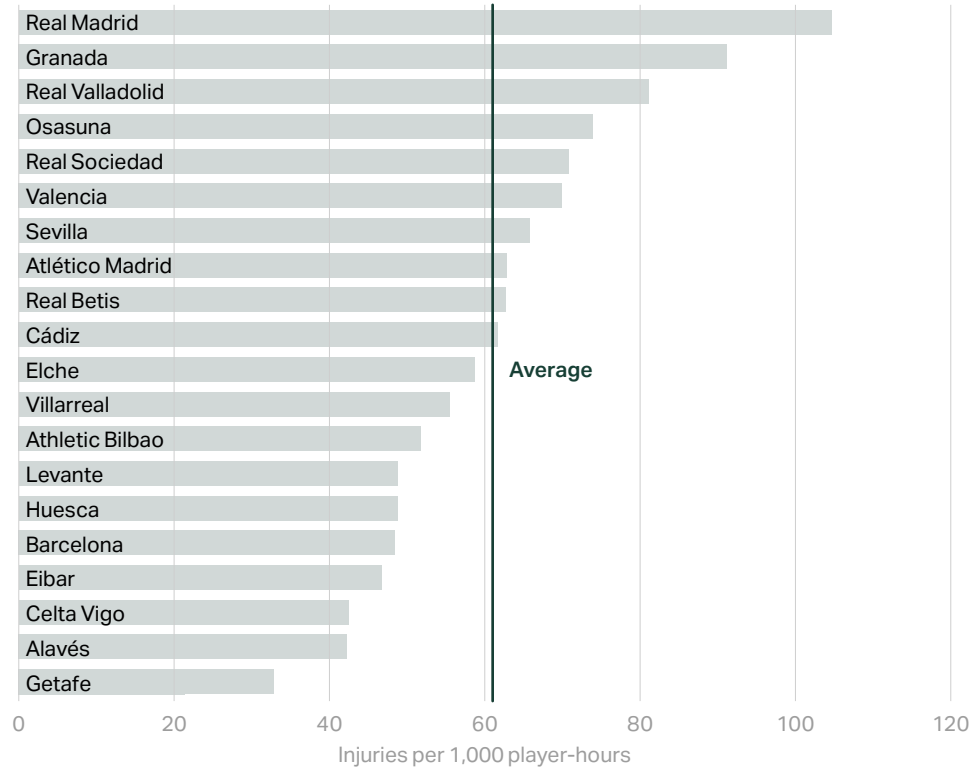
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



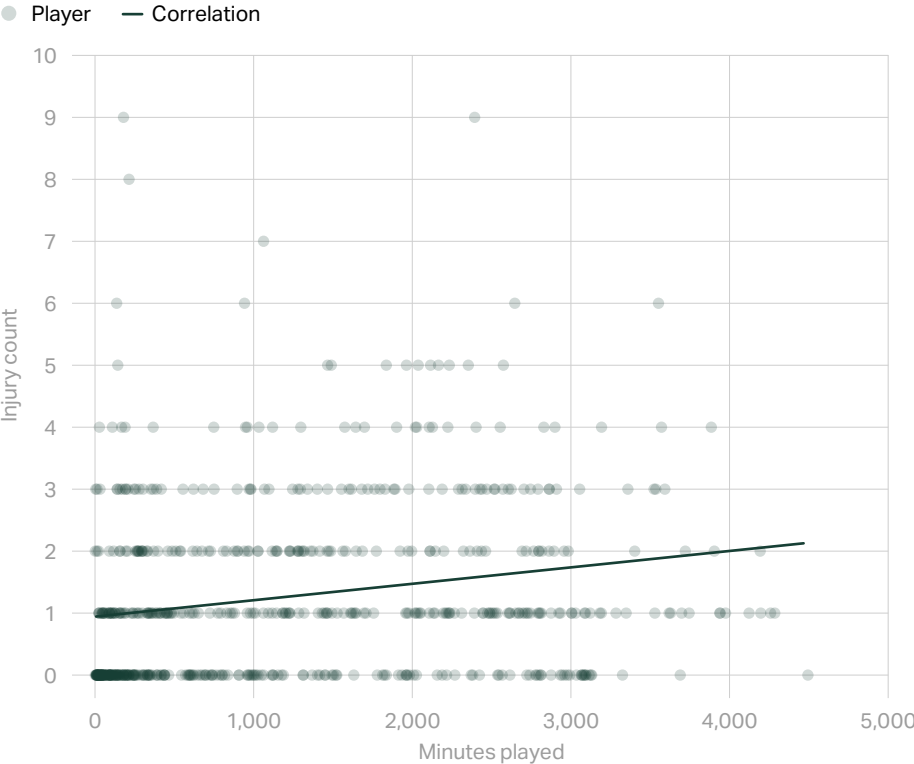
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

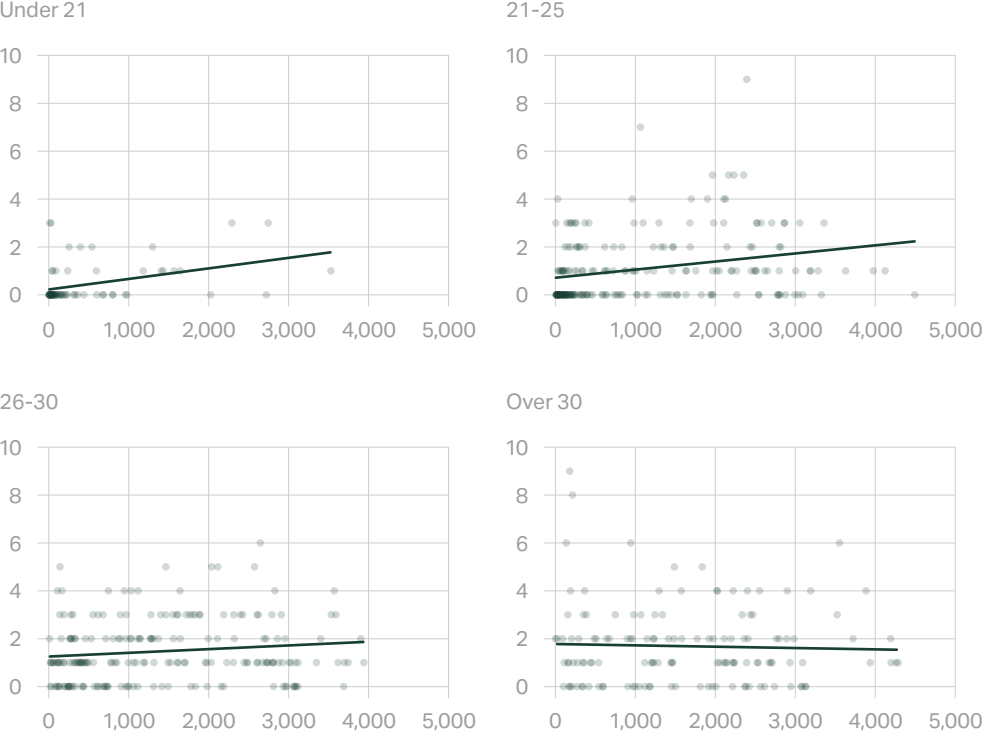


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Lille	26	22	2.36	0.09	3.19%
2 Paris Saint-Germain	83	16	36.74	0.44	49.79%
3 Monaco	21	33	5.89	0.28	7.98%
4 Lyon	23	13	2.20	0.10	2.98%
5 Marseille	27	19	2.70	0.10	3.66%
6 Rennes	28	27	4.00	0.14	5.41%
7 Lens	28	20	0.67	0.02	0.91%
8 Montpellier	20	16	0.88	0.04	1.20%
9 Nice	38	23	3.33	0.09	4.51%
10 Metz	23	29	0.68	0.03	0.92%
11 Saint Etienne	36	27	2.55	0.07	3.46%
12 Bordeaux	21	26	1.69	0.08	2.29%
13 Angers	36	27	1.40	0.04	1.90%
14 Reims	20	22	0.59	0.03	0.80%
15 Strasbourg	23	23	1.09	0.05	1.48%
16 Lorient	38	22	0.70	0.02	0.96%
17 Brest	20	19	0.43	0.02	0.58%
18 Nantes	49	30	3.72	0.08	5.05%
19 Nimes	31	36	1.26	0.04	1.71%
20 Dijon	32	19	0.91	0.03	1.23%

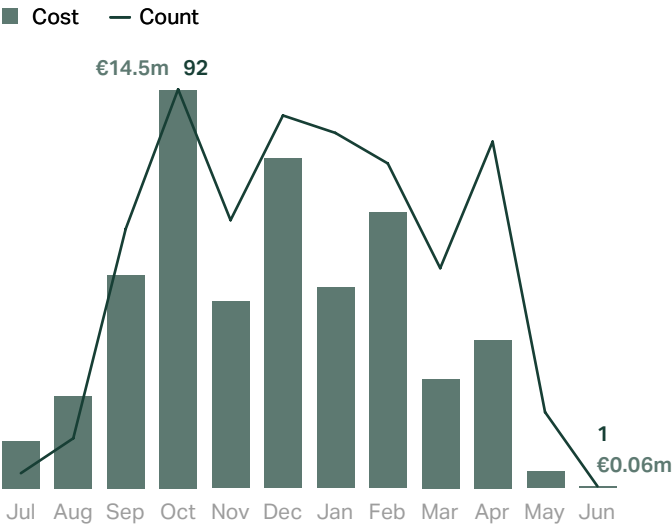
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Total injuries

€73.79m

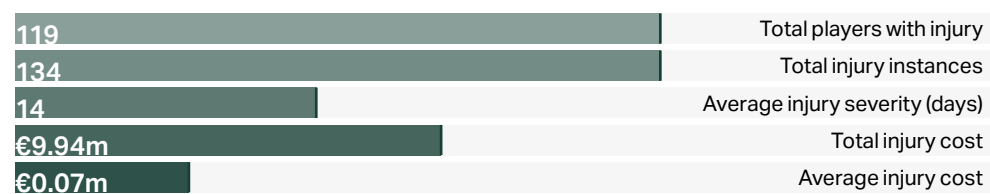
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

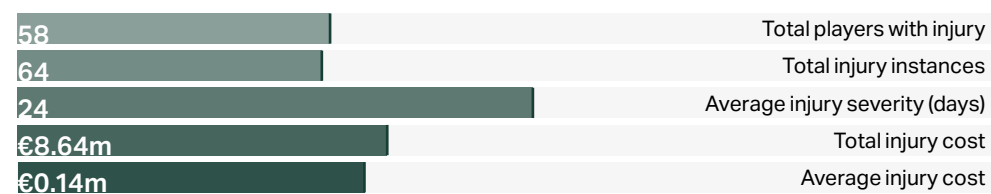


Injuries by type

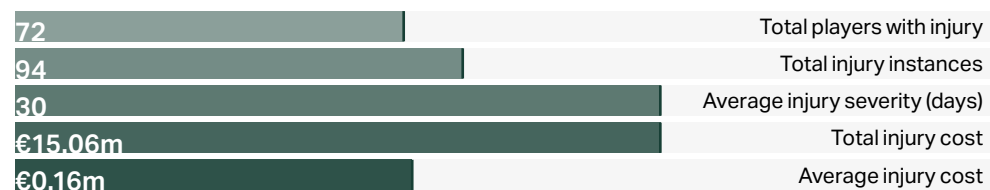
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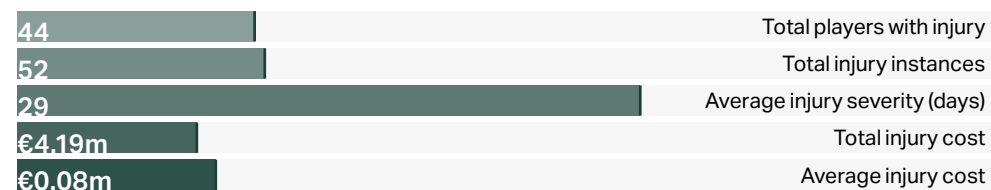
Ankle



Thigh/hip



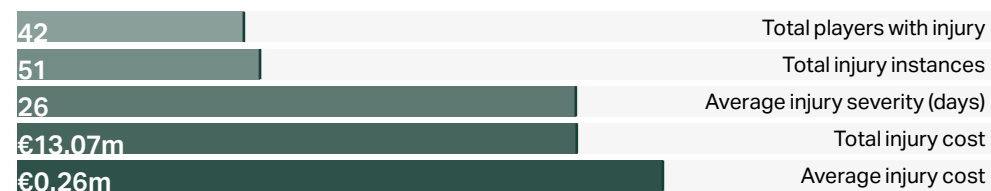
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Muscle



Groin



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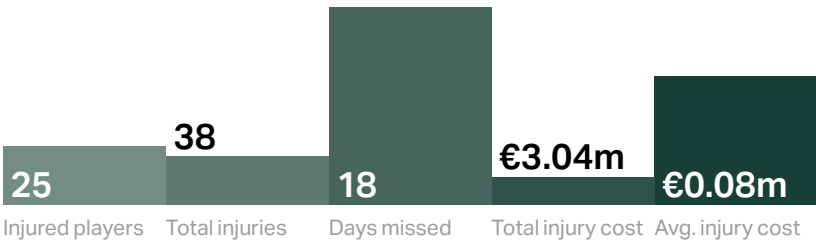
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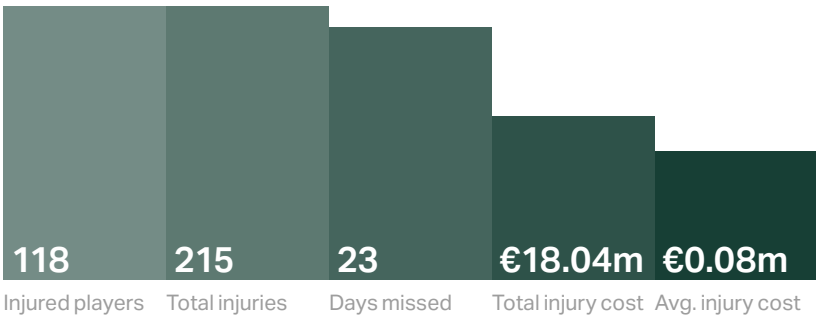
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Injuries by position

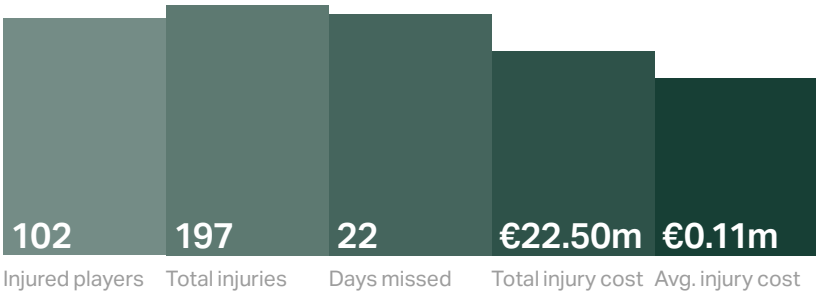
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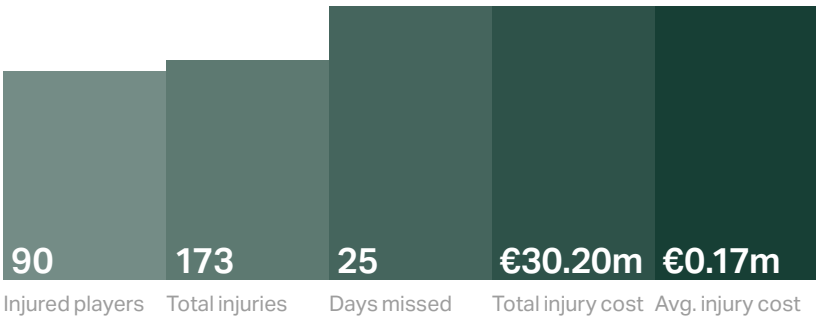
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 32



Total injury instances 42



Avg. injury severity 18



Total injury cost €0.94m



21 – 25

Total players injured 134



Total injury instances 236



Avg. injury severity 26



Total injury cost €19.87m



26 – 30

Total players injured 113



Total injury instances 234



Avg. injury severity 22



Total injury cost €41.32m



Over 30

Total players injured 56



Total injury instances 111



Avg. injury severity 21



Total injury cost €11.65m





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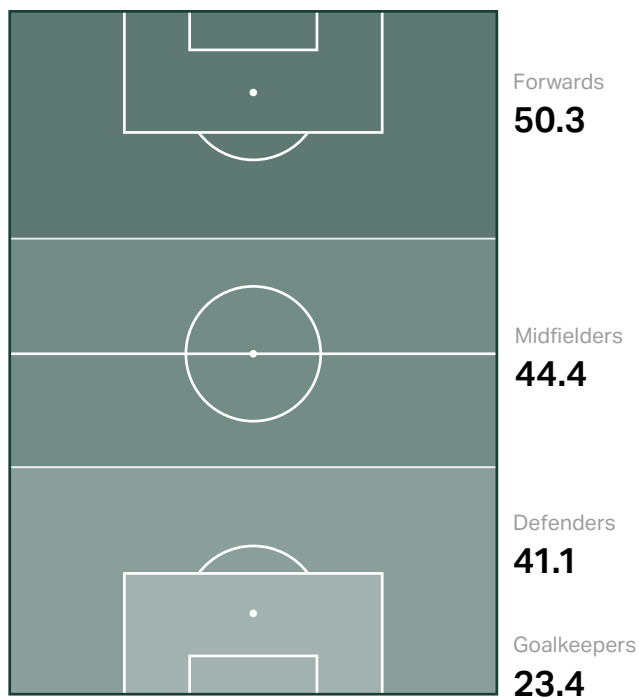
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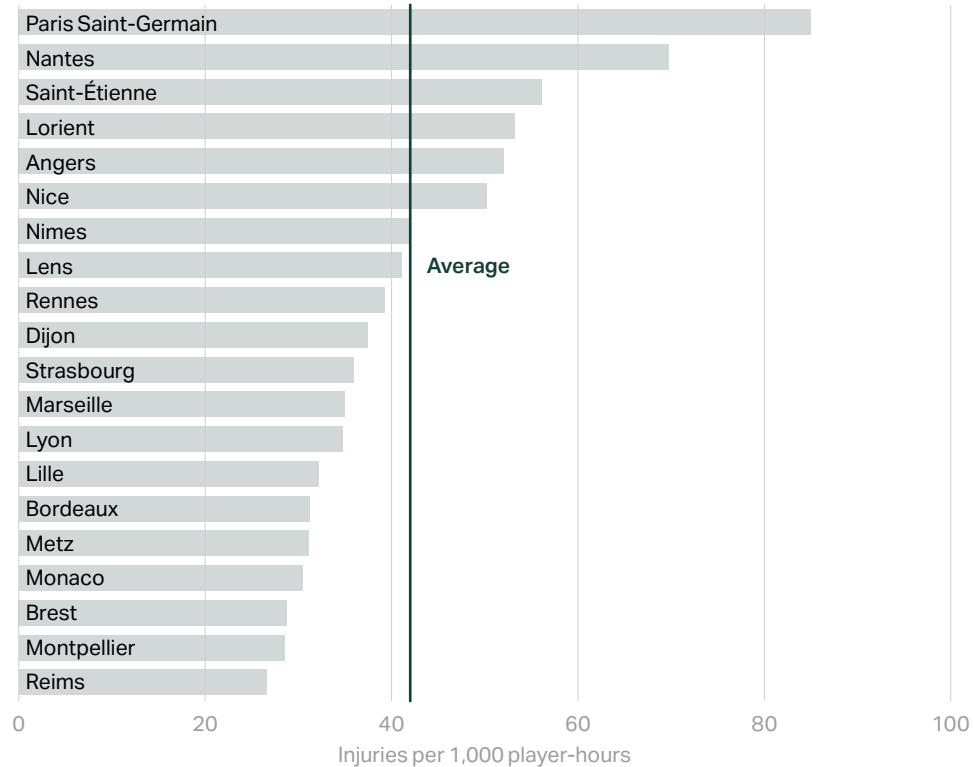
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



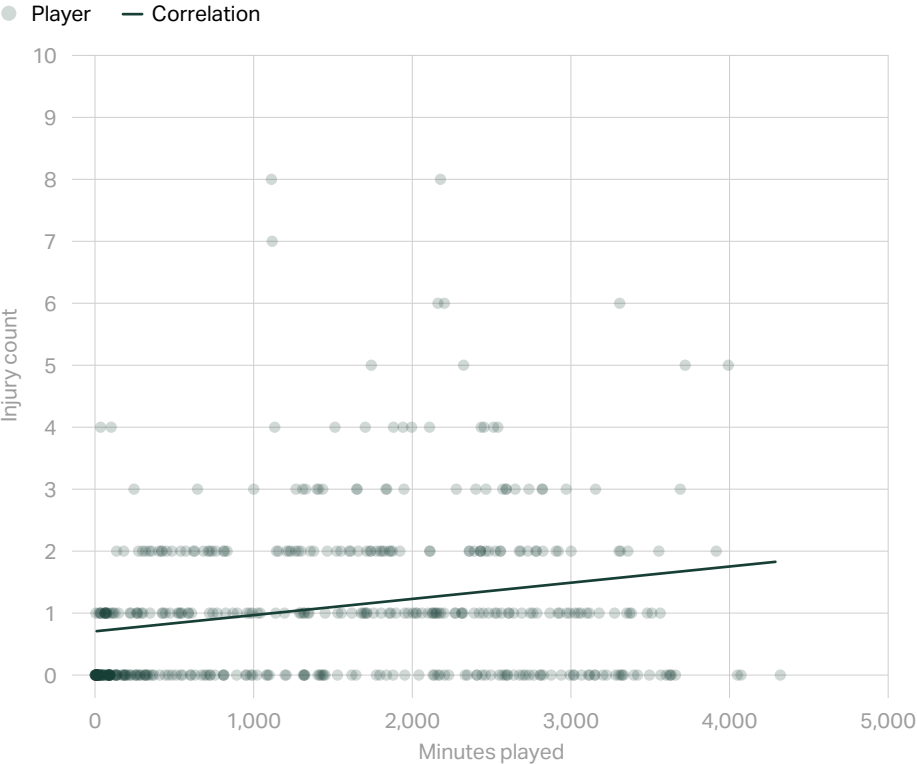
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

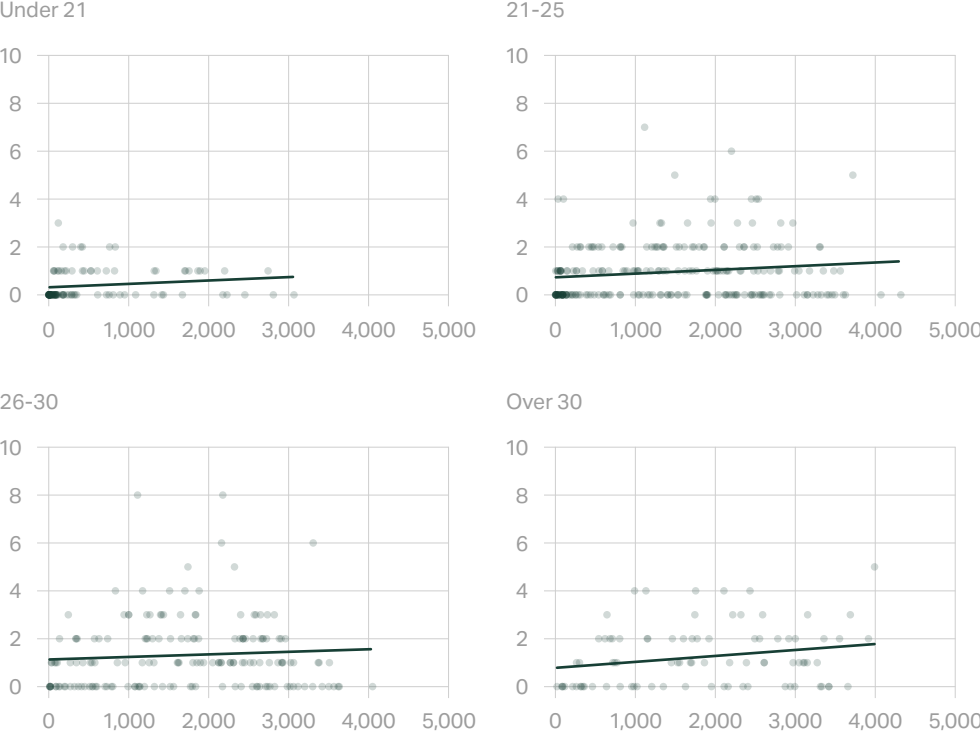


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Manchester City	61	11	14.41	0.24	8.36%
2 Manchester United	86	9	16.71	0.19	9.70%
3 Liverpool	59	19	20.13	0.34	11.68%
4 Chelsea	66	9	11.94	0.18	6.92%
5 Leicester City	52	21	12.29	0.24	7.13%
6 West Ham	57	15	7.95	0.14	4.61%
7 Tottenham Hotspur	66	10	10.33	0.16	5.99%
8 Arsenal	66	11	12.04	0.18	6.99%
9 Leeds	46	17	4.96	0.11	2.88%
10 Everton	64	13	12.93	0.20	7.50%
11 Aston Villa	25	22	4.11	0.16	2.38%
12 Newcastle United	81	12	7.87	0.10	4.56%
13 Wolves	29	17	3.45	0.12	2.00%
14 Crystal Palace	46	20	7.77	0.17	4.51%
15 Southampton	51	18	8.22	0.16	4.77%
16 Brighton	47	15	4.47	0.10	2.59%
17 Burnley	67	13	4.98	0.07	2.89%
18 Fulham	27	17	2.48	0.09	1.44%
19 West Bromwich Albion	31	16	1.66	0.05	0.96%
20 Sheffield United	47	19	3.69	0.08	2.14%

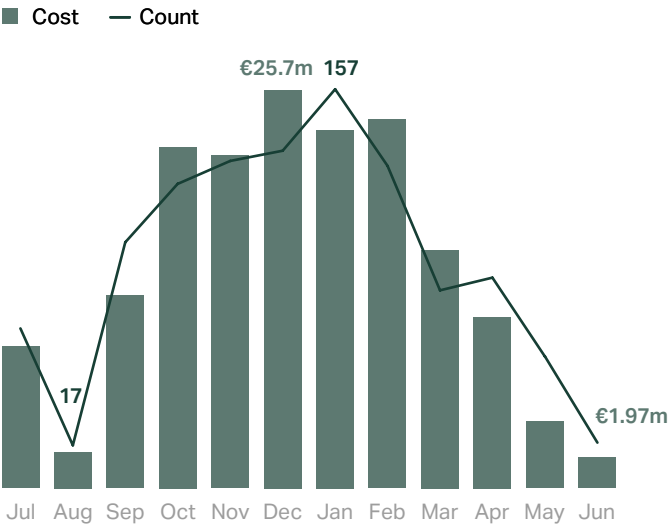
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Total injuries

€172.37m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

Knock

125	Total players with injury
158	Total injury instances
7	Average injury severity (days)
€9.65m	Total injury cost
€0.06m	Average injury cost

Hamstring

92	Total players with injury
117	Total injury instances
20	Average injury severity (days)
€29.95m	Total injury cost
€0.26m	Average injury cost

Muscle

119	Total players with injury
153	Total injury instances
14	Average injury severity (days)
€24.70m	Total injury cost
€0.16m	Average injury cost

Thigh/hip

67	Total players with injury
80	Total injury instances
19	Average injury severity (days)
€17.57m	Total injury cost
€0.22m	Average injury cost

Illness

115	Total players with injury
124	Total injury instances
11	Average injury severity (days)
€16.11m	Total injury cost
€0.13m	Average injury cost

Ankle

60	Total players with injury
73	Total injury instances
13	Average injury severity (days)
€10.41m	Total injury cost
€0.14m	Average injury cost

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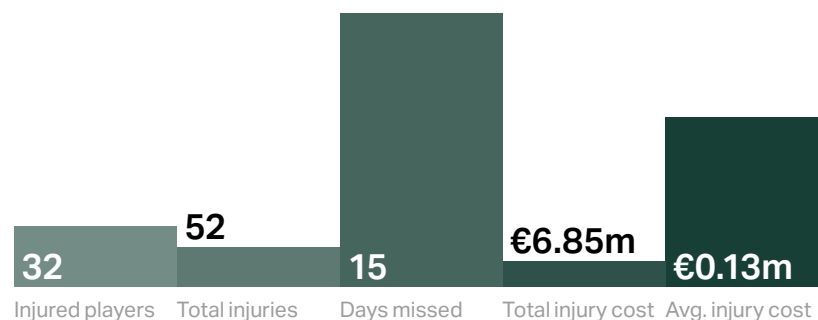
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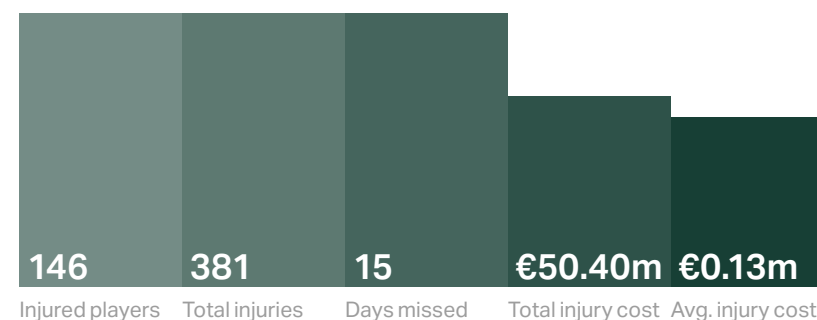
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Injuries by position

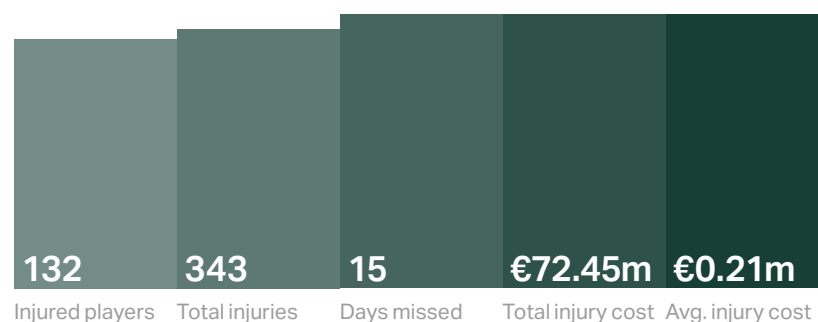
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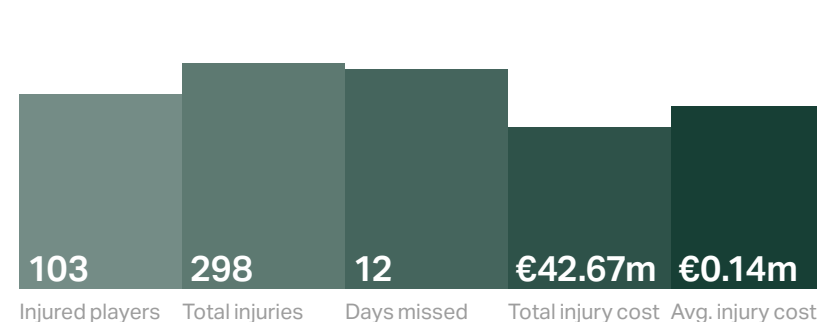
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 22



Total injury instances 50



Avg. injury severity 13



Total injury cost €2.26m

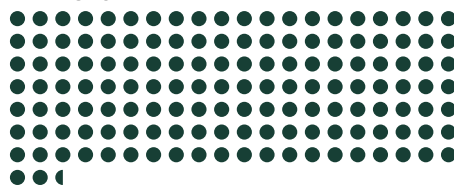


21 – 25

Total players injured 125



Total injury instances 285



Avg. injury severity 13



Total injury cost €34.03m

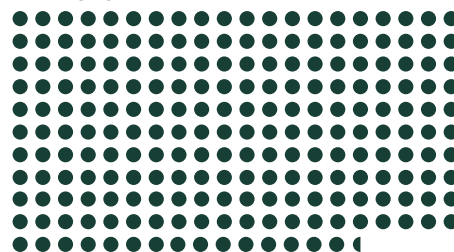


26 – 30

Total players injured 158



Total injury instances 431



Avg. injury severity 14



Total injury cost €74.67m

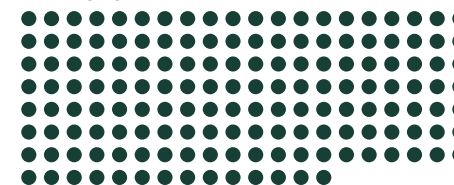


Over 30

Total players injured 108



Total injury instances 308



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €61.41m





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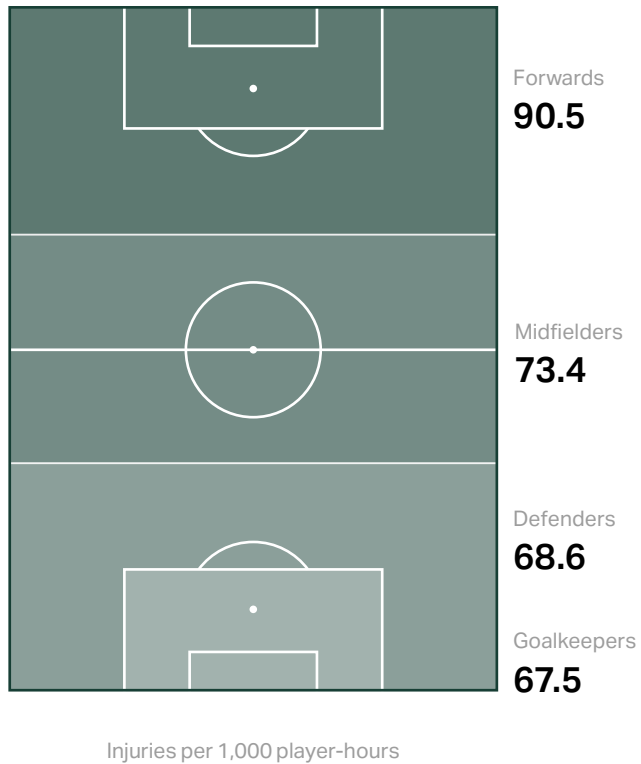
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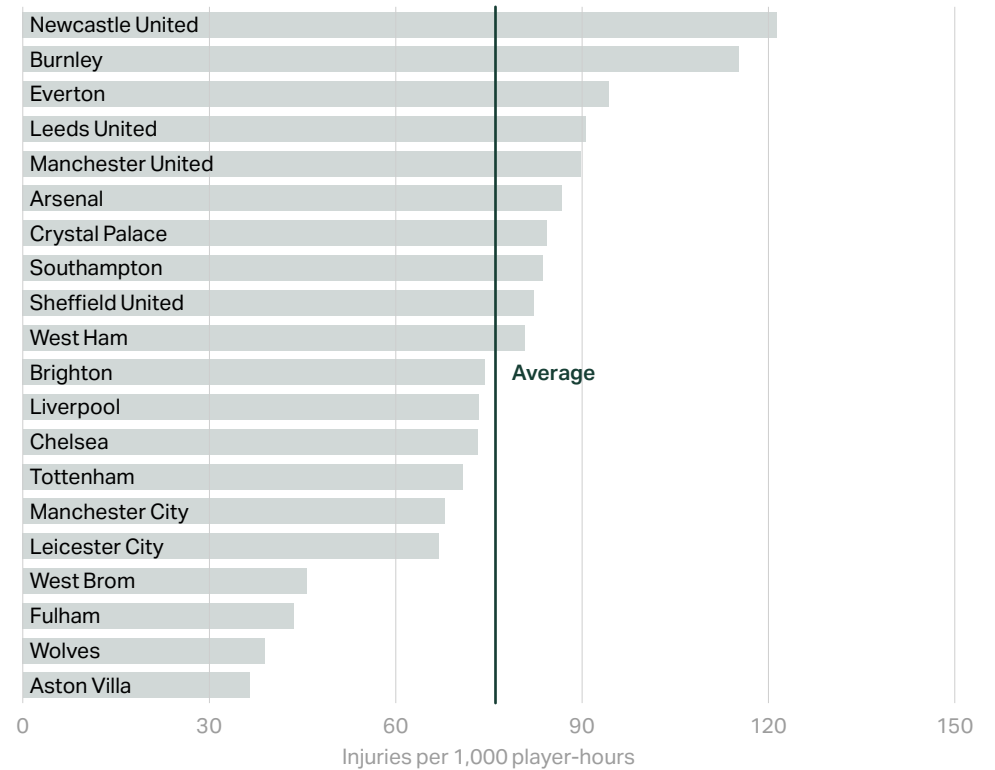


Injury susceptibility

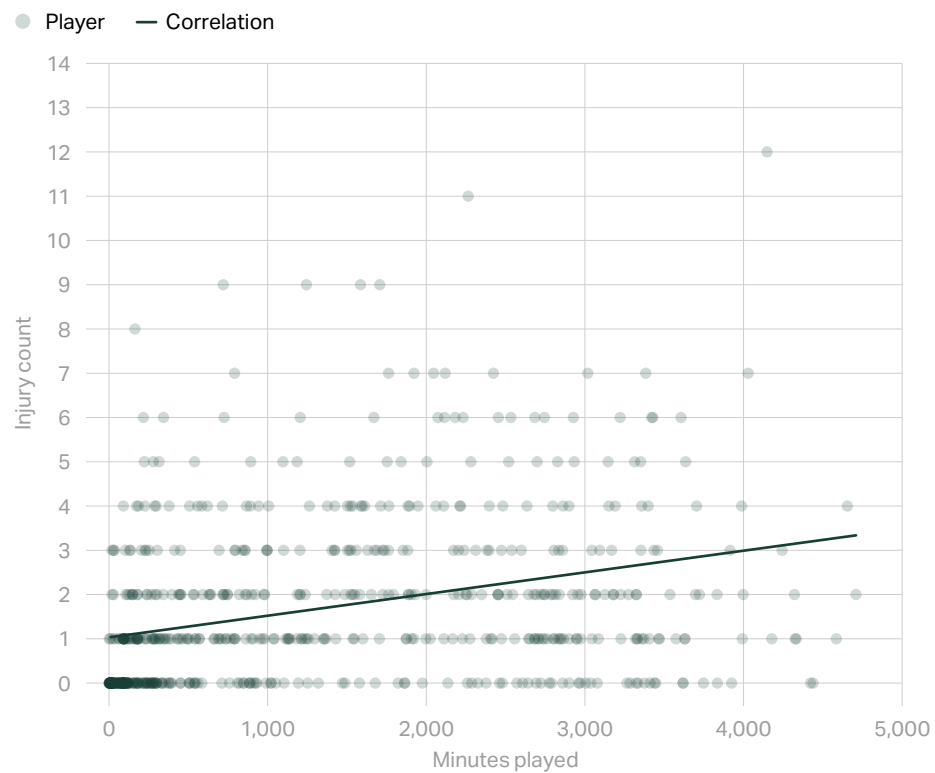
Positional variance



Club variance

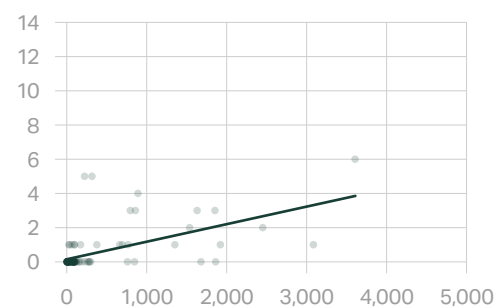


Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)

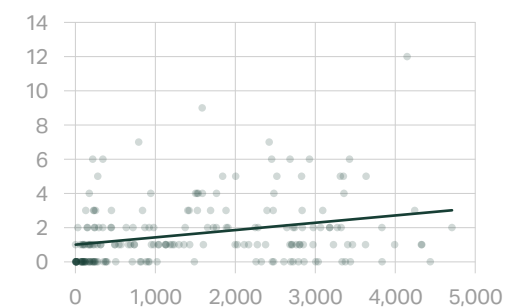


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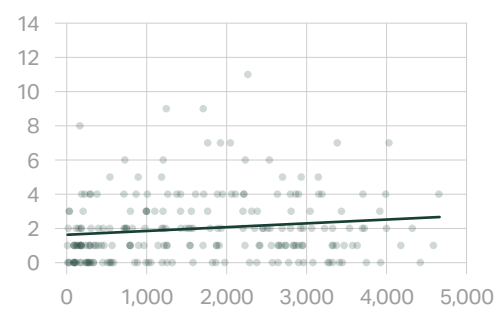
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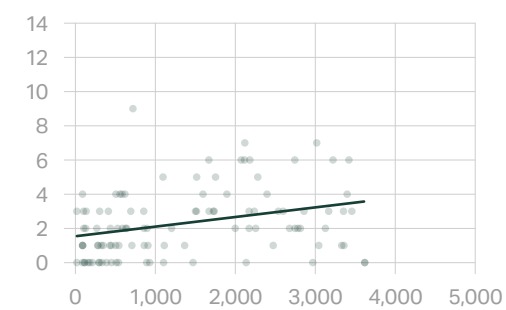
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26-30



Over 30





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Injury count and cost

All teams

	Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Inter	53	10	9.50	0.18	9.76%
2	AC Milan	61	12	7.97	0.13	8.20%
3	Atalanta	34	17	2.44	0.07	2.51%
4	Juventus	72	11	20.58	0.29	21.16%
5	Napoli	53	12	8.50	0.16	8.74%
6	Lazio	59	14	5.88	0.10	6.04%
7	Roma	64	17	11.12	0.17	11.43%
8	Sassuolo	35	20	2.49	0.07	2.56%
9	Sampdoria	27	15	1.67	0.06	1.72%
10	Verona	44	27	3.33	0.08	3.43%
11	Genoa	53	19	3.82	0.07	3.93%
12	Bologna	37	21	2.85	0.08	2.93%
13	Fiorentina	30	15	3.05	0.10	3.14%
14	Udinese	29	23	1.70	0.06	1.75%
15	Spezia	38	29	1.88	0.05	1.93%
16	Cagliari	40	17	3.00	0.08	3.09%
17	Torino	39	12	2.42	0.06	2.48%
18	Benevento	21	23	1.57	0.07	1.62%
19	Crotone	29	17	0.86	0.03	0.89%
20	Parma	61	13	2.61	0.04	2.68%

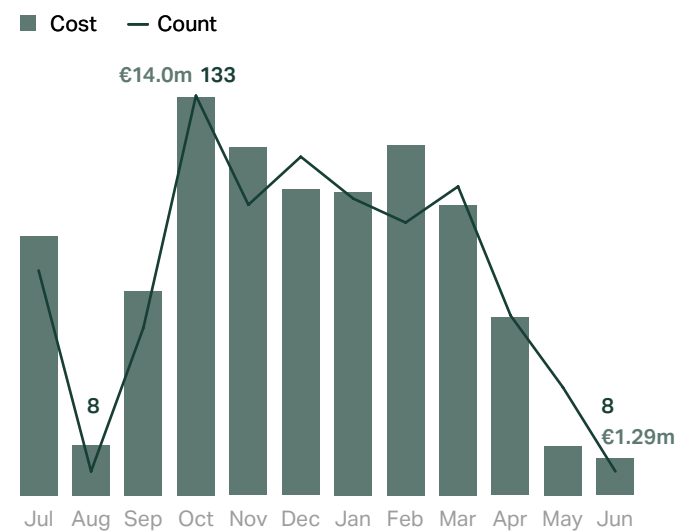
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Total injuries

€97.26m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

Muscle

190	Total players with injury
272	Total injury instances
17	Average injury severity (days)
€29.06m	Total injury cost
€0.11m	Average injury cost

Hamstring

56	Total players with injury
63	Total injury instances
17	Average injury severity (days)
€7.42m	Total injury cost
€0.12m	Average injury cost

Illness

162	Total players with injury
186	Total injury instances
14	Average injury severity (days)
€21.76m	Total injury cost
€0.12m	Average injury cost

Thigh/hip

48	Total players with injury
48	Total injury instances
16	Average injury severity (days)
€4.84m	Total injury cost
€0.10m	Average injury cost

Physical discomfort

60	Total players with injury
65	Total injury instances
10	Average injury severity (days)
€3.79m	Total injury cost
€0.06m	Average injury cost

Calf/shin

42	Total players with injury
43	Total injury instances
25	Average injury severity (days)
€6.86m	Total injury cost
€0.16m	Average injury cost

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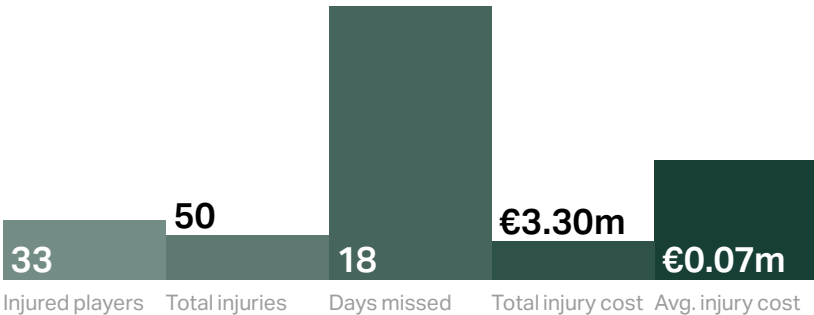
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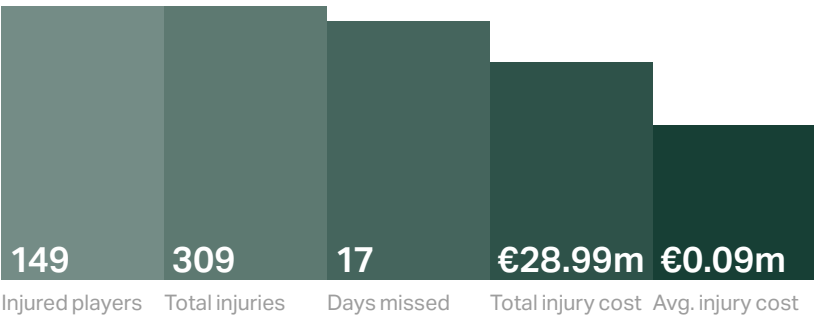
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Injuries by position

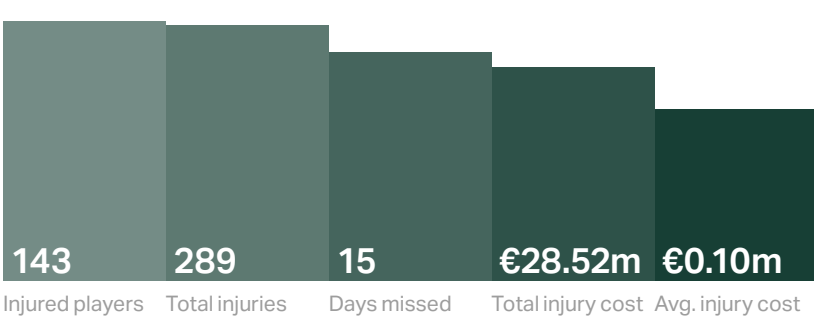
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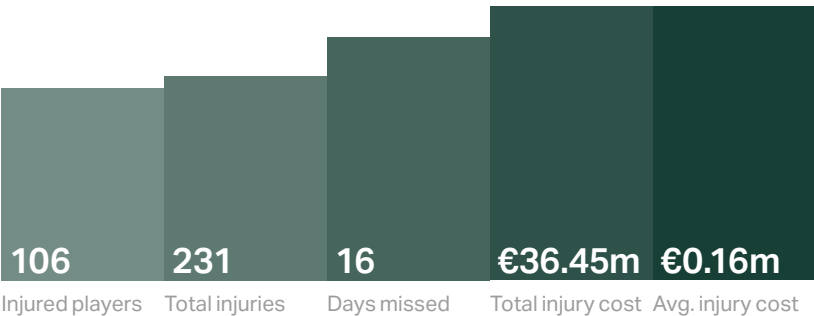
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 20



Total injury instances 27



Avg. injury severity 17



Total injury cost €0.60m



21 – 25

Total players injured 131



Total injury instances 241



Avg. injury severity 17



Total injury cost €19.37m

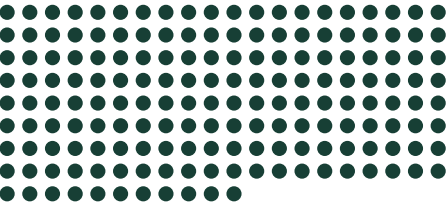


26 – 30

Total players injured 169



Total injury instances 342



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €35.68m



Over 30

Total players injured 111



Total injury instances 269



Avg. injury severity 17



Total injury cost €41.61m





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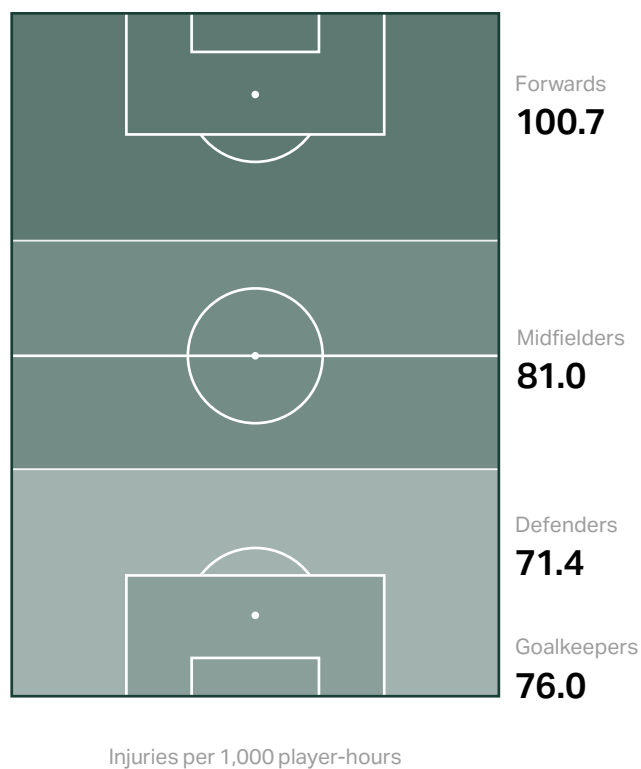
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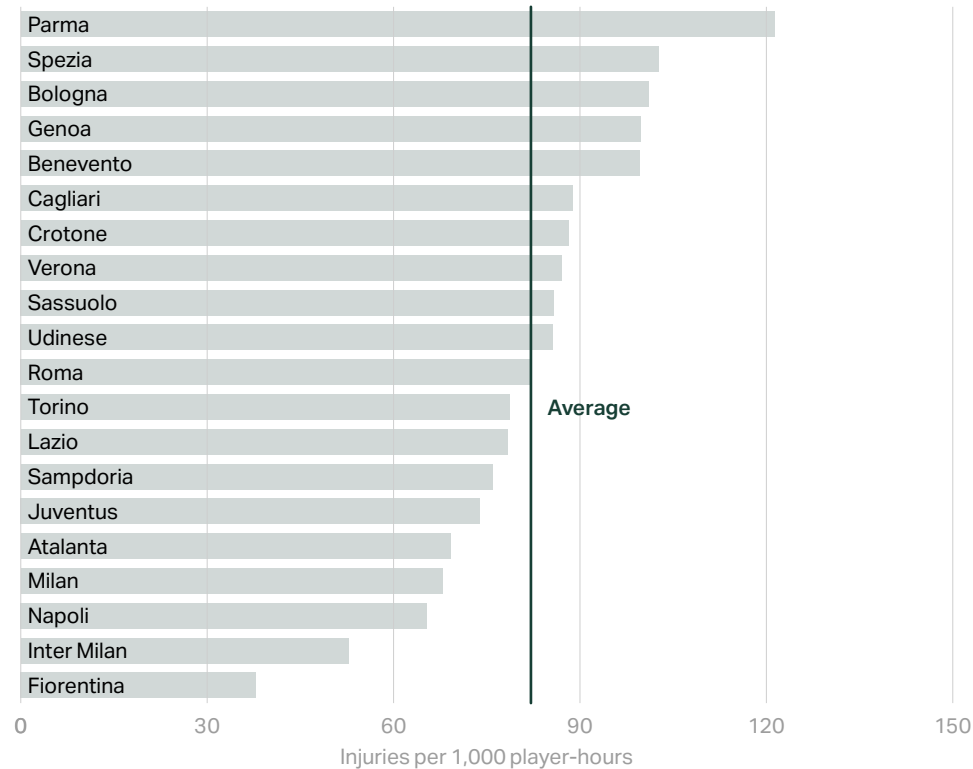


Injury susceptibility

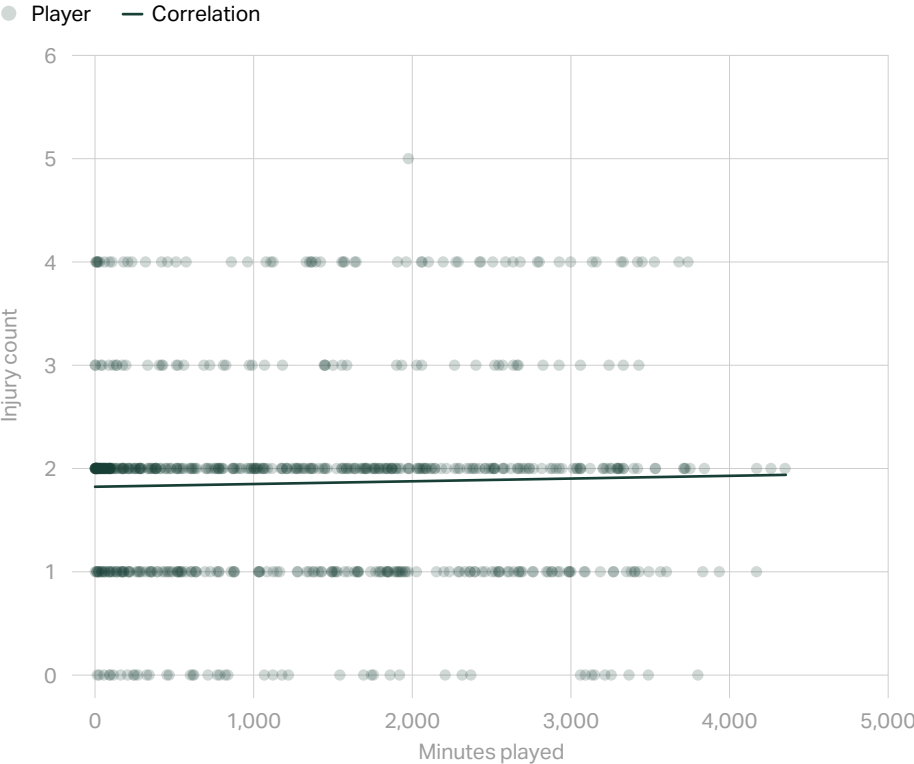
Positional variance



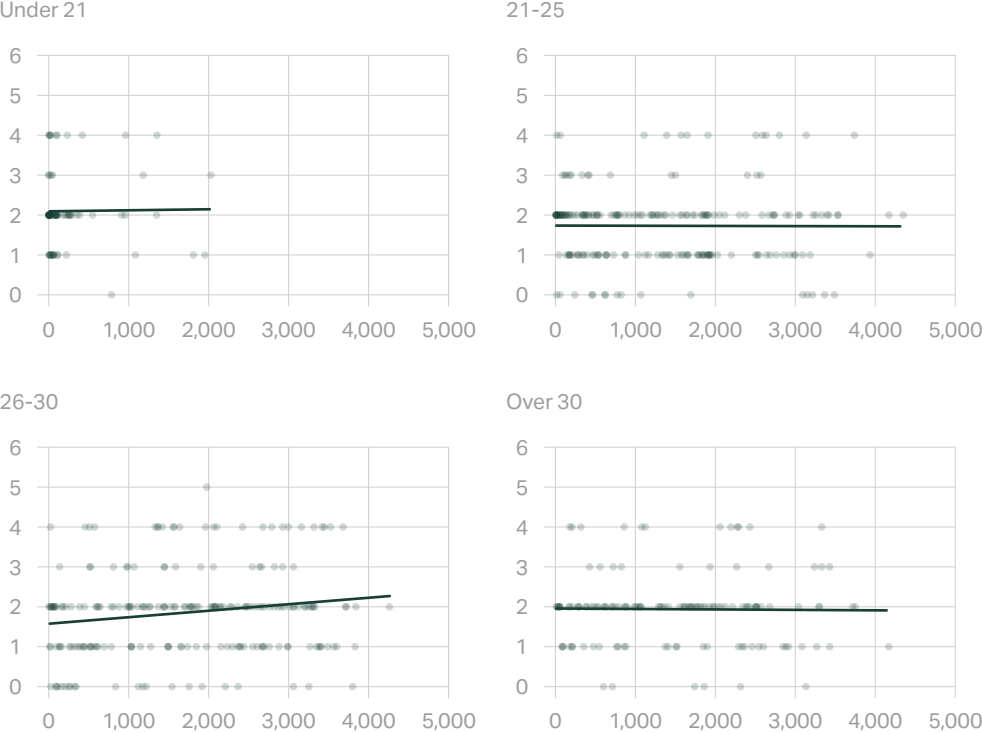
Club variance



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Overview

Rising absences

4,981 injuries were suffered by clubs in the top five men's European leagues.

Premier League clubs suffered the most with 1,289 injuries in total, a full 593 more than the lowest recorded in Ligue 1 (696).

Perhaps the most surprising observation is that the Bundesliga were only 26 injuries off 'top spot' despite the fact that there were two fewer teams in this division, relative to the other leagues.

In terms of cost, English clubs also paid out the most in salaries, €225.95m. This figure is just over €100m greater than the average total injury cost across the five leagues (€124.53m).

1,289

Premier League injury count

€225.95m

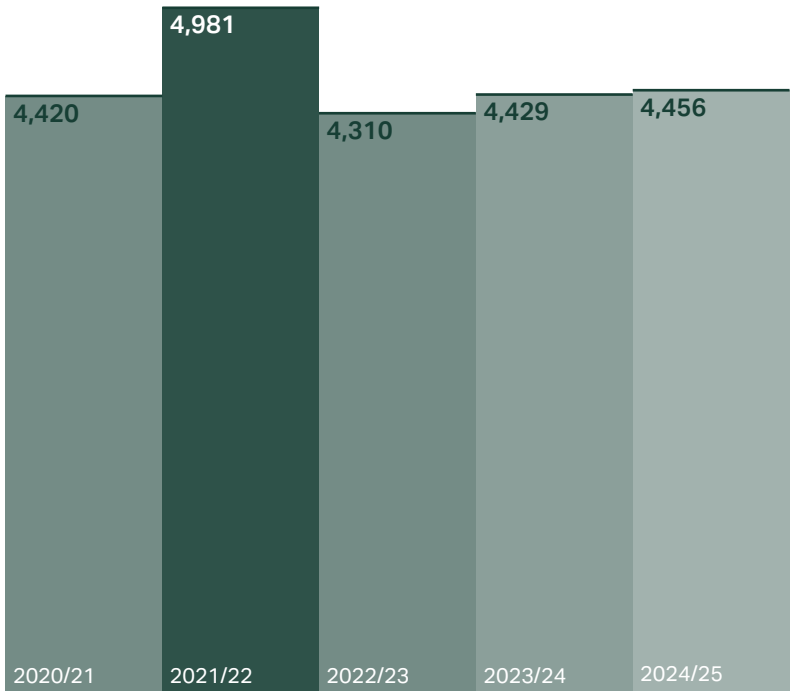
Premier League clubs also incurred the highest injury cost across the season

€124.53m

Average injury cost per league

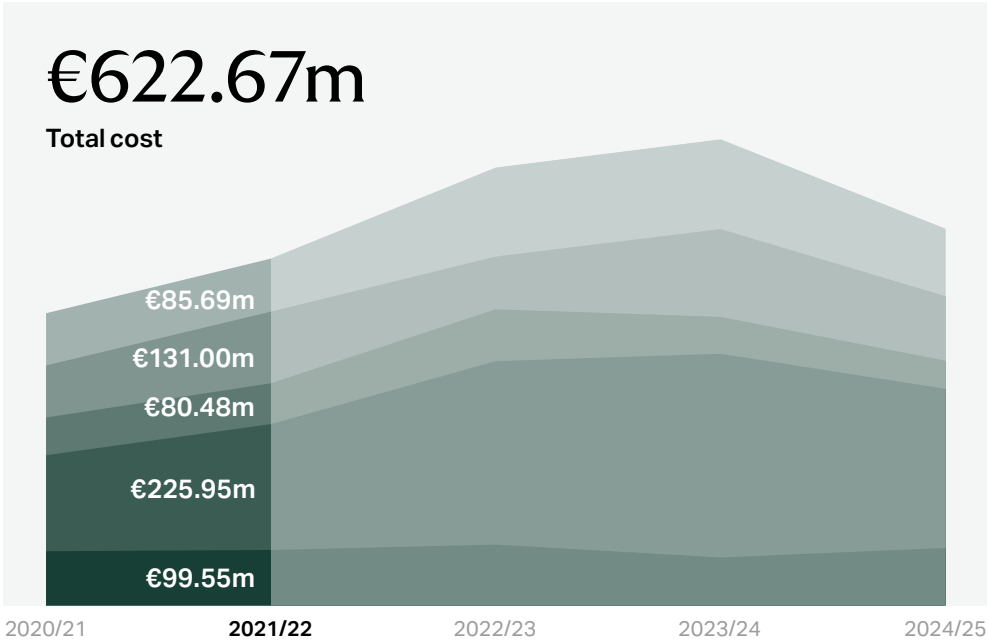


Injury count



Injury cost

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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Bayern Munich	103	12	21.79	0.21	25.43%
2 Borussia Dortmund	98	17	15.22	0.16	17.76%
3 Bayer Leverkusen	70	17	6.22	0.09	7.26%
4 RB Leipzig	84	12	6.12	0.07	7.14%
5 Union Berlin	54	12	0.90	0.02	1.05%
6 Freiburg	47	16	0.78	0.02	0.91%
7 Köln	71	11	2.42	0.03	2.83%
8 Mainz 05	37	22	1.78	0.05	2.08%
9 Hoffenheim	74	18	4.69	0.06	5.48%
10 B. Monchengladbach	67	16	5.66	0.08	6.61%
11 Eintracht Frankfurt	75	11	2.25	0.03	2.63%
12 Wolfsburg	69	16	5.78	0.08	6.74%
13 Bochum	83	17	2.08	0.03	2.43%
14 Augsburg	72	15	3.04	0.04	3.54%
15 Stuttgart	85	16	1.69	0.02	1.97%
16 Hertha Berlin	95	12	3.35	0.04	3.91%
17 Bielefeld	71	11	0.80	0.01	0.94%
18 Greuther Furth	35	25	1.11	0.03	1.30%

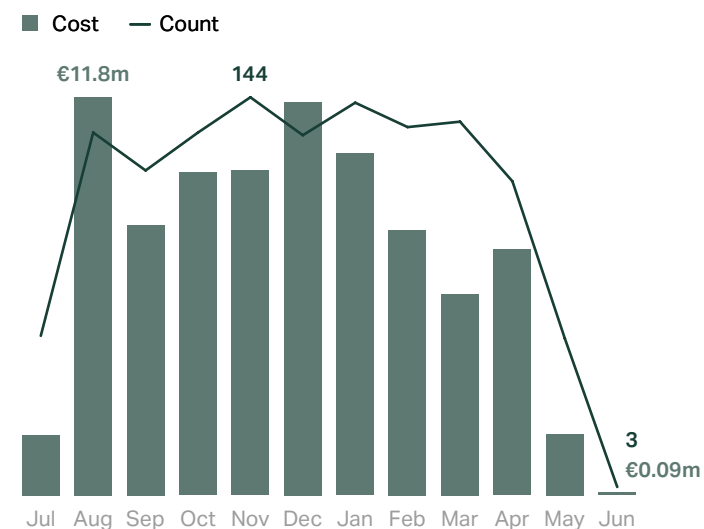
1,290

Total injuries

€85.69m

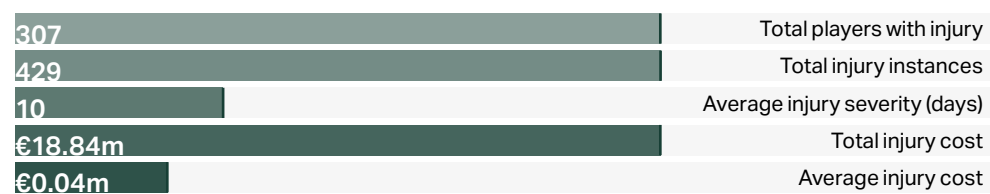
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

Illness



Ankle



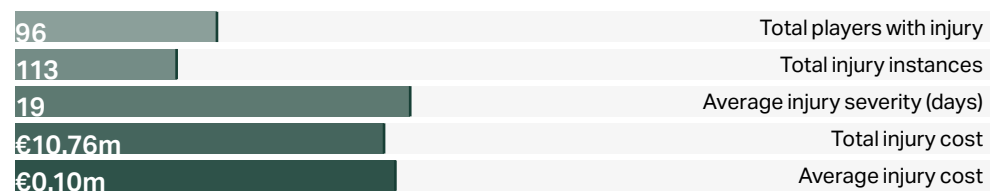
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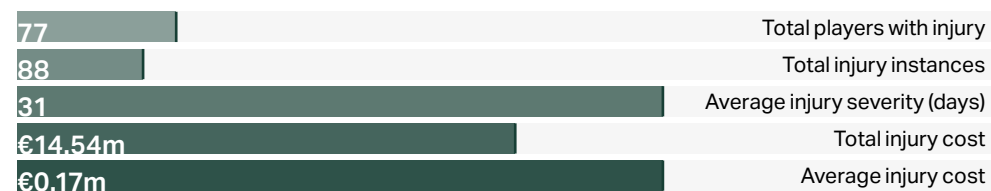
Knock



Thigh/hip



Knee



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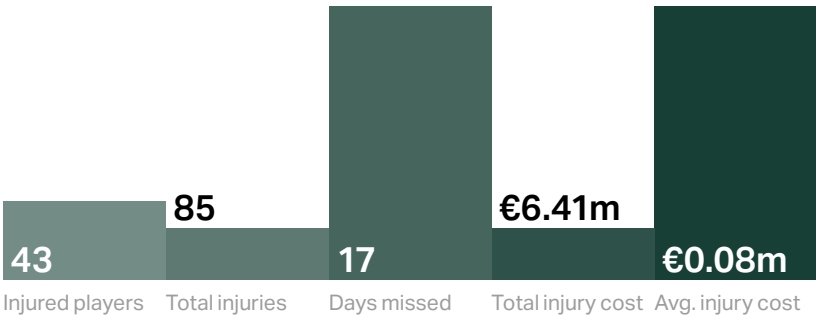
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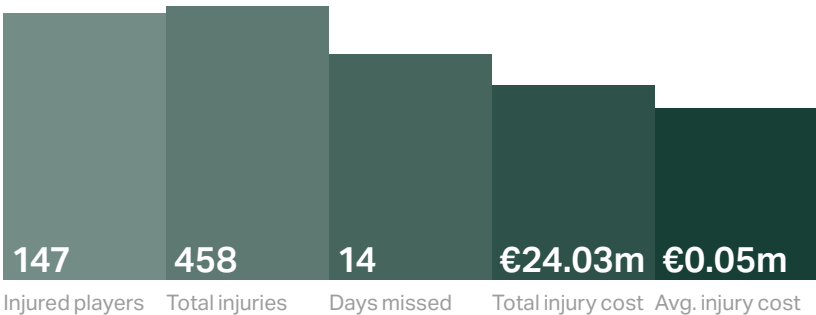
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Injuries by position

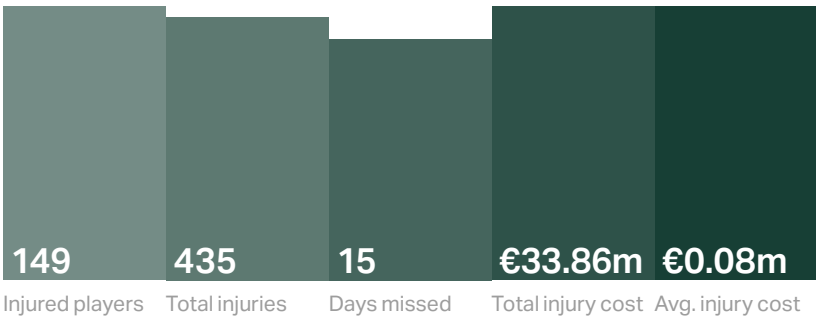
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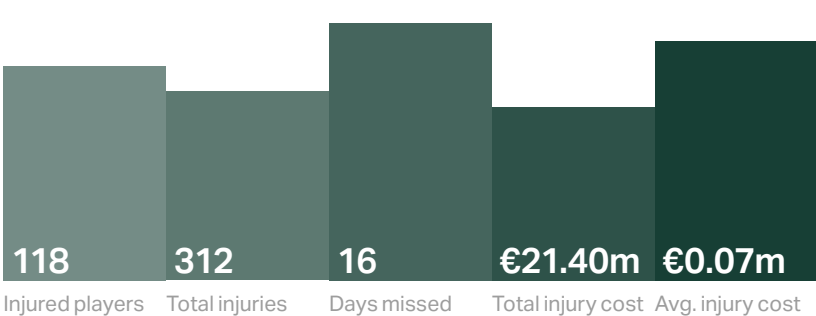
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 52



Total injury instances 117



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €2.74m

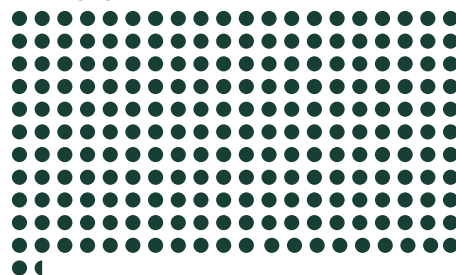


21 – 25

Total players injured 166



Total injury instances 443



Avg. injury severity 14



Total injury cost €18.79m

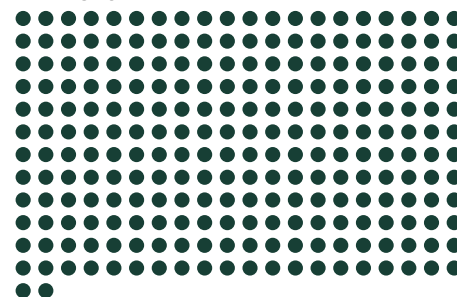


26 – 30

Total players injured 160



Total injury instances 484



Avg. injury severity 15



Total injury cost €42.28m



Over 30

Total players injured 79



Total injury instances 246



Avg. injury severity 14



Total injury cost €21.87m





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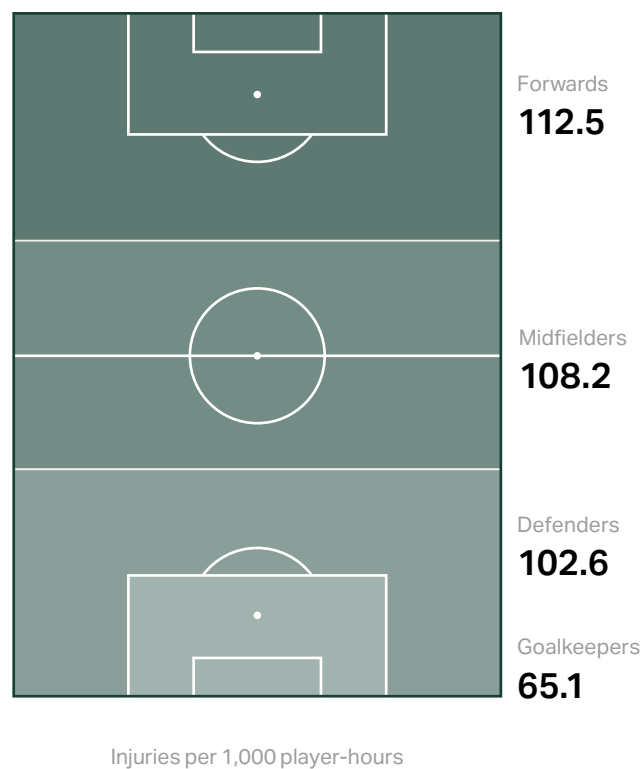
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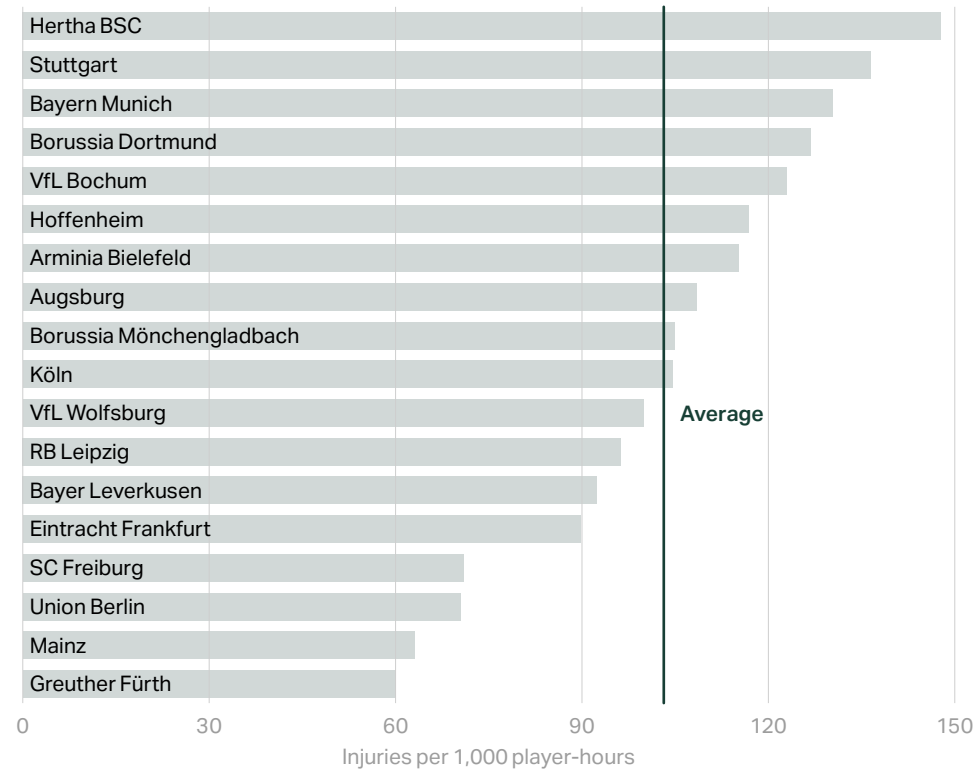


Injury susceptibility

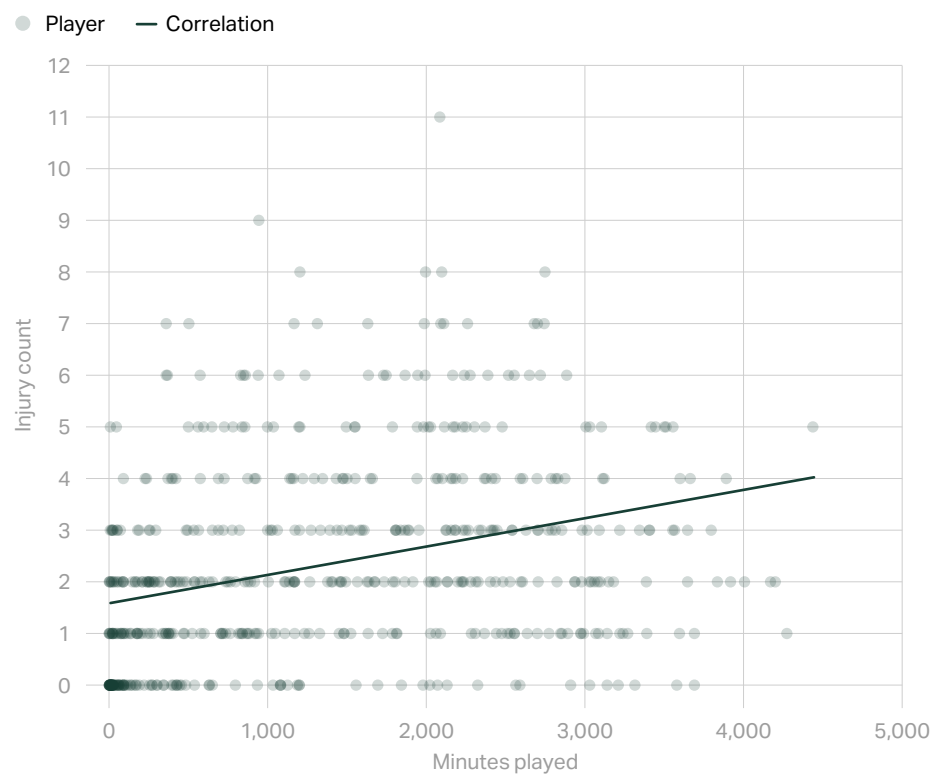
Positional variance



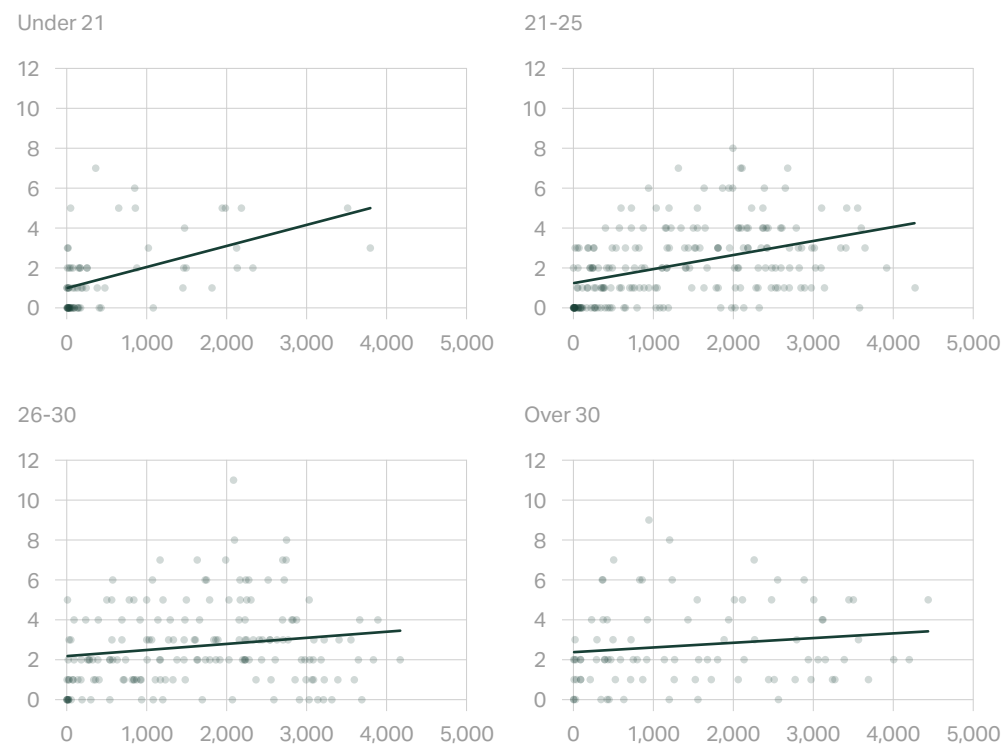
Club variance



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Real Madrid	115	10	40.78	0.35	31.13%
2 Barcelona	82	22	33.62	0.41	25.66%
3 Atlético Madrid	68	12	15.40	0.23	11.76%
4 Sevilla	52	17	7.46	0.14	5.70%
5 Betis	29	19	2.93	0.10	2.24%
6 Real Sociedad	41	25	5.25	0.13	4.00%
7 Villarreal	23	23	3.84	0.17	2.93%
8 Athletic Bilbao	45	22	3.10	0.07	2.37%
9 Valencia	46	16	5.08	0.11	3.88%
10 Osasuna	36	16	0.75	0.02	0.58%
11 Celta Vigo	34	13	1.39	0.04	1.06%
12 Rayo Vallecano	34	14	0.56	0.02	0.43%
13 Elche	44	14	1.27	0.03	0.97%
14 Espanyol	23	14	0.96	0.04	0.73%
15 Getafe	21	31	1.41	0.07	1.07%
16 Mallorca	36	21	1.12	0.03	0.86%
17 Cadiz	30	17	0.89	0.03	0.68%
18 Granada	33	23	1.72	0.05	1.31%
19 Levante	46	22	2.97	0.06	2.27%
20 Alavés	19	17	0.49	0.03	0.38%

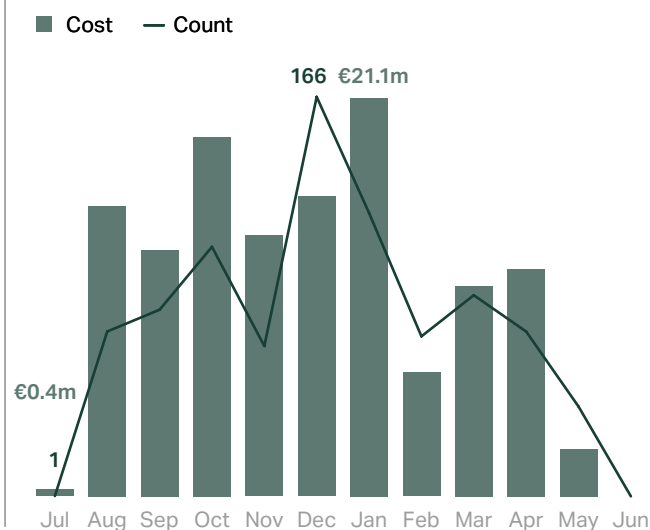
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Total injuries

€131.00m

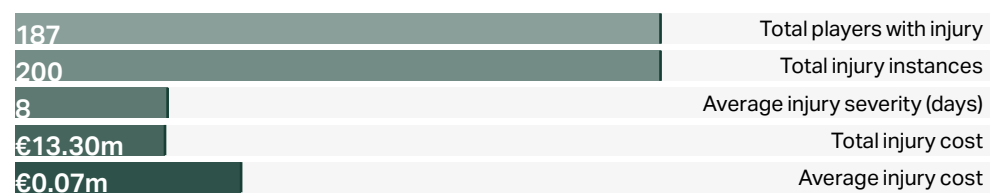
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

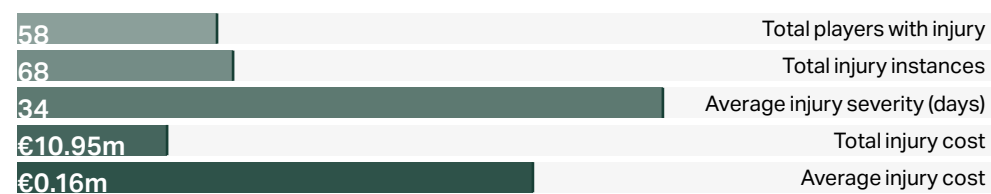


Injuries by type

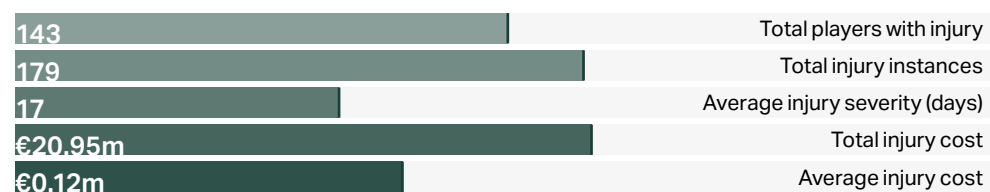
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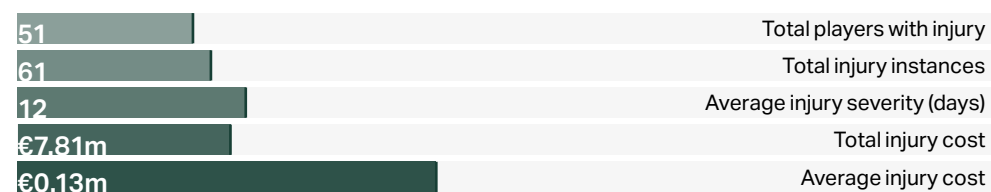
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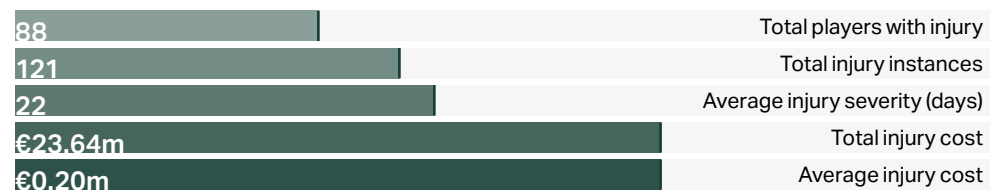
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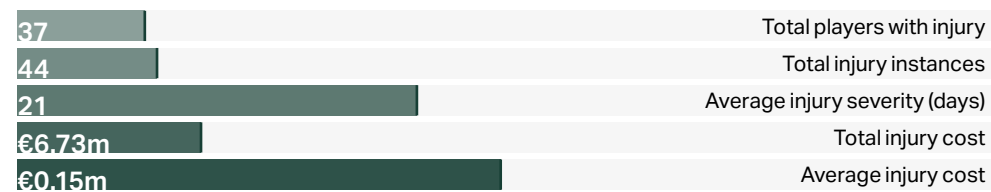
Physical discomfort



Hamstring



Ankle



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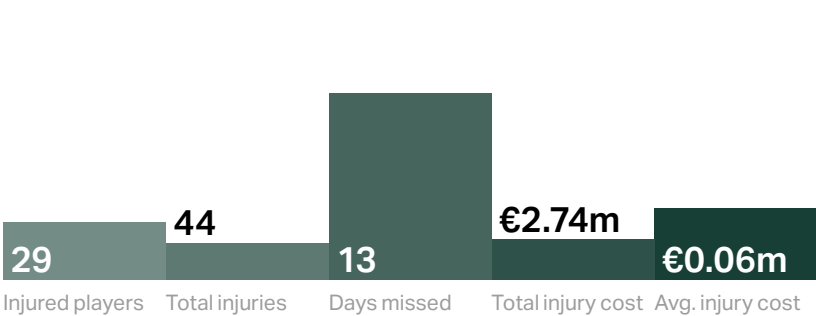
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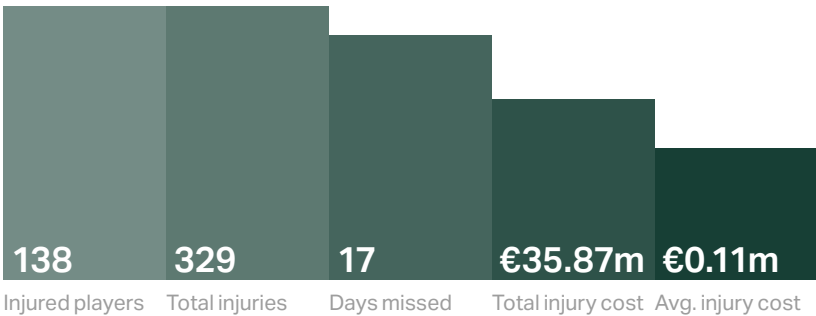
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Injuries by position

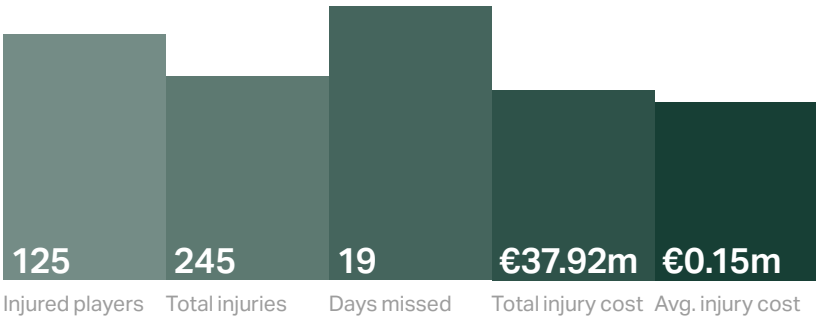
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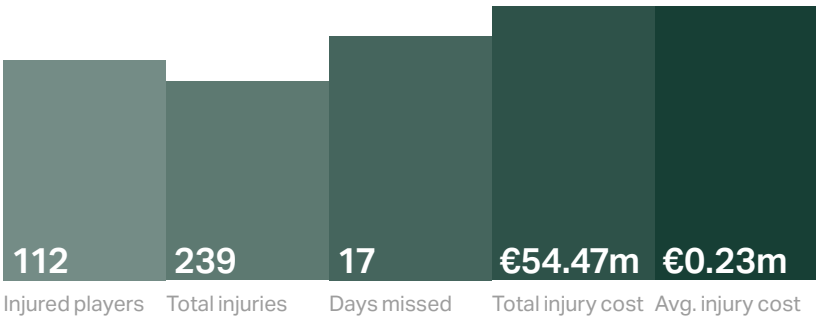
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 22



Total injury instances 42



Avg. injury severity 21



Total injury cost €3.74m



21 – 25

Total players injured 125



Total injury instances 232



Avg. injury severity 18



Total injury cost €21.76m

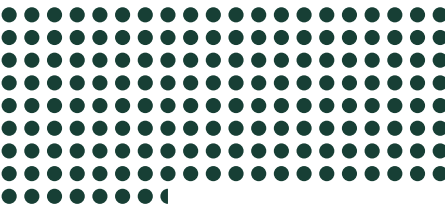


26 – 30

Total players injured 151



Total injury instances 335



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €47.03m



Over 30

Total players injured 106



Total injury instances 248



Avg. injury severity 17



Total injury cost €58.48m





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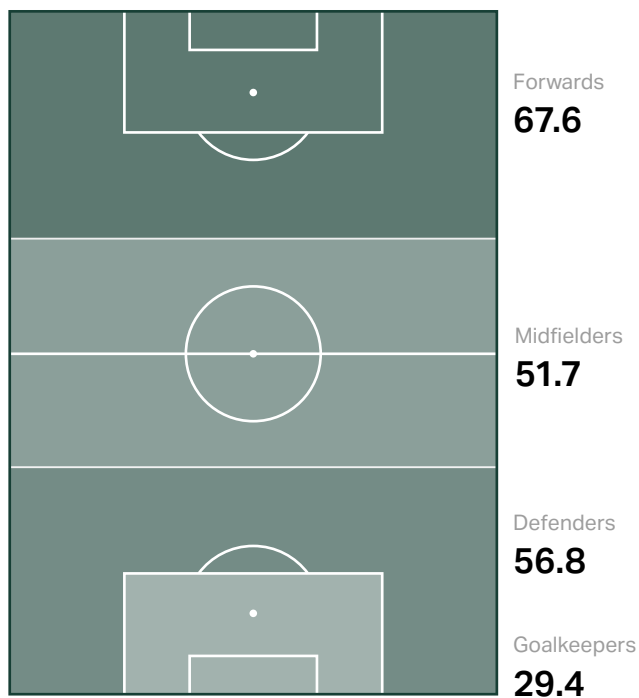
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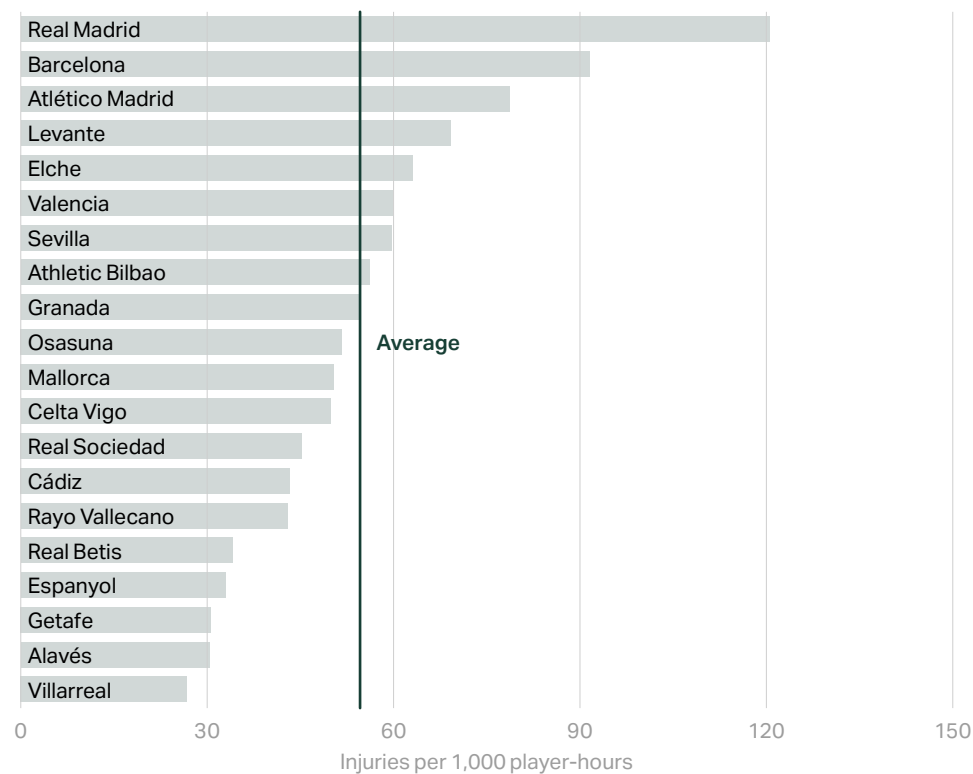
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



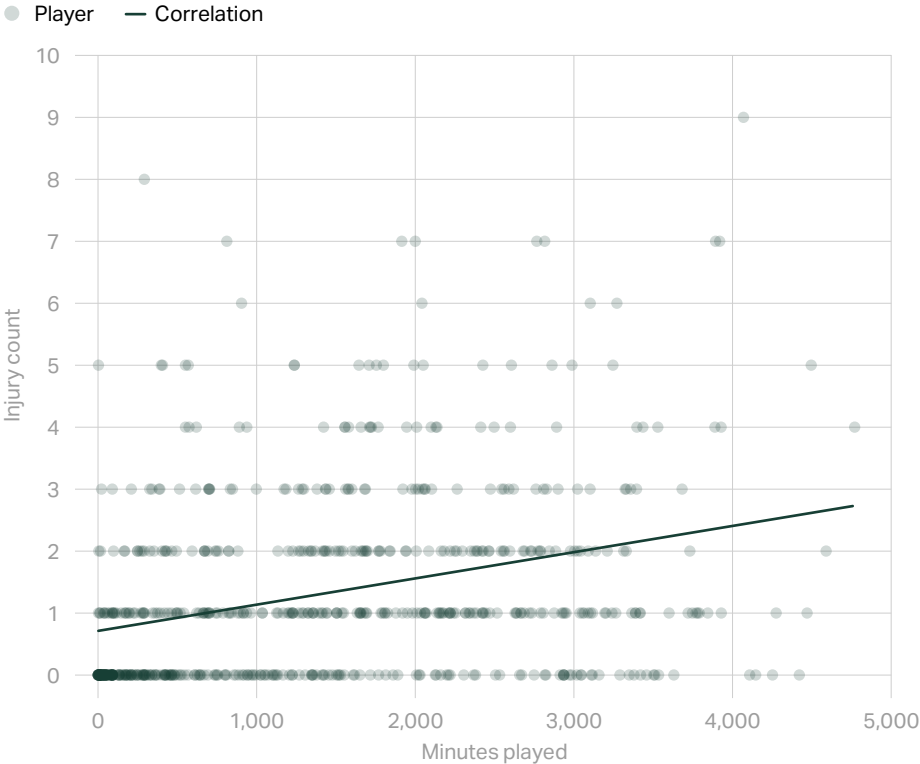
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

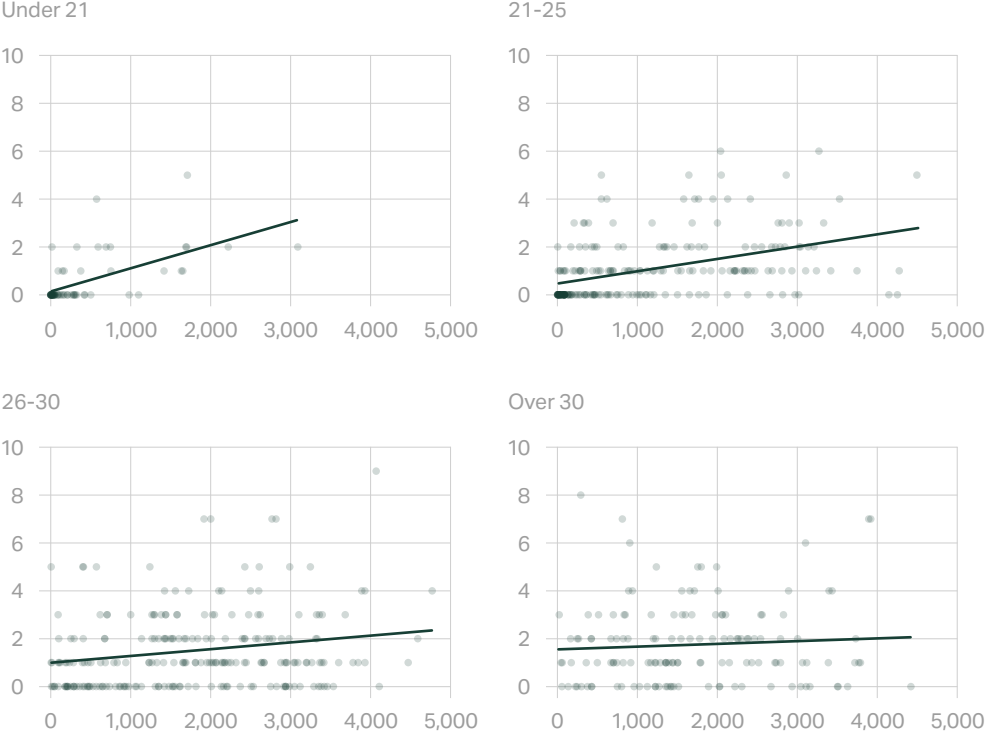


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Paris Saint-Germain	91	15	40.73	0.45	50.61%
2 Marseille	23	18	3.09	0.13	3.84%
3 Monaco	47	19	8.56	0.18	10.63%
4 Rennes	23	37	2.09	0.09	2.59%
5 Nice	25	20	2.54	0.10	3.16%
6 Strasbourg	32	29	1.06	0.03	1.31%
7 Lens	21	26	0.70	0.03	0.87%
8 Lyon	44	19	5.03	0.11	6.25%
9 Nantes	47	18	1.54	0.03	1.91%
10 Lille	26	26	2.44	0.09	3.03%
11 Brest	26	20	0.72	0.03	0.90%
12 Reims	39	34	1.31	0.03	1.63%
13 Montpellier	17	43	0.97	0.06	1.20%
14 Angers	22	30	0.55	0.03	0.69%
15 Troyes	32	31	1.05	0.03	1.31%
16 Lorient	32	29	1.06	0.03	1.31%
17 Clermont Foot	33	25	0.45	0.01	0.56%
18 Saint Etienne	46	28	2.25	0.05	2.80%
19 Metz	29	37	2.02	0.07	2.50%
20 Bordeaux	41	27	2.34	0.06	2.90%

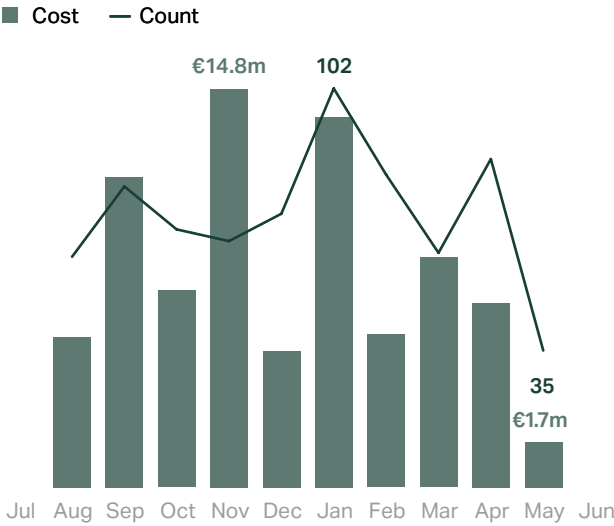
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Total injuries

€80.48m

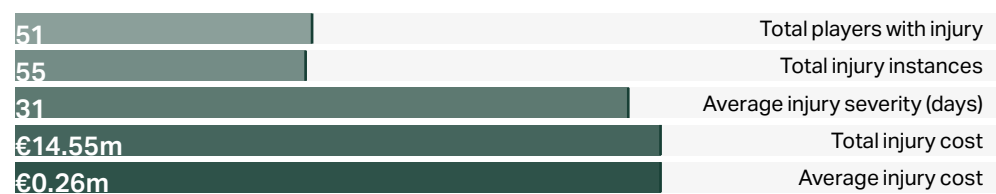
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

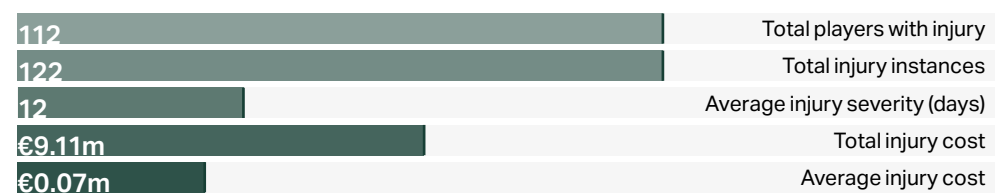


Injuries by type

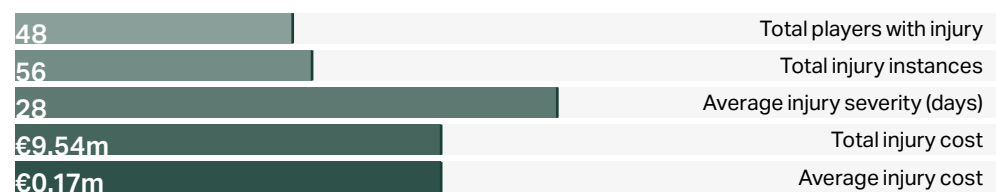
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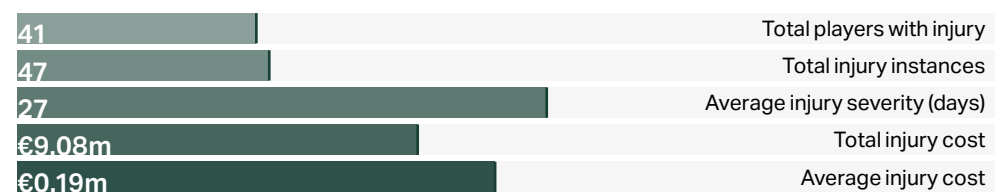
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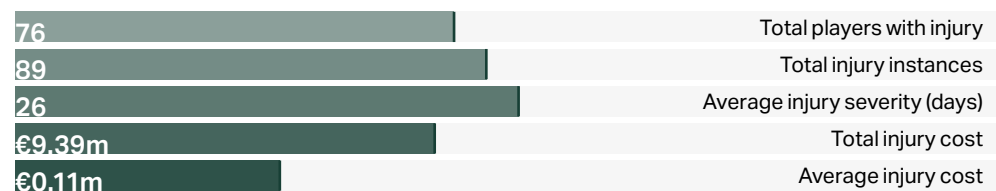
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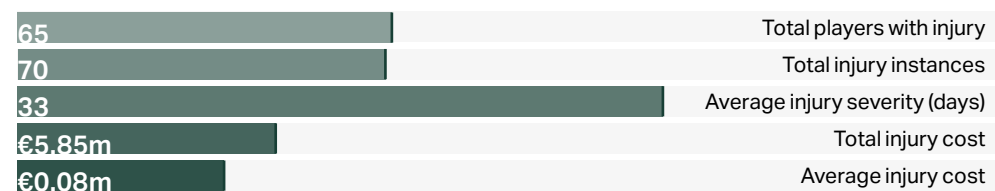
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Muscle



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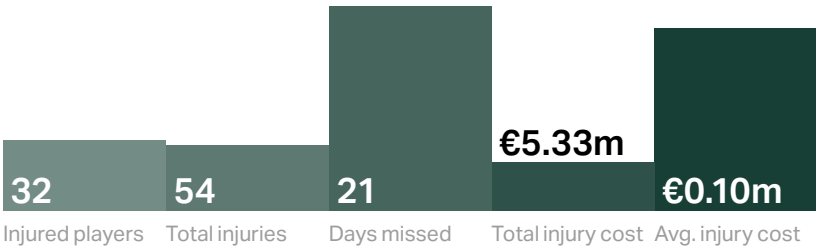
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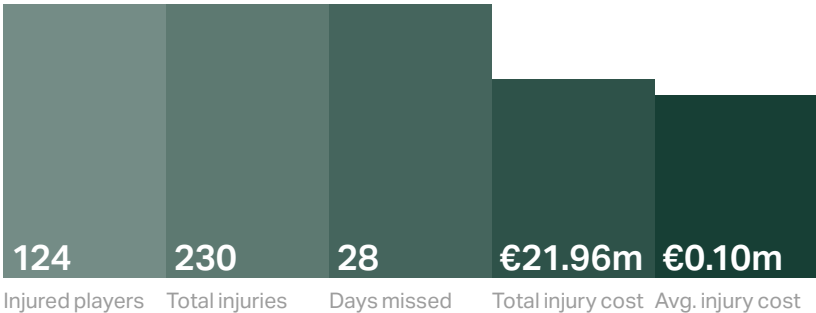
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Injuries by position

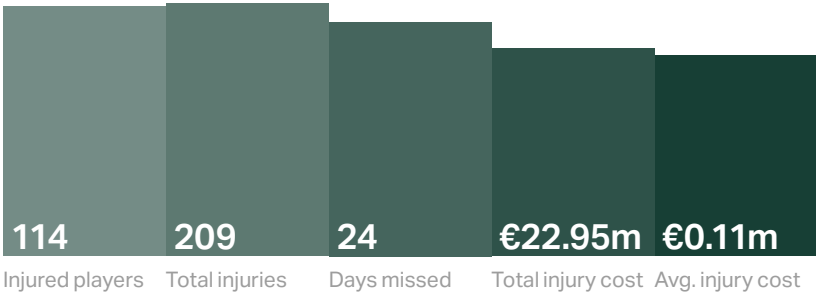
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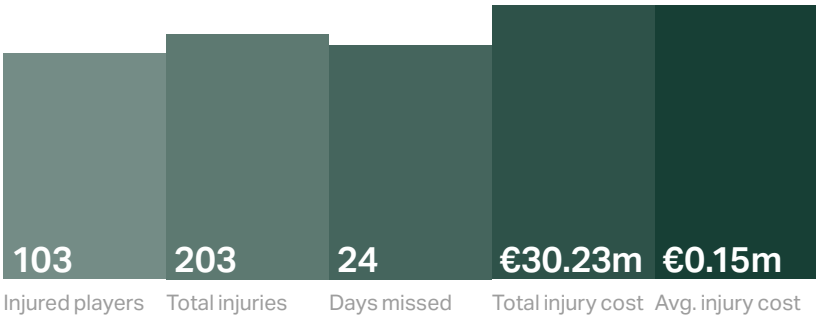
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Midfielders



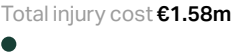
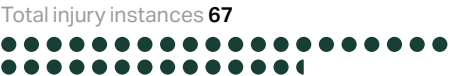
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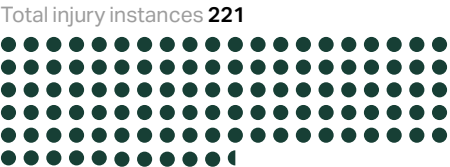
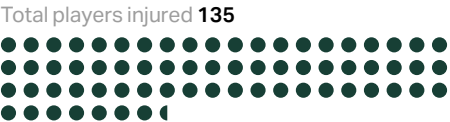
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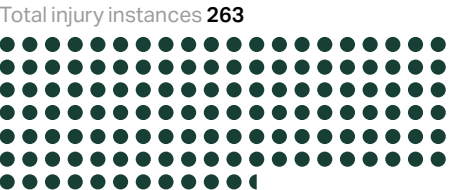
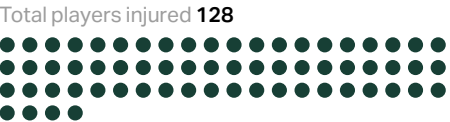
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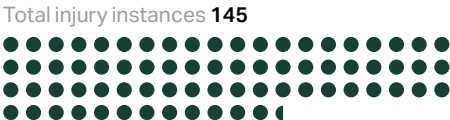
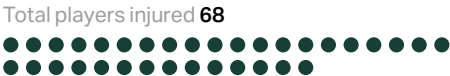
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Over 30





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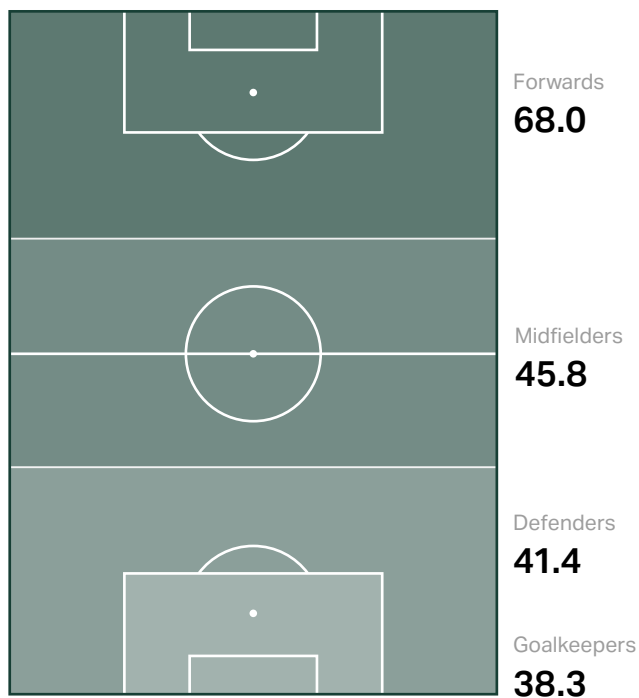
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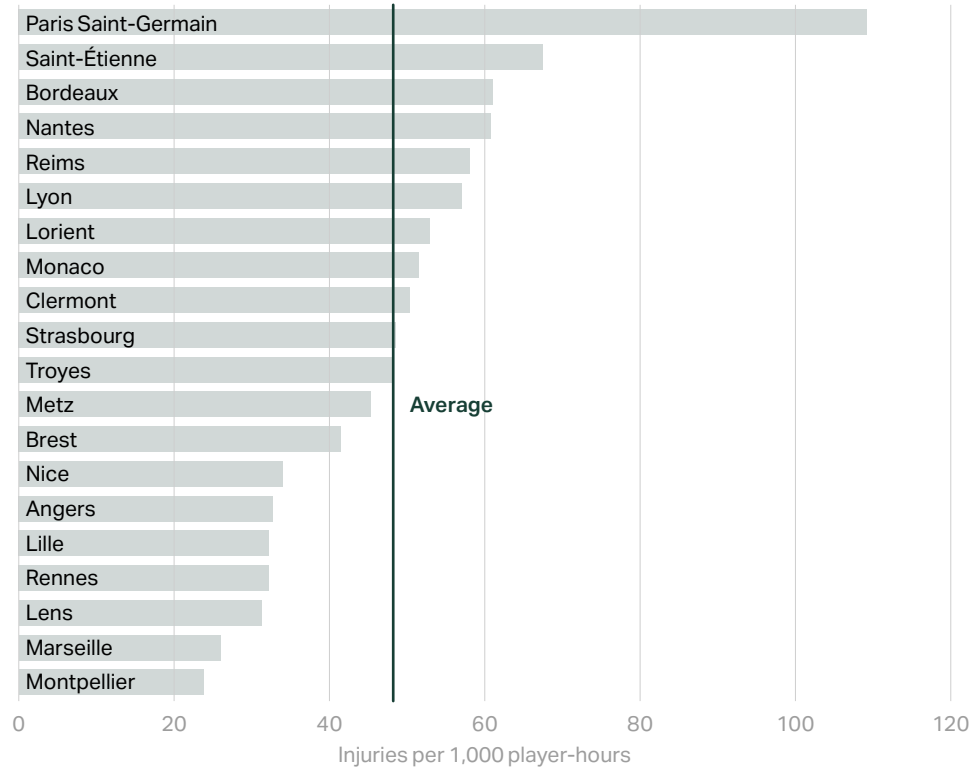
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



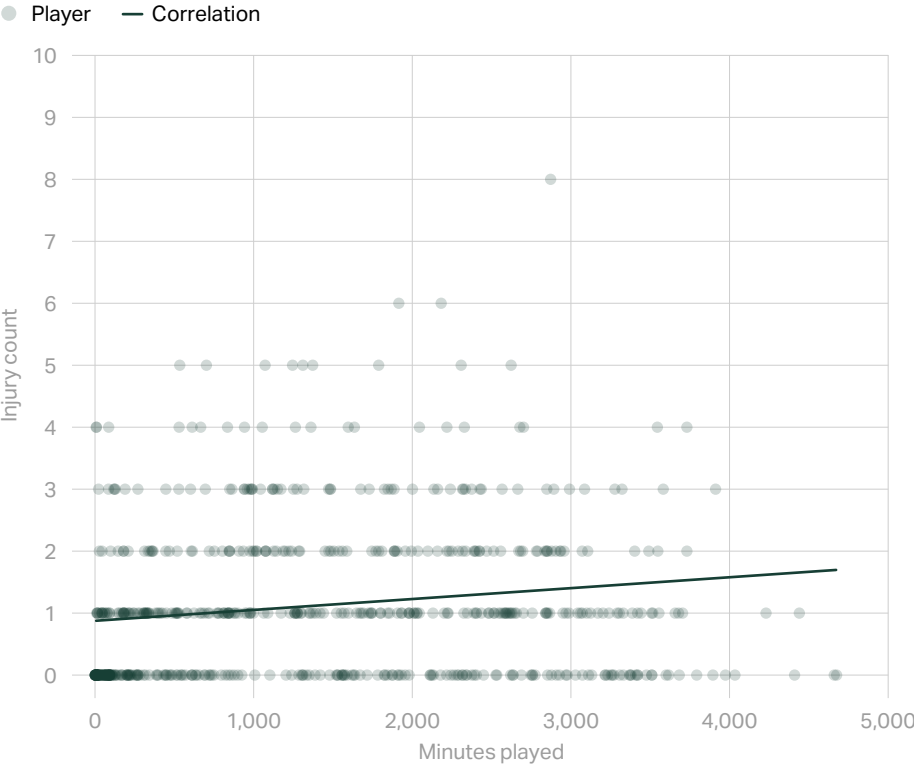
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

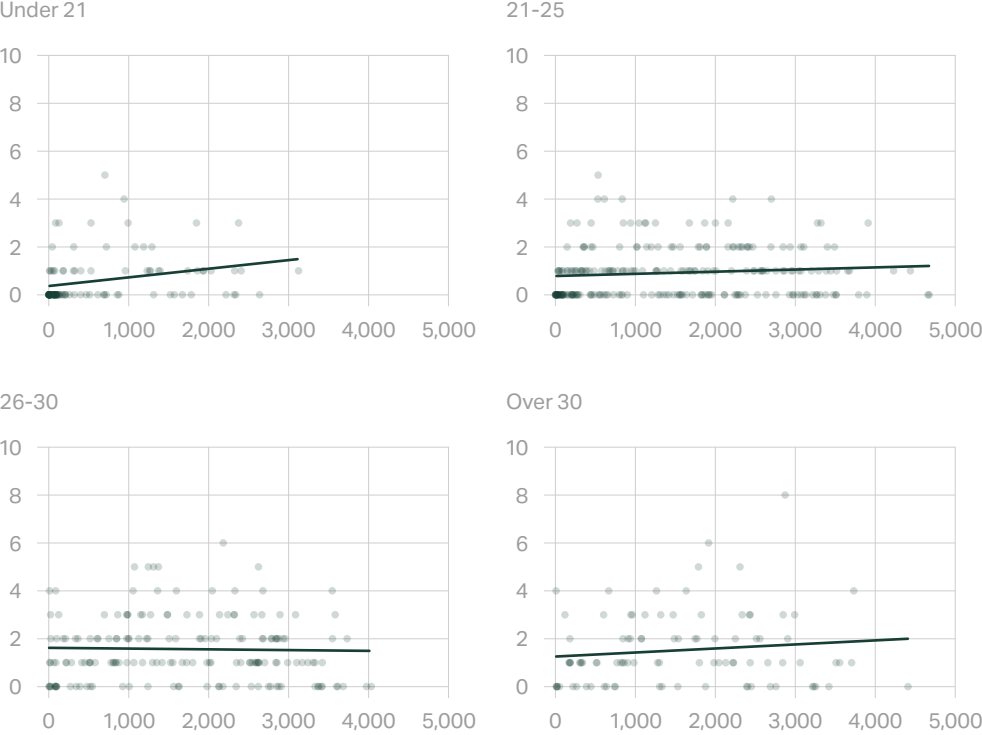


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Manchester City	73	15	16.86	0.23	7.46%
2 Liverpool	84	13	21.38	0.25	9.46%
3 Chelsea	98	12	30.10	0.31	13.32%
4 Tottenham	54	14	8.53	0.16	3.78%
5 Arsenal	73	11	10.98	0.15	4.86%
6 Manchester United	85	13	33.56	0.39	14.85%
7 West Ham	48	16	7.45	0.16	3.30%
8 Leicester	76	17	15.53	0.20	6.88%
9 Brighton	53	17	5.39	0.10	2.38%
10 Wolves	34	24	5.51	0.16	2.44%
11 Newcastle United	68	15	8.46	0.12	3.74%
12 Crystal Palace	38	11	3.67	0.10	1.63%
13 Brentford	48	25	3.35	0.07	1.48%
14 Aston Villa	63	16	9.33	0.15	4.13%
15 Southampton	50	17	6.54	0.13	2.89%
16 Everton	74	19	18.95	0.26	8.38%
17 Leeds	70	22	6.52	0.09	2.88%
18 Burnley	54	12	4.20	0.08	1.86%
19 Watford	70	17	5.66	0.08	2.50%
20 Norwich	76	15	3.99	0.05	1.77%

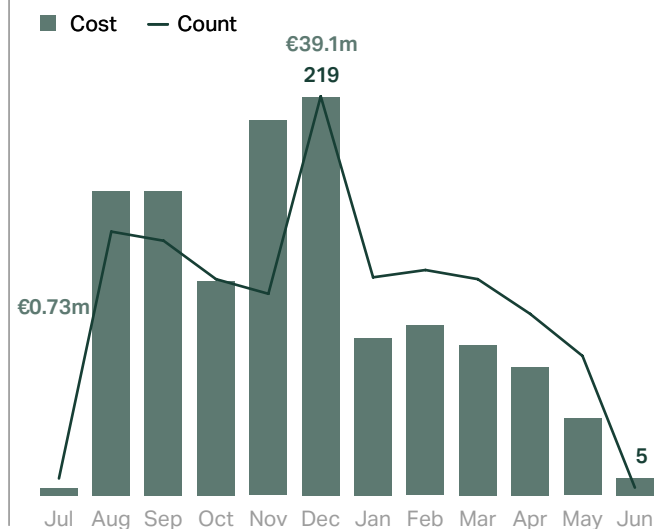
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Total injuries

€225.95m

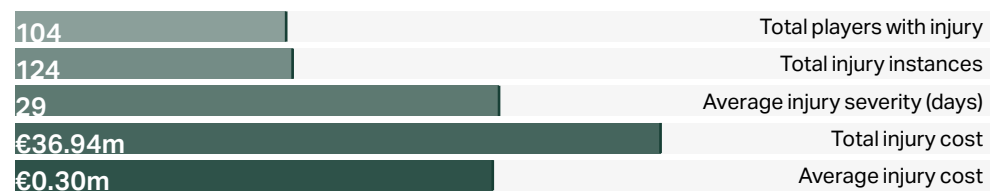
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

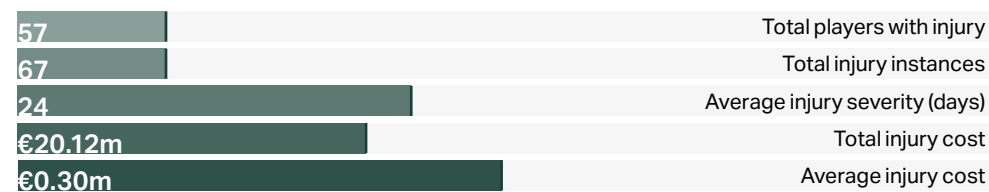


Injuries by type

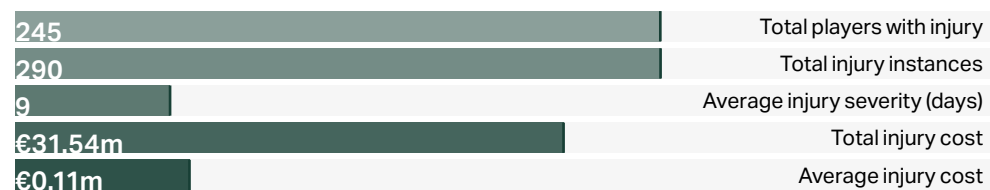
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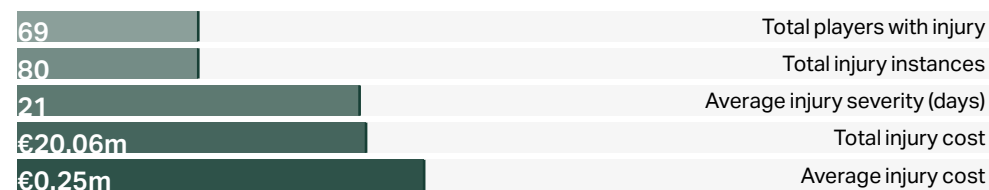
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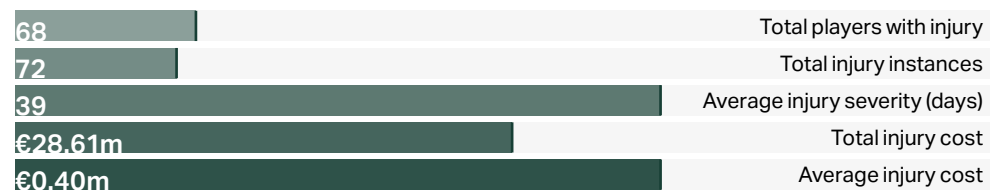
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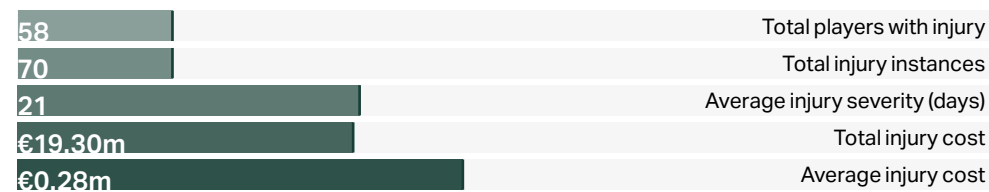
Ankle



Knee



Calf/shin



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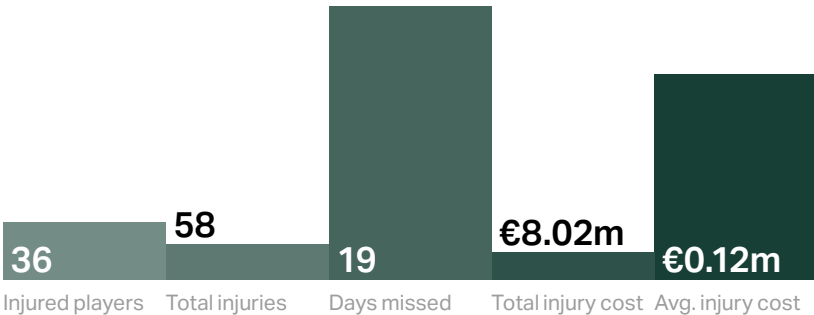
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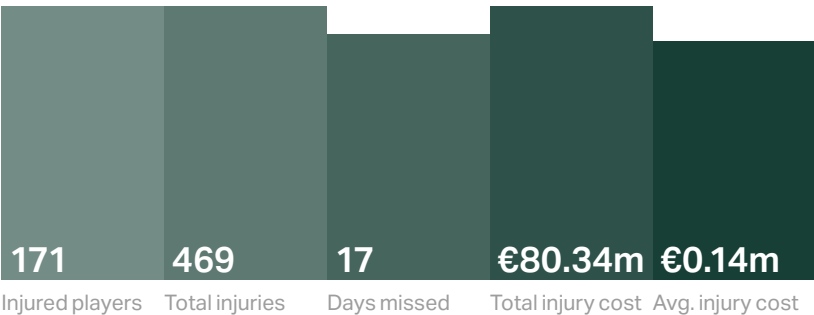
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Injuries by position

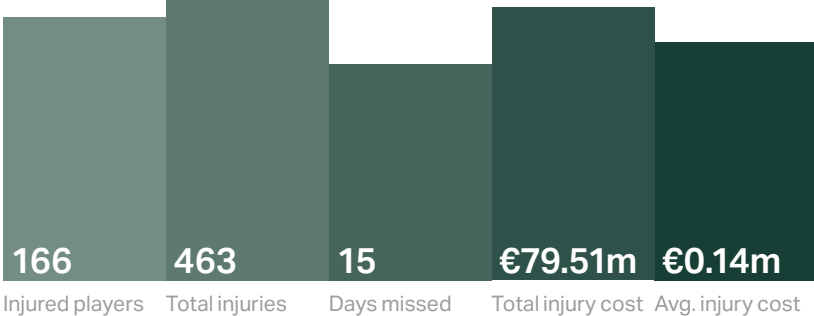
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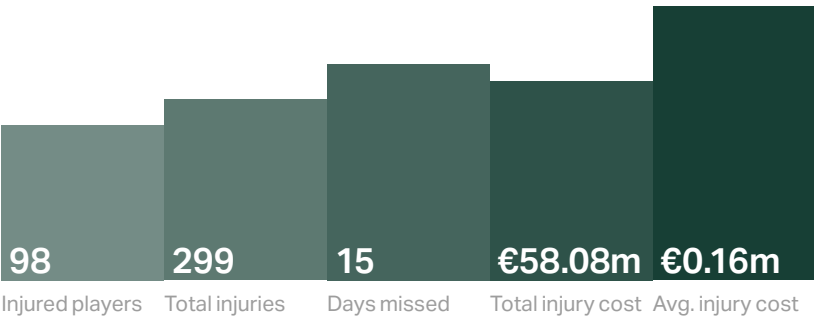
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 33



Total injury instances 75



Avg. injury severity 21



Total injury cost €3.71m

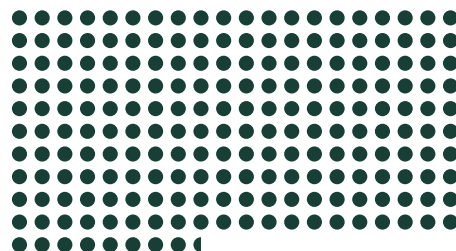


21 – 25

Total players injured 158



Total injury instances 417



Avg. injury severity 15



Total injury cost €58.39m

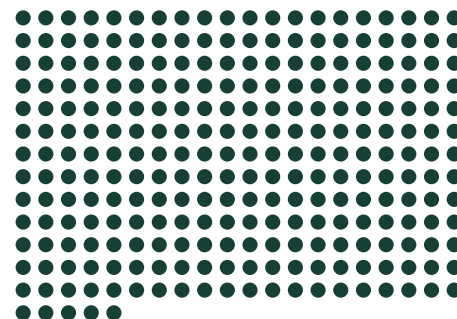


26 – 30

Total players injured 179



Total injury instances 530



Avg. injury severity 15



Total injury cost €102.91m



Over 30

Total players injured 101



Total injury instances 267



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €60.94m





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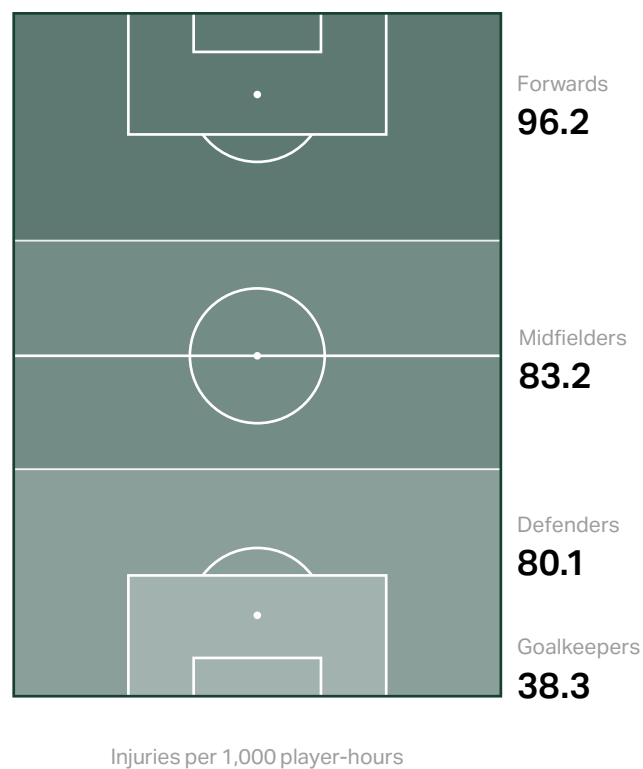
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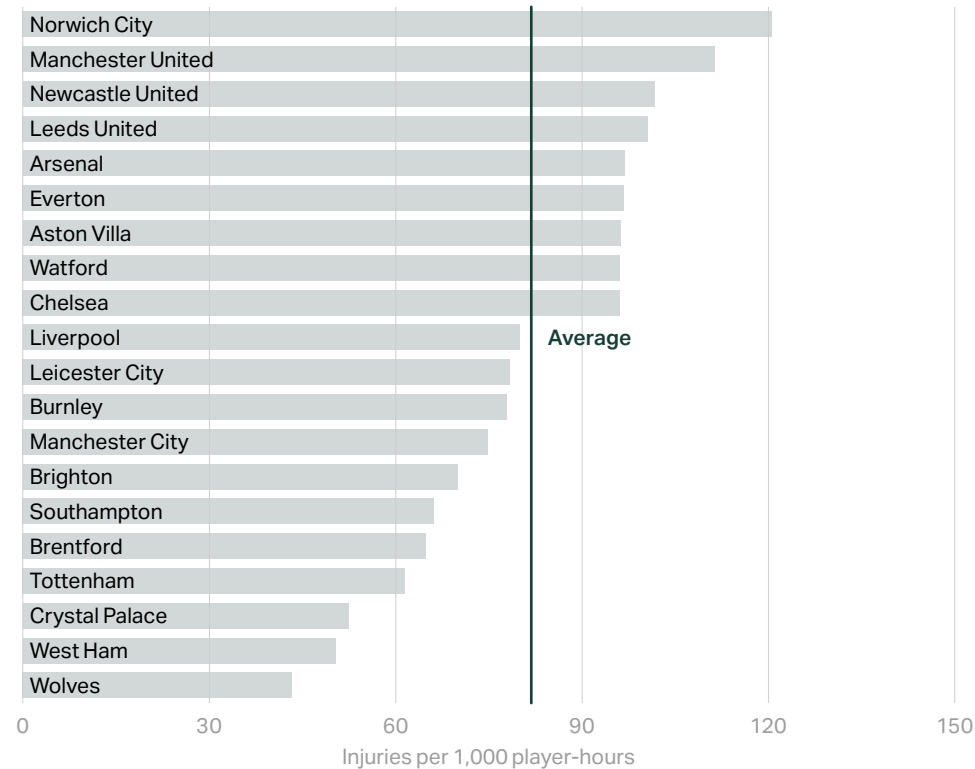


Injury susceptibility

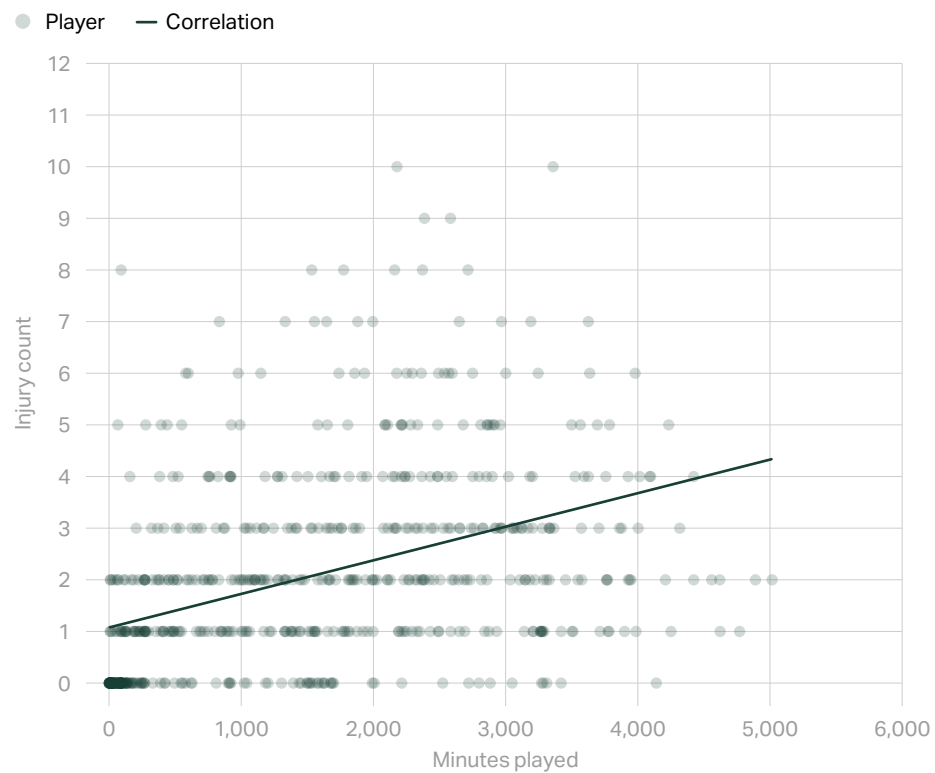
Positional variance



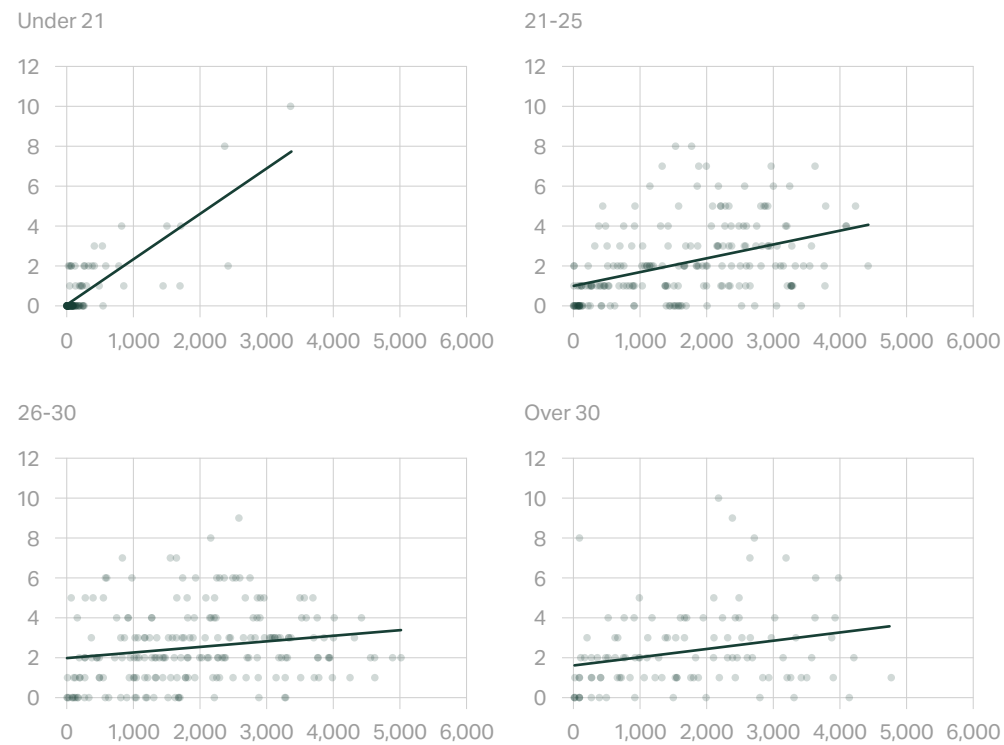
Club variance



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

	Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	AC Milan	55	15	9.76	0.18	9.80%
2	Inter	39	17	6.25	0.16	6.27%
3	Napoli	72	14	11.97	0.17	12.02%
4	Juventus	91	13	23.48	0.26	23.59%
5	Lazio	33	16	5.84	0.18	5.86%
6	Roma	55	12	5.41	0.10	5.43%
7	Fiorentina	25	14	1.92	0.08	1.93%
8	Atalanta	45	17	4.40	0.10	4.42%
9	Verona	40	19	1.82	0.05	1.83%
10	Torino	55	21	6.31	0.11	6.33%
11	Sassuolo	18	36	2.34	0.13	2.35%
12	Udinese	20	19	1.15	0.06	1.15%
13	Bologna	49	18	2.69	0.05	2.70%
14	Empoli	13	20	0.79	0.06	0.80%
15	Sampdoria	23	27	1.99	0.09	1.99%
16	Spezia	36	23	1.57	0.04	1.58%
17	Salernitana	49	21	1.95	0.04	1.96%
18	Cagliari	58	22	4.85	0.08	4.87%
19	Genoa	40	21	4.40	0.11	4.42%
20	Venezia	33	19	0.68	0.02	0.68%

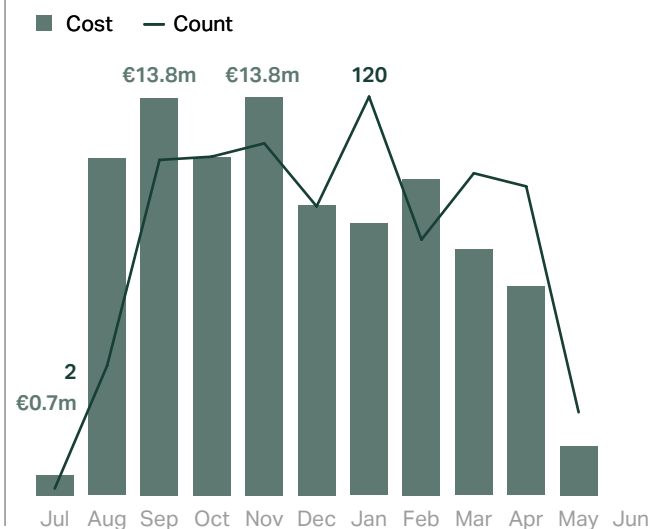
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Total injuries

€99.55m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

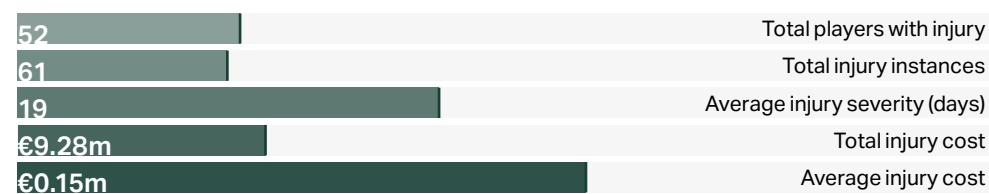


Injuries by type

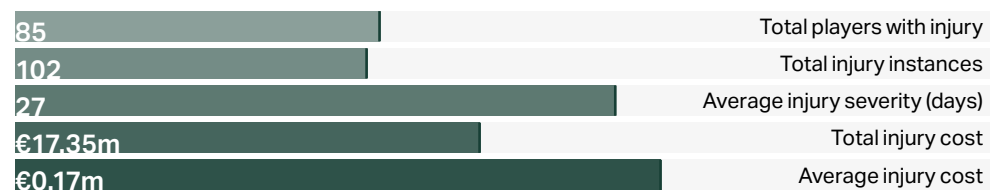
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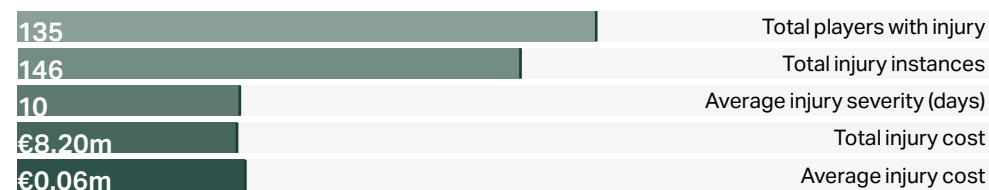
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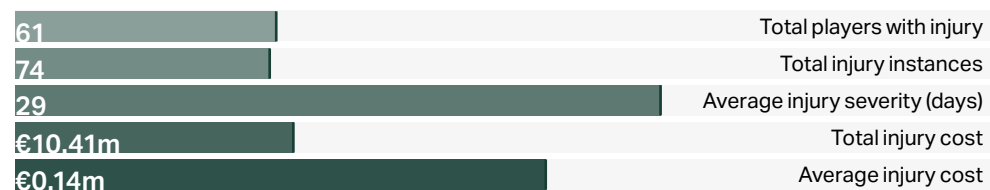
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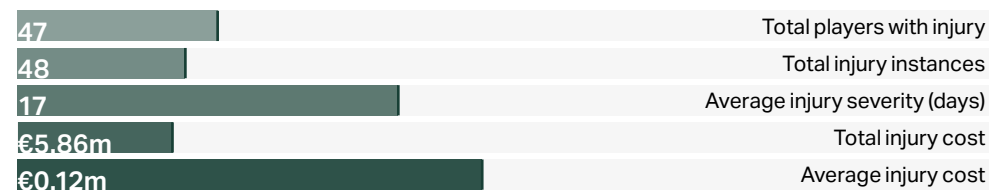
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Knee



Thigh/hip



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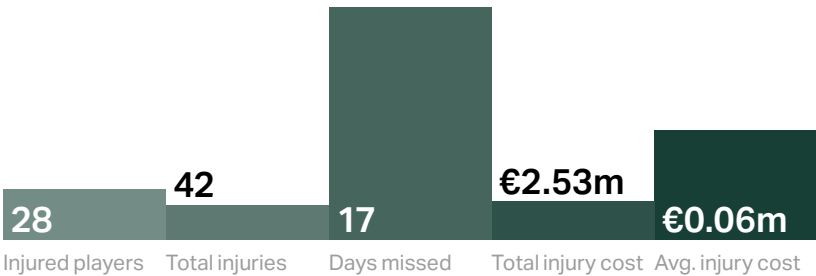
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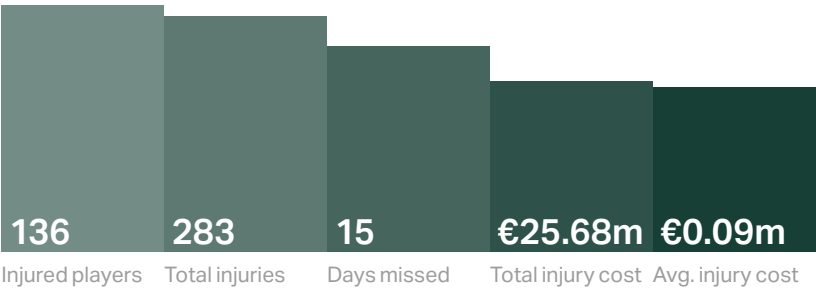
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Injuries by position

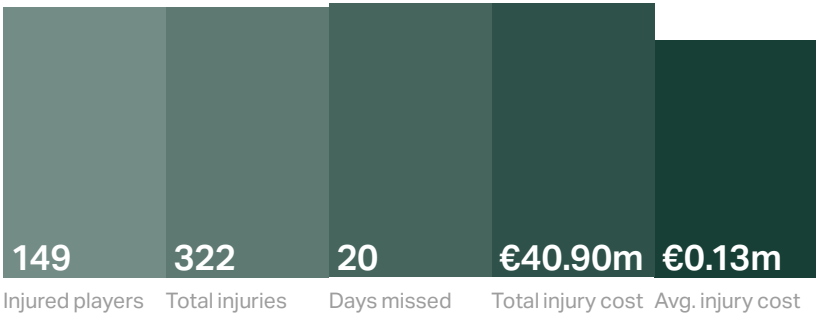
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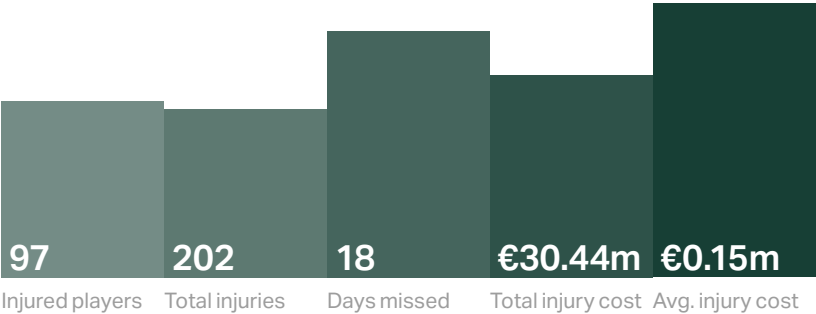
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 26



Total injury instances 38



Avg. injury severity 20



Total injury cost €1.36m

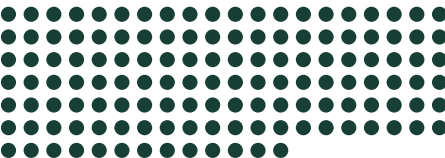


21 – 25

Total players injured 147



Total injury instances 266



Avg. injury severity 20



Total injury cost €20.88m

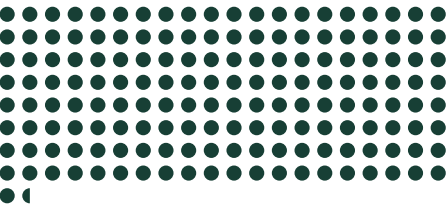


26 – 30

Total players injured 150



Total injury instances 323



Avg. injury severity 18



Total injury cost €44.73m



Over 30

Total players injured 87



Total injury instances 222



Avg. injury severity 15



Total injury cost €32.57m





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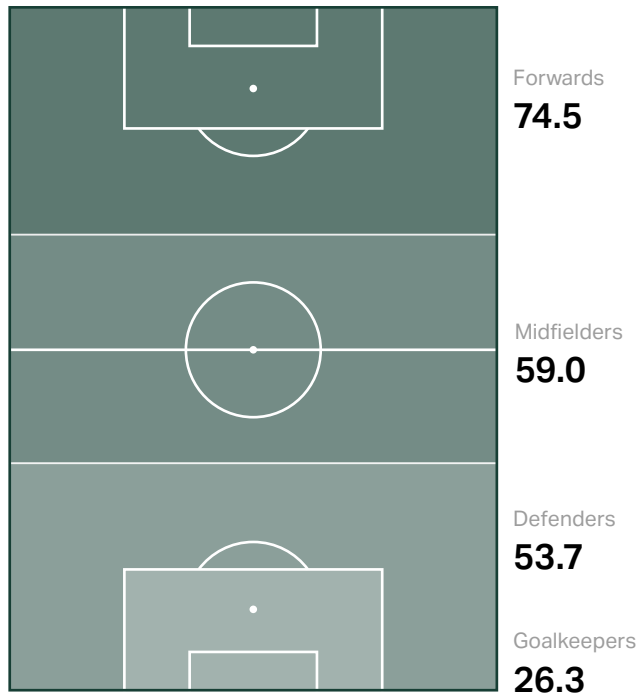
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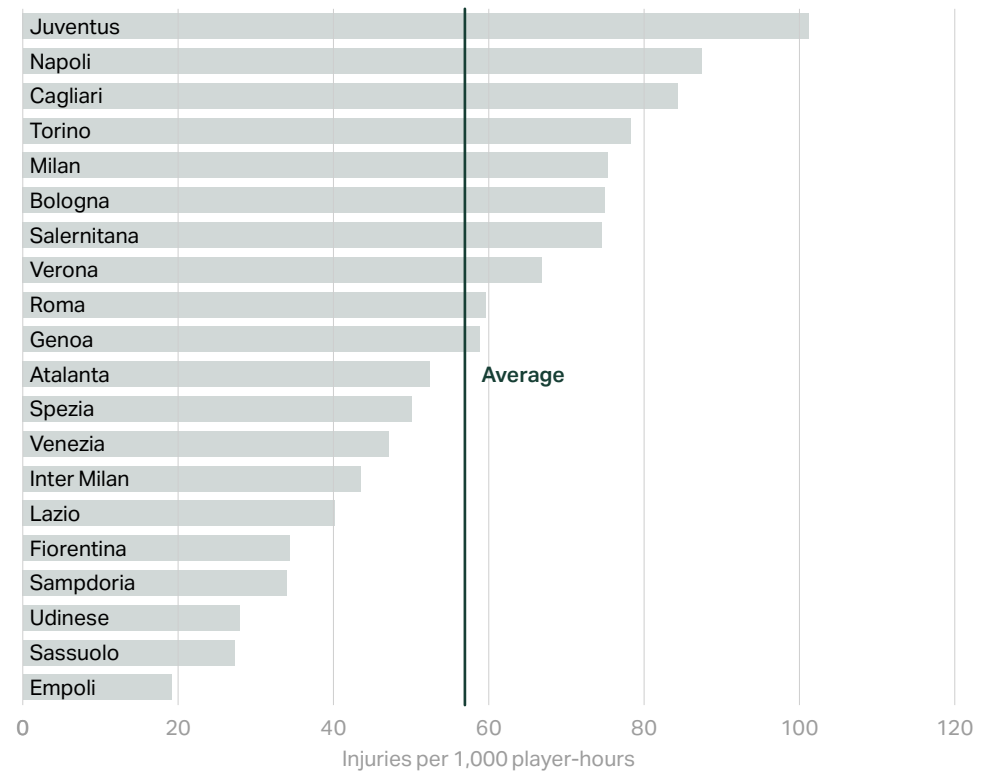
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



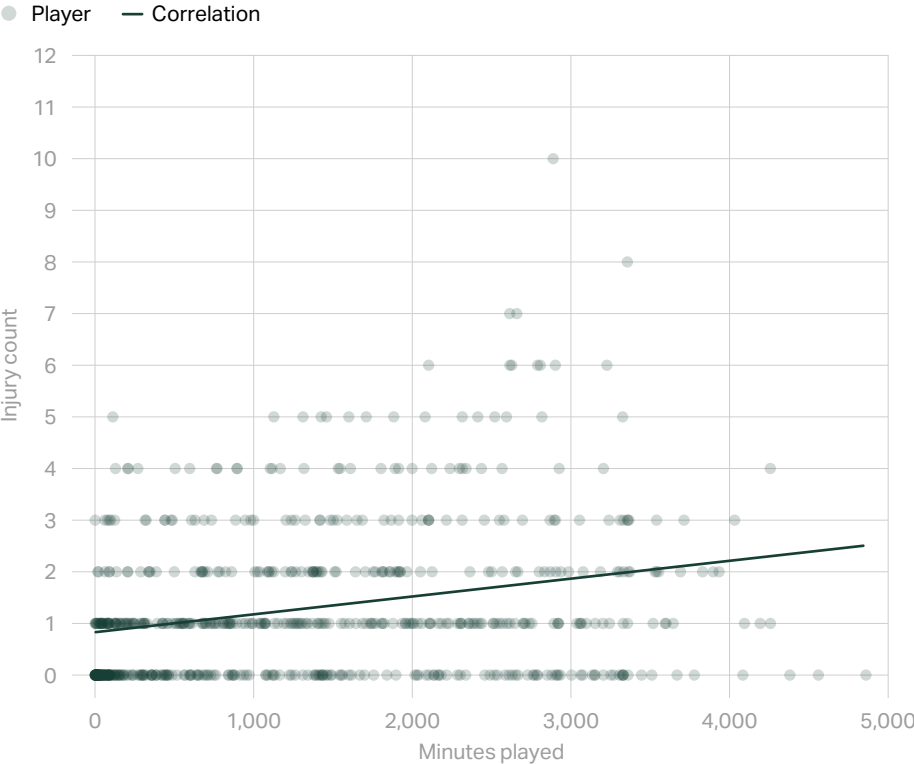
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

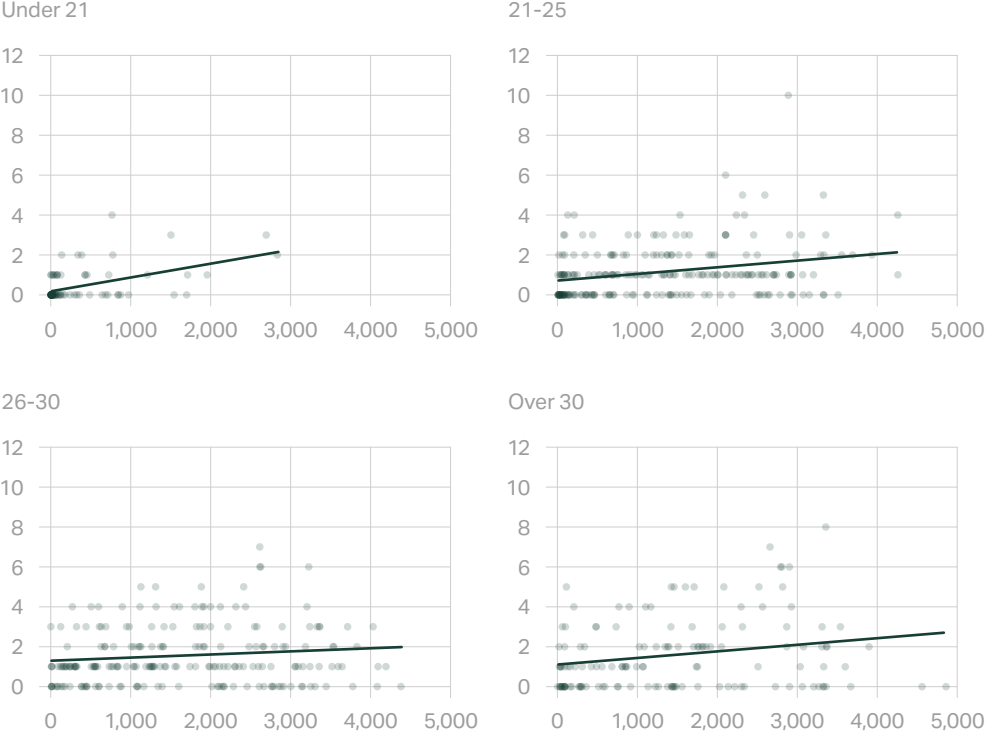


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Overview

Winter world cup

Total injury costs rose significantly over the course of the 2022/2023 season (26%).

A contributing factor may be the notable rise in overall injury severity. We also see the possible impact of the inaugural winter FIFA Men's World Cup.

Again, Premier League clubs led the way on total cost, footing a bill of €329.40m – 42% of overall injury costs.

The Bundesliga recorded the next highest figure with absences coming at a cost of €148.36m, €39.17m more than that of Serie A. We can also observe that injury instances, in fact, decreased from 4,981 to 4,310 compared to the previous season.

↑26%

Increase in total injury cost, compared to 2021/22

€148.36m

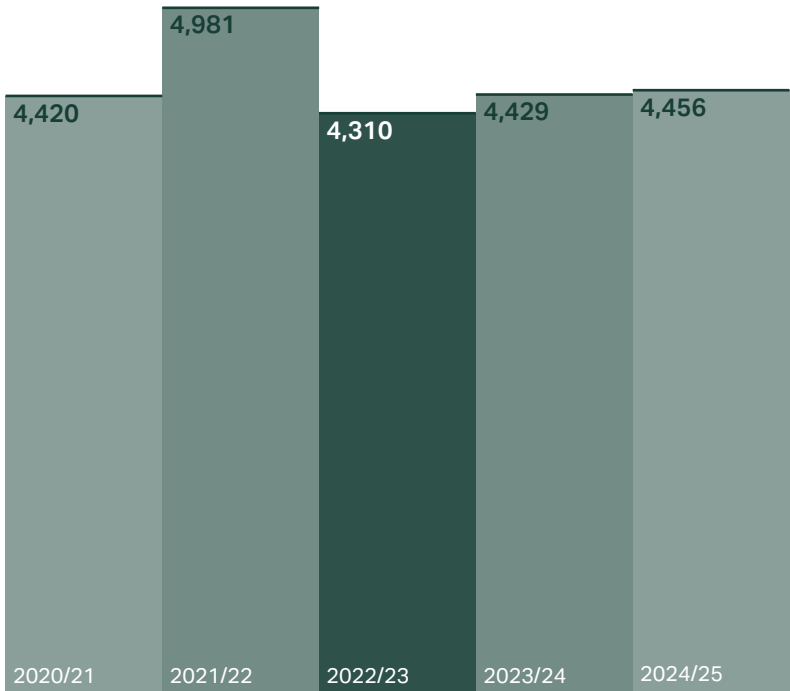
Bundesliga injury cost

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Decrease in overall injury count relative to 2021/22

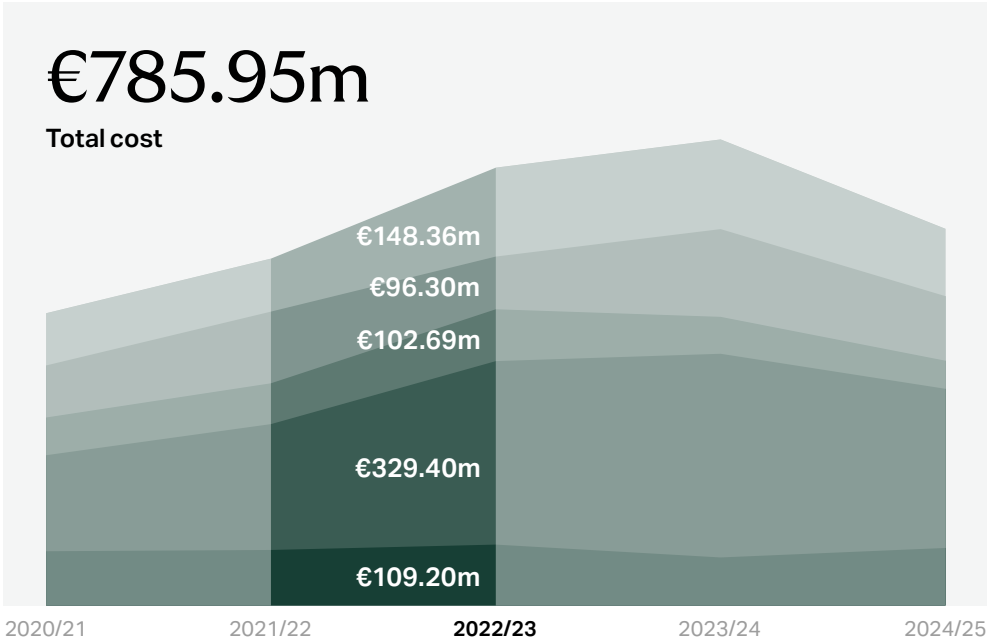


Injury count



Injury cost

Bundesliga La Liga Ligue 1 Premier League Serie A



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Bayern Munich	91	17	45.08	0.50	30.39%
2 Dortmund	84	25	22.78	0.27	15.35%
3 RB Leipzig	79	19	16.96	0.21	11.43%
4 Union Berlin	44	15	1.88	0.04	1.26%
5 Freiburg	42	19	1.07	0.03	0.72%
6 Bayer Leverkusen	55	22	10.47	0.19	7.06%
7 Eintracht Frankfurt	67	14	2.51	0.04	1.69%
8 Wolfsburg	62	19	6.99	0.11	4.71%
9 Mainz 05	49	21	2.92	0.06	1.97%
10 B. Monchengladbach	103	12	7.24	0.07	4.88%
11 Köln	57	29	5.72	0.10	3.85%
12 Hoffenheim	73	20	5.98	0.08	4.03%
13 Werder Bremen	94	10	2.41	0.03	1.63%
14 Bochum	78	14	1.50	0.02	1.01%
15 Augsburg	80	24	5.27	0.07	3.55%
16 Stuttgart	86	11	2.07	0.02	1.39%
17 Schalke	92	19	3.99	0.04	2.69%
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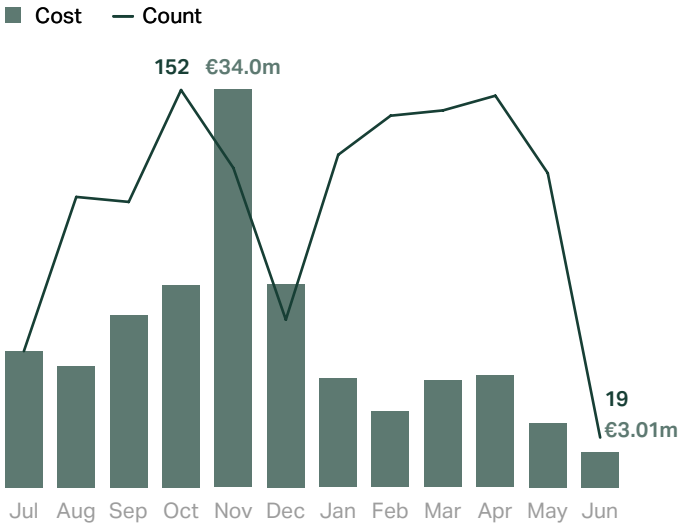
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Total injuries

€148.36m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

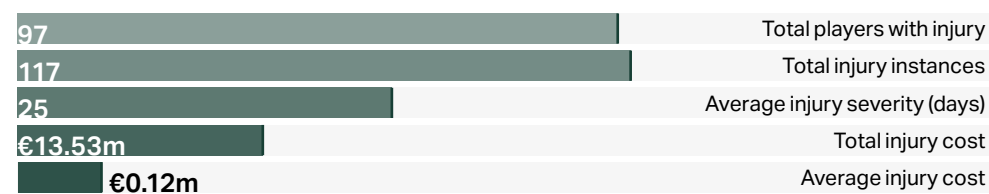


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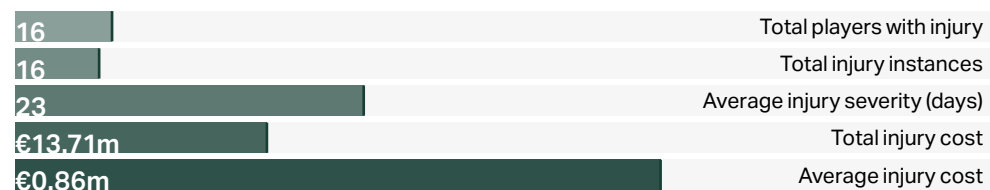
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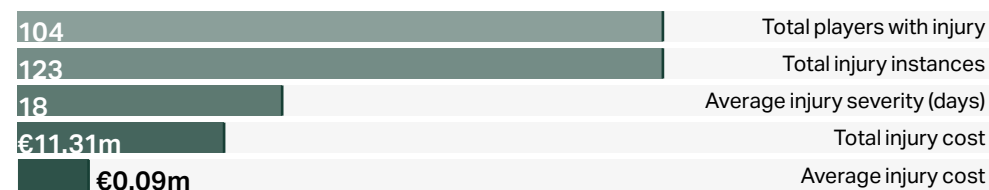
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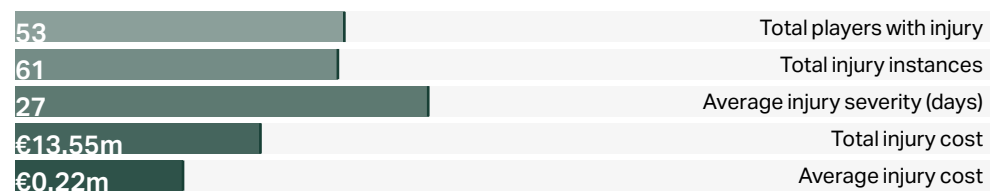
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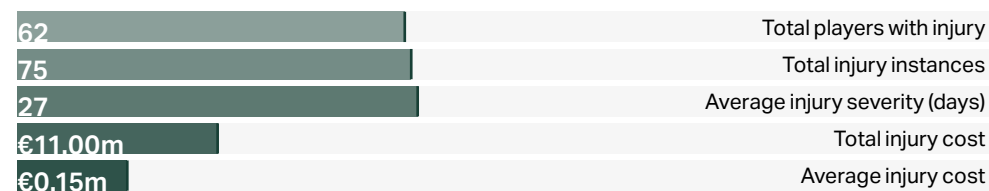
Thigh/hip



Groin



Calf/shin



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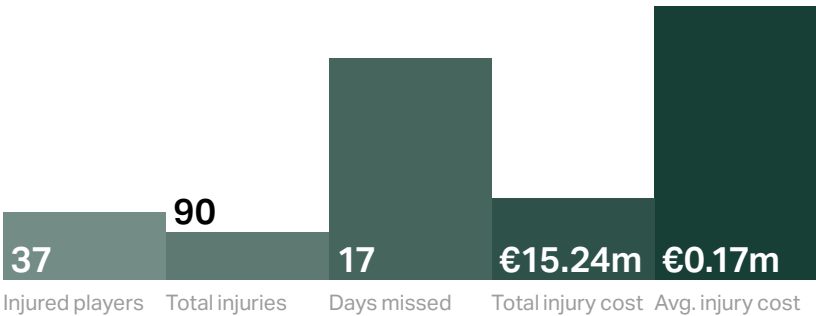
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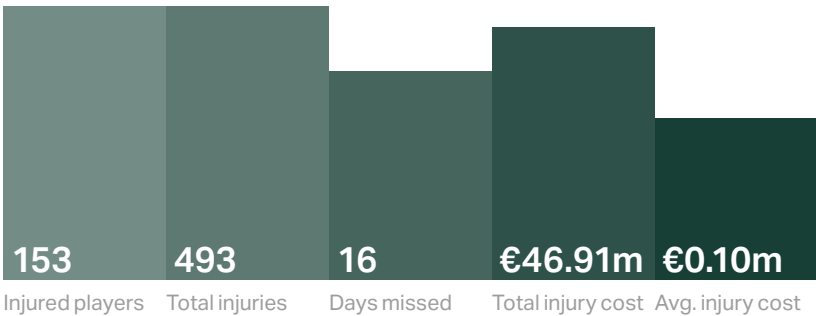
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Injuries by position

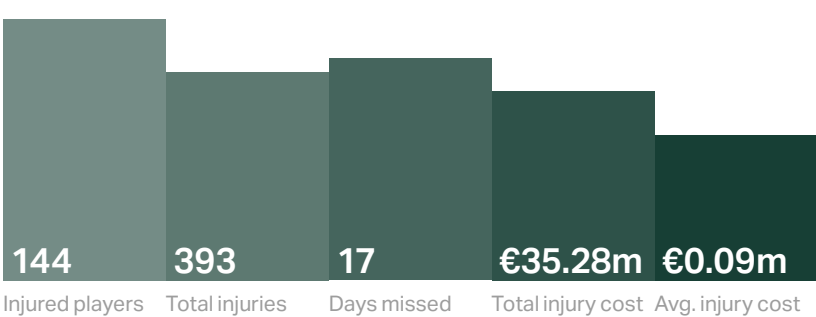
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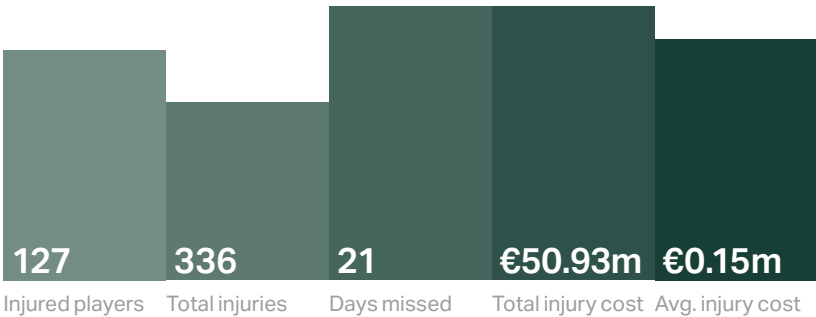
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 42



Total injury instances 77



Avg. injury severity 24



Total injury cost €3.17m

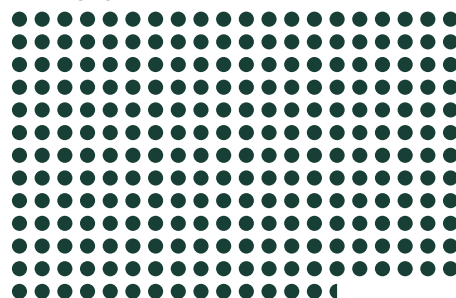


21 – 25

Total players injured 177



Total injury instances 509



Avg. injury severity 17



Total injury cost €36.63m

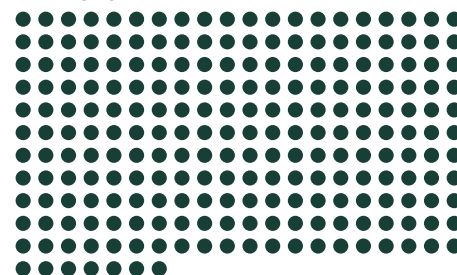


26 – 30

Total players injured 153



Total injury instances 454



Avg. injury severity 15



Total injury cost €58.05m



Over 30

Total players injured 89



Total injury instances 272



Avg. injury severity 20



Total injury cost €50.51m





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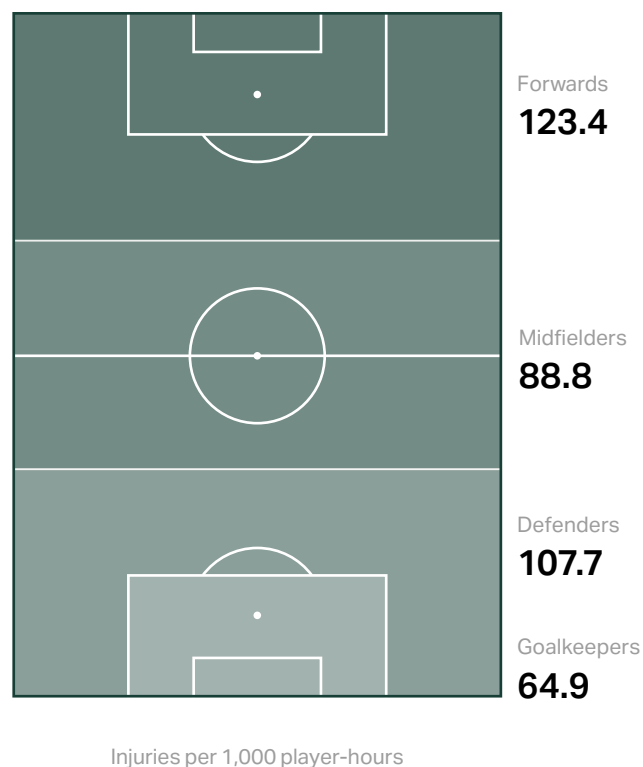
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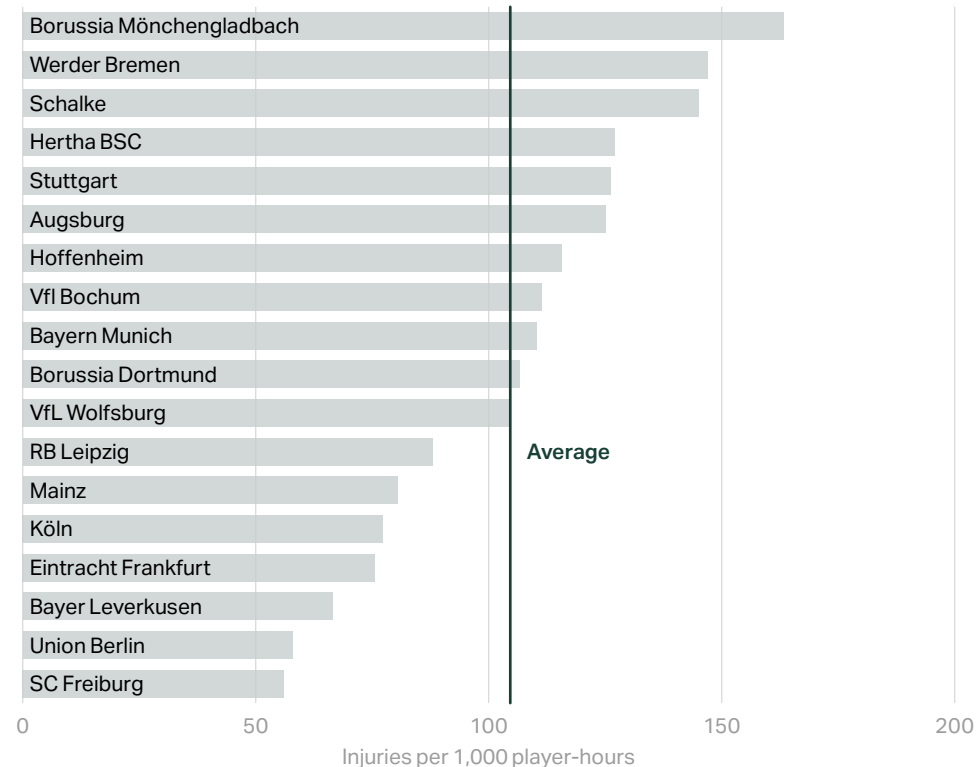


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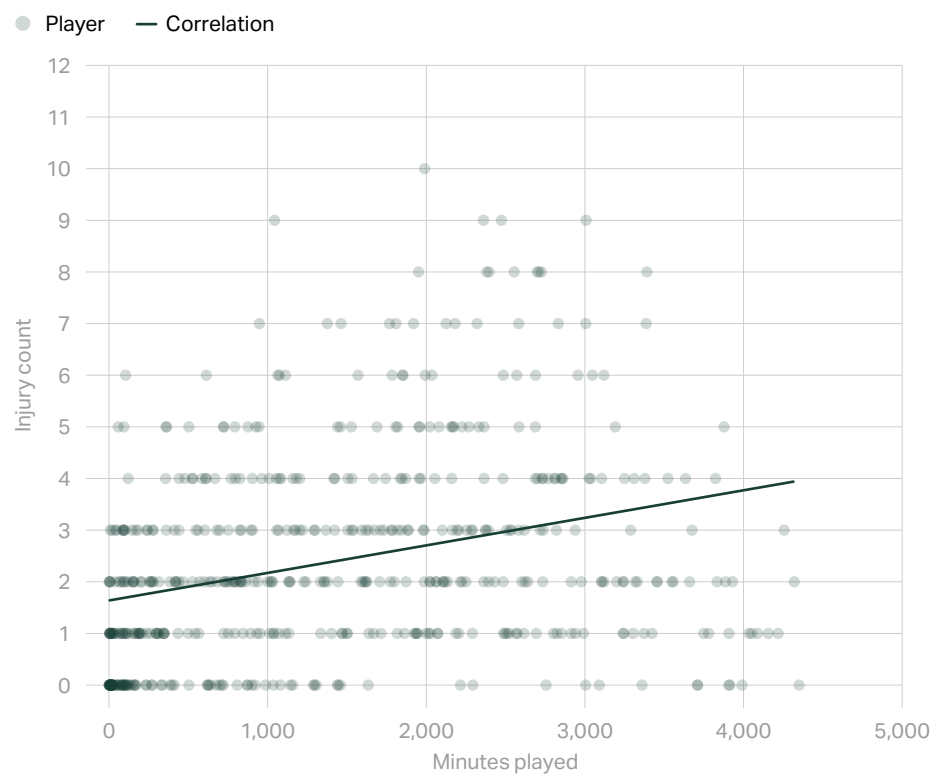
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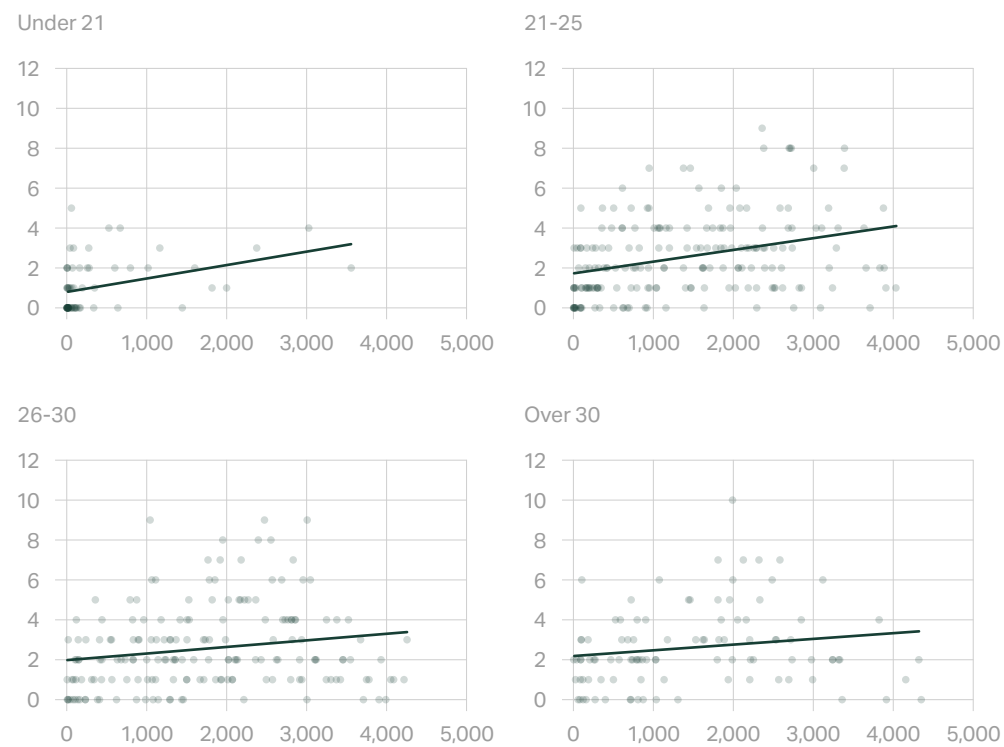
Club variance



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Barcelona	36	20	14.44	0.40	14.99%
2 Real Madrid	73	9	19.80	0.27	20.56%
3 Atlético Madrid	45	17	13.27	0.29	13.78%
4 Real Sociedad	32	44	3.85	0.12	4.00%
5 Villarreal	25	35	6.08	0.24	6.31%
6 Betis	41	24	4.80	0.12	4.98%
7 Osasuna	21	23	0.87	0.04	0.90%
8 Athletic Bilbao	32	27	6.42	0.20	6.66%
9 Mallorca	16	28	0.72	0.05	0.75%
10 Girona	36	41	4.27	0.12	4.43%
11 Rayo Vallecano	11	30	0.48	0.04	0.50%
12 Sevilla	39	25	8.56	0.22	8.89%
13 Celta Vigo	17	26	1.31	0.08	1.36%
14 Cadiz	31	43	2.14	0.07	2.22%
15 Getafe	25	16	0.97	0.04	1.01%
16 Valencia	32	26	4.13	0.13	4.29%
17 Almería	19	23	0.35	0.02	0.36%
18 Real Valladolid	31	29	1.70	0.05	1.76%
19 Espanyol	19	36	0.86	0.05	0.89%
20 Elche	30	27	1.31	0.04	1.37%

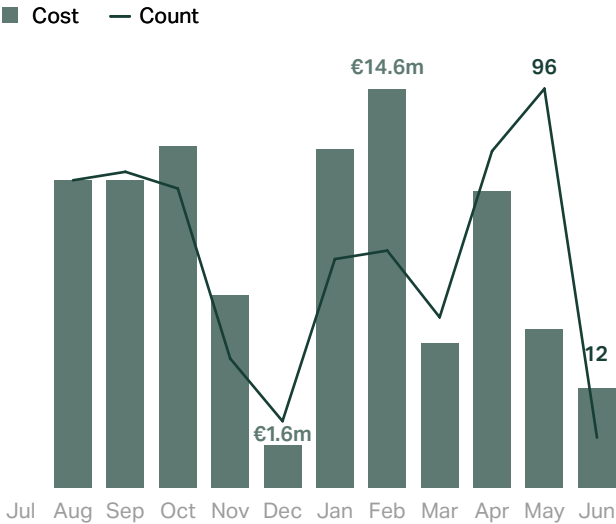
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Total injuries

€96.30m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

Muscle

123	Total players with injury
156	Total injury instances
18	Average injury severity (days)
€25.49m	Total injury cost
€0.16m	Average injury cost

Physical discomfort

84	Total players with injury
95	Total injury instances
12	Average injury severity (days)
€6.46m	Total injury cost
€0.07m	Average injury cost

Hamstring

71	Total players with injury
92	Total injury instances
29	Average injury severity (days)
€20.07m	Total injury cost
€0.22m	Average injury cost

Thigh/hip

32	Total players with injury
32	Total injury instances
19	Average injury severity (days)
€5.66m	Total injury cost
€0.18m	Average injury cost

Knee

37	Total players with injury
38	Total injury instances
74	Average injury severity (days)
€13.50m	Total injury cost
€0.36m	Average injury cost

Ankle

40	Total players with injury
48	Total injury instances
25	Average injury severity (days)
€4.76m	Total injury cost
€0.10m	Average injury cost

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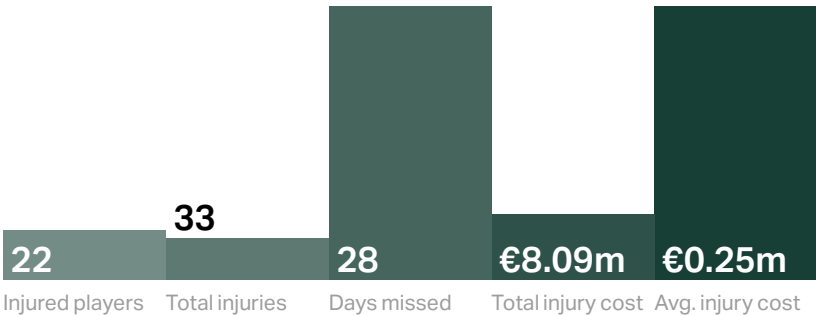
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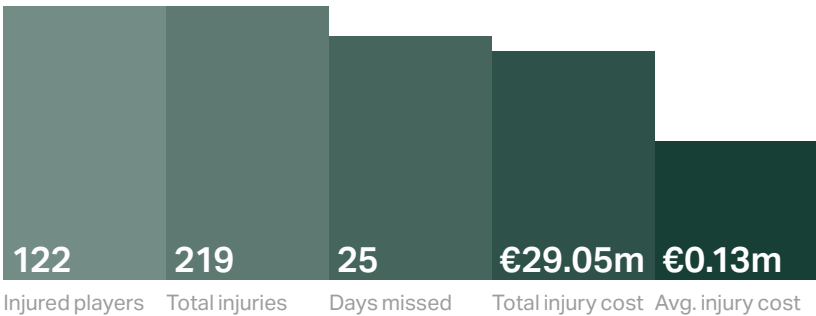
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Injuries by position

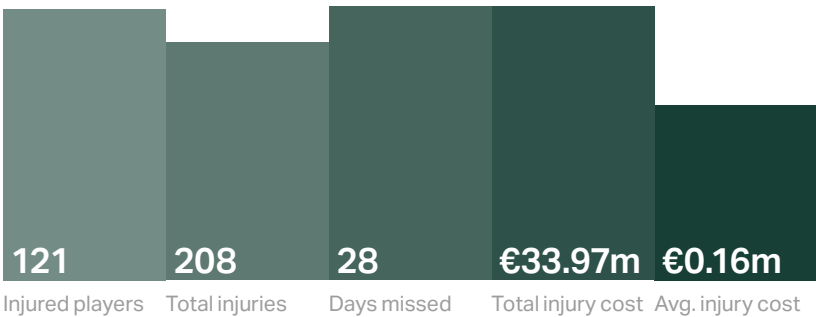
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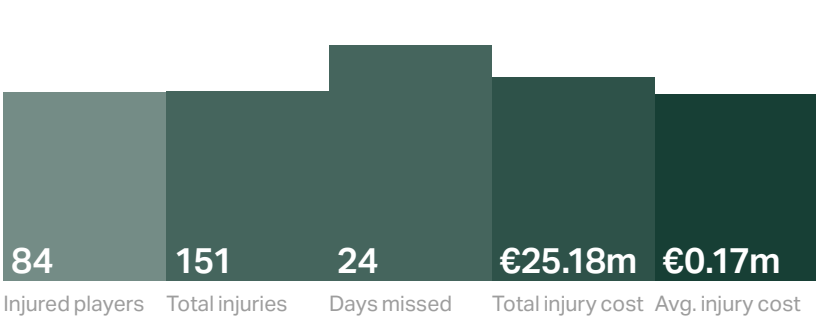
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 18



Total injury instances 24



Avg. injury severity 25



Total injury cost €2.60m



21 – 25

Total players injured 91



Total injury instances 131



Avg. injury severity 31



Total injury cost €12.91m



26 – 30

Total players injured 136



Total injury instances 246



Avg. injury severity 26



Total injury cost €44.19m



Over 30

Total players injured 104



Total injury instances 210



Avg. injury severity 22



Total injury cost €36.61m





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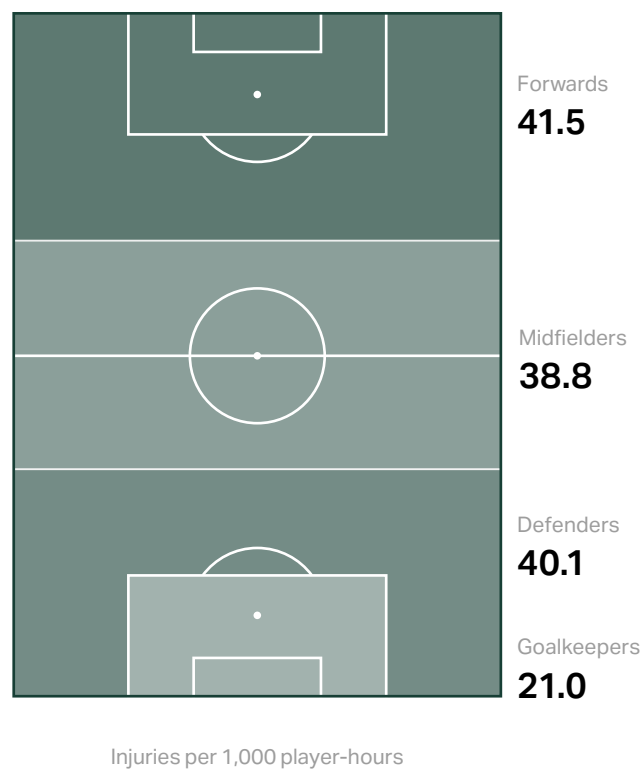
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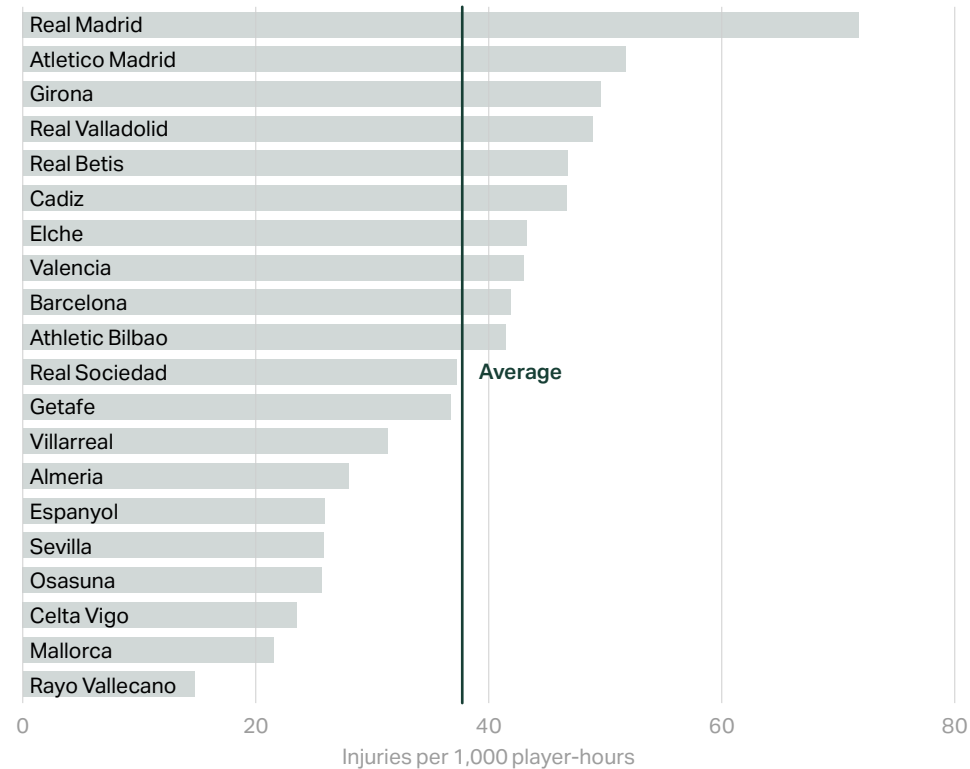


Injury susceptibility

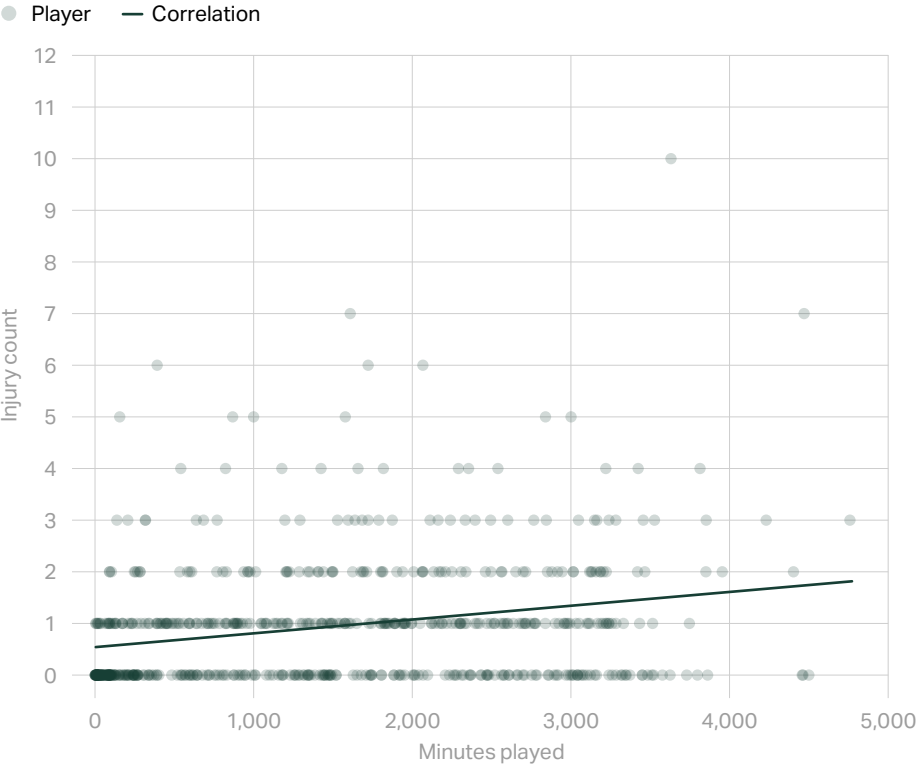
Positional variance



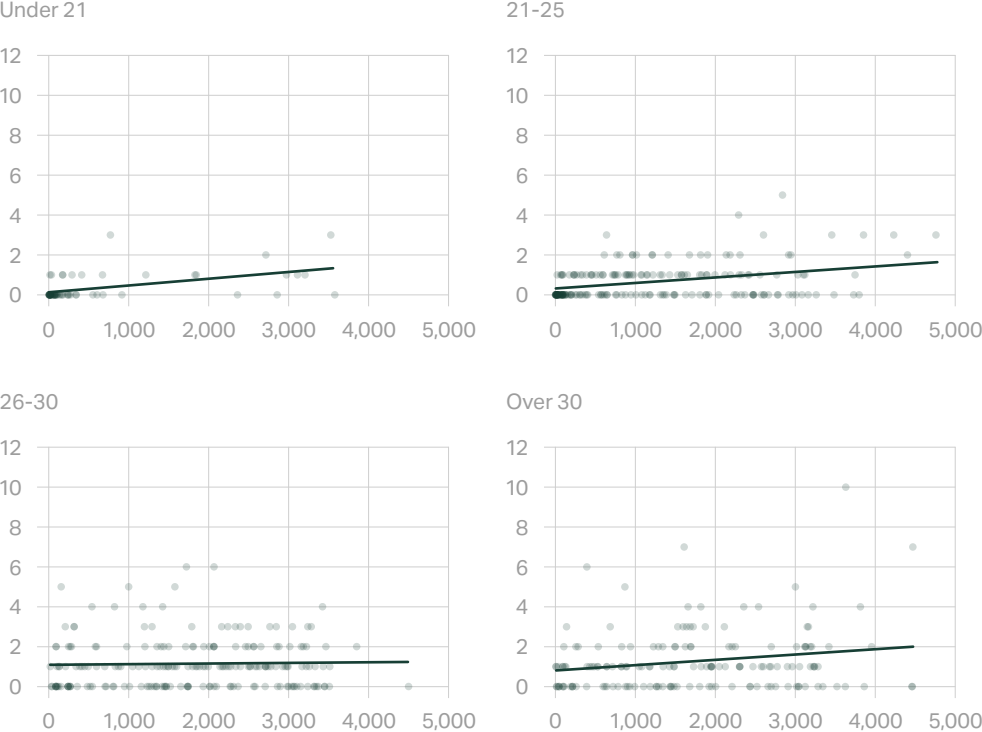
Club variance



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)





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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Paris Saint-Germain	58	24	51.33	0.88	49.98%
2 Lens	19	48	1.70	0.09	1.65%
3 Marseille	23	29	7.48	0.33	7.29%
4 Rennes	33	35	3.66	0.11	3.56%
5 Lille	32	30	3.81	0.12	3.71%
6 Monaco	40	24	5.26	0.13	5.13%
7 Lyon	42	25	6.19	0.15	6.03%
8 Clermont Foot	22	36	0.86	0.04	0.84%
9 Nice	50	24	7.22	0.14	7.03%
10 Lorient	31	37	1.51	0.05	1.47%
11 Reims	29	33	1.06	0.04	1.03%
12 Montpellier	35	42	1.98	0.06	1.93%
13 Toulouse	12	47	0.63	0.05	0.62%
14 Brest	33	26	1.12	0.03	1.09%
15 Strasbourg	45	35	2.03	0.05	1.98%
16 Nantes	33	22	1.42	0.04	1.38%
17 Auxerre	26	39	1.05	0.04	1.03%
18 Ajaccio	26	32	0.94	0.04	0.92%
19 Troyes	16	43	0.98	0.06	0.95%
20 Angers	31	60	2.47	0.08	2.40%

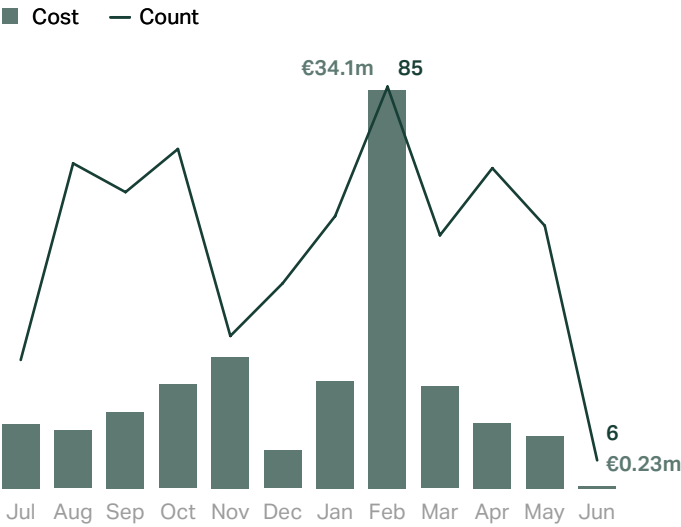
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Total injuries

€102.69m

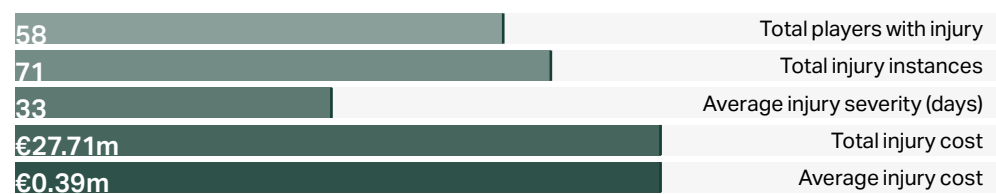
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

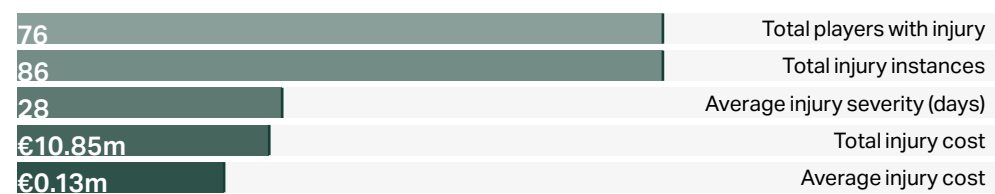


Injuries by type

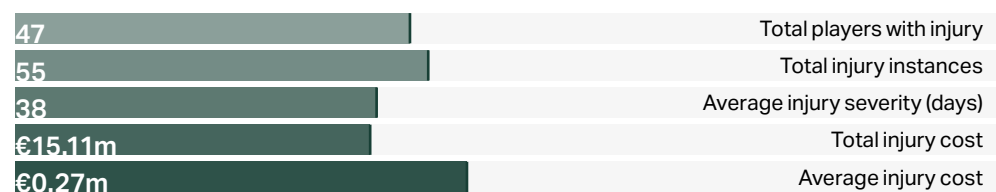
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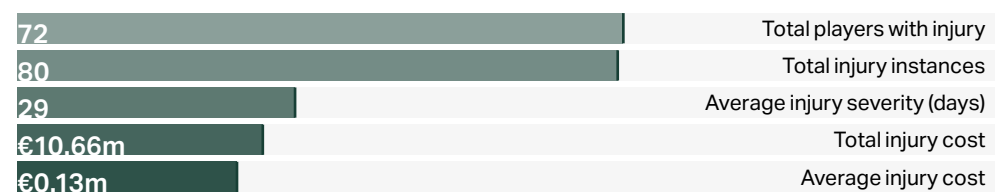
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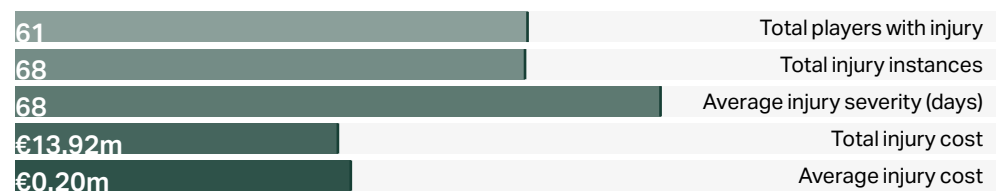
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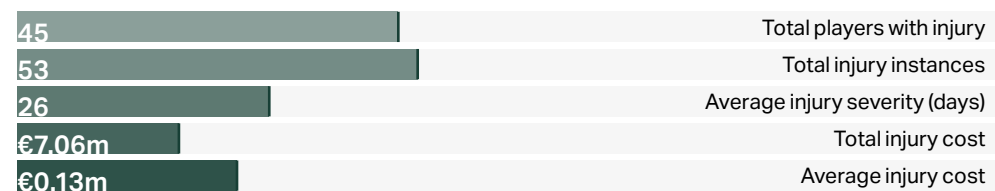
Muscle



Knee



Hamstring



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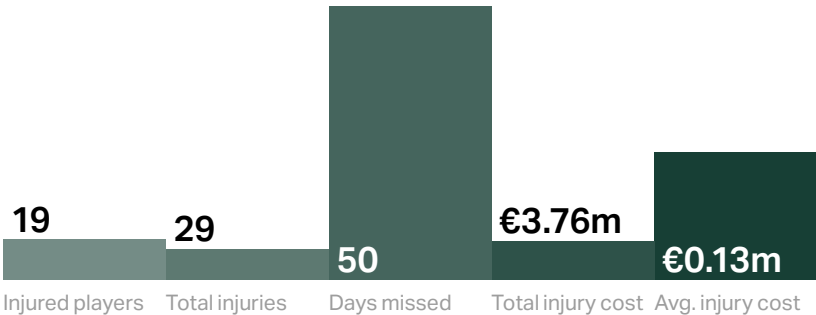
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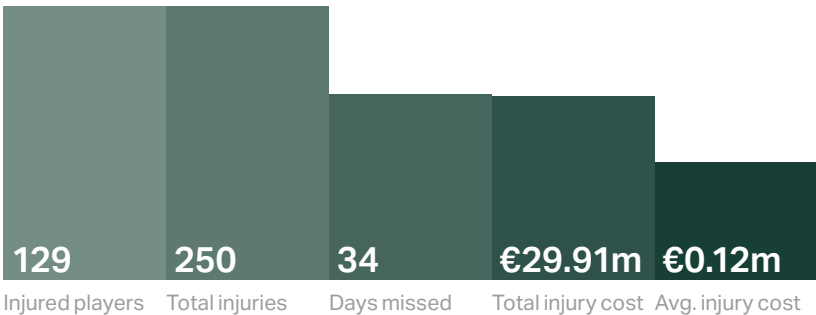
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Injuries by position

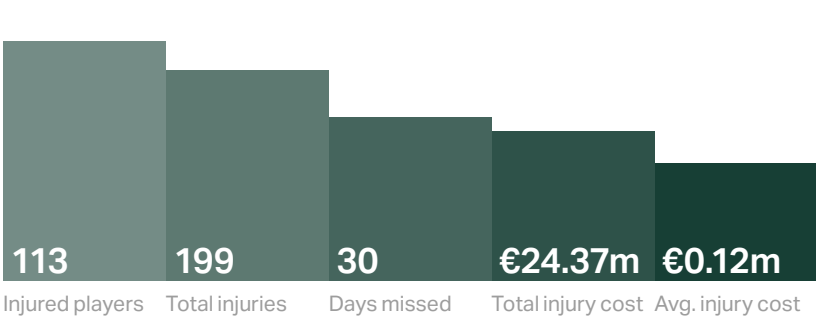
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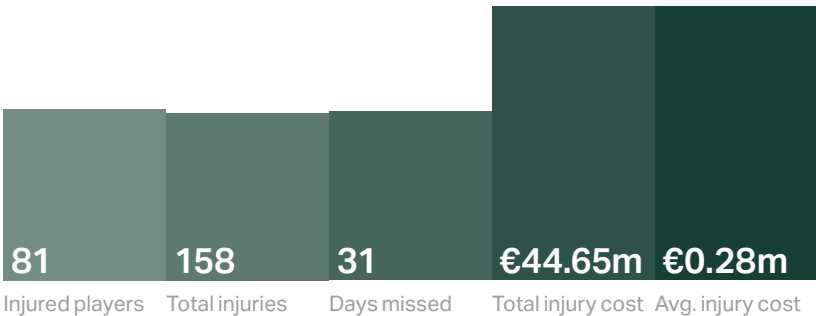
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 28



Total injury instances 47



Avg. injury severity 28



Total injury cost €1.08m



21 – 25

Total players injured 128



Total injury instances 226



Avg. injury severity 34



Total injury cost €21.29m



26 – 30

Total players injured 119



Total injury instances 220



Avg. injury severity 35



Total injury cost €40.21m



Over 30

Total players injured 67



Total injury instances 143



Avg. injury severity 29



Total injury cost €40.11m





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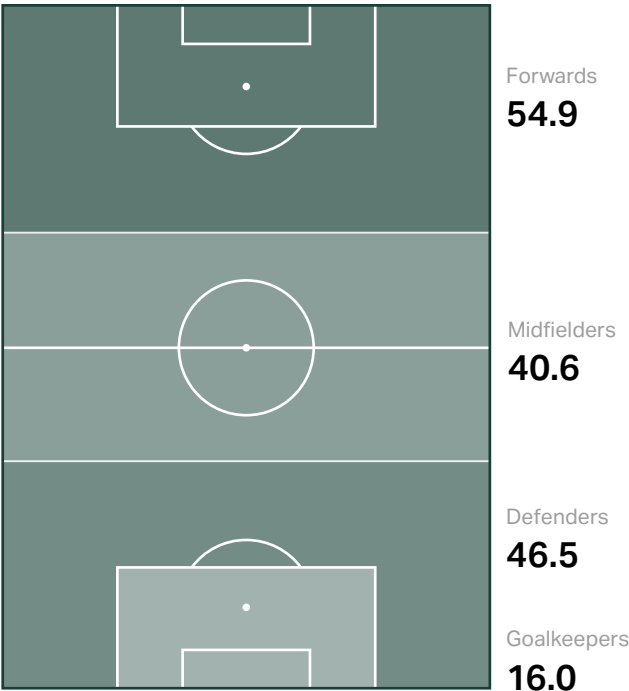
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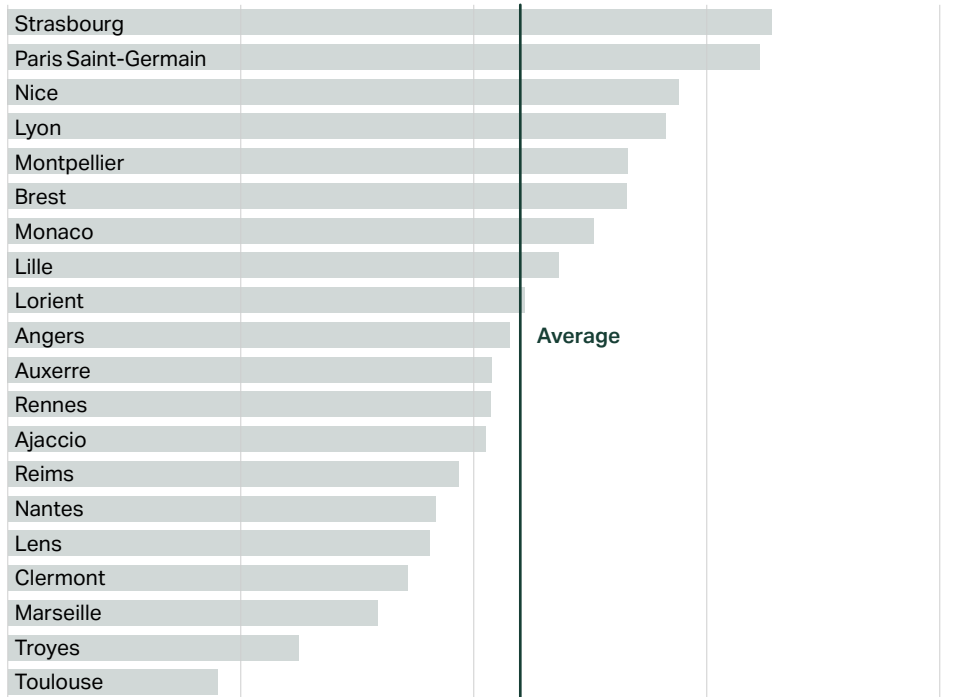
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



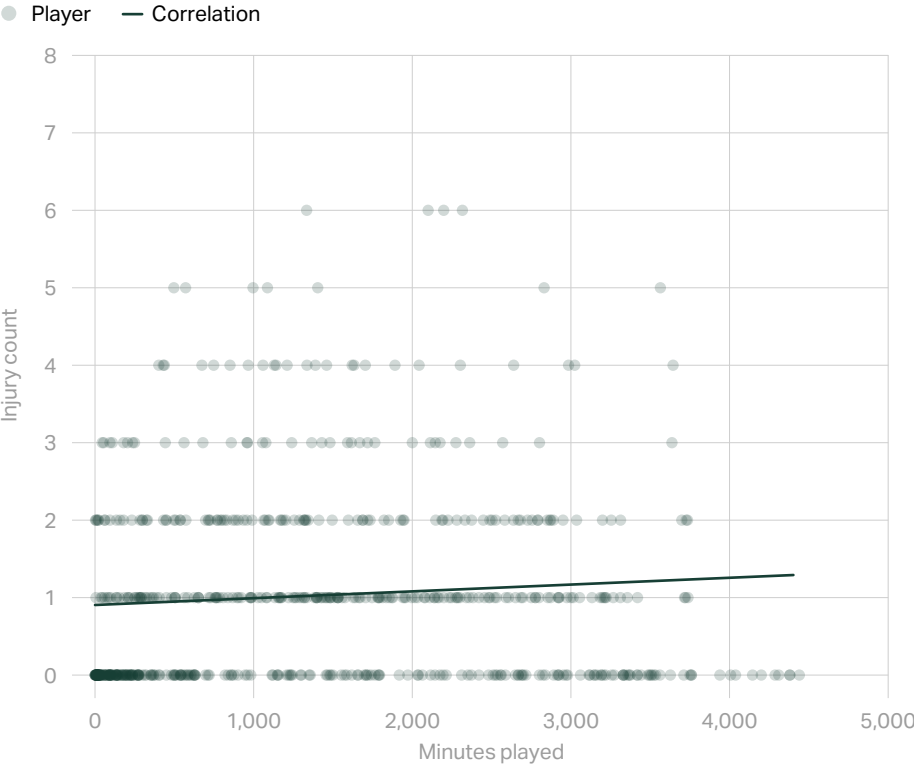
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

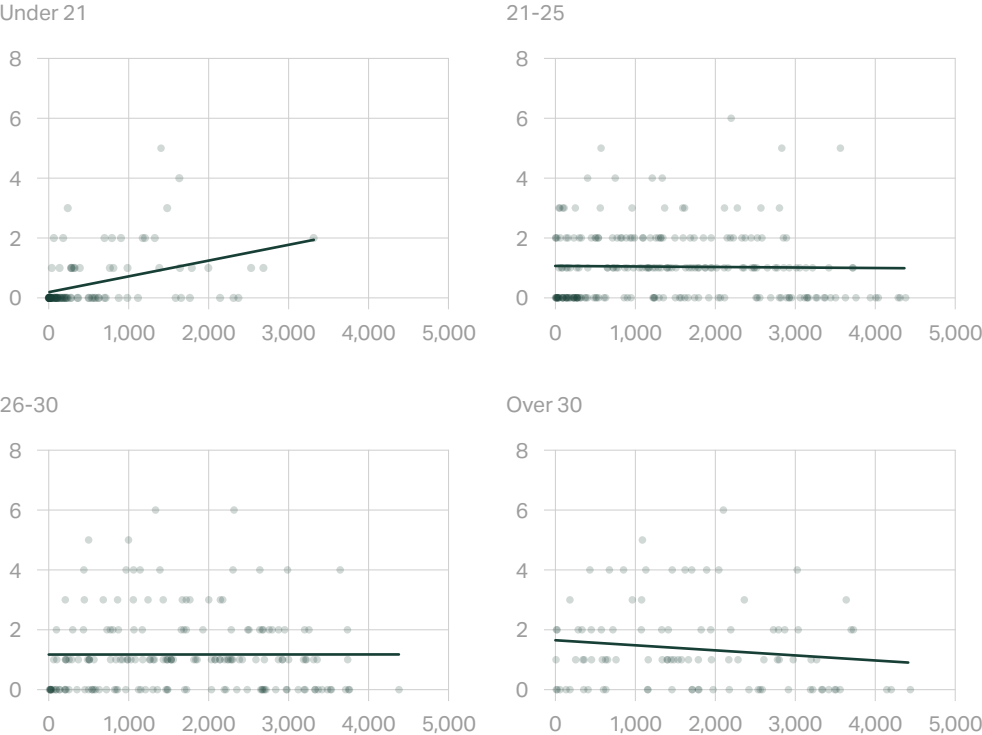


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Manchester City	43	13	16.54	0.38	5.02%
2 Arsenal	60	22	18.36	0.31	5.57%
3 Manchester United	79	23	42.79	0.54	12.99%
4 Newcastle United	74	23	17.34	0.23	5.26%
5 Liverpool	72	28	34.50	0.48	10.47%
6 Brighton	44	18	5.18	0.12	1.57%
7 Aston Villa	44	24	14.10	0.32	4.28%
8 Tottenham	54	22	17.52	0.32	5.32%
9 Brentford	30	39	6.43	0.21	1.95%
10 Fulham	32	31	7.90	0.25	2.40%
11 Crystal Palace	43	27	11.39	0.26	3.46%
12 Chelsea	76	25	47.01	0.62	14.27%
13 Wolves	38	36	7.93	0.21	2.41%
14 West Ham	67	16	12.99	0.19	3.94%
15 Bournemouth	45	32	8.10	0.18	2.46%
16 Nottingham Forest	75	30	17.71	0.24	5.38%
17 Everton	48	29	15.98	0.33	4.85%
18 Leicester	39	21	11.69	0.30	3.55%
19 Leeds	60	23	10.22	0.17	3.10%
20 Southampton	38	19	5.73	0.15	1.74%

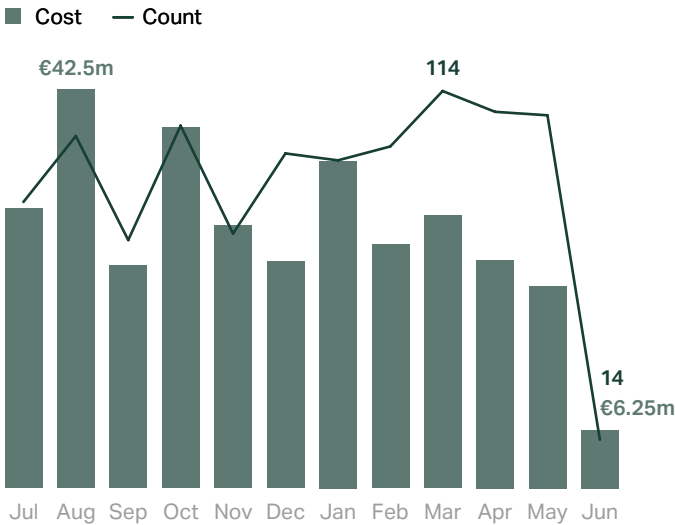
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Total injuries

€329.40m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

Knock

159	Total players with injury
193	Total injury instances
12	Average injury severity (days)
€26.26m	Total injury cost
€0.14m	Average injury cost

Illness

83	Total players with injury
102	Total injury instances
7	Average injury severity (days)
€10.24m	Total injury cost
€0.10m	Average injury cost

Muscle

105	Total players with injury
129	Total injury instances
21	Average injury severity (days)
€34.94m	Total injury cost
€0.27m	Average injury cost

Knee

91	Total players with injury
98	Total injury instances
46	Average injury severity (days)
€50.49m	Total injury cost
€0.52m	Average injury cost

Hamstring

84	Total players with injury
104	Total injury instances
38	Average injury severity (days)
€59.41m	Total injury cost
€0.57m	Average injury cost

Calf/shin

57	Total players with injury
75	Total injury instances
37	Average injury severity (days)
€37.48m	Total injury cost
€0.50m	Average injury cost

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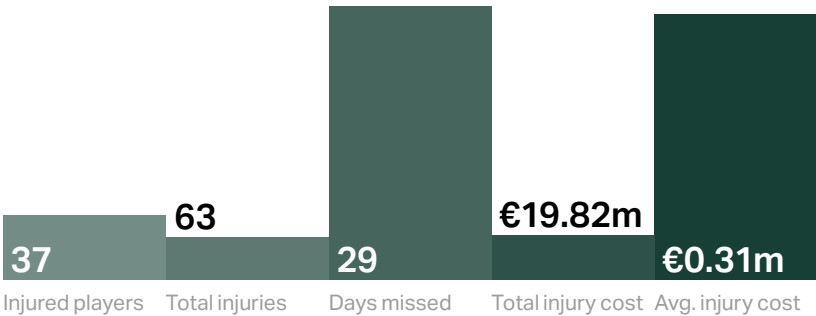
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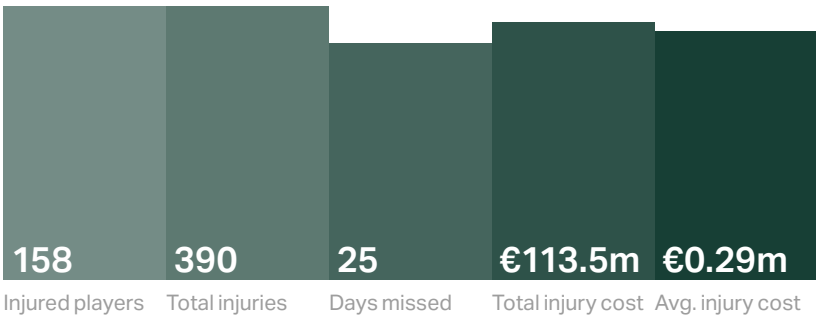
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Injuries by position

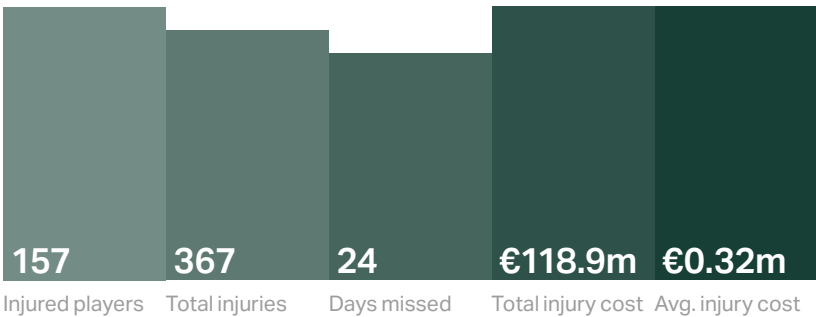
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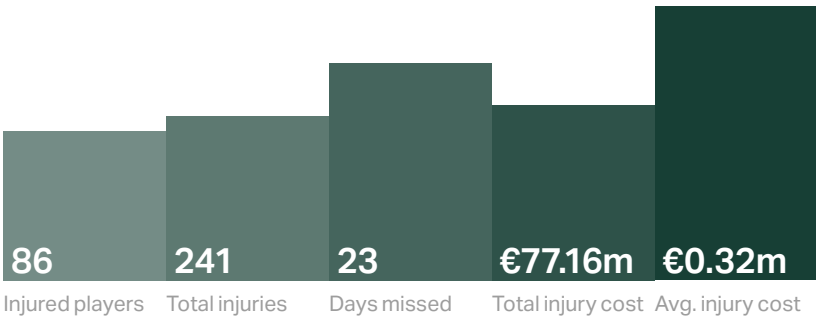
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 23



Total injury instances 40



Avg. injury severity 25



Total injury cost €3.81m

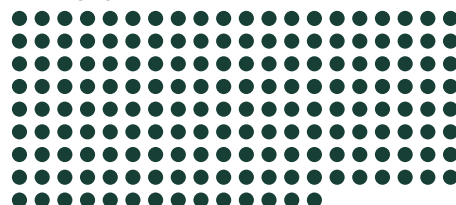


21 – 25

Total players injured 149



Total injury instances 348



Avg. injury severity 25



Total injury cost €87.00m

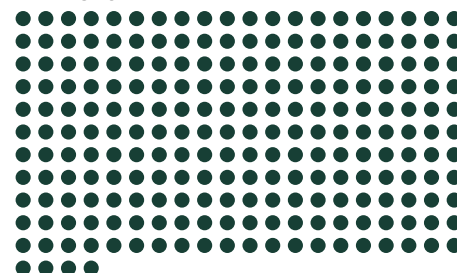


26 – 30

Total players injured 170



Total injury instances 448



Avg. injury severity 23



Total injury cost €154.42m



Over 30

Total players injured 96



Total injury instances 225



Avg. injury severity 26



Total injury cost €84.16m





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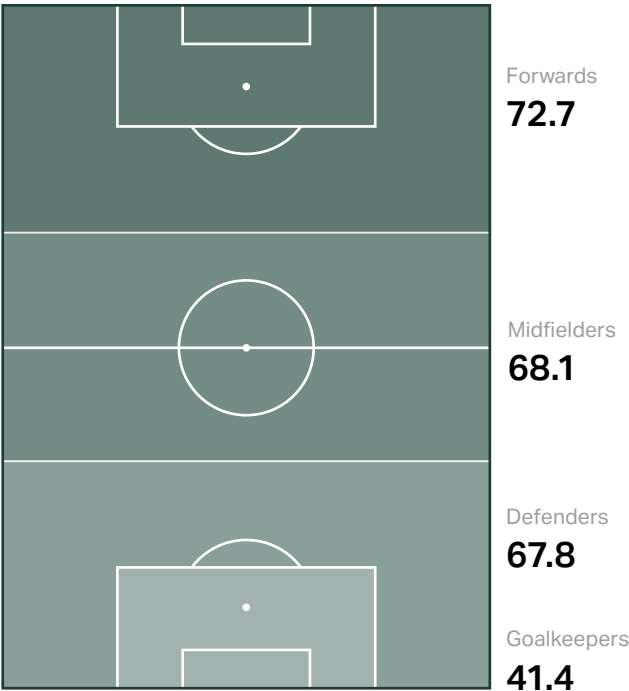
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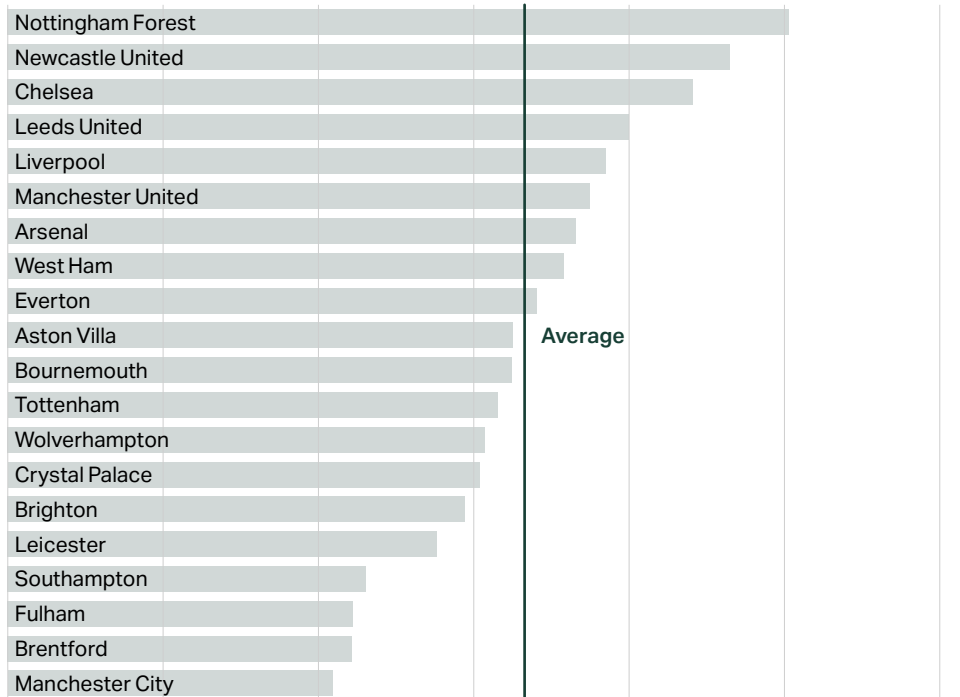
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



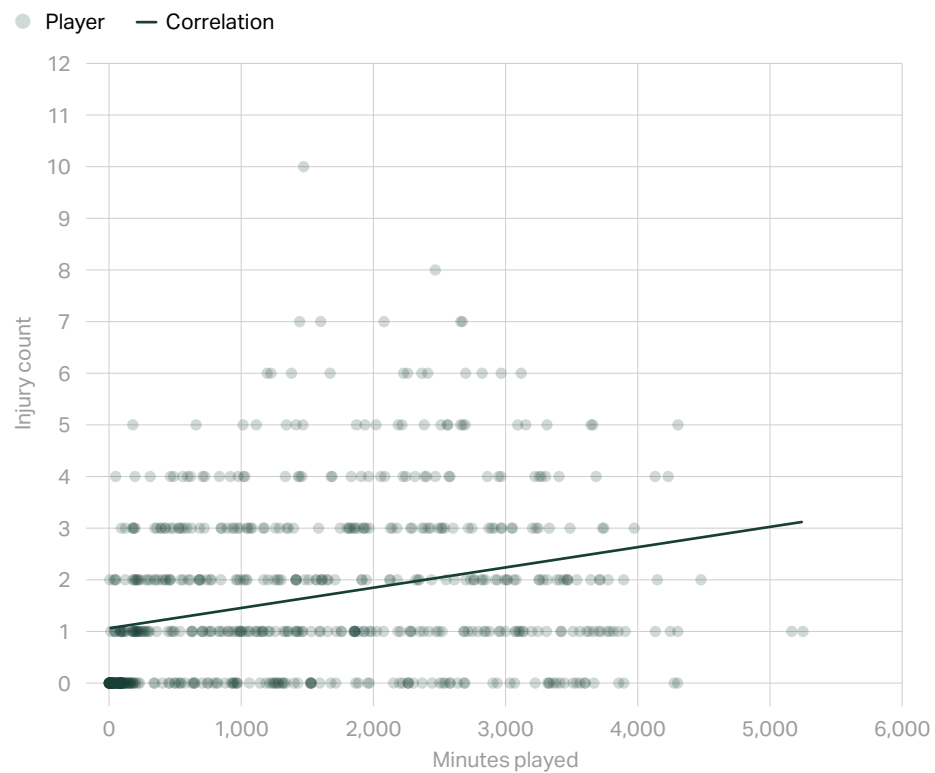
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

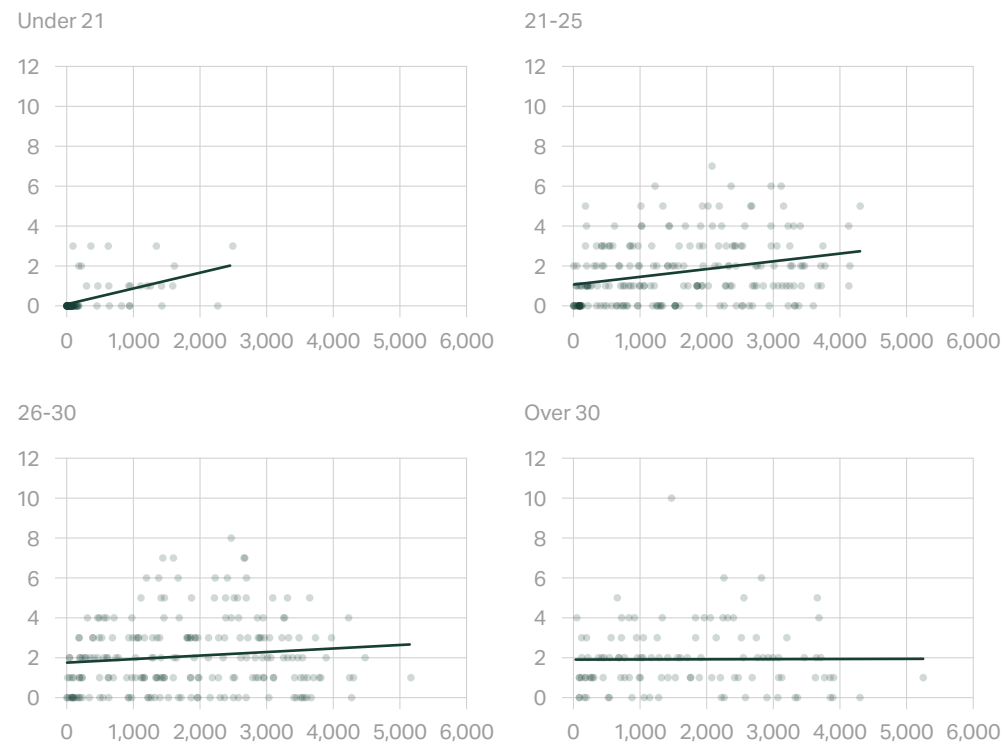


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team		Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Napoli	33	15	4.67	0.14	4.27%
2	Lazio	22	15	3.56	0.16	3.26%
3	Inter	39	14	10.16	0.26	9.30%
4	AC Milan	54	21	9.37	0.17	8.58%
5	Atalanta	41	27	5.09	0.12	4.66%
6	Roma	55	18	12.64	0.23	11.57%
7	Juventus	78	17	25.99	0.33	23.80%
8	Fiorentina	33	22	3.99	0.12	3.66%
9	Bologna	33	25	3.64	0.11	3.33%
10	Torino	37	25	4.09	0.11	3.75%
11	Monza	20	26	3.64	0.18	3.34%
12	Udinese	14	51	2.37	0.17	2.17%
13	Sassuolo	26	23	2.73	0.11	2.50%
14	Empoli	19	40	2.59	0.14	2.37%
15	Salernitana	32	31	2.99	0.09	2.74%
16	Lecce	22	23	1.18	0.05	1.08%
17	Verona	38	25	2.50	0.07	2.29%
18	Spezia	40	26	2.43	0.06	2.22%
19	Cremonese	22	20	1.46	0.07	1.33%
20	Sampdoria	32	30	4.11	0.13	3.76%

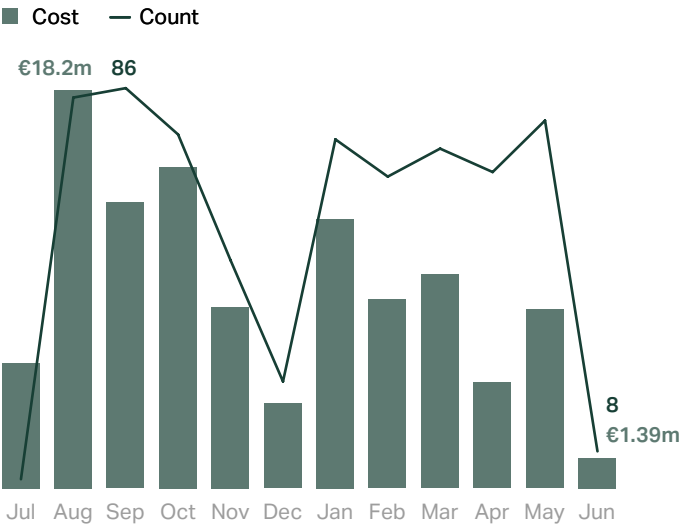
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Total injuries

€109.20m

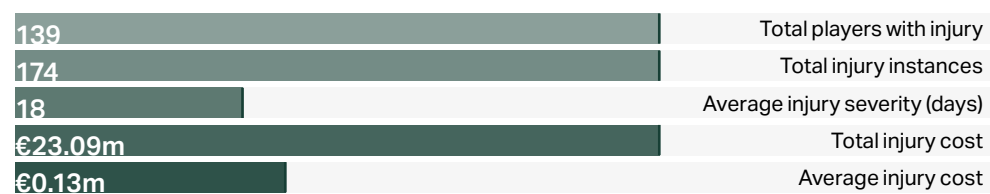
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

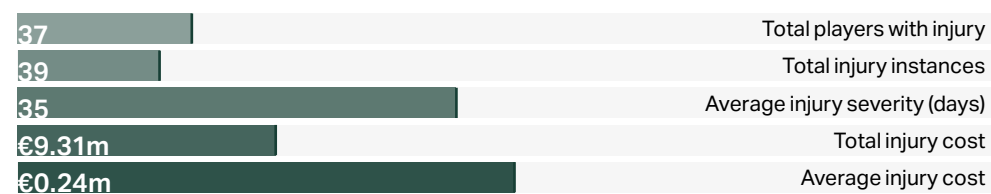


Injuries by type

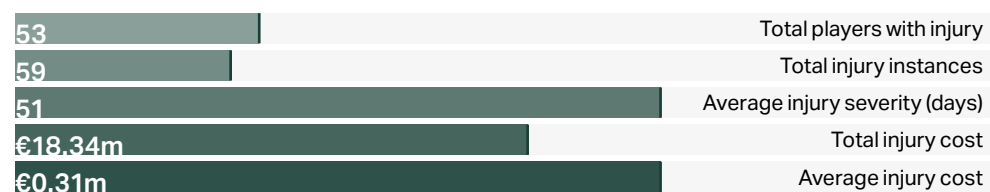
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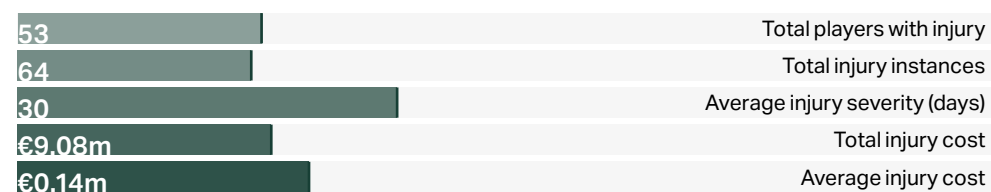
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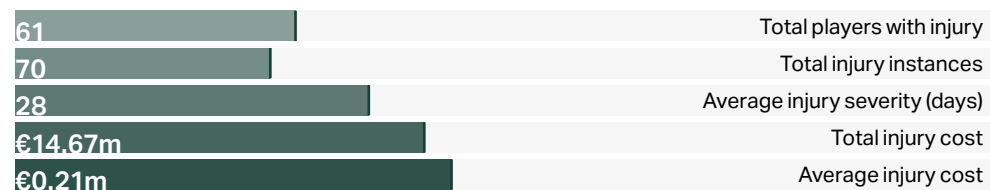
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Ankle



Hamstring



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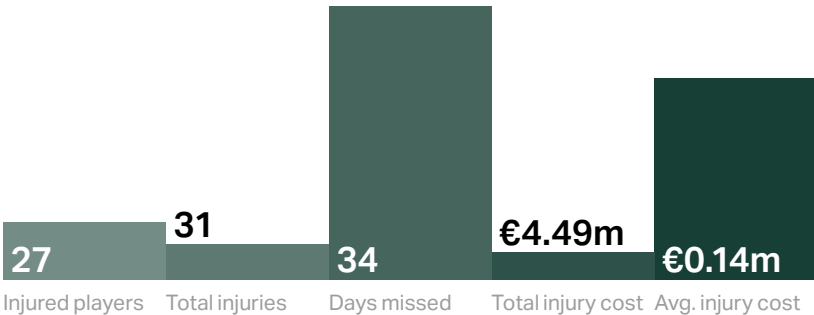
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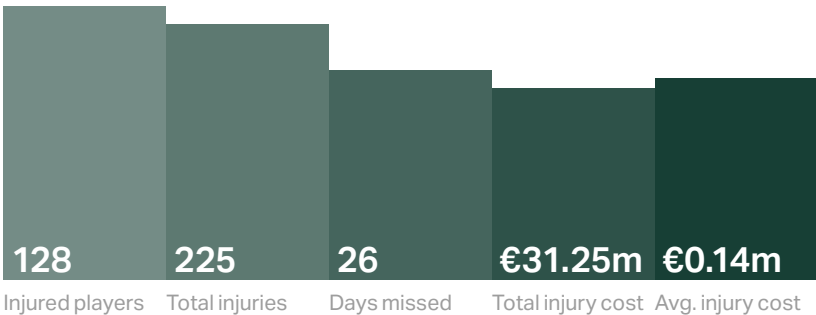
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Injuries by position

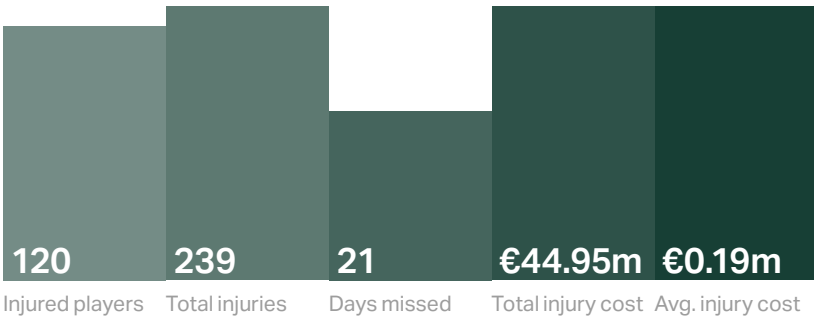
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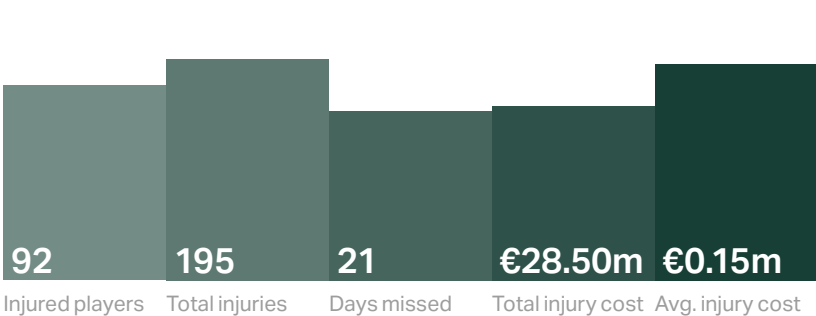
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured **18**



Total injury instances **21**



Avg. injury severity **23**



Total injury cost **€0.90m**



21 – 25

Total players injured **135**



Total injury instances **221**



Avg. injury severity **23**



Total injury cost **€20.99m**



26 – 30

Total players injured **127**



Total injury instances **263**



Avg. injury severity **23**



Total injury cost **€53.75m**



Over 30

Total players injured **87**



Total injury instances **185**



Avg. injury severity **24**



Total injury cost **€33.55m**



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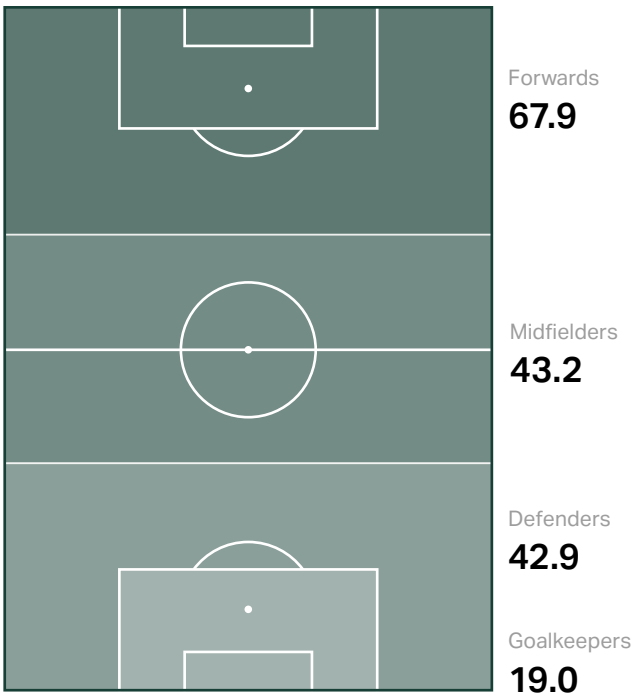
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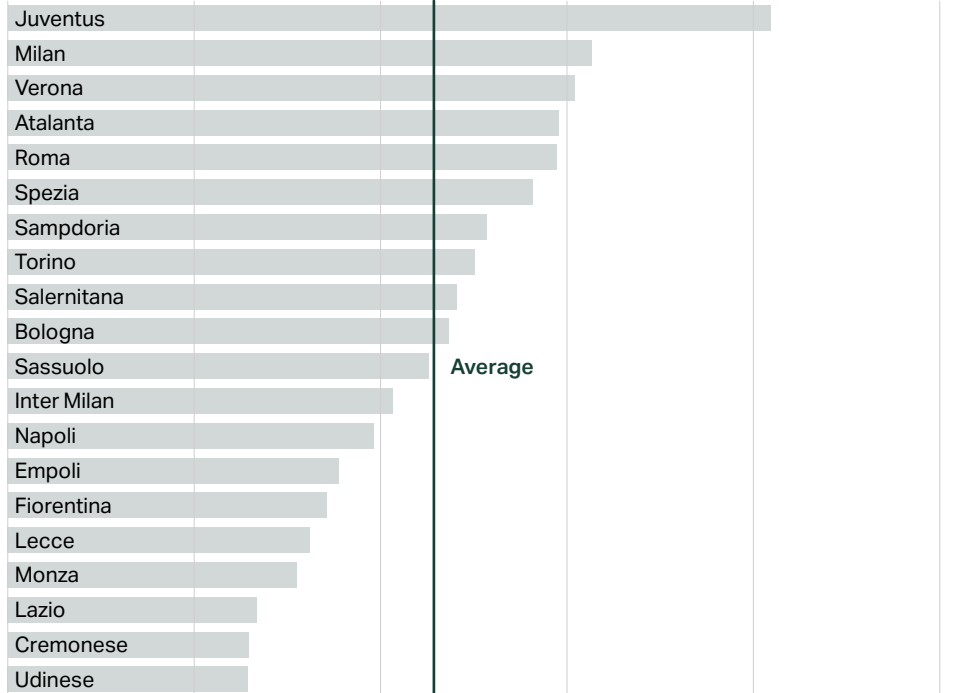
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



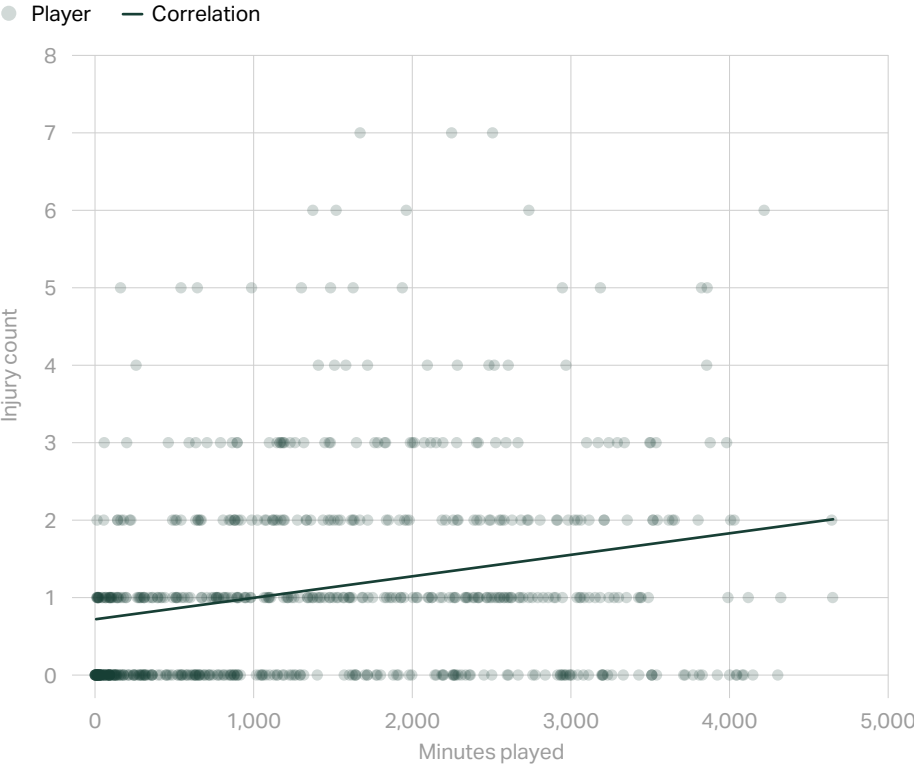
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

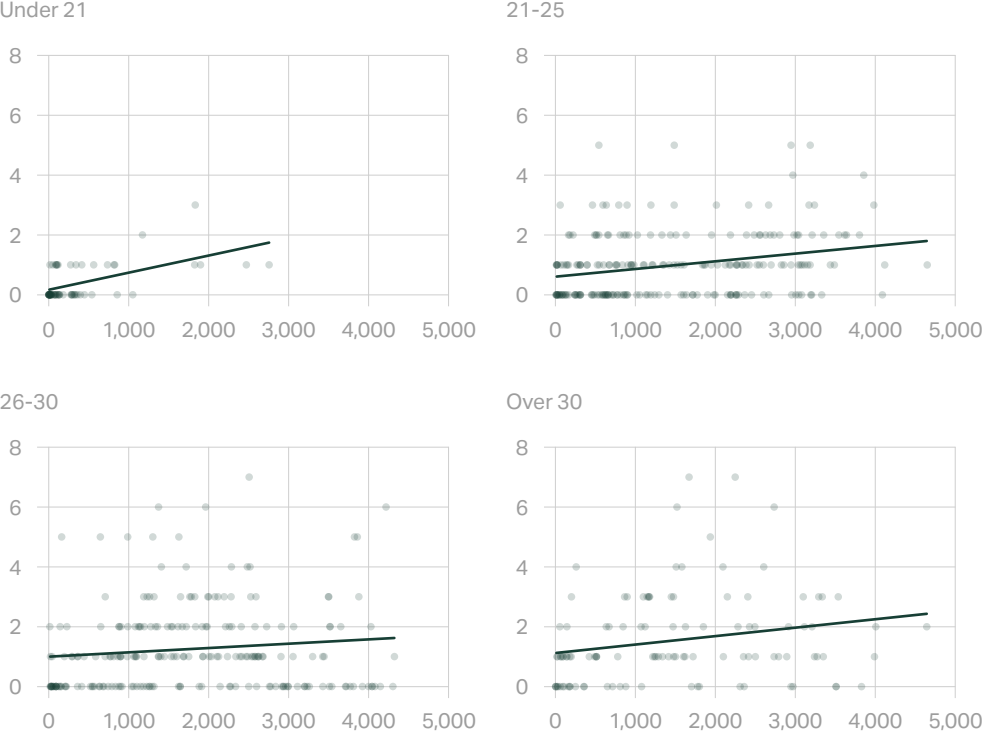


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Overview

Injury cost peak

Injury costs peaked in 2023/24 with a total of €836.62m paid out in salaries to injured players. This represented a 6% increase on 2022/23.

We can also observe a 3% increase in the number of injuries incurred an additional 119 instances relative to the previous season.

It is notable that the Bundesliga accounted for over 30% of the injuries incurred during the season, compared to 18% of the associated costs. Unsurprisingly, the Premier League led the way in injury costs – €365.69m, 44% of the overall figure.

↑3%

Increase in total injury count compared with previous season (2022/23)

↑6%

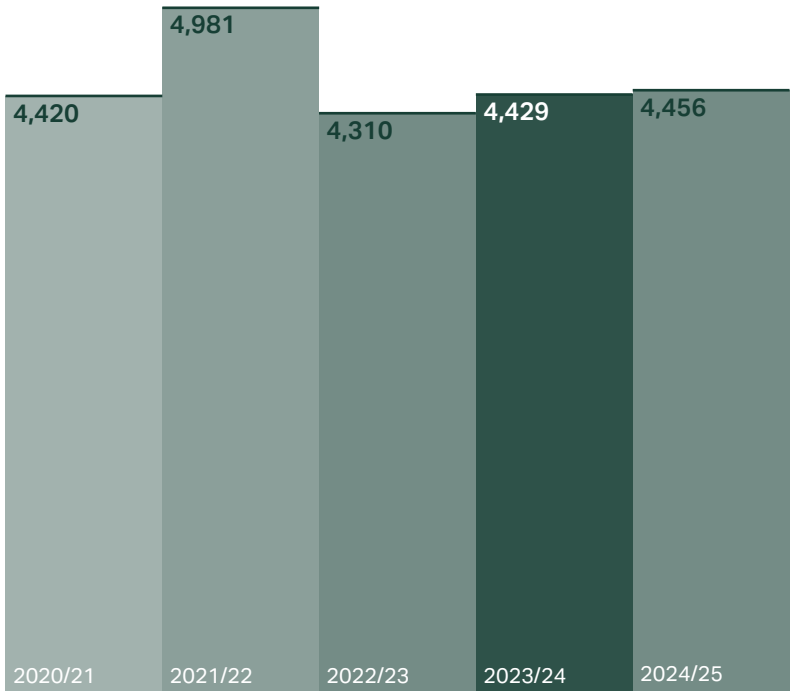
Increase in total injury cost compared to the previous season

€50.67m

Increase in injury cost relative to 2022/23

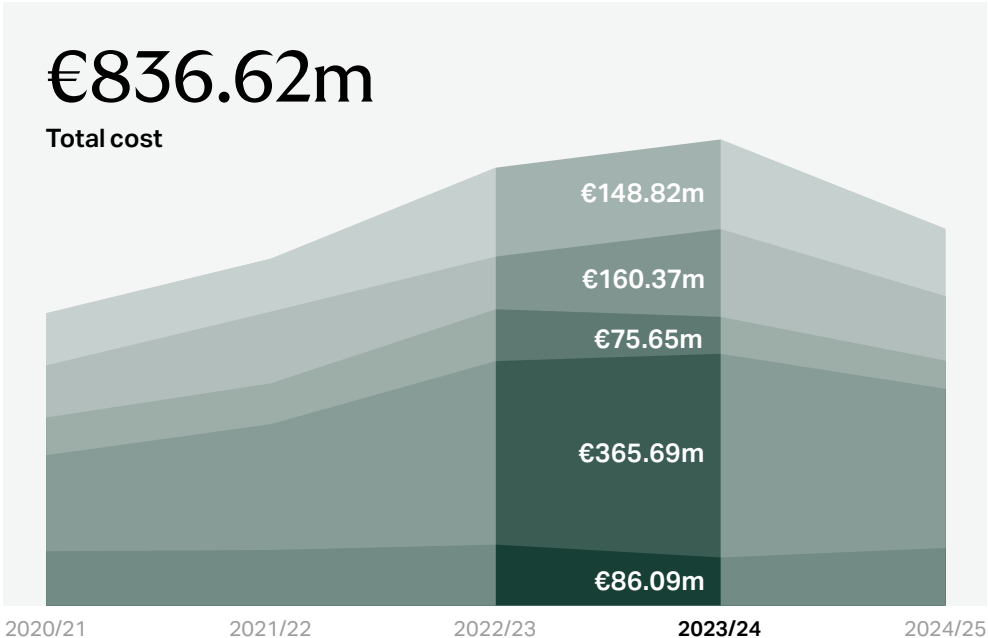


Injury count



Injury cost

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Injury count and cost

All teams

	Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Bayer Leverkusen	42	16	4.05	0.10	2.72%
2	Stuttgart	75	18	4.07	0.05	2.73%
3	Bayern Munich	107	17	44.12	0.41	29.65%
4	RB Leipzig	74	13	14.12	0.19	9.62%
5	Dortmund	104	15	20.43	0.20	13.73%
6	Eintracht Frankfurt	79	13	4.46	0.06	3.00%
7	Hoffenheim	69	22	6.76	0.10	4.55%
8	Heidenheim	37	26	0.82	0.02	0.55%
9	Werder Bremen	88	15	4.37	0.05	2.94%
10	Freiburg	55	26	4.17	0.08	2.80%
11	Augsburg	81	24	5.45	0.07	3.66%
12	Wolfsburg	73	19	7.06	0.10	4.74%
13	Mainz 05	69	20	4.57	0.07	3.07%
14	B. Mönchengladbach	109	17	10.01	0.09	6.73%
15	Union Berlin	60	15	3.35	0.06	2.25%
16	Bochum	74	24	4.69	0.06	3.15%
17	Köln	88	14	3.45	0.04	2.32%
18	Darmstadt	98	20	2.68	0.03	1.80%

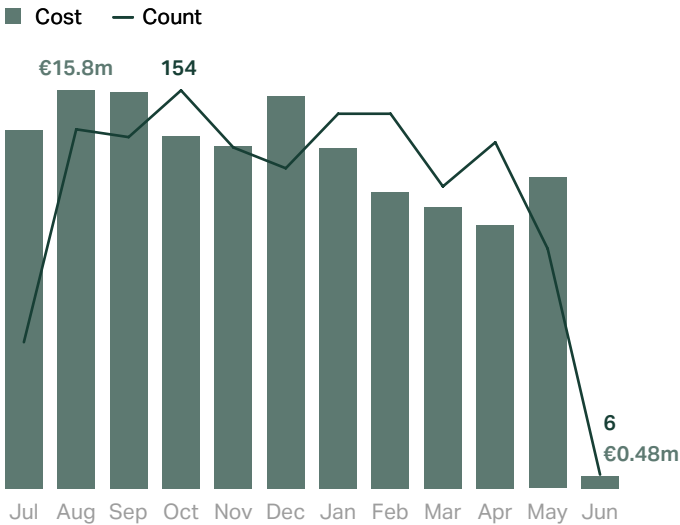
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Total injuries

€148.82m

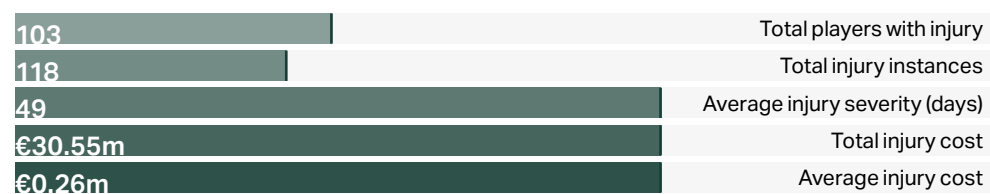
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

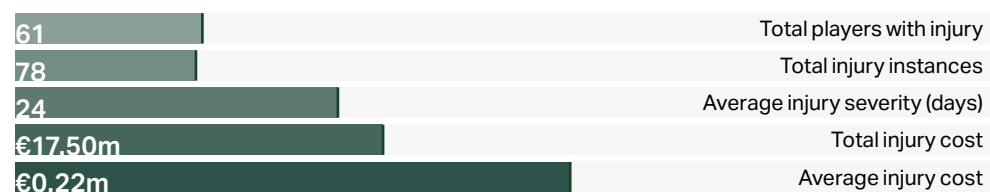
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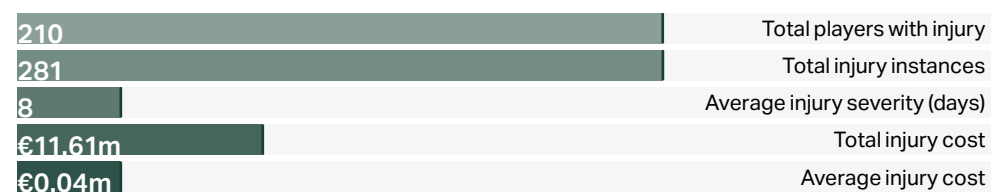
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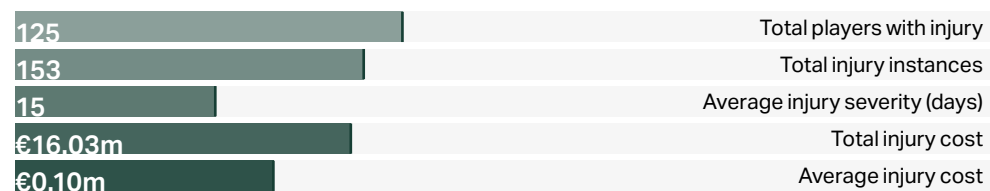
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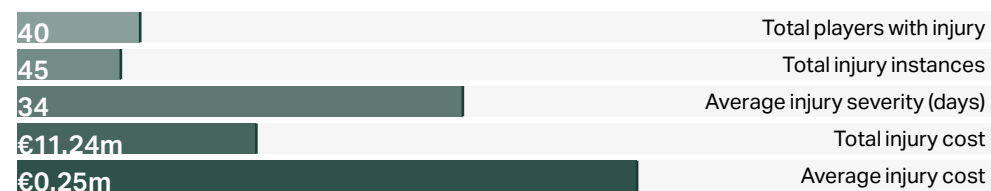
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Thigh/hip



Hand/shoulder

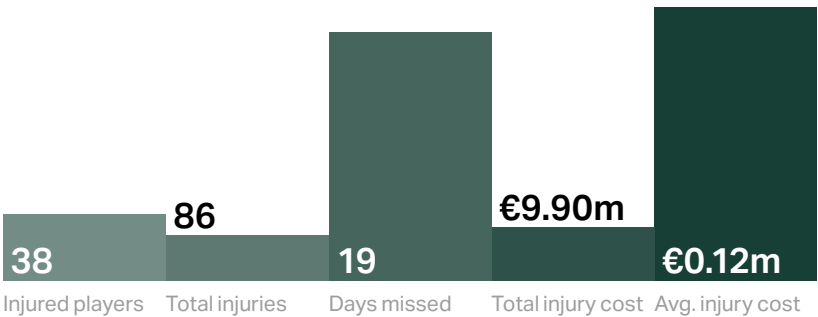




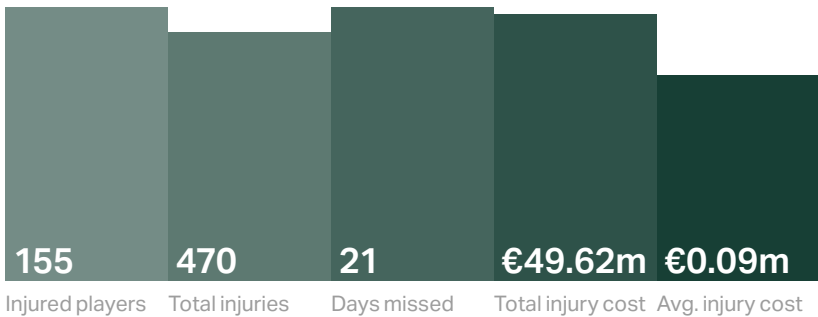
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Injuries by position

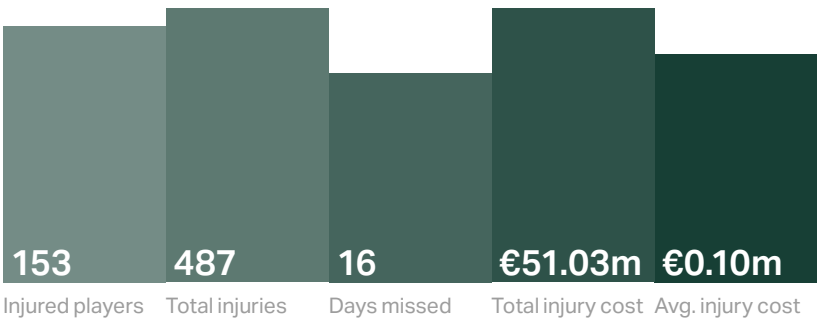
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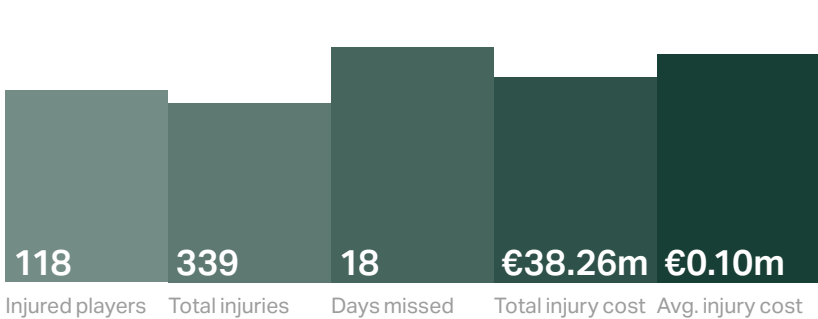
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured **51**



Total injury instances **110**



Avg. injury severity **28**



Total injury cost **€3.62m**

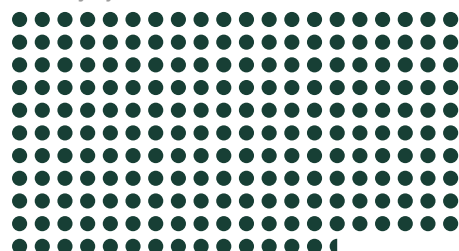


21 – 25

Total players injured **154**



Total injury instances **429**



Avg. injury severity **19**



Total injury cost **€35.30m**

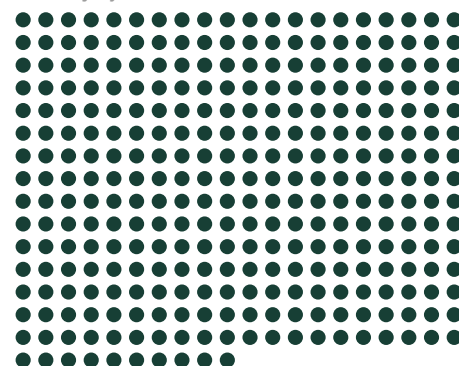


26 – 30

Total players injured **180**



Total injury instances **620**



Avg. injury severity **16**



Total injury cost **€81.85m**



Over 30

Total players injured **79**



Total injury instances **223**



Avg. injury severity **18**



Total injury cost **€28.05m**



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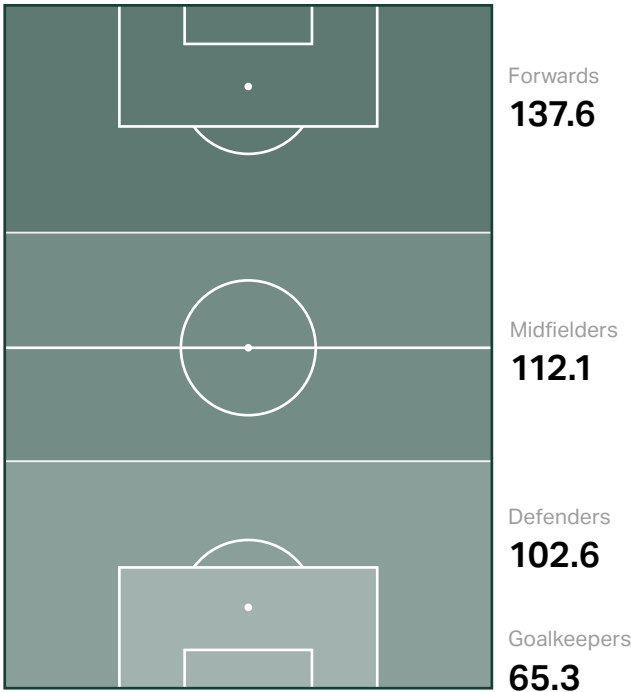
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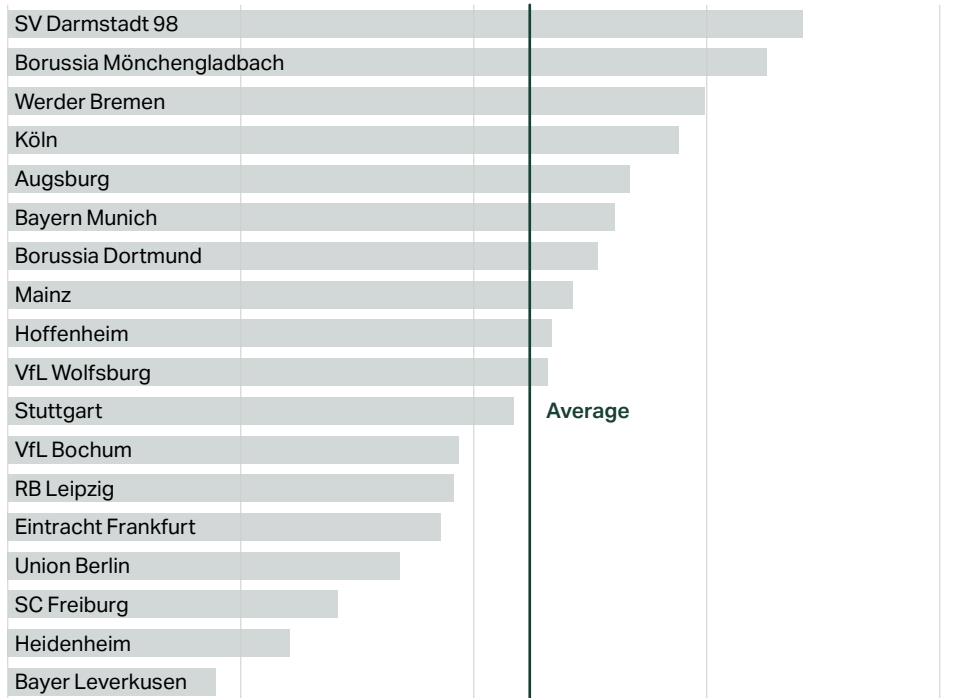
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

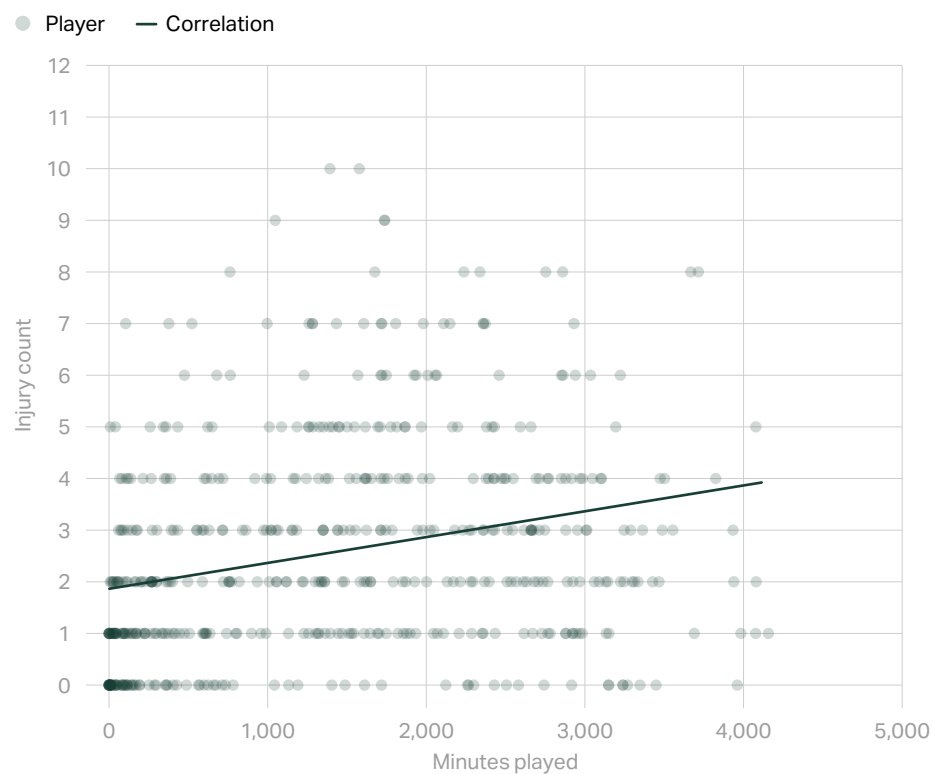
Club variance



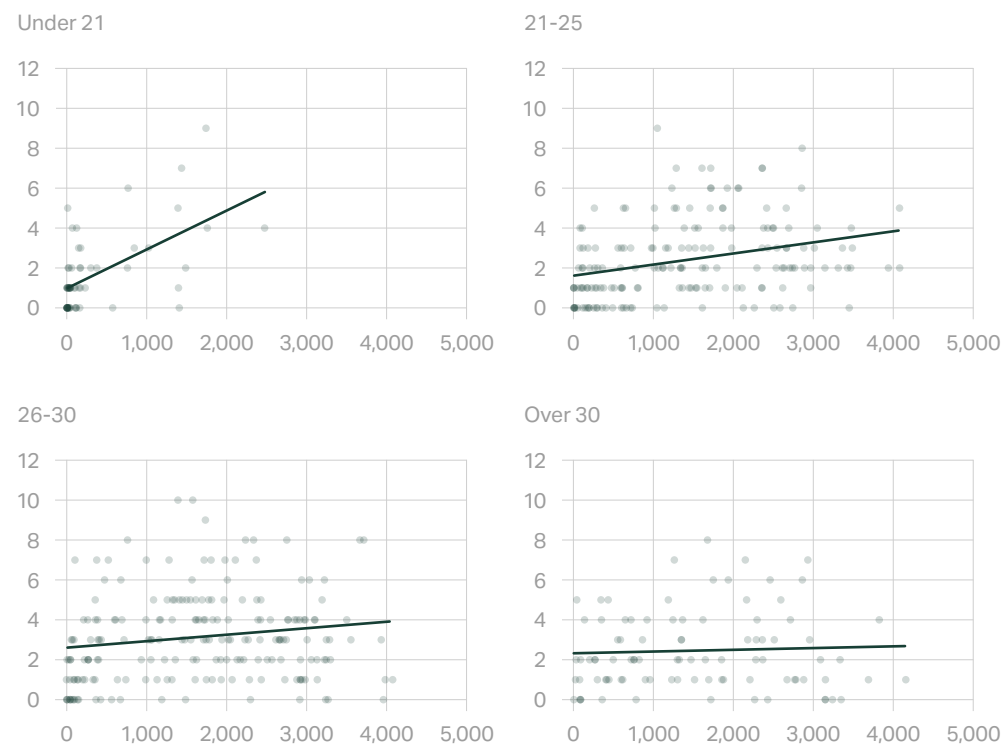
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Average

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team		Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Real Madrid	54	26	50.29	0.93	31.36%
2	Barcelona	45	27	28.25	0.63	17.62%
3	Girona	50	25	3.80	0.08	2.37%
4	Atlético Madrid	44	19	12.54	0.29	7.82%
5	Athletic Bilbao	60	15	6.45	0.11	4.02%
6	Real Sociedad	63	17	6.35	0.10	3.96%
7	Betis	71	20	7.94	0.11	4.95%
8	Villarreal	58	23	8.09	0.14	5.05%
9	Valencia	43	21	5.38	0.13	3.35%
10	Alavés	26	19	0.81	0.03	0.51%
11	Osasuna	37	16	1.25	0.03	0.78%
12	Getafe	26	24	3.42	0.13	2.13%
13	Celta Vigo	41	19	3.10	0.08	1.93%
14	Sevilla	73	20	13.15	0.18	8.20%
15	Mallorca	34	13	1.79	0.05	1.12%
16	Las Palmas	30	24	1.34	0.04	0.84%
17	Rayo Vallecano	24	17	0.52	0.02	0.32%
18	Cadiz	41	26	2.45	0.06	1.53%
19	Almería	34	25	1.77	0.05	1.11%
20	Granada	40	15	1.67	0.04	1.04%

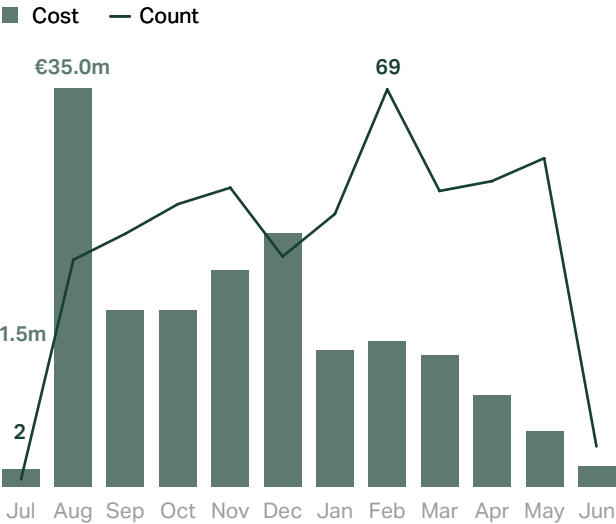
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Total injuries

€160.37m

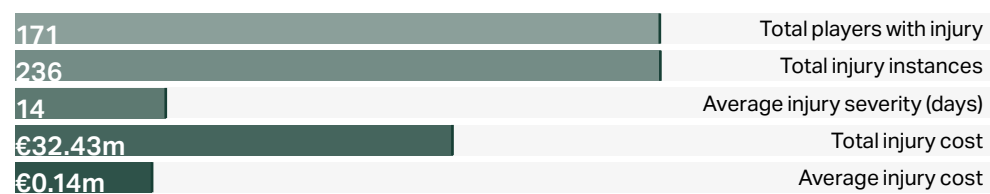
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

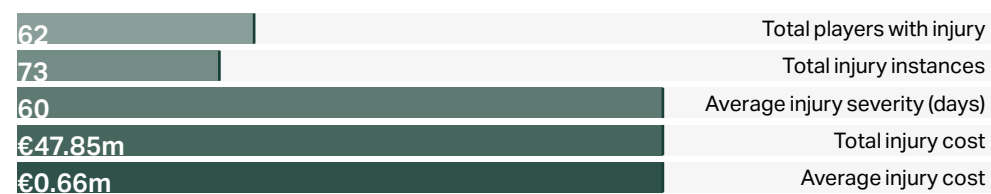


Injuries by type

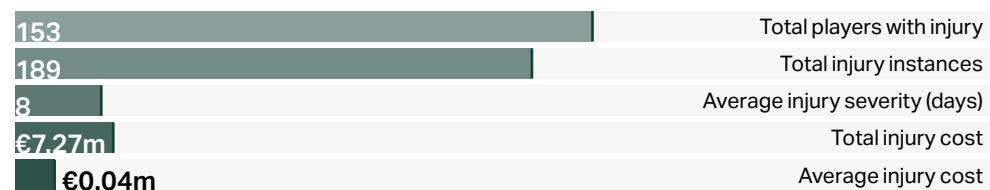
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Physical discomfort



Thigh/hip



Hamstring



Ankle



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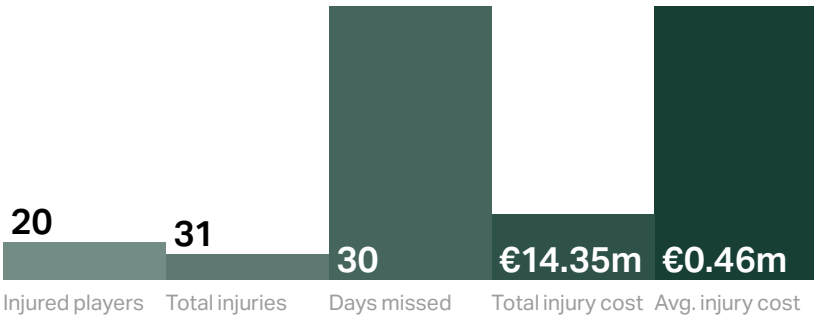
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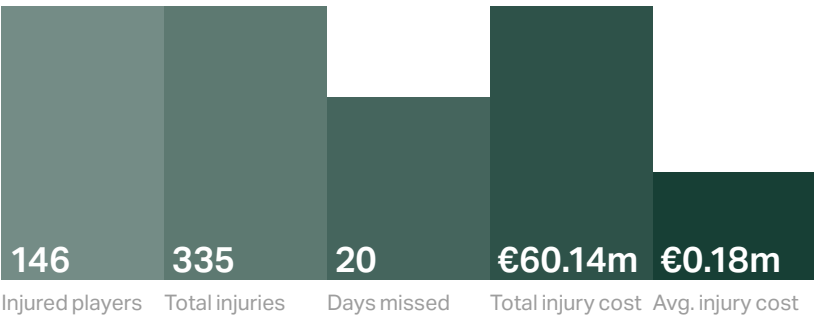
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Injuries by position

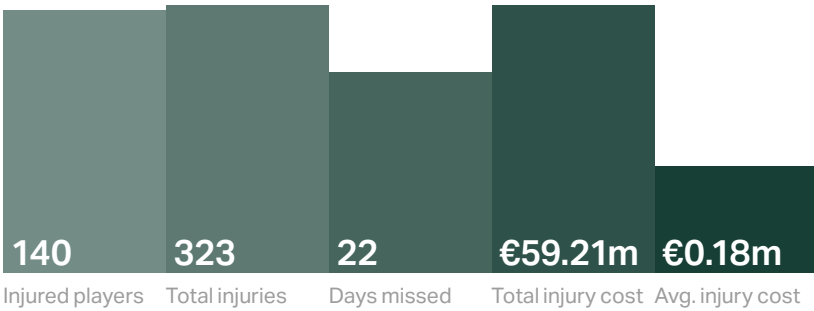
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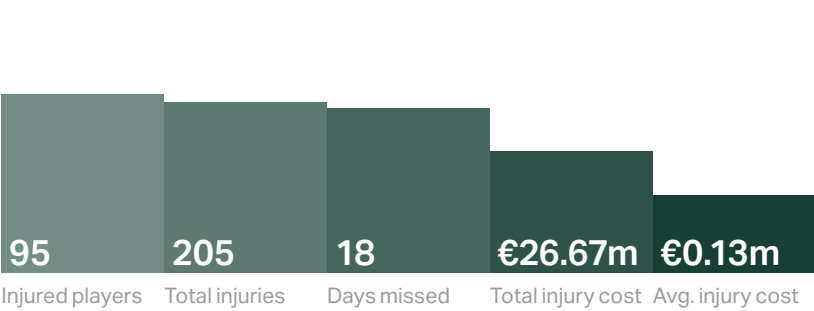
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 19



Total injury instances 37



Avg. injury severity 34



Total injury cost €6.75m



21 – 25

Total players injured 112



Total injury instances 228



Avg. injury severity 15



Total injury cost €27.82m

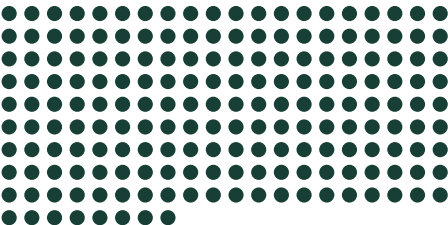


26 – 30

Total players injured 159



Total injury instances 376



Avg. injury severity 22



Total injury cost €70.35m



Over 30

Total players injured 111



Total injury instances 253



Avg. injury severity 22



Total injury cost €55.44m





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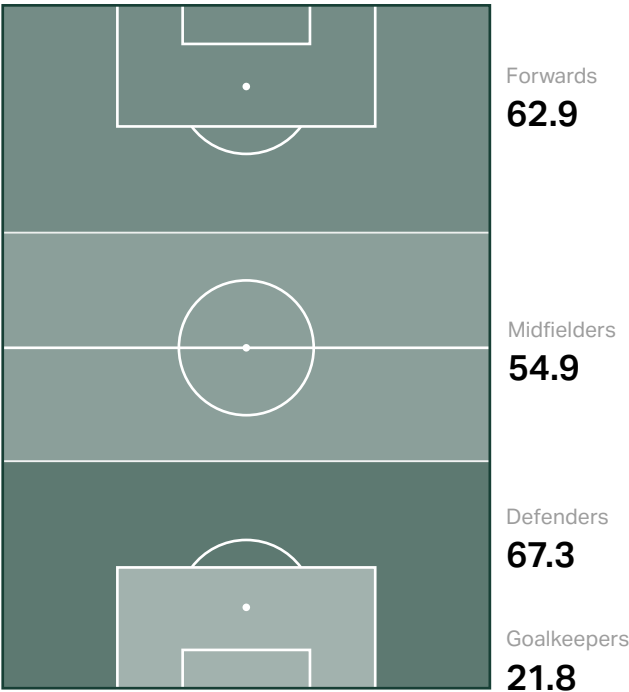
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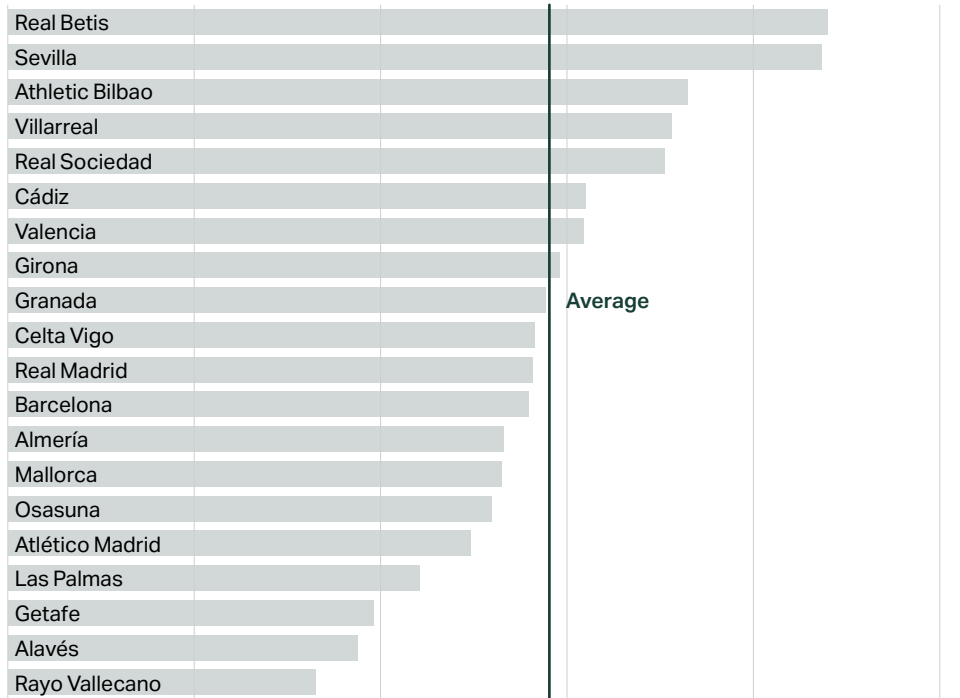
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



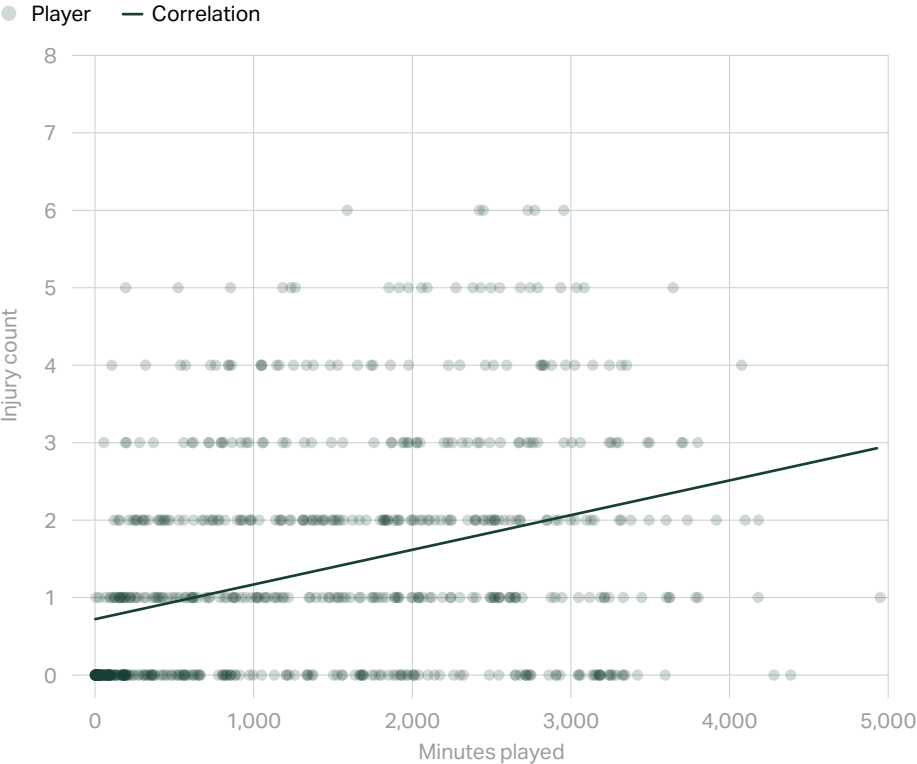
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

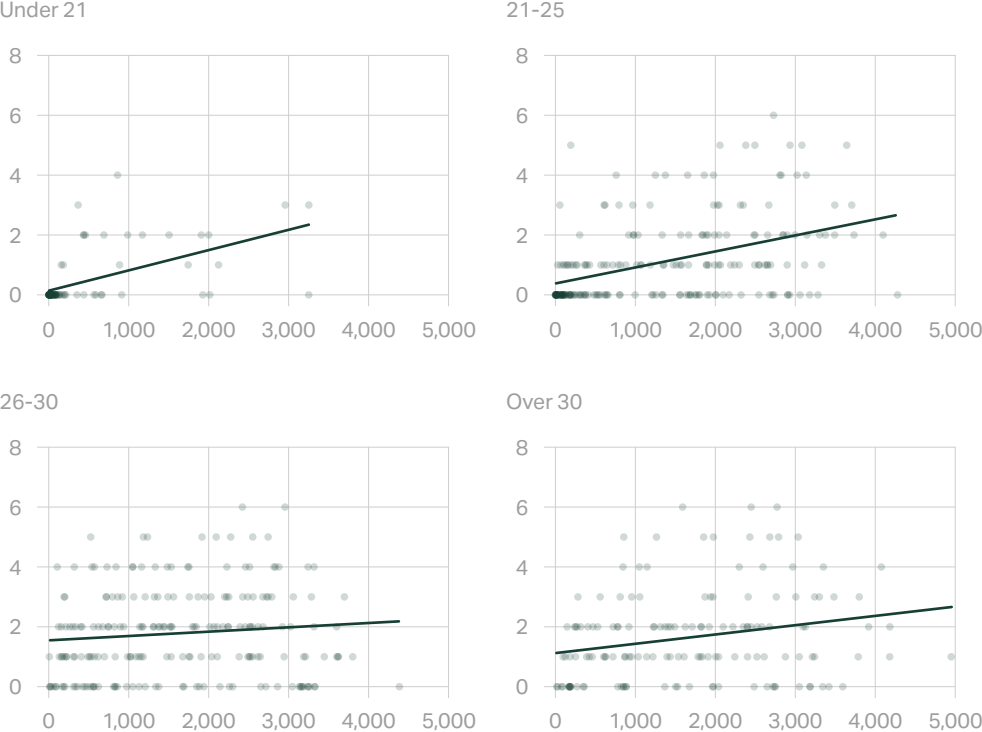


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team		Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Paris Saint-Germain	37	25	25.31	0.68	33.45%
2	Monaco	30	51	9.79	0.33	12.94%
3	Brest	16	28	1.09	0.07	1.44%
4	Lille	29	31	3.64	0.13	4.82%
5	Nice	25	31	2.79	0.11	3.69%
6	Lyon	23	24	3.68	0.16	4.86%
7	Lens	30	24	1.43	0.05	1.89%
8	Marseille	30	34	8.92	0.30	11.79%
9	Reims	27	36	1.90	0.07	2.51%
10	Rennes	20	22	2.24	0.11	2.96%
11	Toulouse	16	57	1.06	0.07	1.41%
12	Montpellier	34	29	1.65	0.05	2.19%
13	Strasbourg	29	46	1.90	0.07	2.51%
14	Nantes	24	45	2.45	0.10	3.24%
15	Le Havre	14	30	0.38	0.03	0.50%
16	Metz	29	33	1.64	0.06	2.17%
17	Lorient	39	47	4.97	0.13	6.56%
18	Clermont Foot	24	27	0.80	0.03	1.06%

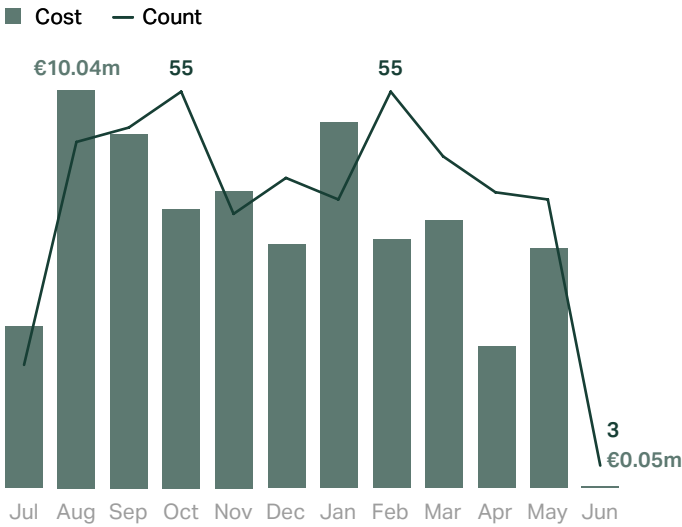
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Total injuries

€75.65m

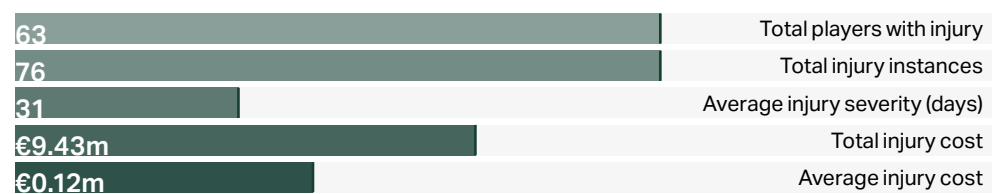
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

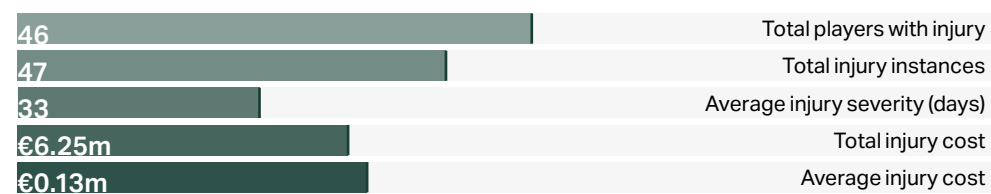


Injuries by type

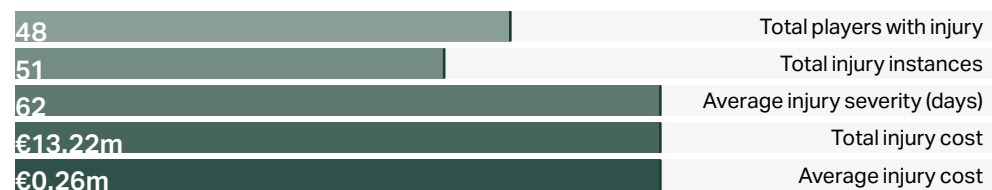
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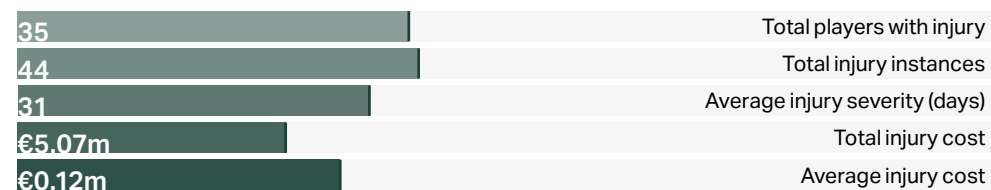
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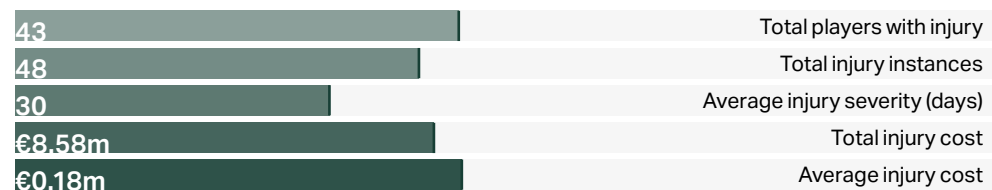
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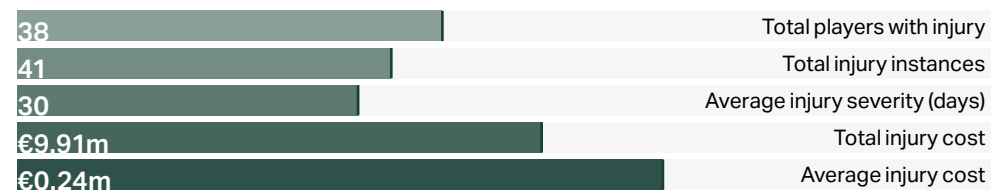
Calf/shin



Ankle



Hamstring



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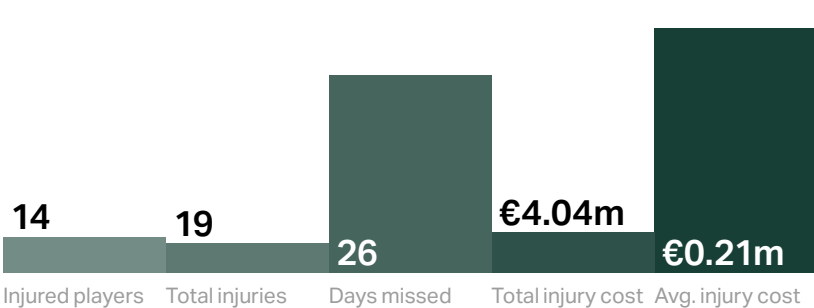
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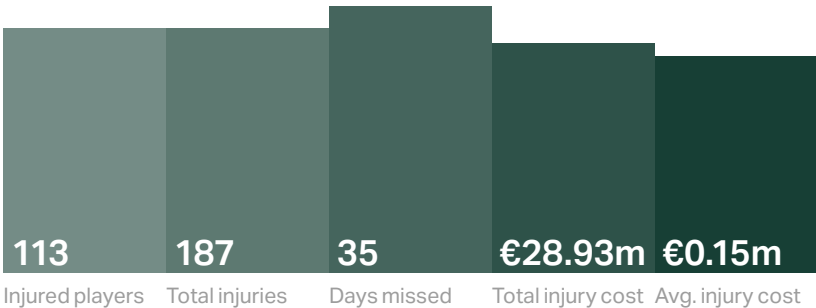
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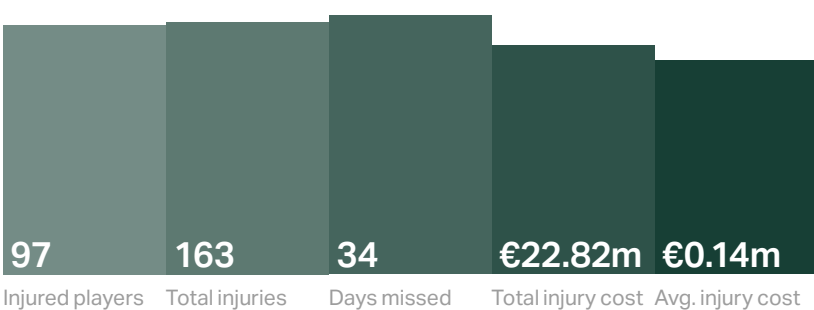
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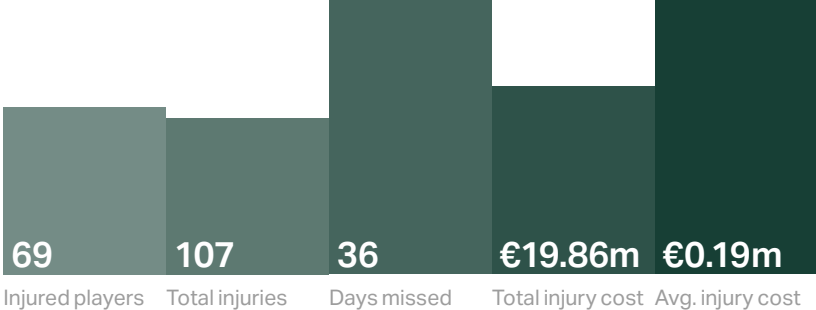
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 28



Total injury instances 45



Avg. injury severity 38



Total injury cost €2.34m



21 – 25

Total players injured 110



Total injury instances 164



Avg. injury severity 35



Total injury cost €16.26m



26 – 30

Total players injured 103



Total injury instances 176



Avg. injury severity 39



Total injury cost €41.73m



Over 30

Total players injured 52



Total injury instances 91



Avg. injury severity 24



Total injury cost €15.33m





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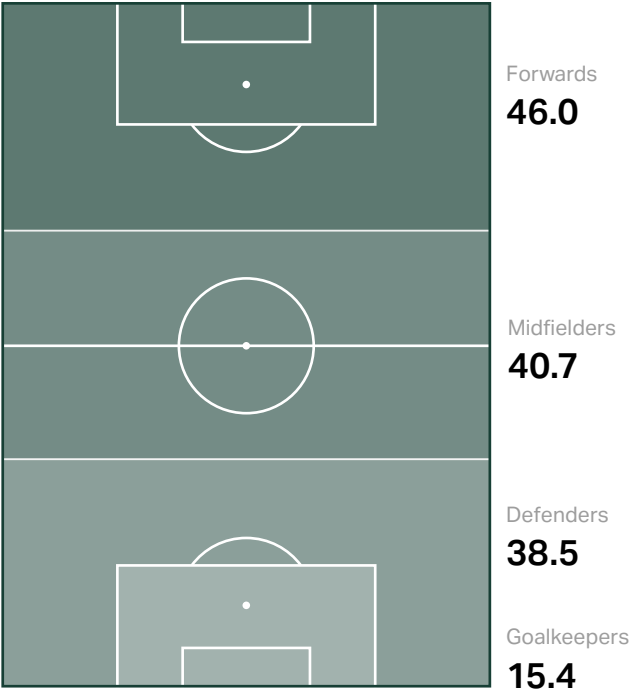
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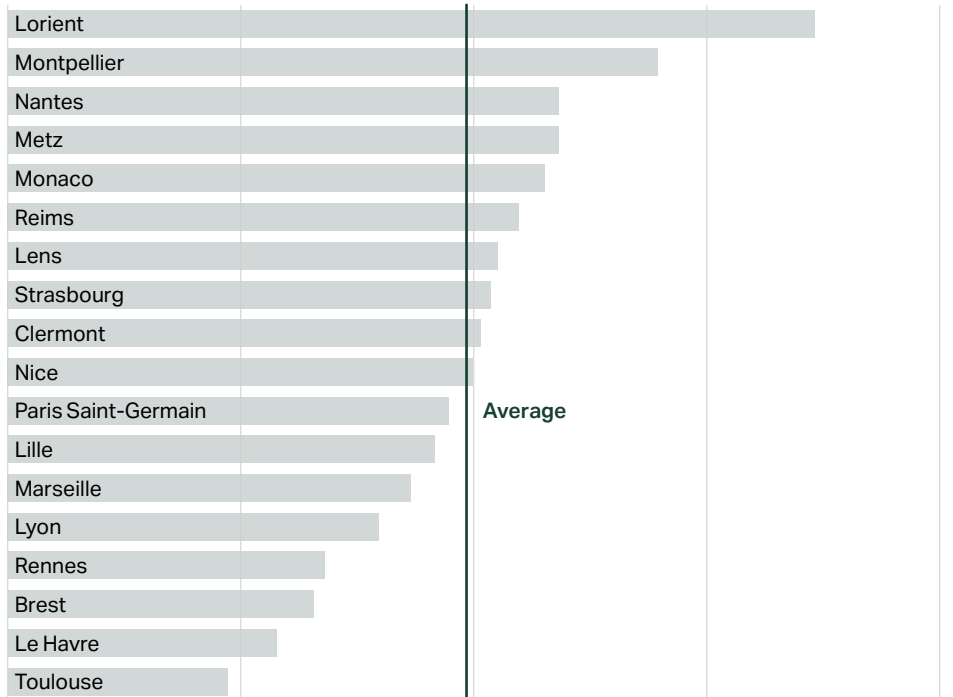
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



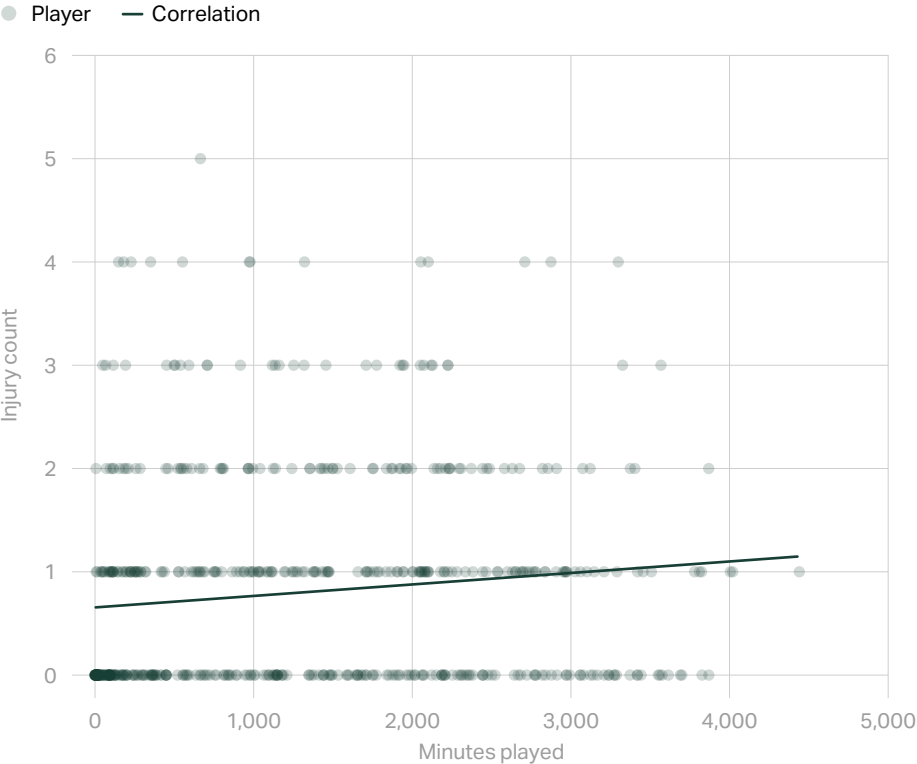
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

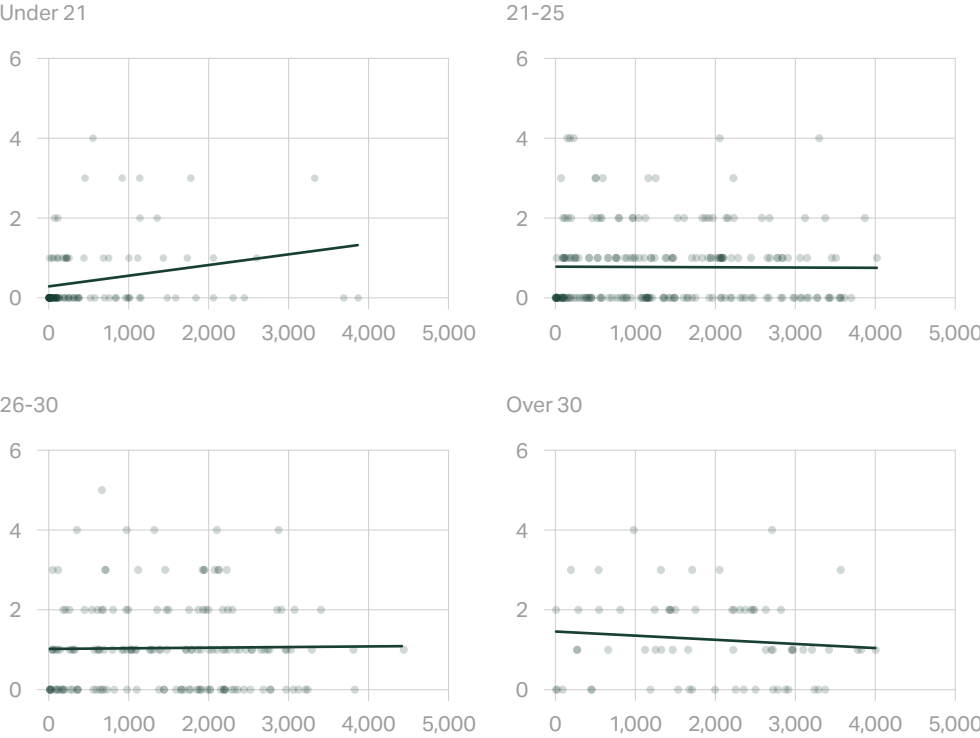


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Manchester City	60	13	32.76	0.55	8.96%
2 Arsenal	53	22	25.34	0.48	6.93%
3 Liverpool	50	31	24.90	0.50	6.81%
4 Aston Villa	50	37	25.30	0.51	6.92%
5 Tottenham	46	42	23.02	0.50	6.29%
6 Chelsea	63	38	52.22	0.83	14.28%
7 Newcastle United	78	26	24.97	0.32	6.83%
8 Manchester United	81	29	53.89	0.67	14.74%
9 West Ham	34	16	7.77	0.23	2.13%
10 Crystal Palace	46	35	13.51	0.29	3.69%
11 Brighton	48	36	14.21	0.30	3.89%
12 Bournemouth	46	36	9.88	0.21	2.70%
13 Fulham	29	24	6.66	0.23	1.82%
14 Wolves	32	19	3.98	0.12	1.09%
15 Everton	52	21	14.56	0.28	3.98%
16 Brentford	33	53	8.80	0.27	2.41%
17 Nottingham Forest	54	21	8.30	0.15	2.27%
18 Luton	48	37	5.51	0.11	1.51%
19 Burnley	34	40	4.58	0.13	1.25%
20 Sheffield United	49	44	5.55	0.11	1.52%

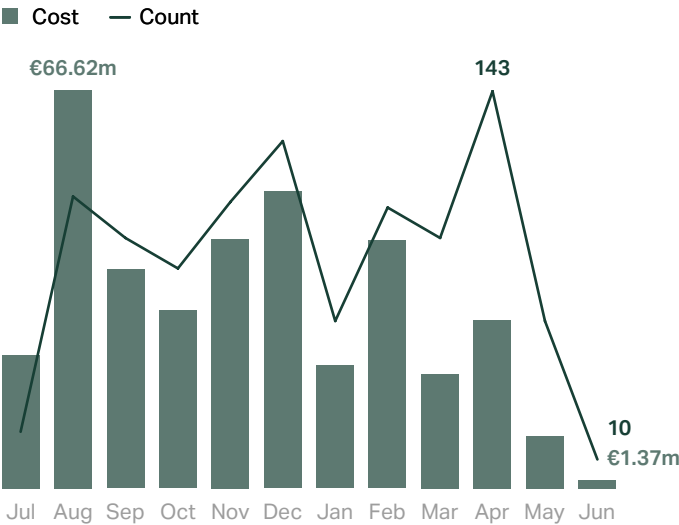
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Total injuries

€365.69m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

Knock

108	Total players with injury
142	Total injury instances
11	Average injury severity (days)
€18.49m	Total injury cost
€0.13m	Average injury cost

Knee

91	Total players with injury
112	Total injury instances
60	Average injury severity (days)
€85.52m	Total injury cost
€0.76m	Average injury cost

Hamstring

114	Total players with injury
141	Total injury instances
21	Average injury severity (days)
€64.91m	Total injury cost
€0.46m	Average injury cost

Ankle

71	Total players with injury
82	Total injury instances
36	Average injury severity (days)
€25.36m	Total injury cost
€0.31m	Average injury cost

Muscle

104	Total players with injury
141	Total injury instances
37	Average injury severity (days)
€53.00m	Total injury cost
€0.38m	Average injury cost

Calf/shin

55	Total players with injury
66	Total injury instances
40	Average injury severity (days)
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€0.44m	Average injury cost

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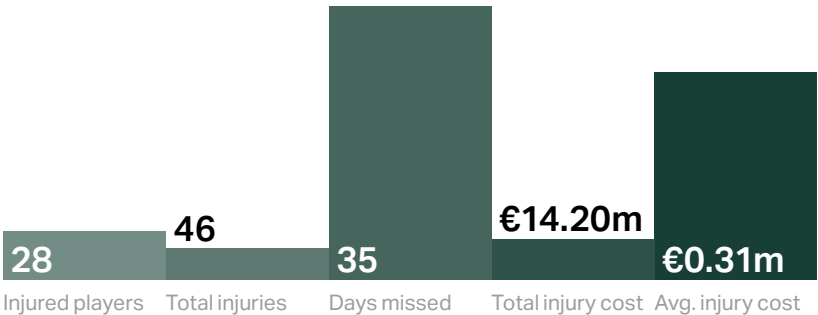
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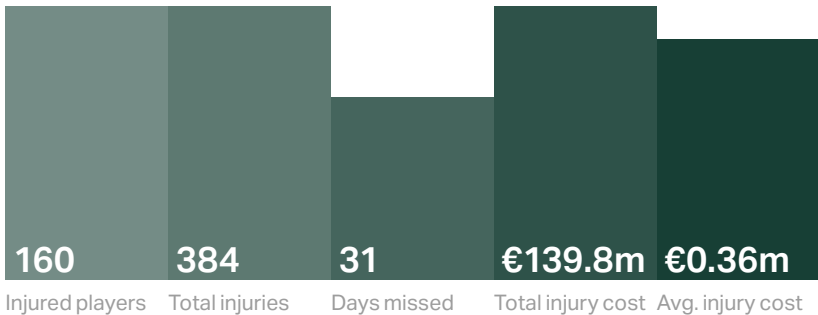
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Injuries by position

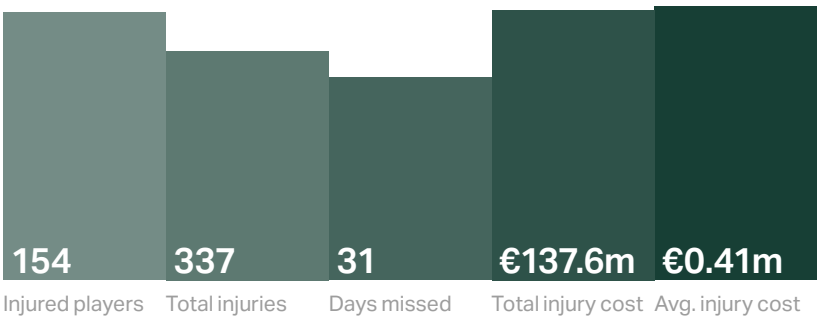
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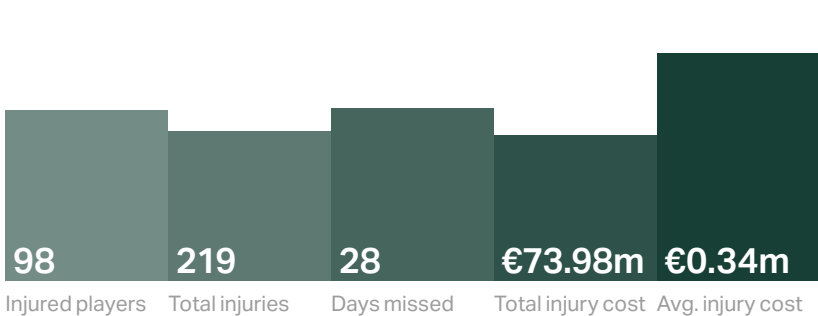
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured **33**



Total injury instances **57**



Avg. injury severity **49**



Total injury cost **€13.40m**

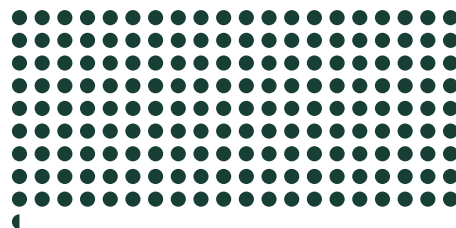


21 – 25

Total players injured **162**



Total injury instances **361**



Avg. injury severity **31**



Total injury cost **€121.51m**

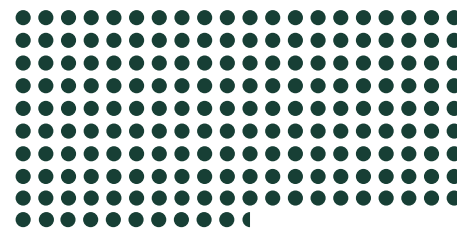


26 – 30

Total players injured **165**



Total injury instances **381**



Avg. injury severity **28**



Total injury cost **€144.24m**



Over 30

Total players injured **80**



Total injury instances **187**



Avg. injury severity **30**



Total injury cost **€86.54m**





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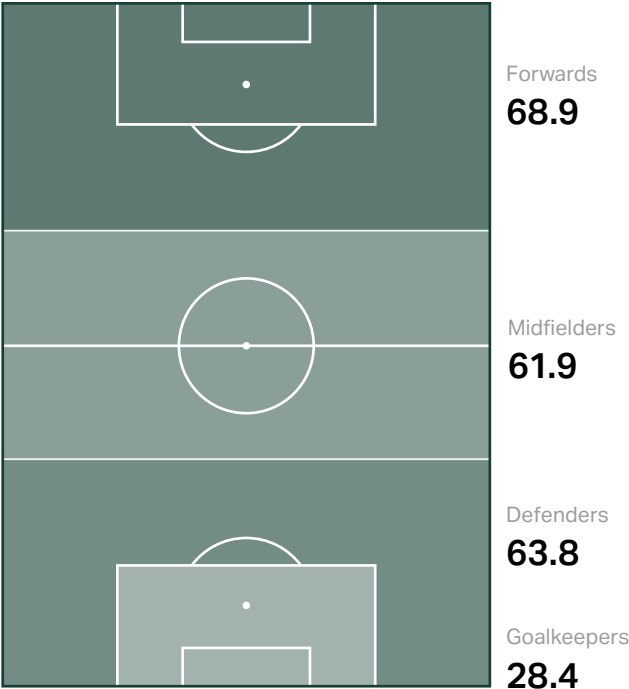
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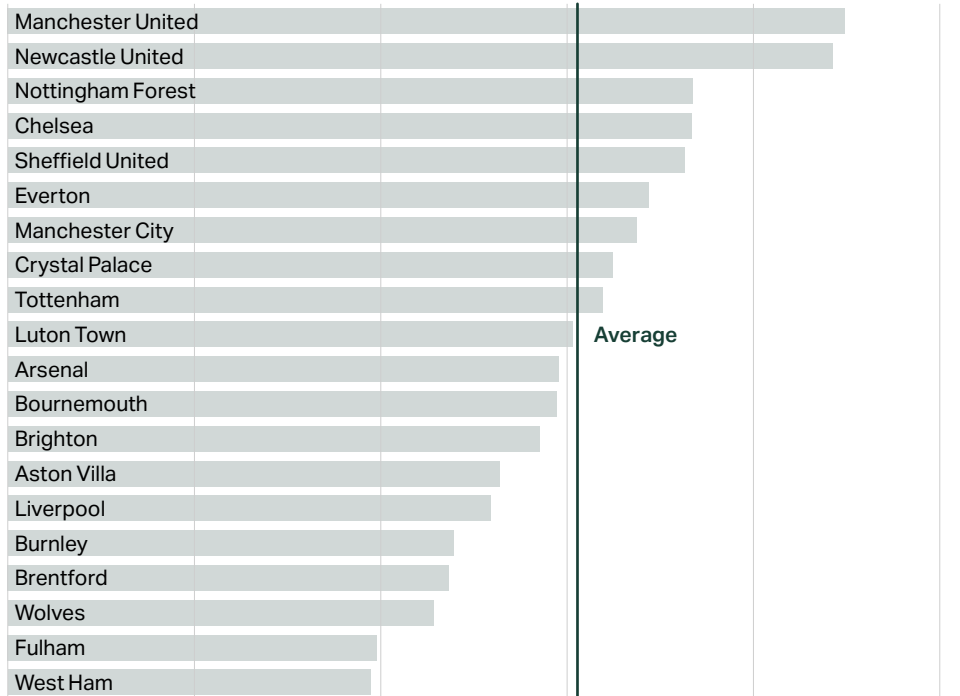
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



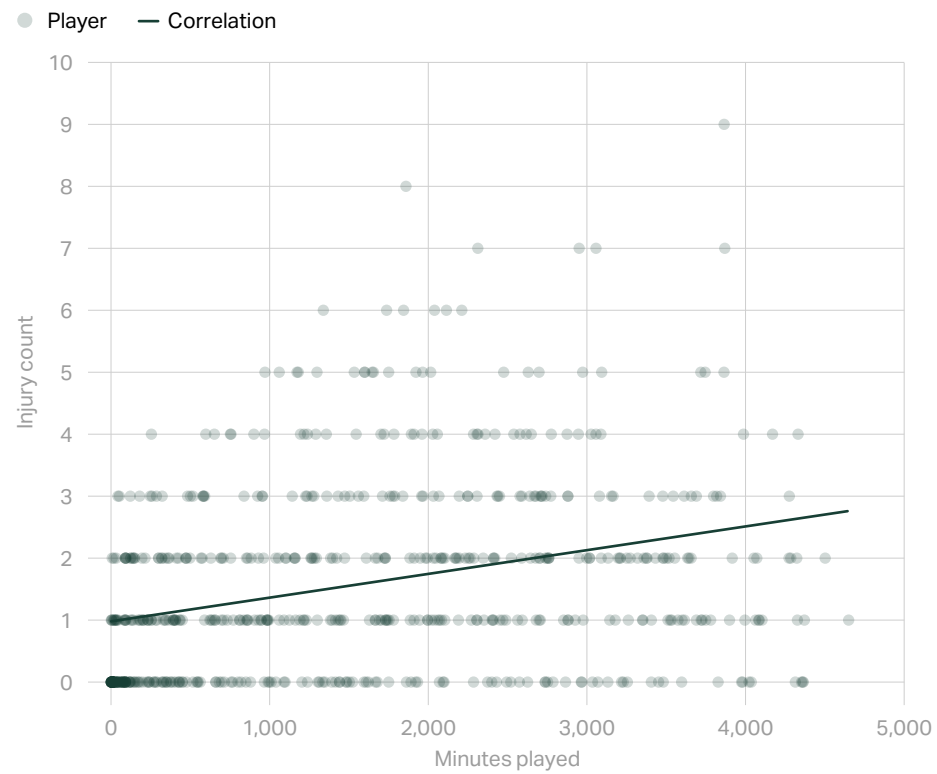
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

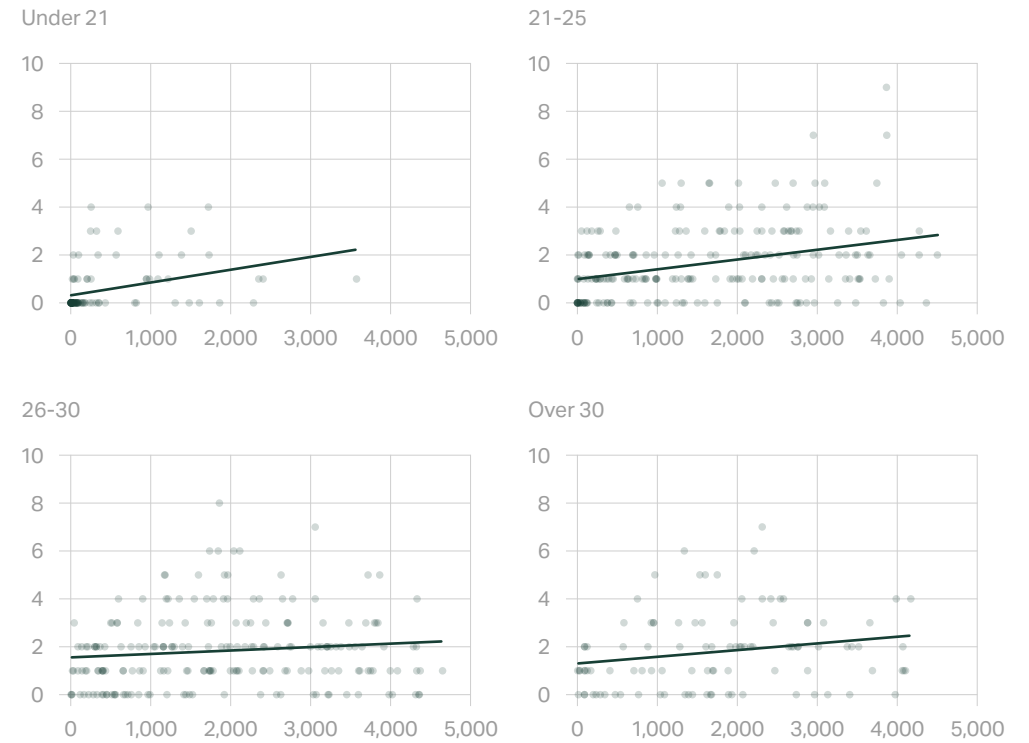


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team		Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Inter	39	16	8.98	0.23	10.43%
2	AC Milan	51	22	8.88	0.17	10.32%
3	Juventus	51	13	10.91	0.21	12.67%
4	Atalanta	35	19	3.42	0.10	3.97%
5	Bologna	26	20	1.69	0.06	1.96%
6	Roma	44	15	8.59	0.20	9.98%
7	Lazio	44	11	5.21	0.12	6.05%
8	Fiorentina	28	27	3.17	0.11	3.68%
9	Torino	38	29	3.73	0.10	4.33%
10	Napoli	58	12	6.68	0.12	7.76%
11	Genoa	34	20	3.43	0.10	3.99%
12	Monza	22	26	2.38	0.11	2.76%
13	Verona	28	20	0.98	0.03	1.14%
14	Lecce	20	32	0.95	0.05	1.10%
15	Udinese	20	65	4.14	0.21	4.81%
16	Cagliari	34	24	3.32	0.10	3.85%
17	Empoli	31	28	1.65	0.05	1.91%
18	Frosinone	28	39	2.23	0.08	2.59%
19	Sassuolo	27	23	3.17	0.12	3.68%
20	Salernitana	33	22	2.60	0.08	3.02%

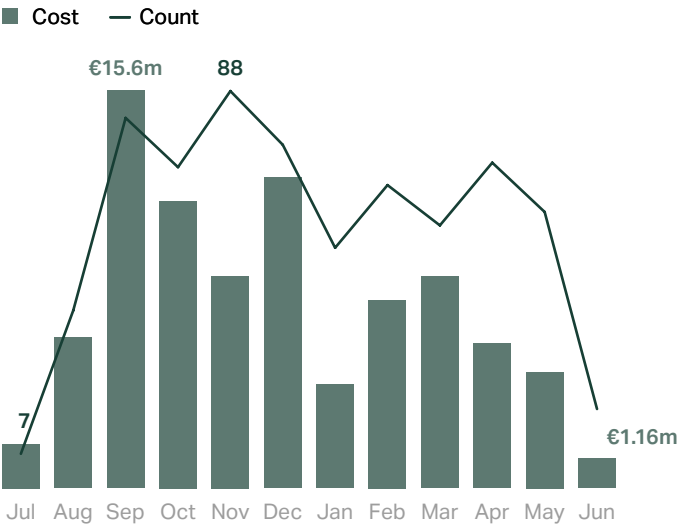
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Total injuries

€86.09m

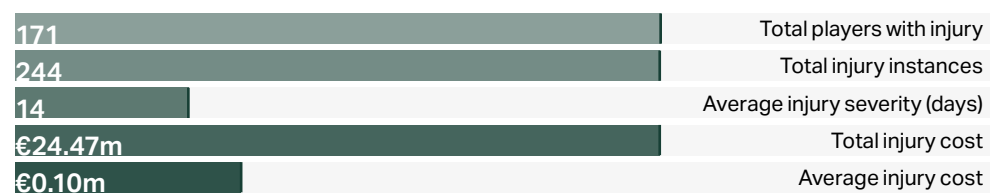
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

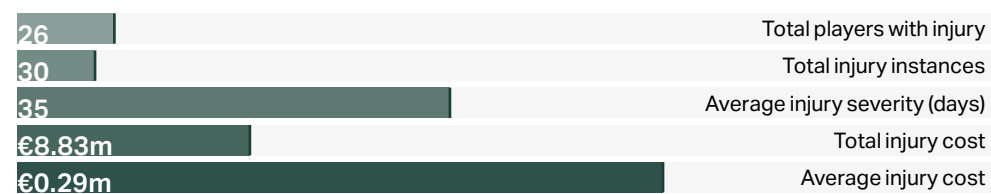


Injuries by type

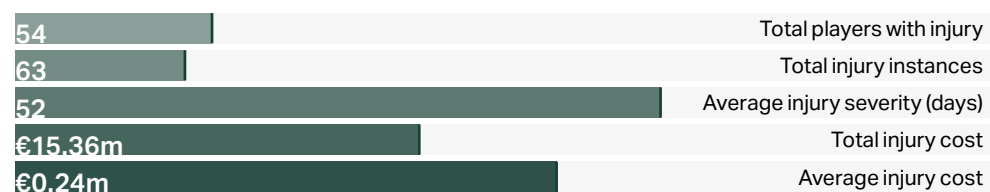
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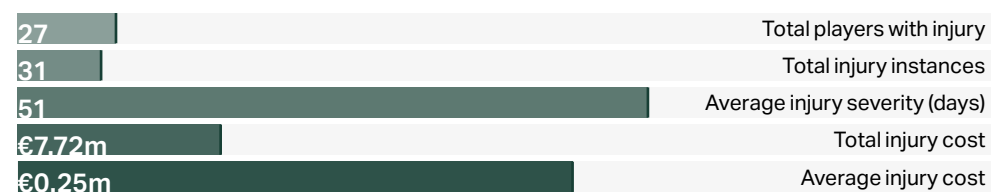
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Knee



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Thigh/hip



Ankle



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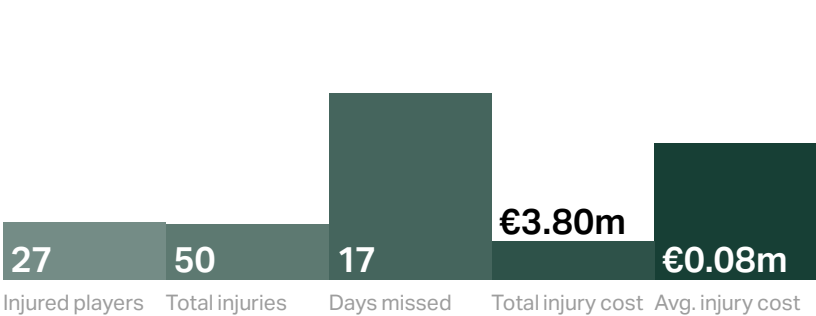
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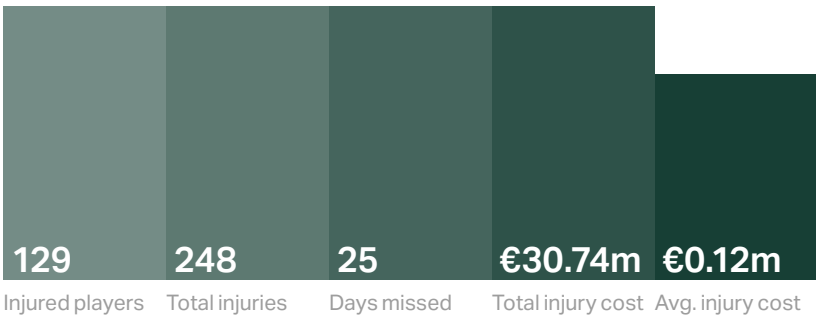
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Injuries by position

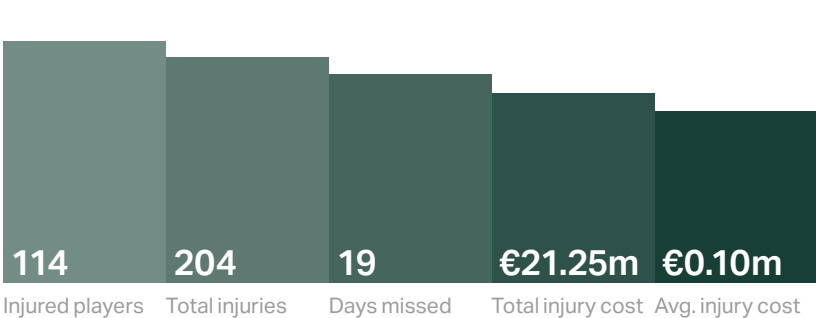
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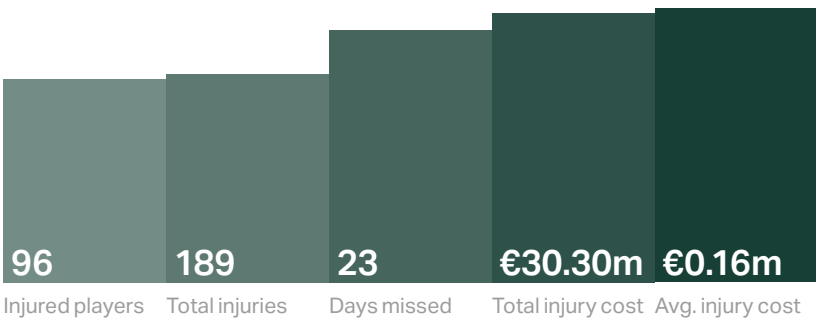
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 23



Total injury instances 33



Avg. injury severity 35



Total injury cost €1.53m



21 – 25

Total players injured 130



Total injury instances 220



Avg. injury severity 24



Total injury cost €22.29m

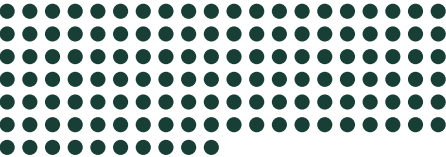


26 – 30

Total players injured 130



Total injury instances 260



Avg. injury severity 20



Total injury cost €35.28m



Over 30

Total players injured 83



Total injury instances 178



Avg. injury severity 21



Total injury cost €27.00m





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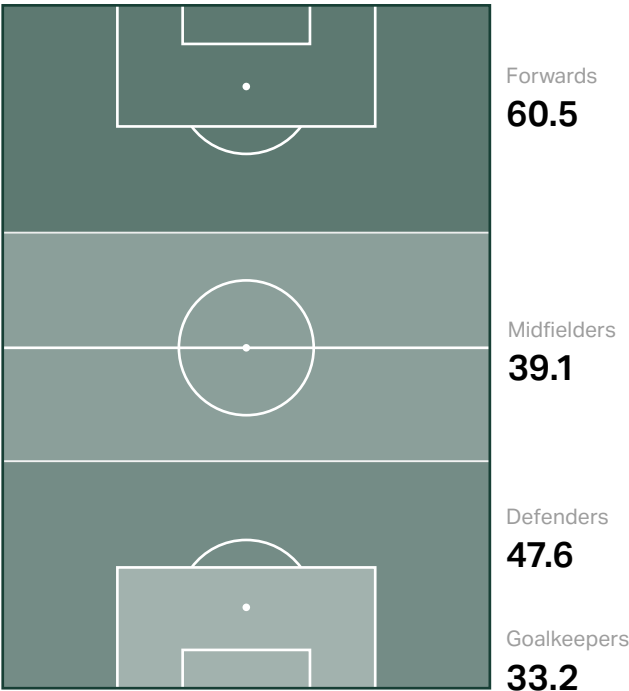
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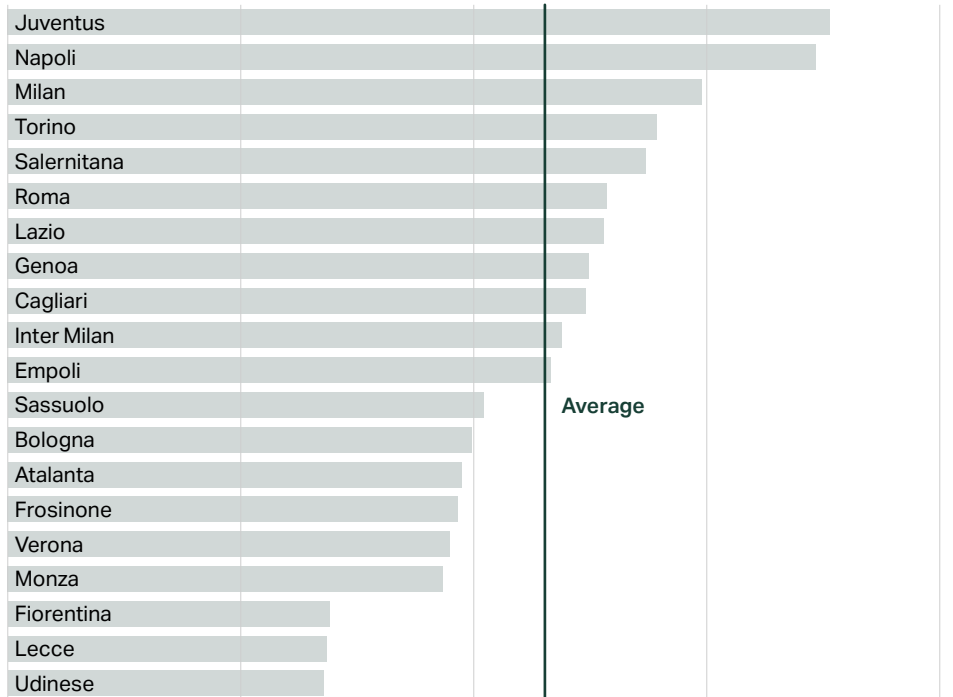
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



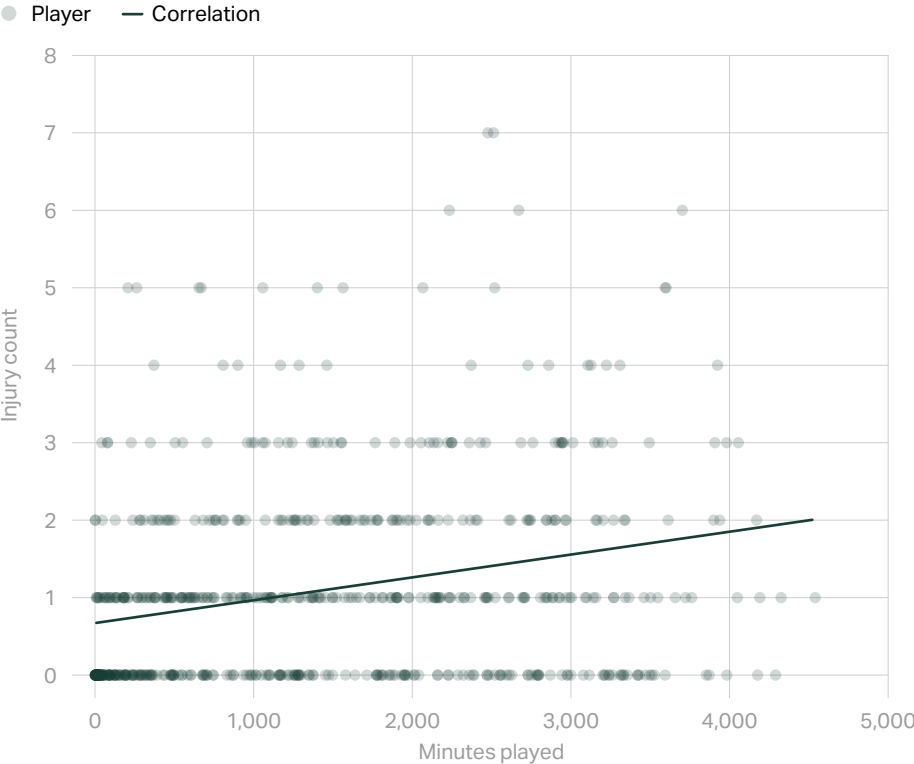
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

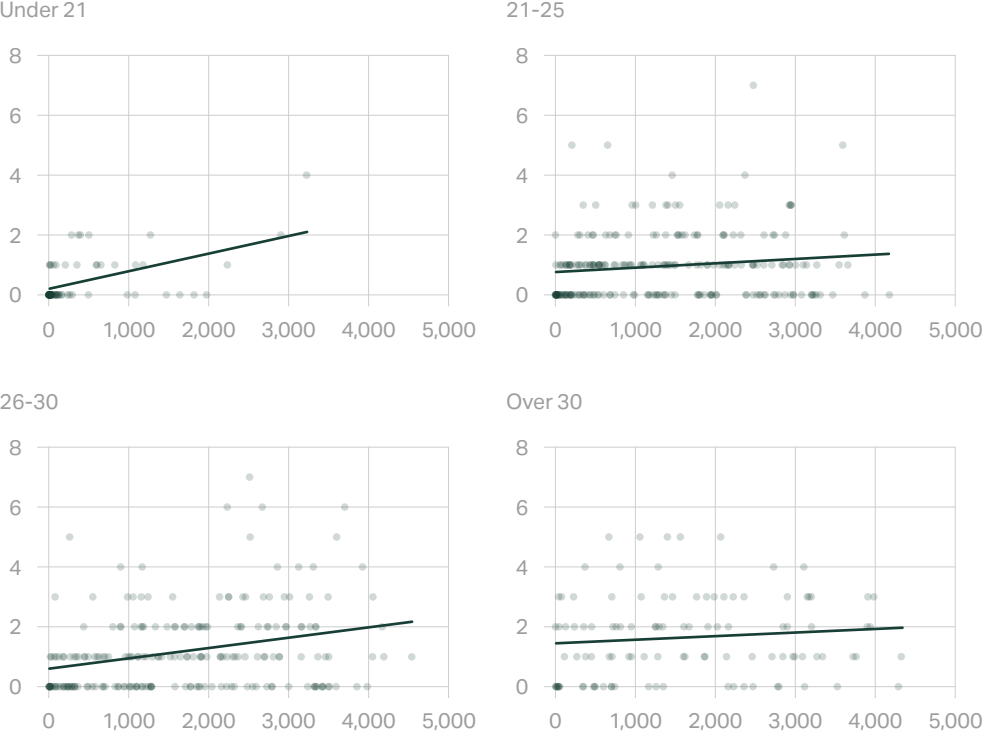


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Overview

A costly decline

Overall, we can see a total of 4,456 injuries were recorded by competing clubs across the top five men's European leagues during the 2024/25 season.

These came at a combined cost of €676.14m. The Premier League accounted for over 40% of this cost figure.

The Bundesliga leads the way once again in terms of the numbers of injuries incurred. German men's clubs recorded an average of 67 injuries across the season.

Compared to the 2023/24 season, we observe a marginal increase in the number of injuries incurred, however there is a notable decrease in associated costs – €160.48m.

40%

Premier League contribution to 2024/25 injury cost

67

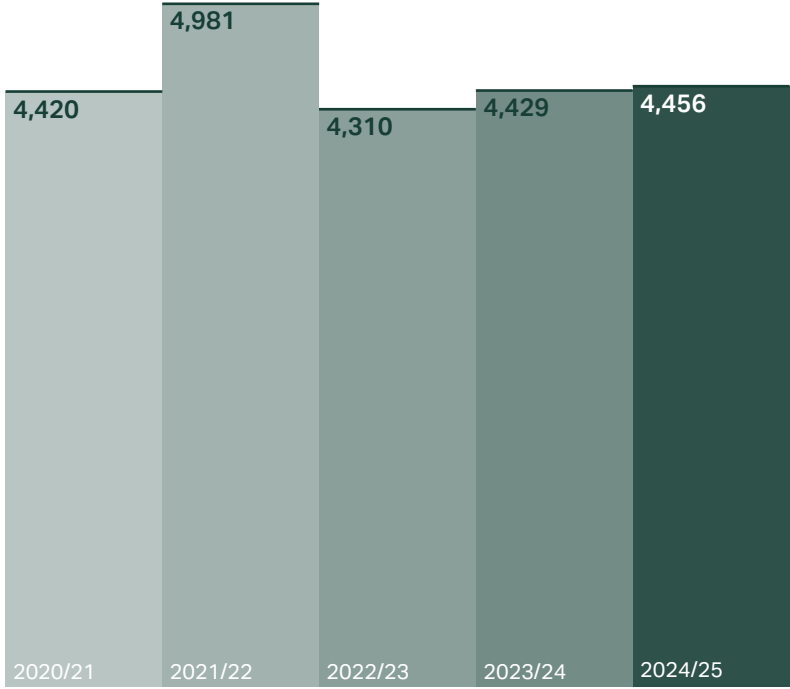
Average number of injuries incurred by Bundesliga clubs

€160.48m

Decrease in associated injury costs compared with the 2023/24 season

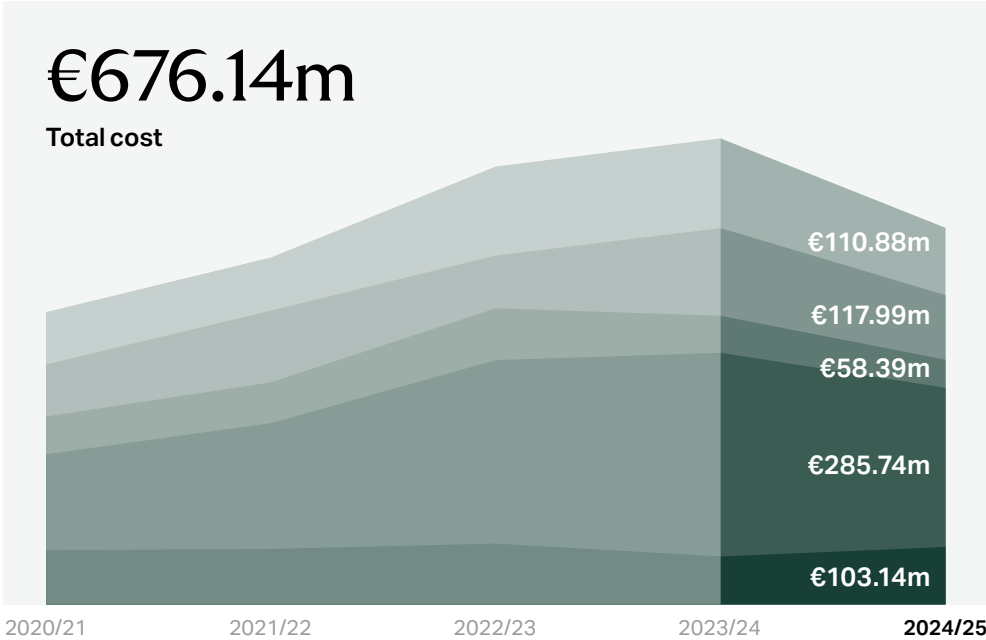


Injury count



Injury cost

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La Liga

Ligue 1

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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team	Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1 Bayern Munich	75	21	25.16	0.34	22.69%
2 Bayer Leverkusen	43	19	6.63	0.15	5.98%
3 Eintracht Frankfurt	67	15	3.97	0.06	3.58%
4 Dortmund	72	14	11.10	0.15	10.01%
5 Freiburg	45	25	3.24	0.07	2.93%
6 Mainz	68	13	3.24	0.05	2.92%
7 RB Leipzig	59	24	14.36	0.24	12.95%
8 Werder Bremen	82	13	2.88	0.04	2.60%
9 Stuttgart	69	24	5.88	0.09	5.30%
10 B. Mönchengladbach	66	17	4.84	0.07	4.36%
11 Wolfsburg	85	22	7.94	0.09	7.16%
12 Augsburg	68	19	3.04	0.04	2.74%
13 Union Berlin	51	23	3.44	0.07	3.10%
14 St.Pauli	70	27	2.18	0.03	1.97%
15 Hoffenheim	65	31	8.82	0.14	7.95%
16 Heidenheim	64	11	0.99	0.02	0.90%
17 Holstein Kiel	76	16	1.38	0.02	1.24%
18 Bochum	72	11	1.79	0.02	1.62%

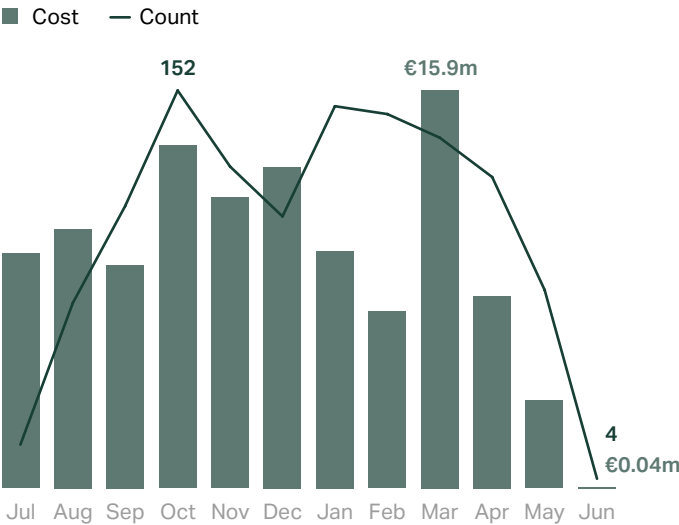
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Total injuries

€110.88m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

Illness

179	Total players with injury
230	Total injury instances
7	Average injury severity (days)
€6.97m	Total injury cost
€0.03m	Average injury cost

Ankle

80	Total players with injury
96	Total injury instances
25	Average injury severity (days)
€13.36m	Total injury cost
€0.14m	Average injury cost

Thigh/hip

101	Total players with injury
127	Total injury instances
17	Average injury severity (days)
€11.07m	Total injury cost
€0.09m	Average injury cost

Knee

81	Total players with injury
90	Total injury instances
47	Average injury severity (days)
€20.66m	Total injury cost
€0.23m	Average injury cost

Muscle

106	Total players with injury
125	Total injury instances
11	Average injury severity (days)
€4.69m	Total injury cost
€0.04m	Average injury cost

Groin

63	Total players with injury
74	Total injury instances
24	Average injury severity (days)
€9.89m	Total injury cost
€0.13m	Average injury cost

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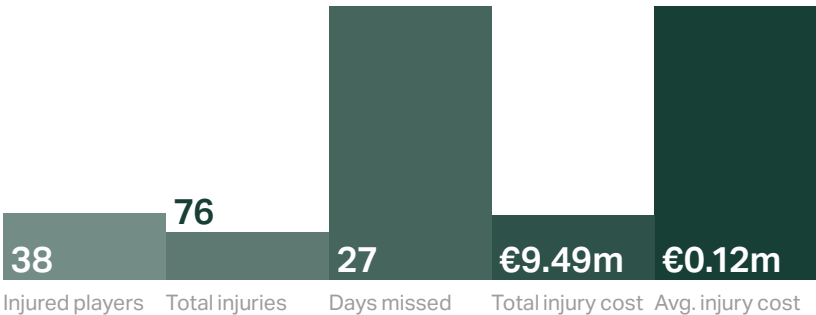
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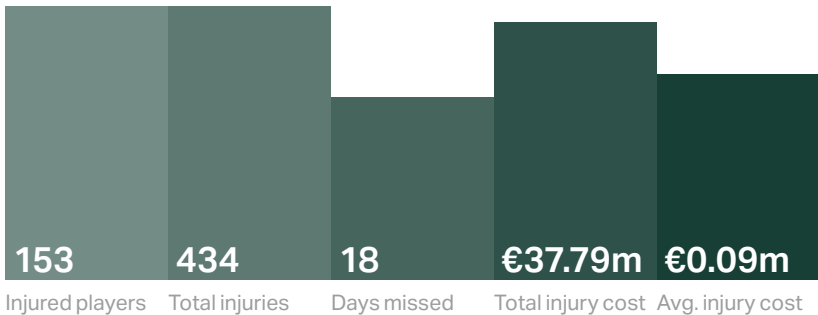
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Injuries by position

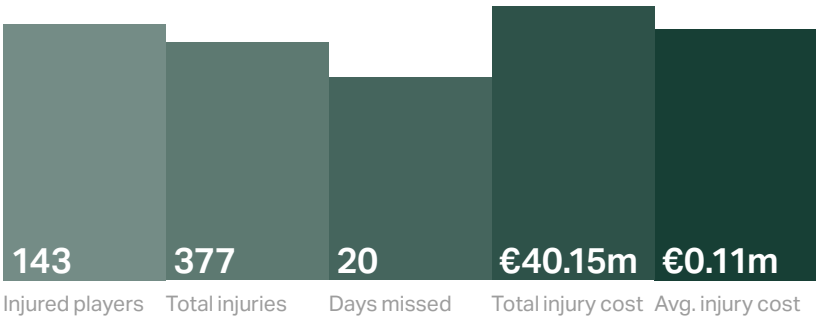
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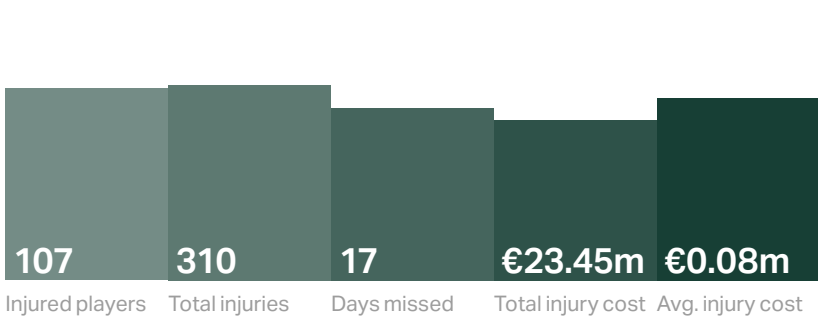
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured 46



Total injury instances 101



Avg. injury severity 25



Total injury cost €3.83m

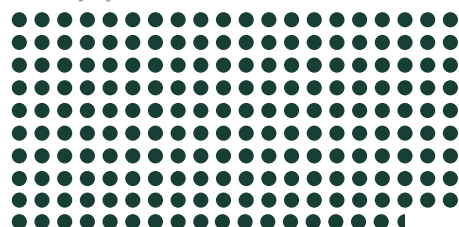


21 – 25

Total players injured 154



Total injury instances 395



Avg. injury severity 19



Total injury cost €28.27m

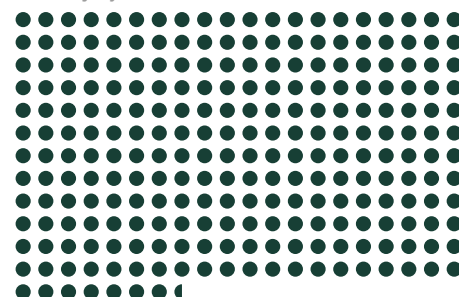


26 – 30

Total players injured 165



Total injury instances 495



Avg. injury severity 18



Total injury cost €54.73m



Over 30

Total players injured 76



Total injury instances 206



Avg. injury severity 17



Total injury cost €24.05m



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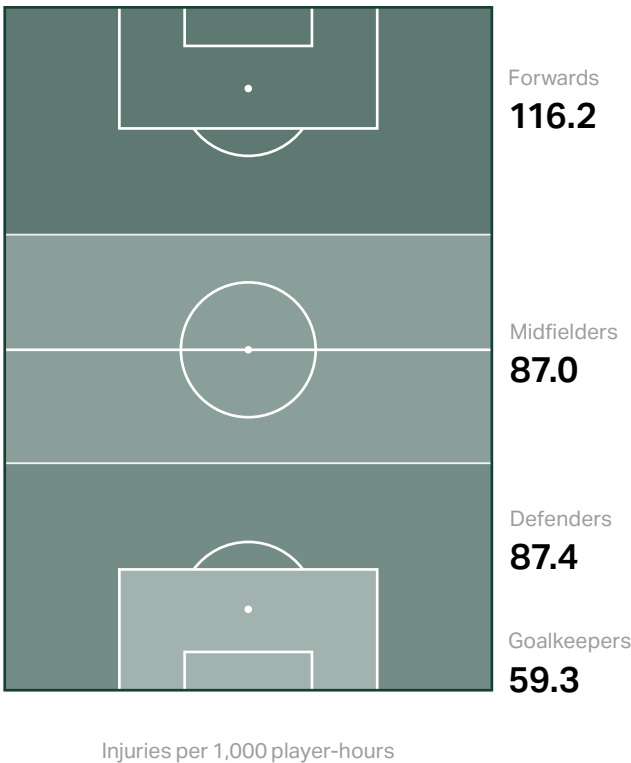
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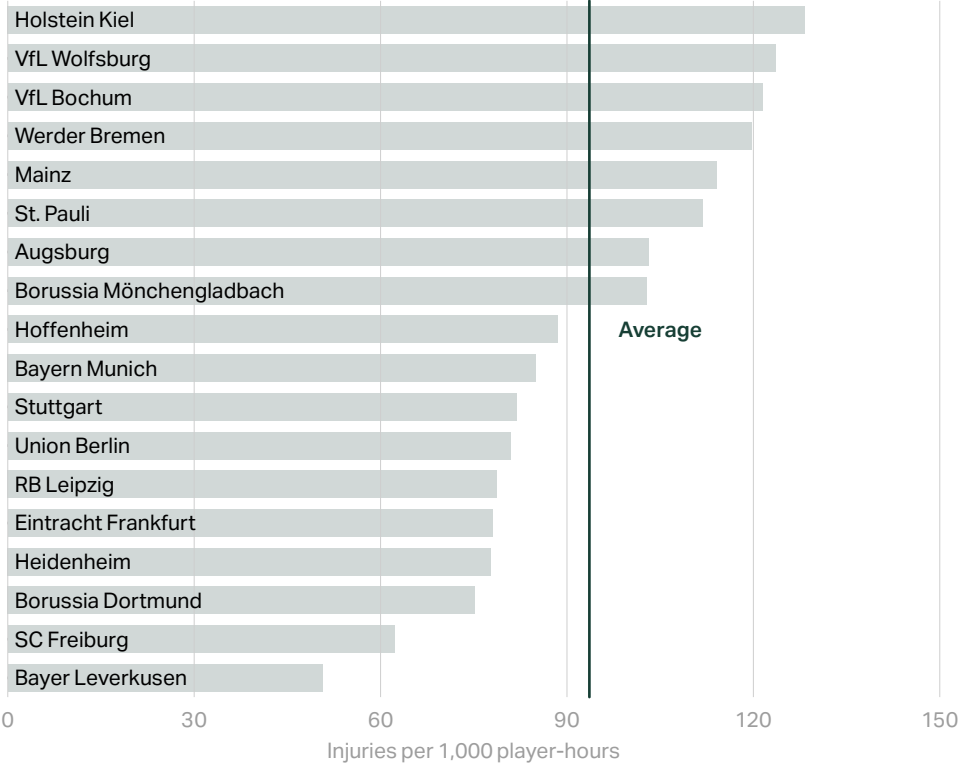
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Injury susceptibility

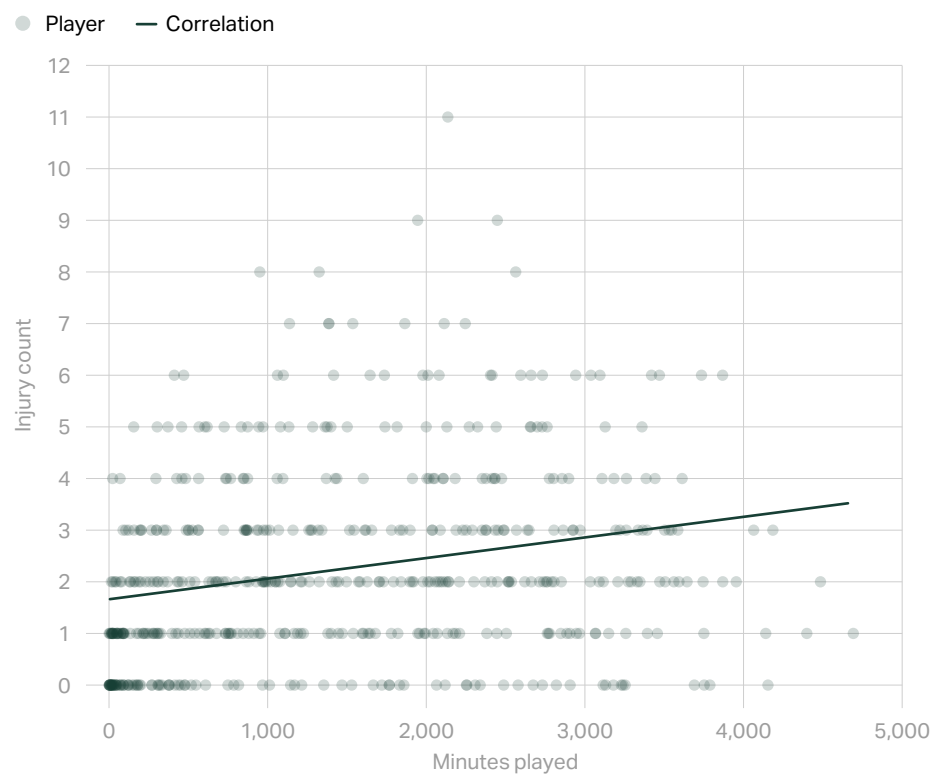
Positional variance



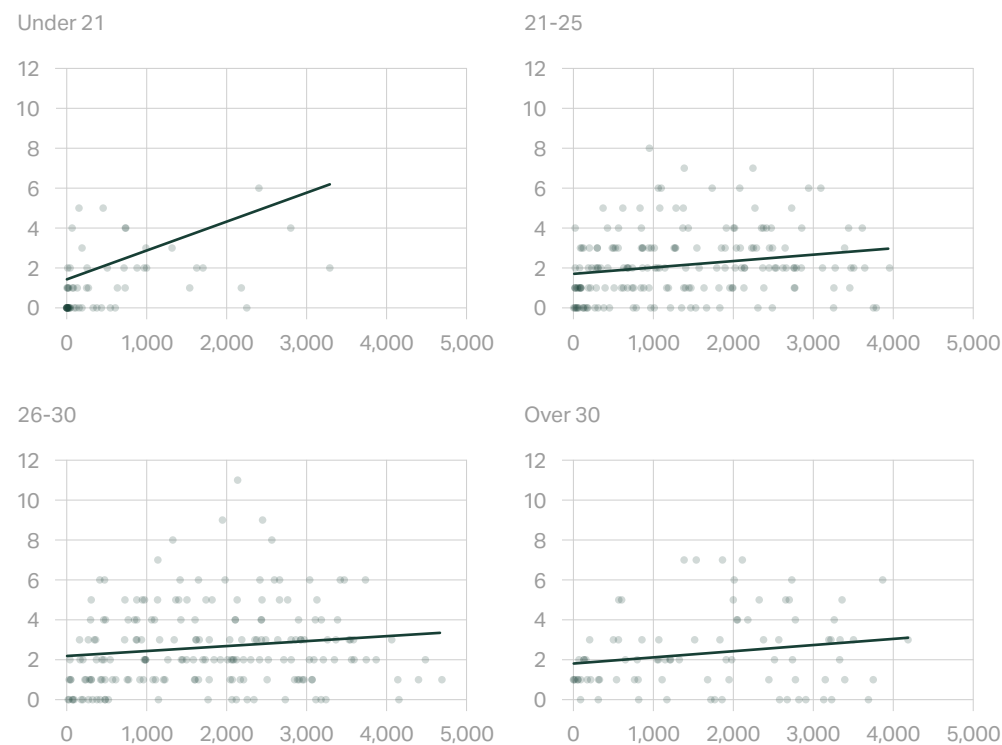
Club variance



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team		Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Barcelona	56	22	31.33	0.56	26.55%
2	Real Madrid	75	12	25.65	0.34	21.74%
3	Atlético Madrid	51	9	7.96	0.16	6.75%
4	Athletic Bilbao	61	11	5.92	0.10	5.02%
5	Villarreal	45	19	5.00	0.11	4.24%
6	Betis	67	21	4.61	0.07	3.90%
7	Celta Vigo	46	18	1.87	0.04	1.58%
8	Rayo Vallecano	27	30	1.92	0.07	1.63%
9	Osasuna	37	10	1.15	0.03	0.98%
10	Mallorca	46	17	2.11	0.05	1.78%
11	Real Sociedad	75	15	5.34	0.07	4.52%
12	Valencia	45	13	3.48	0.08	2.95%
13	Getafe	29	13	1.87	0.06	1.59%
14	Espanyol	26	22	1.24	0.05	1.05%
15	Alaves	23	18	0.98	0.04	0.83%
16	Girona	60	16	3.52	0.06	2.99%
17	Sevilla	59	18	8.24	0.14	6.98%
18	Leganes	28	10	0.47	0.02	0.40%
19	Las Palmas	53	18	3.62	0.07	3.07%
20	Real Valladolid	52	13	1.71	0.03	1.45%

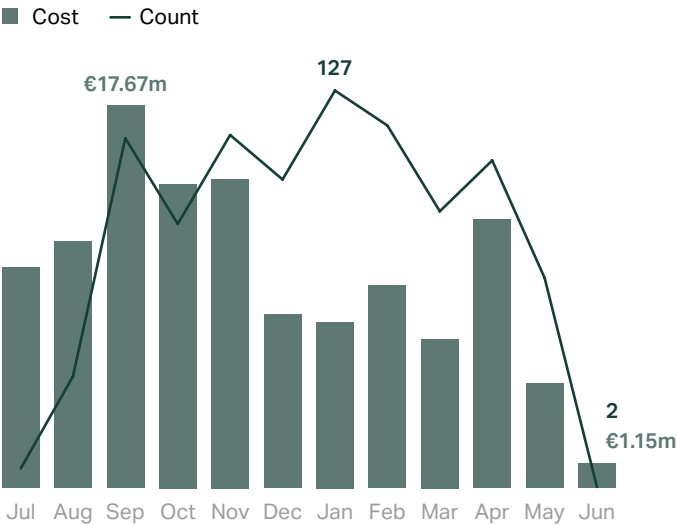
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Total injuries

€117.99m

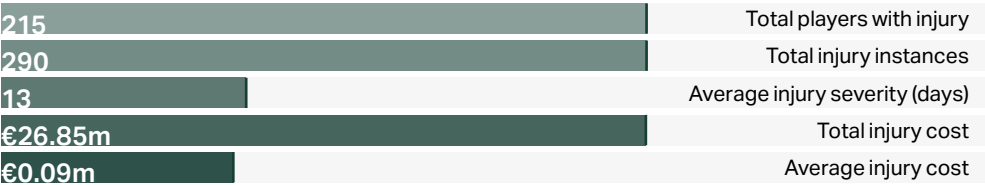
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

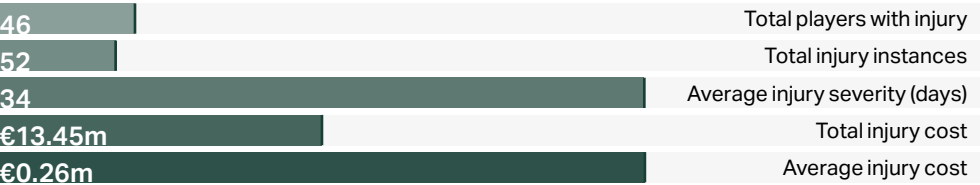


Injuries by type

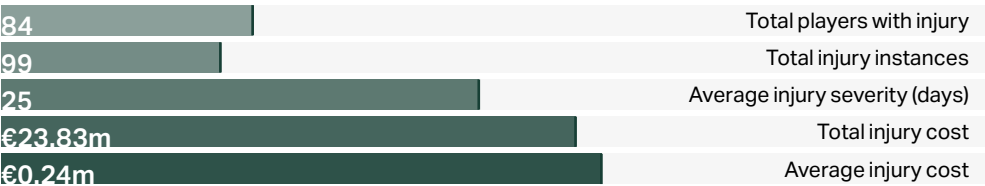
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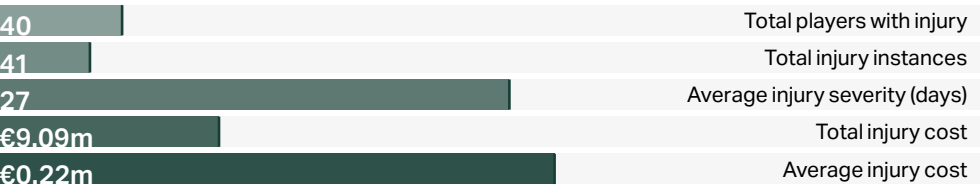
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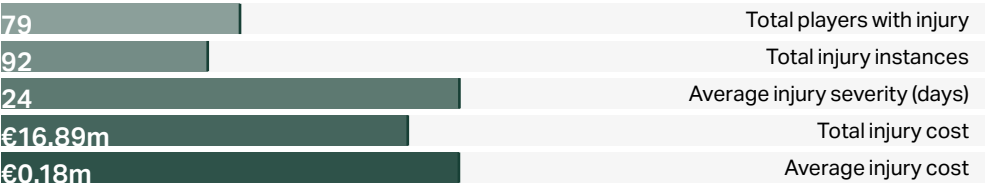
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Thigh/hip



Ankle



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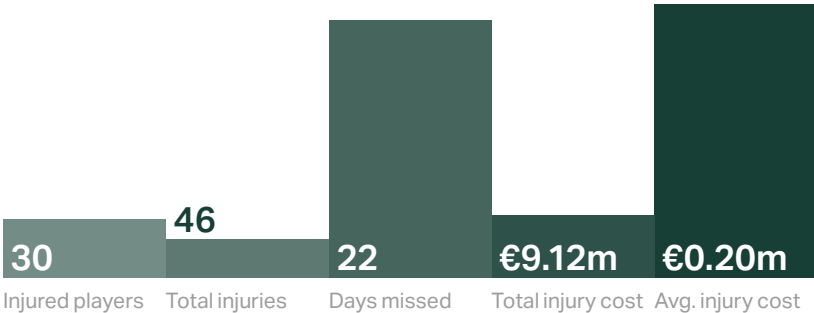
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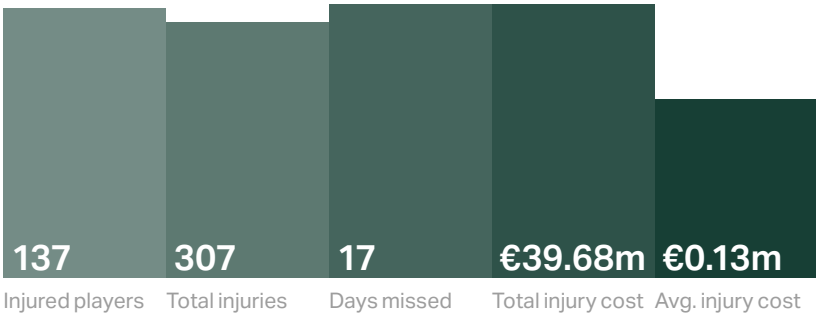
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Injuries by position

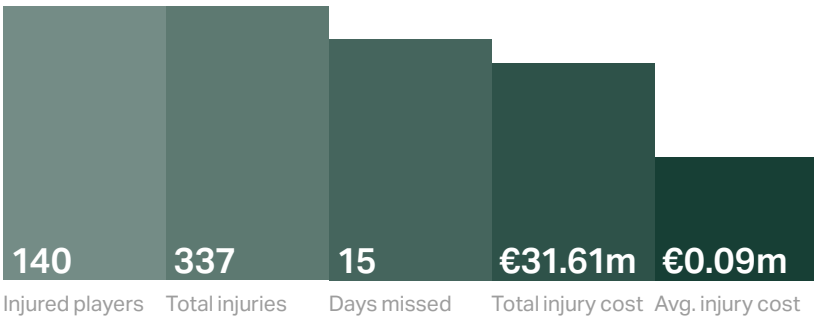
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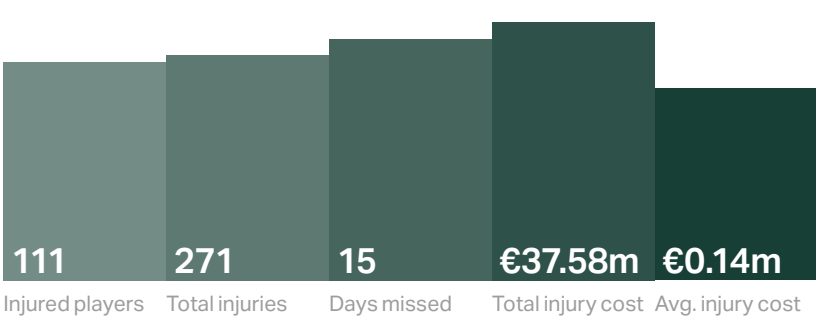
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

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Under 21

Total players injured 23



Total injury instances 50



Avg. injury severity 16



Total injury cost €3.03m

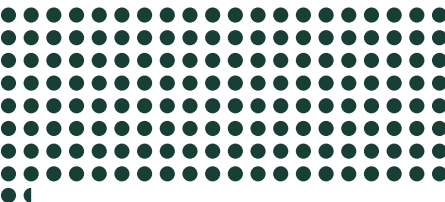


21 – 25

Total players injured 143



Total injury instances 323



Avg. injury severity 15



Total injury cost €34.60m

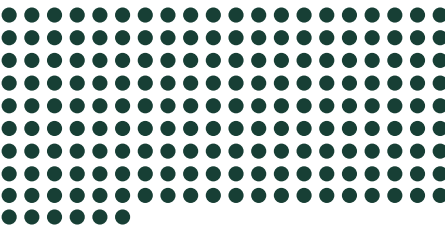


26 – 30

Total players injured 158



Total injury instances 372



Avg. injury severity 17



Total injury cost €50.47m



Over 30

Total players injured 94



Total injury instances 216



Avg. injury severity 15



Total injury cost €29.89m





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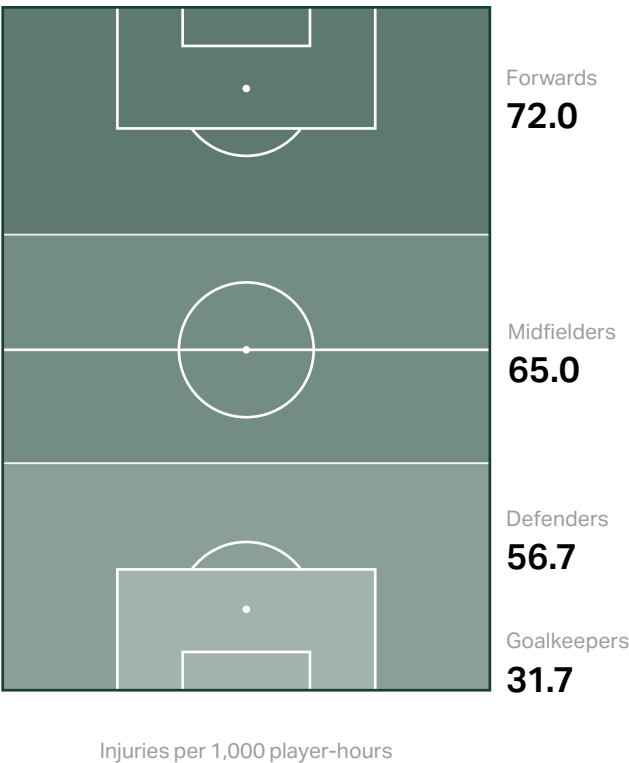
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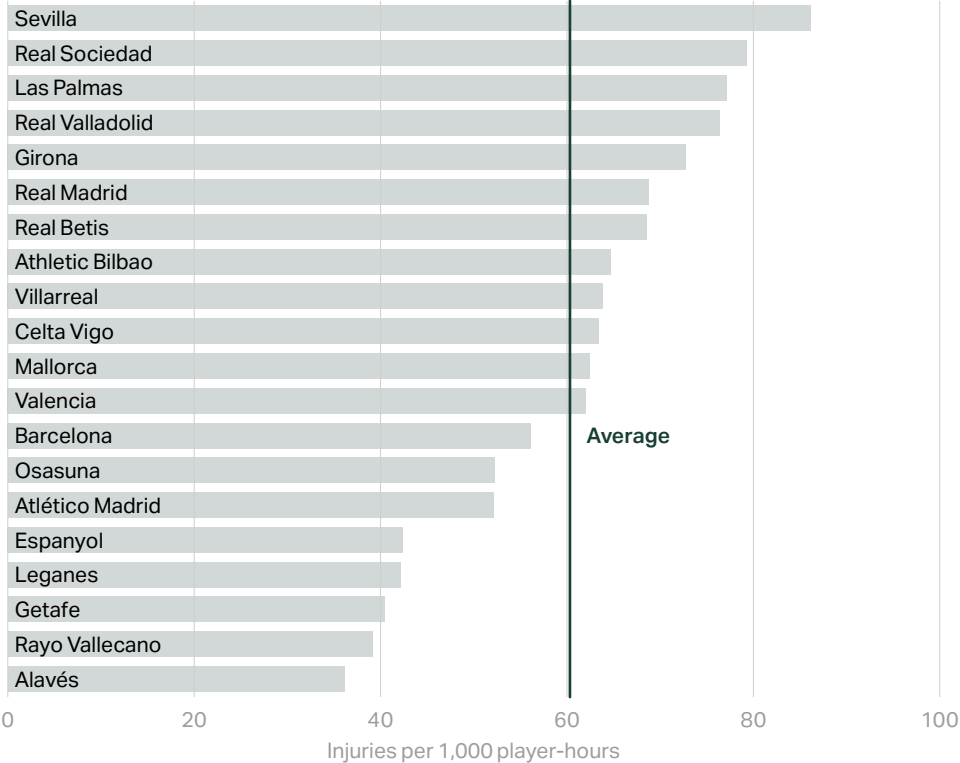


Injury susceptibility

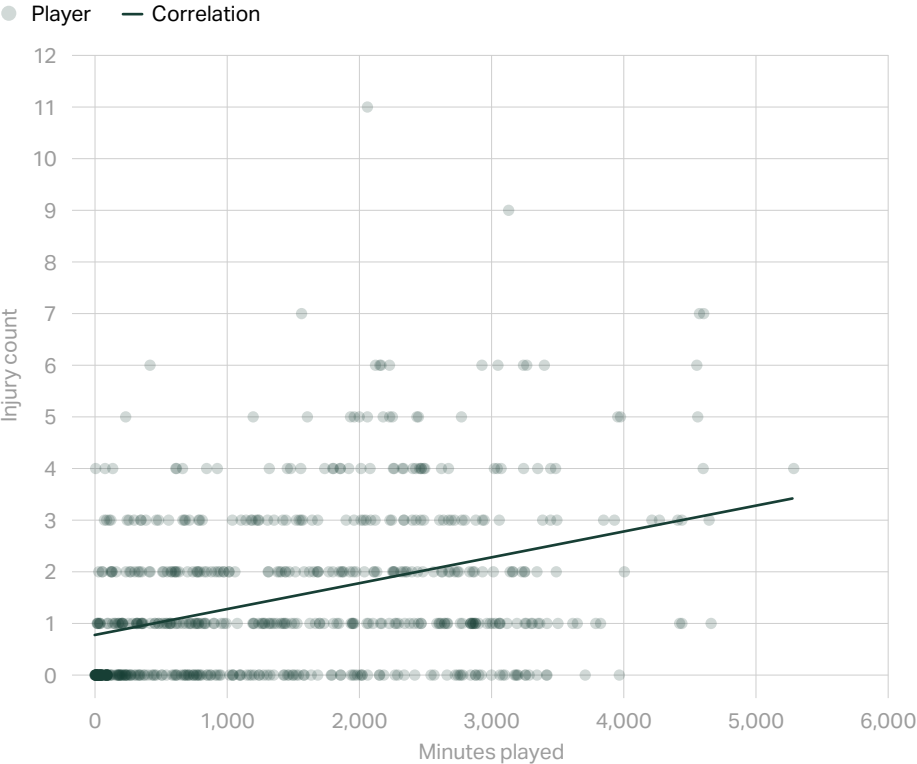
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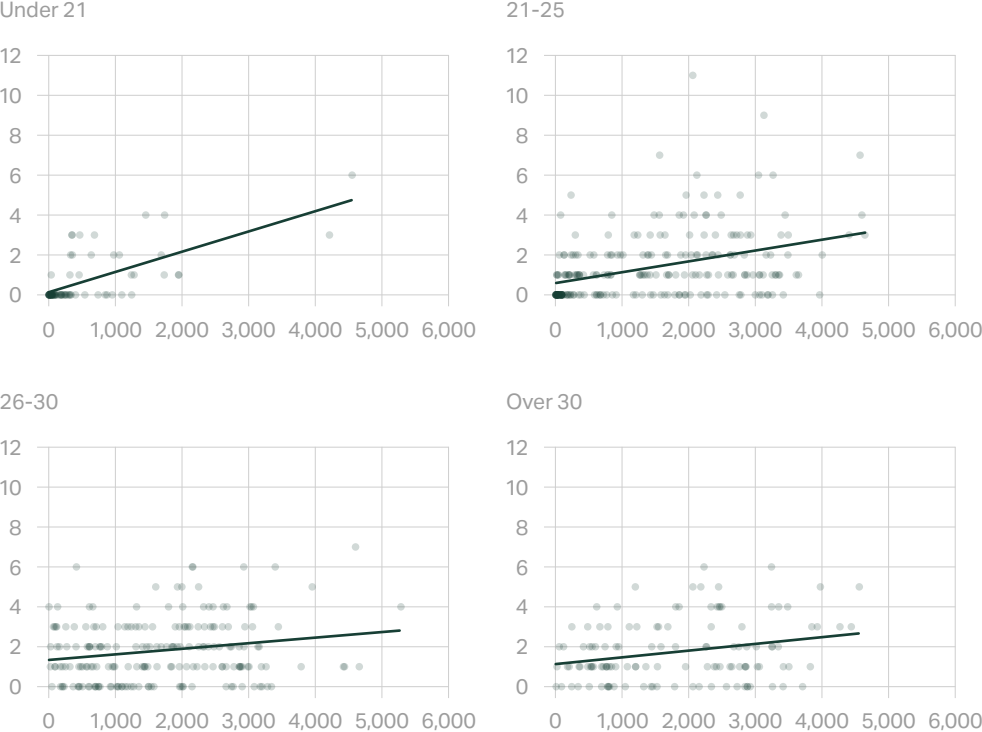
Club variance



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team		Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Paris Saint-Germain	30	21	11.02	0.37	18.87%
2	Marseille	35	43	7.86	0.22	13.47%
3	Monaco	31	35	5.89	0.19	10.08%
4	Nice	35	41	5.16	0.15	8.83%
5	Lille	26	43	3.00	0.12	5.14%
6	Lyon	22	15	2.27	0.10	3.89%
7	Strasbourg	20	60	2.51	0.13	4.29%
8	Lens	37	38	2.74	0.07	4.69%
9	Brest	39	34	3.29	0.08	5.63%
10	Toulouse	16	37	0.94	0.06	1.61%
11	Auxerre	23	51	1.61	0.07	2.76%
12	Rennes	17	22	0.92	0.05	1.58%
13	Nantes	25	42	2.36	0.09	4.04%
14	Angers	30	43	2.04	0.07	3.49%
15	Le Havre	33	33	1.14	0.03	1.94%
16	Reims	20	62	1.88	0.09	3.23%
17	Saint-Étienne	20	52	1.68	0.08	2.87%
18	Montpellier	24	51	2.09	0.09	3.59%

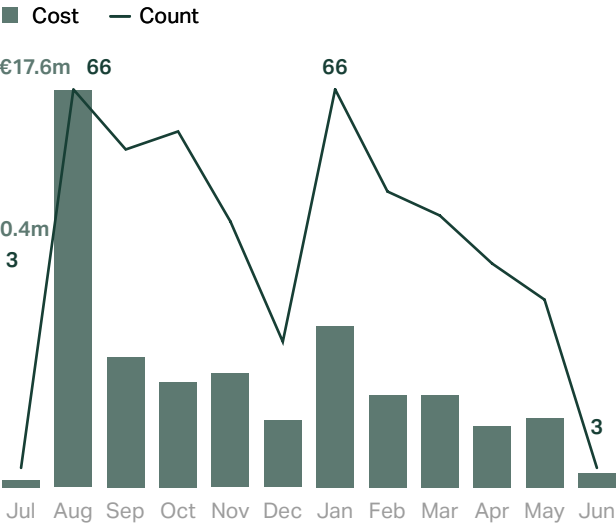
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Total injuries

€58.39m

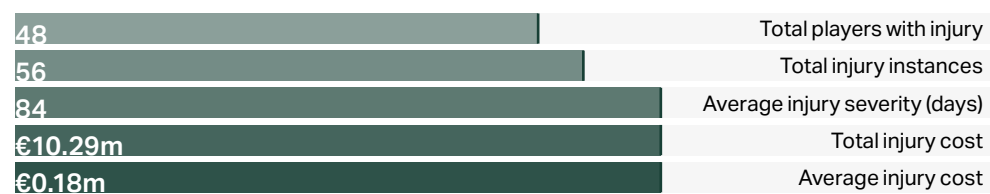
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

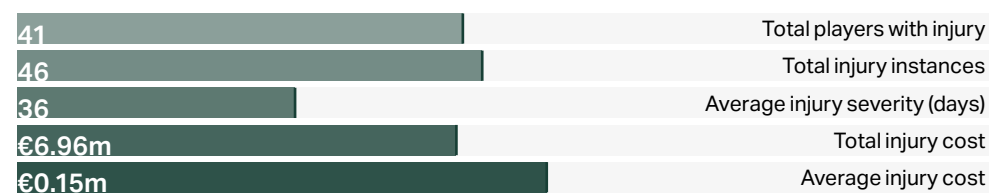


Injuries by type

Knee



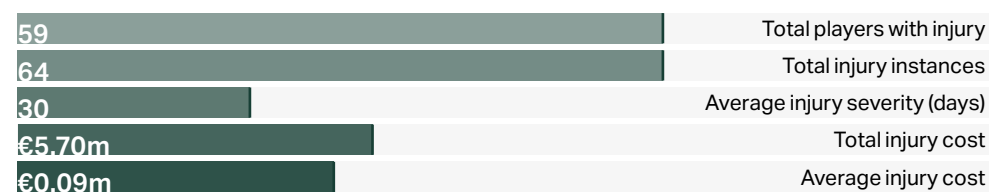
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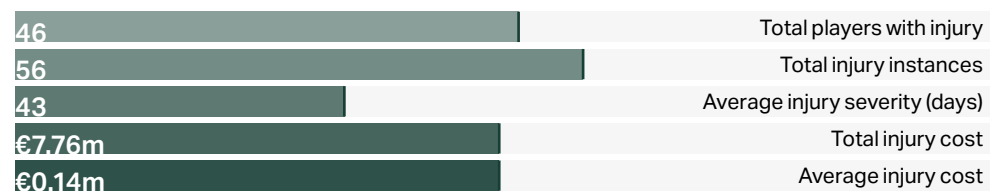
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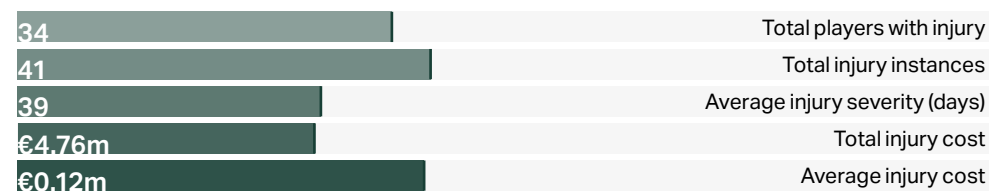
Thigh/hip



Ankle



Groin



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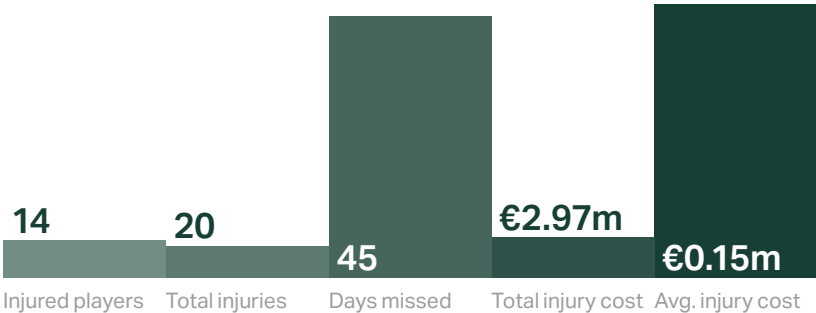
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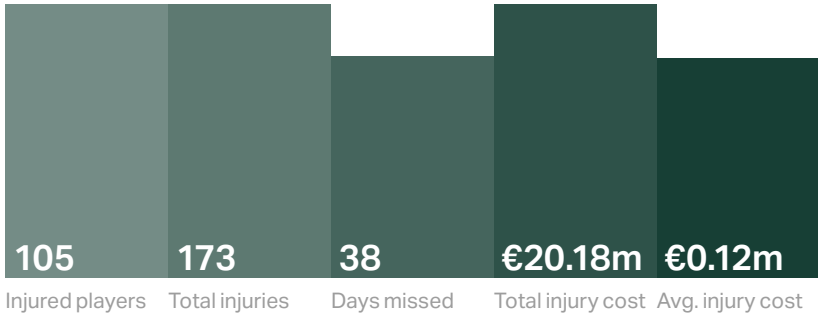
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Injuries by position

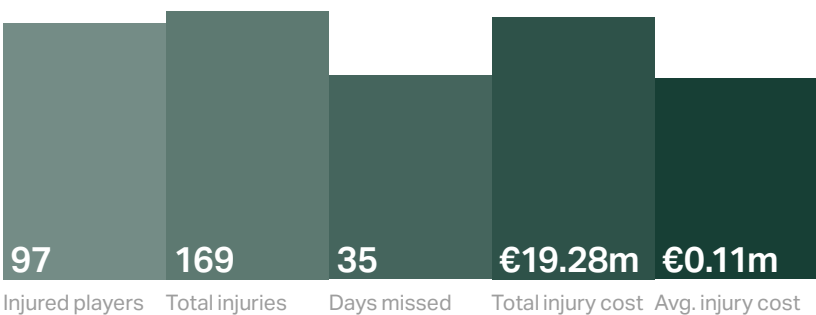
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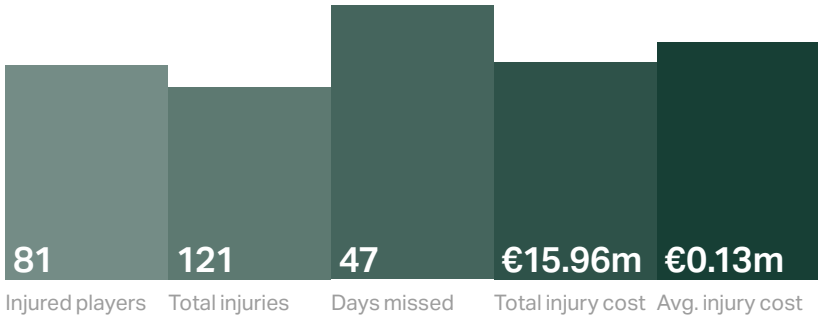
Defenders



Midfielders



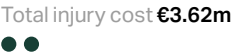
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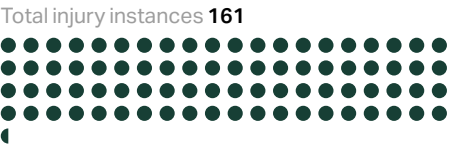
Injuries by age

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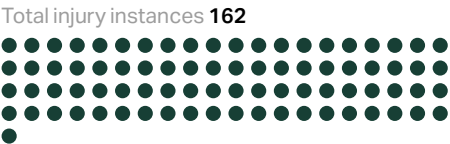
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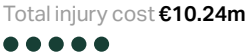
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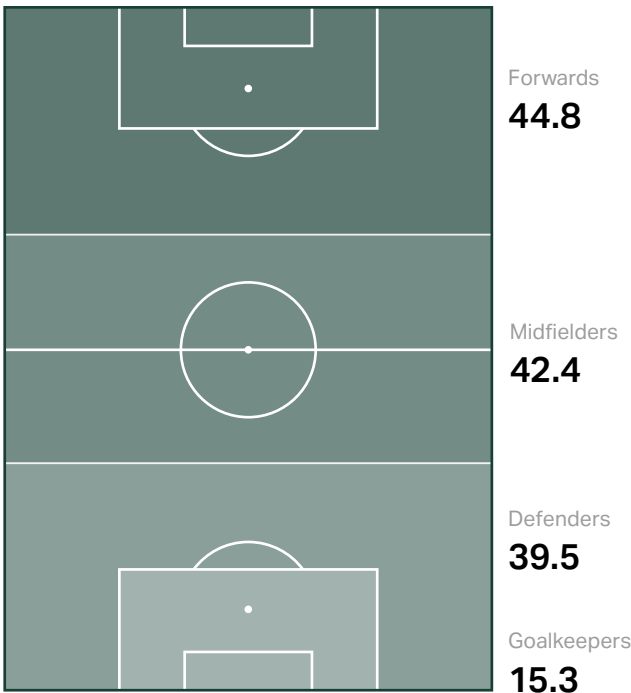
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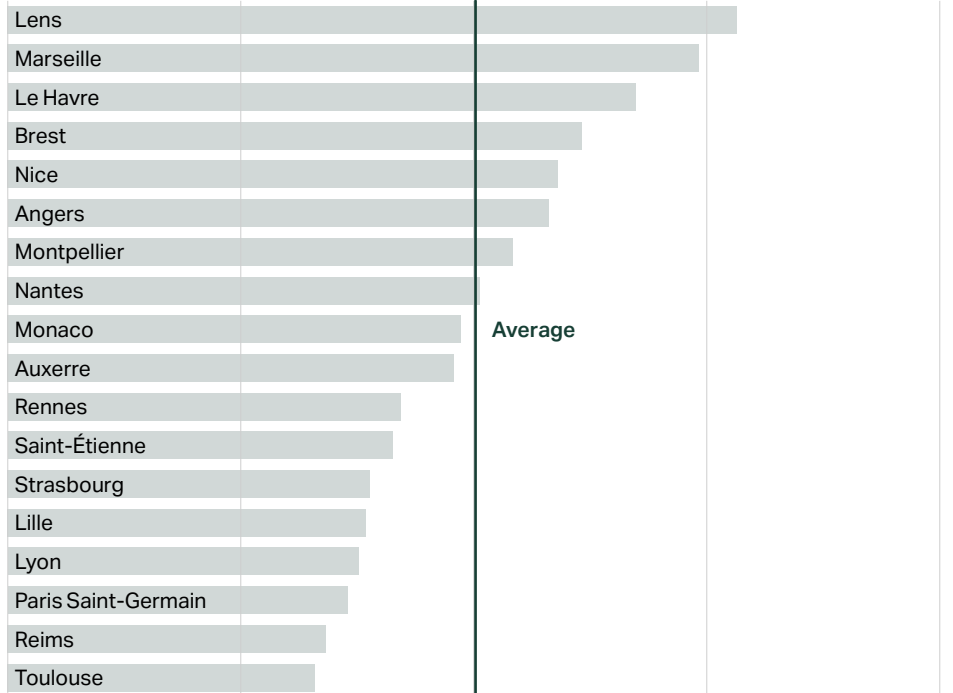
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



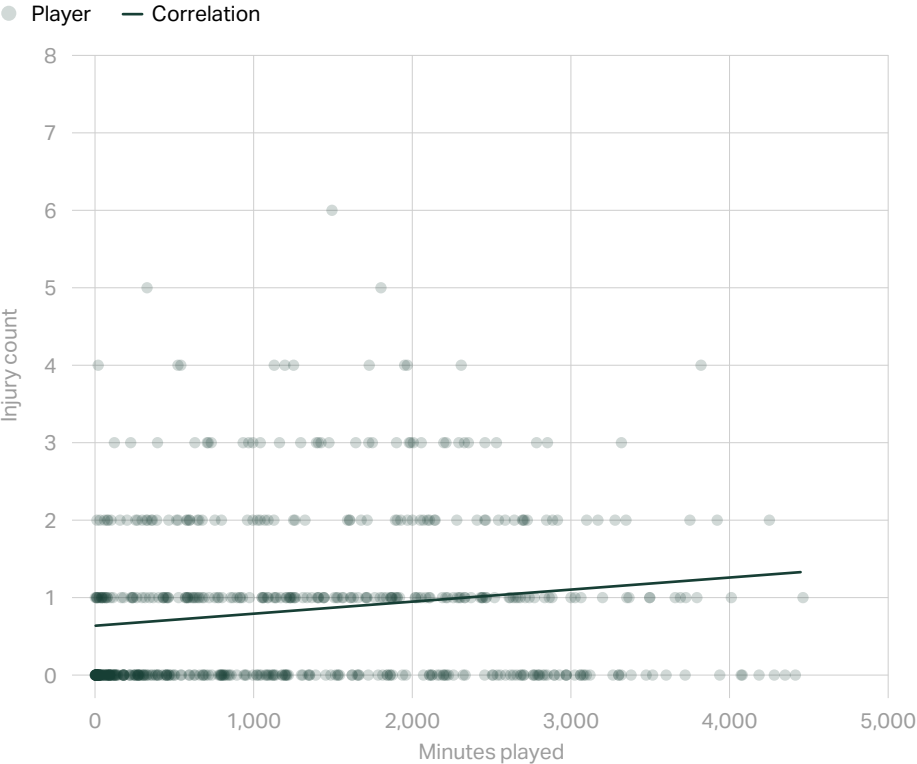
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

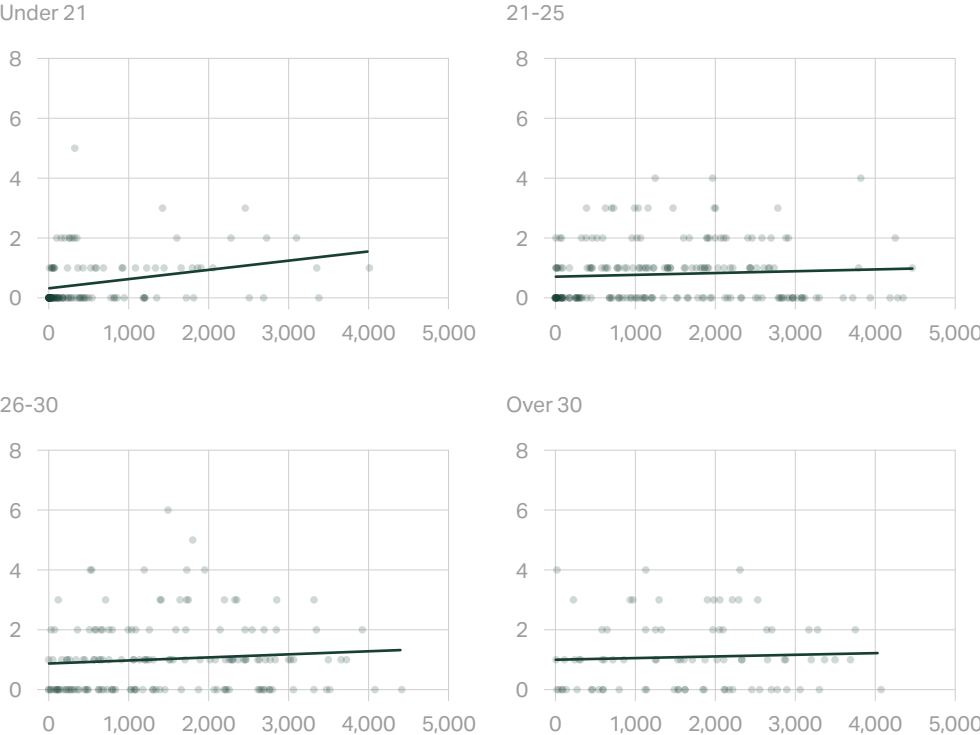


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team		Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Liverpool	47	20	14.73	0.31	5.15%
2	Arsenal	70	16	29.28	0.42	10.25%
3	Manchester City	53	25	41.22	0.78	14.43%
4	Chelsea	54	21	18.67	0.35	6.53%
5	Newcastle United	54	17	25.25	0.47	8.84%
6	Aston Villa	53	15	12.85	0.24	4.50%
7	Nottingham Forest	32	18	4.81	0.15	1.68%
8	Brighton	75	26	16.76	0.22	5.86%
9	Bournemouth	32	35	9.40	0.29	3.29%
10	Brentford	40	28	8.21	0.21	2.87%
11	Fulham	27	21	4.58	0.17	1.60%
12	Crystal Palace	36	24	7.74	0.22	2.71%
13	Everton	46	25	8.99	0.20	3.15%
14	West Ham	27	23	9.12	0.34	3.19%
15	Manchester United	68	25	32.29	0.47	11.30%
16	Wolves	44	24	6.24	0.14	2.19%
17	Tottenham	62	21	17.95	0.29	6.28%
18	Leicester City	34	23	6.47	0.19	2.27%
19	Ipswich	56	20	4.62	0.08	1.62%
20	Southampton	47	26	6.57	0.14	2.30%

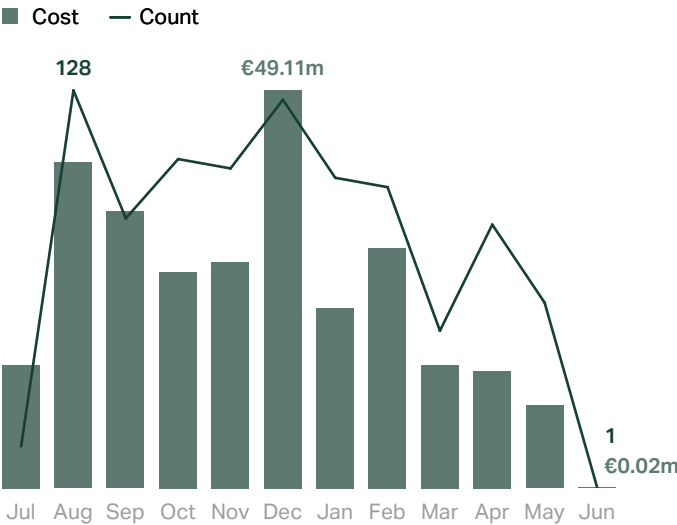
957

Total injuries

€285.74m

Total injury cost

Count and cost by month



Injuries by type

Hamstring

80	Total players with injury
103	Total injury instances
43	Average injury severity (days)
€64.85m	Total injury cost
€0.63m	Average injury cost

Knock

162	Total players with injury
216	Total injury instances
10	Average injury severity (days)
€27.26m	Total injury cost
€0.13m	Average injury cost

Muscle

122	Total players with injury
146	Total injury instances
18	Average injury severity (days)
€35.81m	Total injury cost
€0.25m	Average injury cost

Ankle

64	Total players with injury
73	Total injury instances
26	Average injury severity (days)
€22.27m	Total injury cost
€0.31m	Average injury cost

Knee

52	Total players with injury
63	Total injury instances
38	Average injury severity (days)
€30.66m	Total injury cost
€0.49m	Average injury cost

Foot

27	Total players with injury
30	Total injury instances
36	Average injury severity (days)
€14.36m	Total injury cost
€0.48m	Average injury cost

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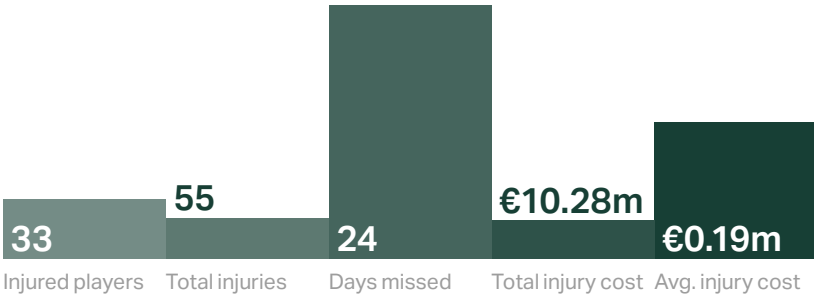
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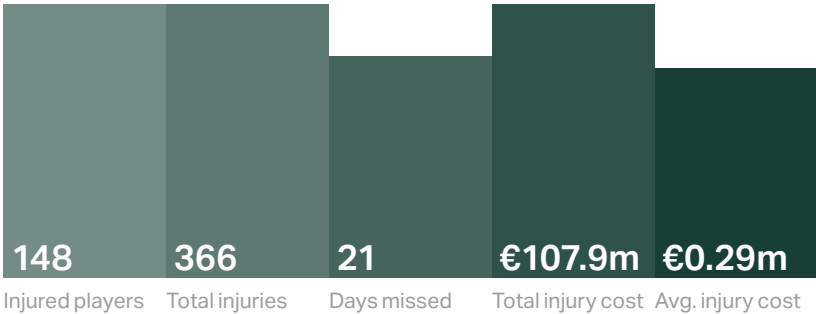
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Injuries by position

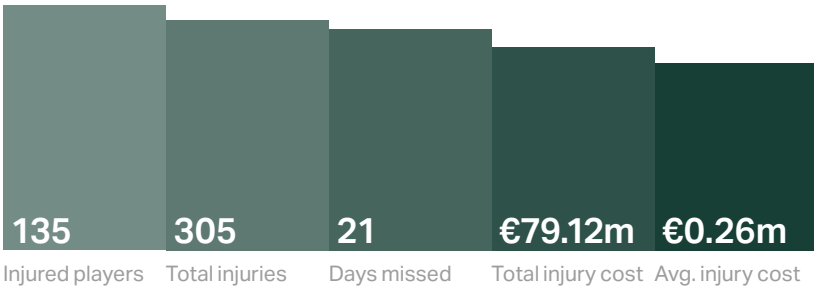
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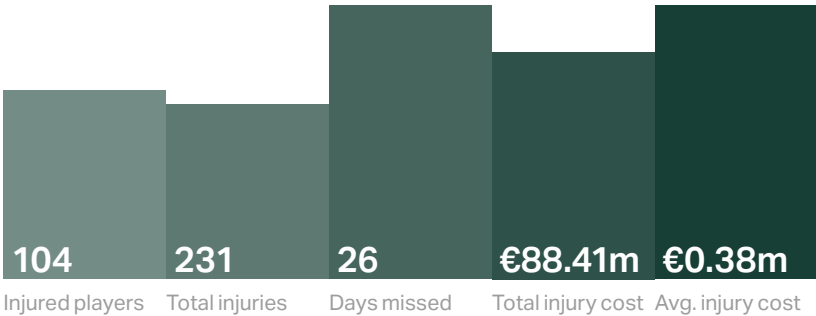
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

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Under 21

Total players injured 29



Total injury instances 46



Avg. injury severity 35



Total injury cost €8.14m

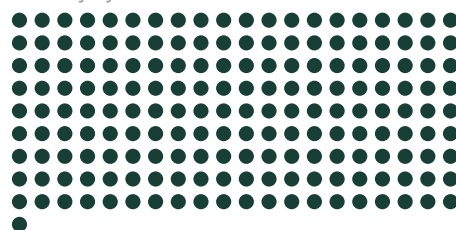


21 – 25

Total players injured 155



Total injury instances 362



Avg. injury severity 22



Total injury cost €83.13m

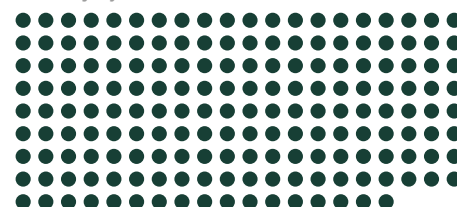


26 – 30

Total players injured 154



Total injury instances 354



Avg. injury severity 22



Total injury cost €127.15m



Over 30

Total players injured 82



Total injury instances 195



Avg. injury severity 21



Total injury cost €67.32m



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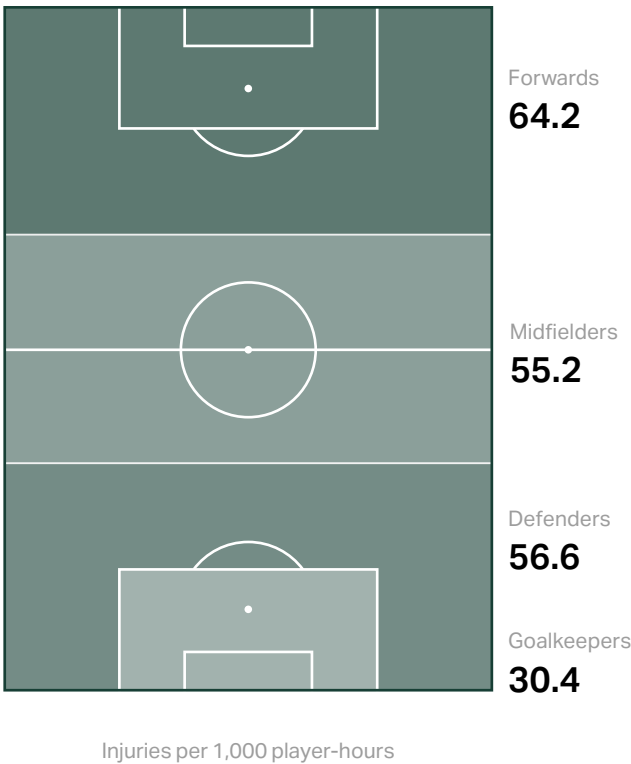
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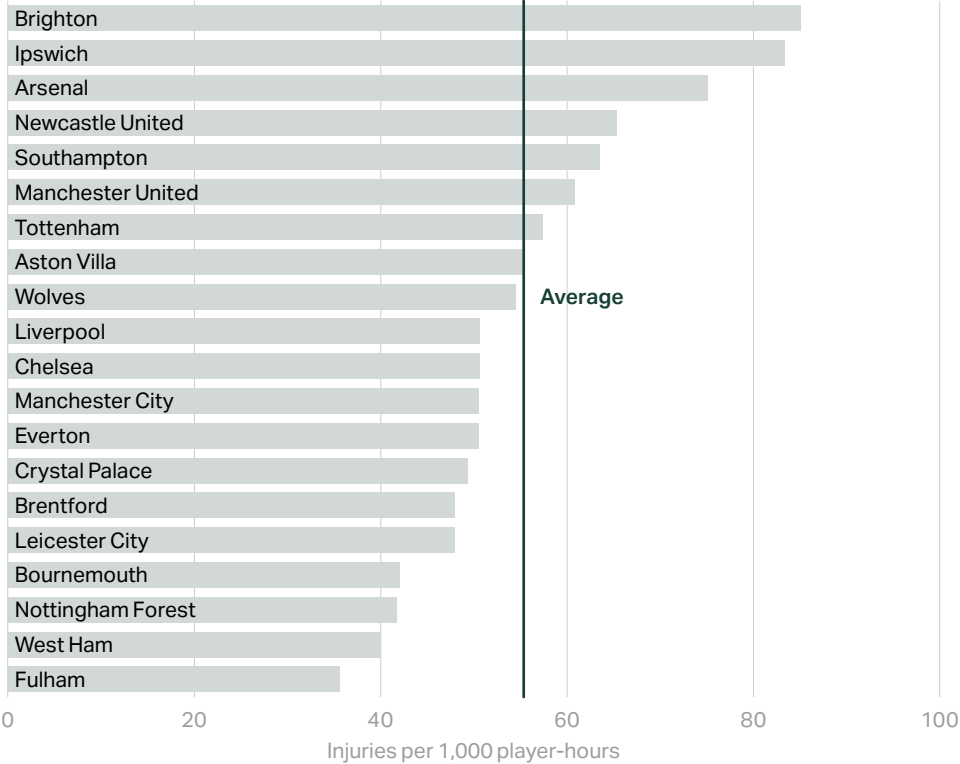
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Injury susceptibility

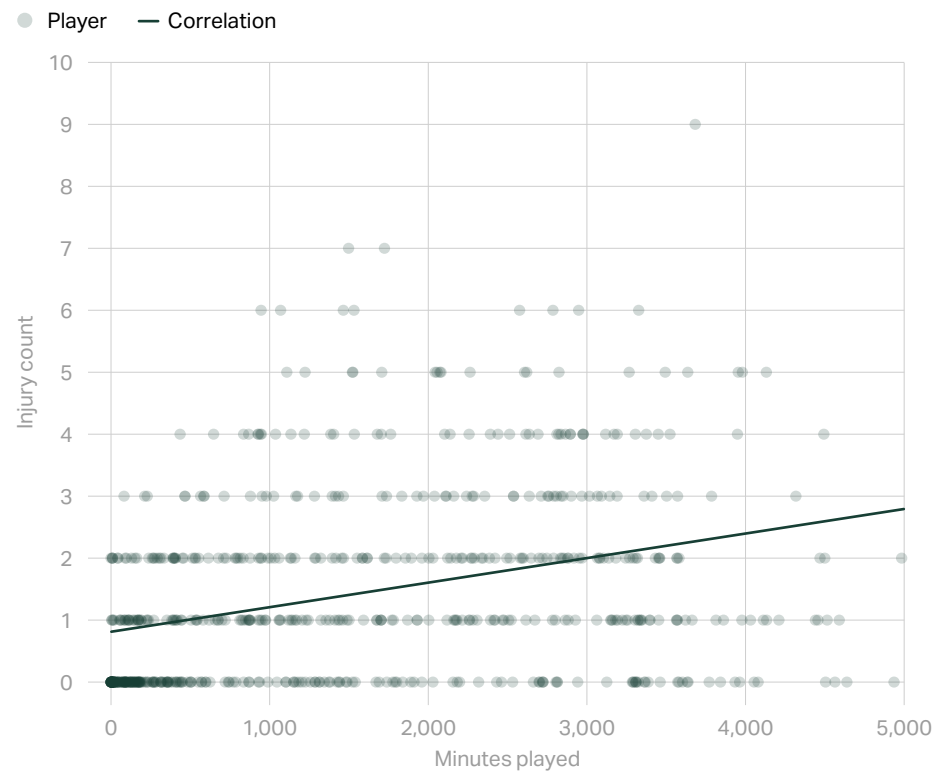
Positional variance



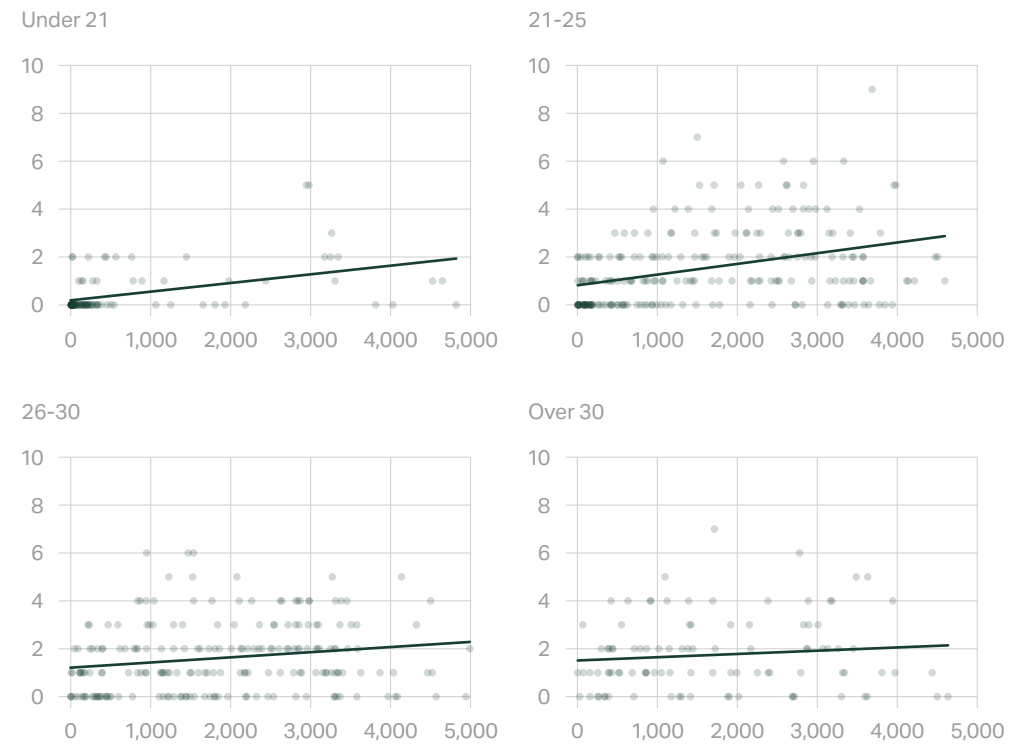
Club variance



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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Injury count and cost

All teams

Team		Total injuries	Avg. injury severity	Injury cost (€m)	Avg. injury cost (€m)	Injury cost share
1	Napoli	36	14	4.08	0.11	3.95%
2	Inter	71	13	10.93	0.15	10.60%
3	Atalanta	55	22	8.64	0.16	8.37%
4	Juventus	56	24	16.75	0.30	16.24%
5	Roma	43	13	5.56	0.13	5.39%
6	Fiorentina	28	16	2.62	0.09	2.54%
7	Lazio	49	13	4.35	0.09	4.22%
8	AC Milan	58	20	13.01	0.22	12.61%
9	Bologna	47	17	5.35	0.11	5.19%
10	Como	40	17	2.58	0.06	2.50%
11	Torino	32	15	1.86	0.06	1.81%
12	Udinese	37	27	2.71	0.07	2.63%
13	Genoa	52	32	5.88	0.11	5.70%
14	Verona	28	23	1.84	0.07	1.78%
15	Cagliari	33	14	1.29	0.04	1.25%
16	Parma	45	39	4.15	0.09	4.02%
17	Lecce	29	22	1.27	0.04	1.23%
18	Empoli	28	42	2.11	0.08	2.05%
19	Venezia	34	20	1.68	0.05	1.63%
20	Monza	57	26	6.48	0.11	6.29%

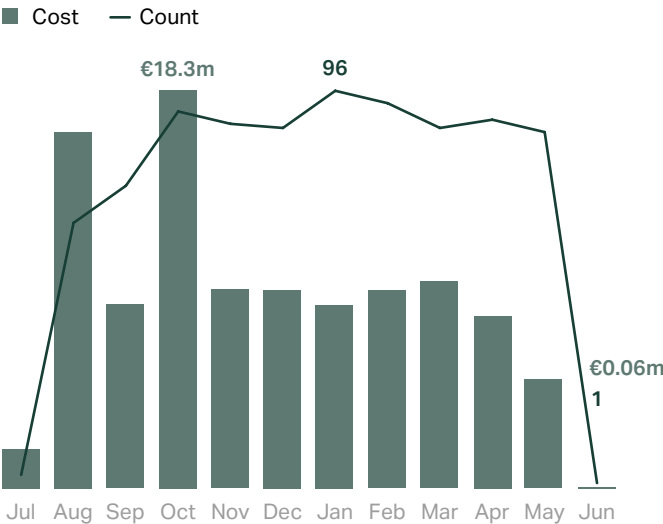
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Total injuries

€103.14m

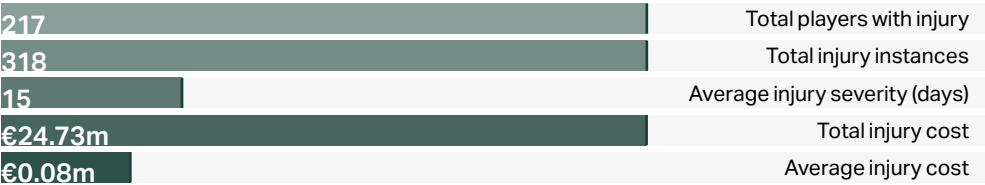
Total injury cost

Count and cost by month

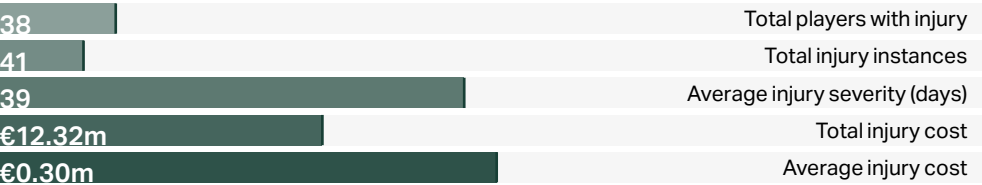


Injuries by type

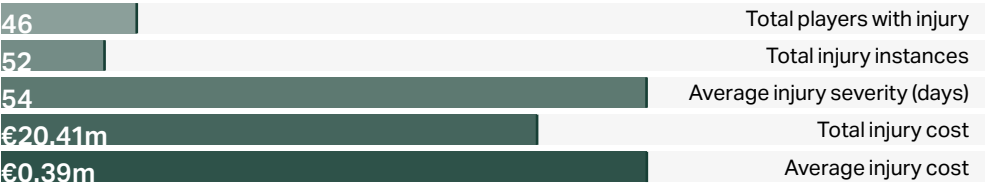
Muscle



Hamstring



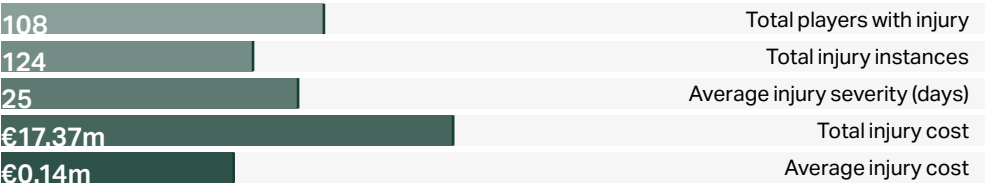
Knee



Ankle



Thigh/hip



Calf/shin



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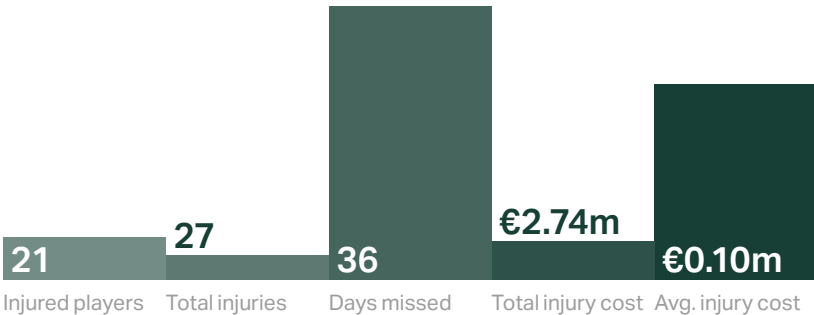
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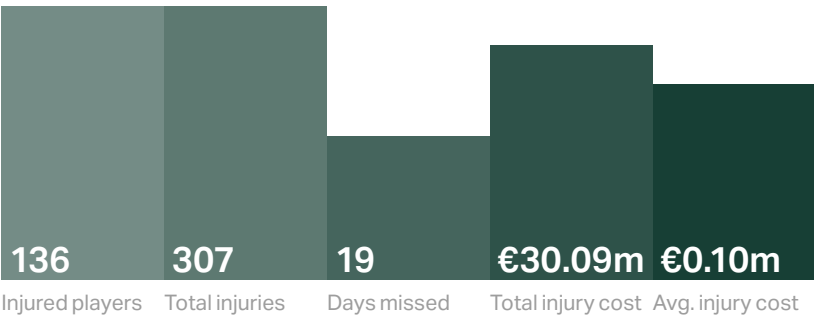
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Injuries by position

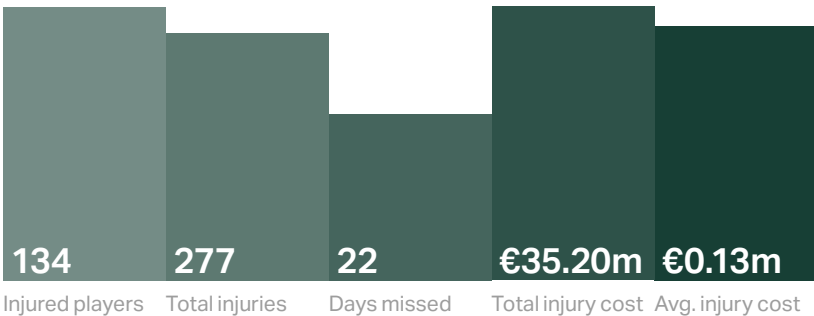
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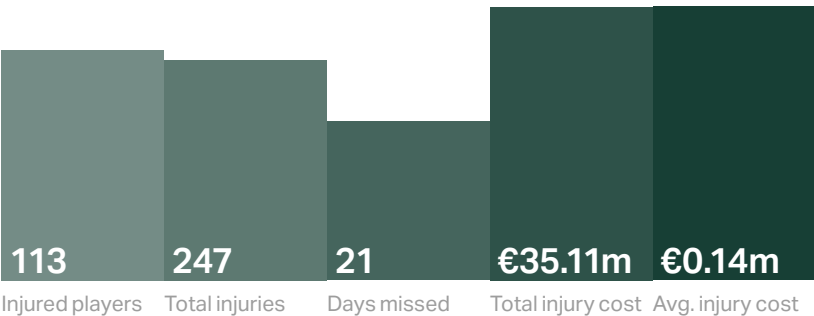
Defenders



Midfielders



Forwards



Injuries by age

Scale is 2:1, numbers rounded to the nearest whole number

Under 21

Total players injured **22**



Total injury instances **33**



Avg. injury severity **29**



Total injury cost **€0.90m**

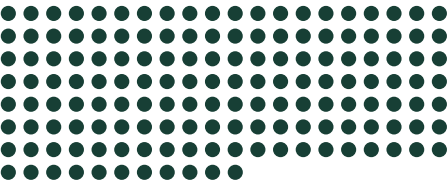


21 – 25

Total players injured **154**



Total injury instances **302**



Avg. injury severity **19**



Total injury cost **€18.03m**

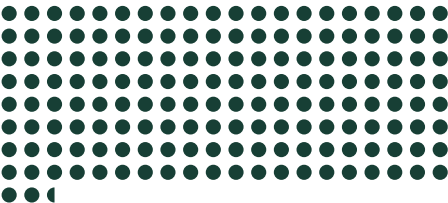


26 – 30

Total players injured **150**



Total injury instances **325**



Avg. injury severity **21**



Total injury cost **€50.95m**



Over 30

Total players injured **78**



Total injury instances **198**



Avg. injury severity **24**



Total injury cost **€33.26m**



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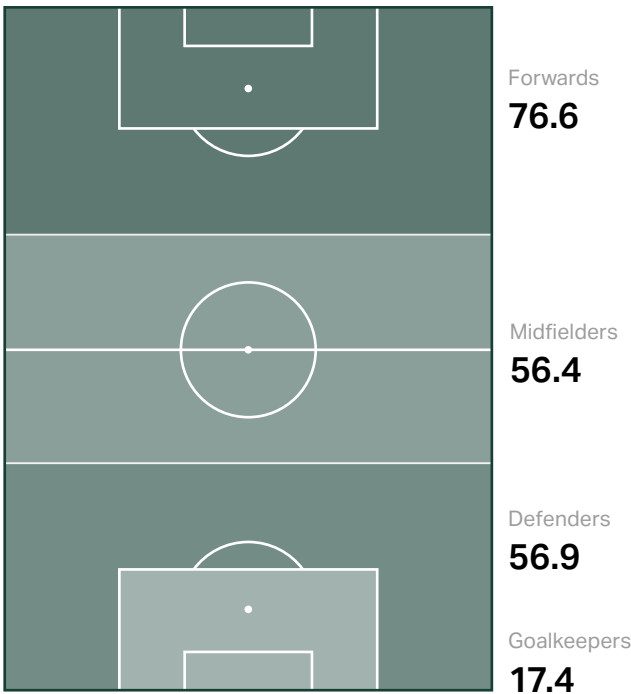
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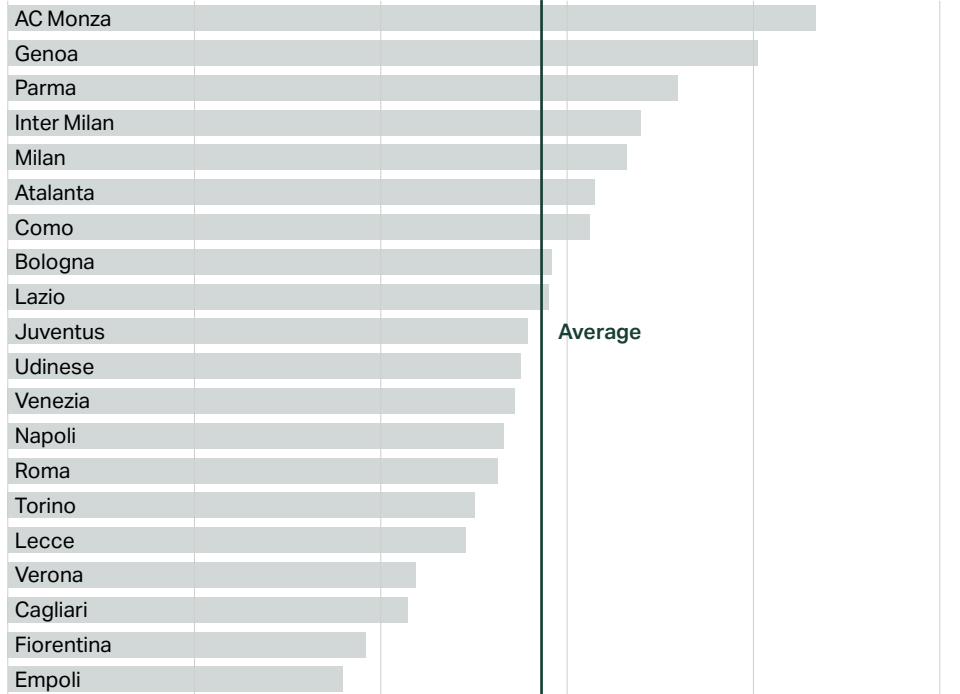
Injury susceptibility

Positional variance



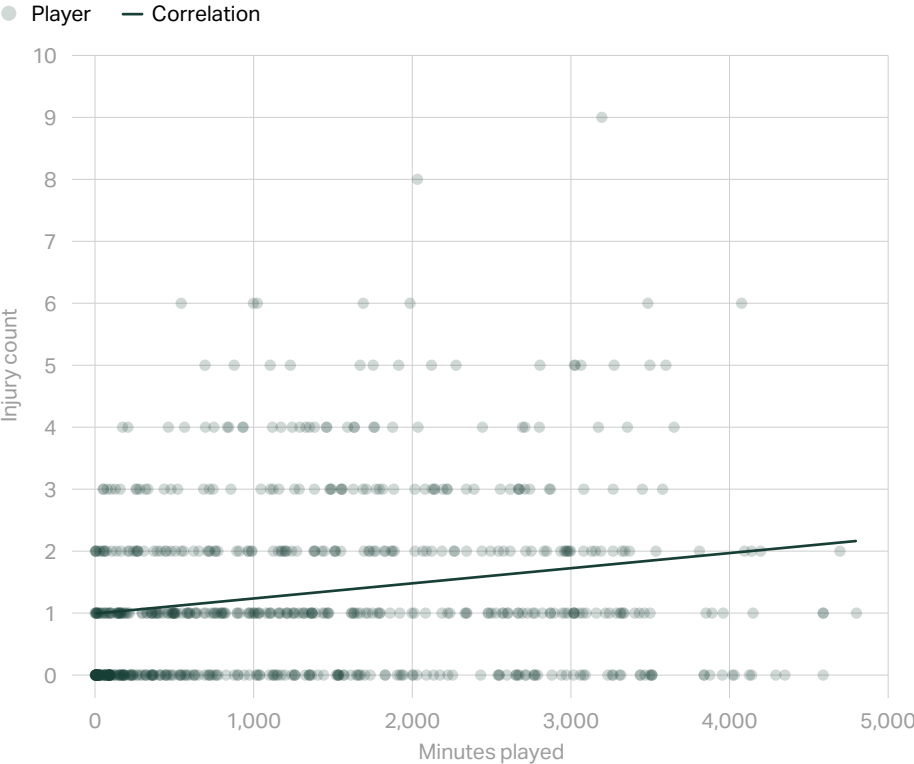
Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Club variance

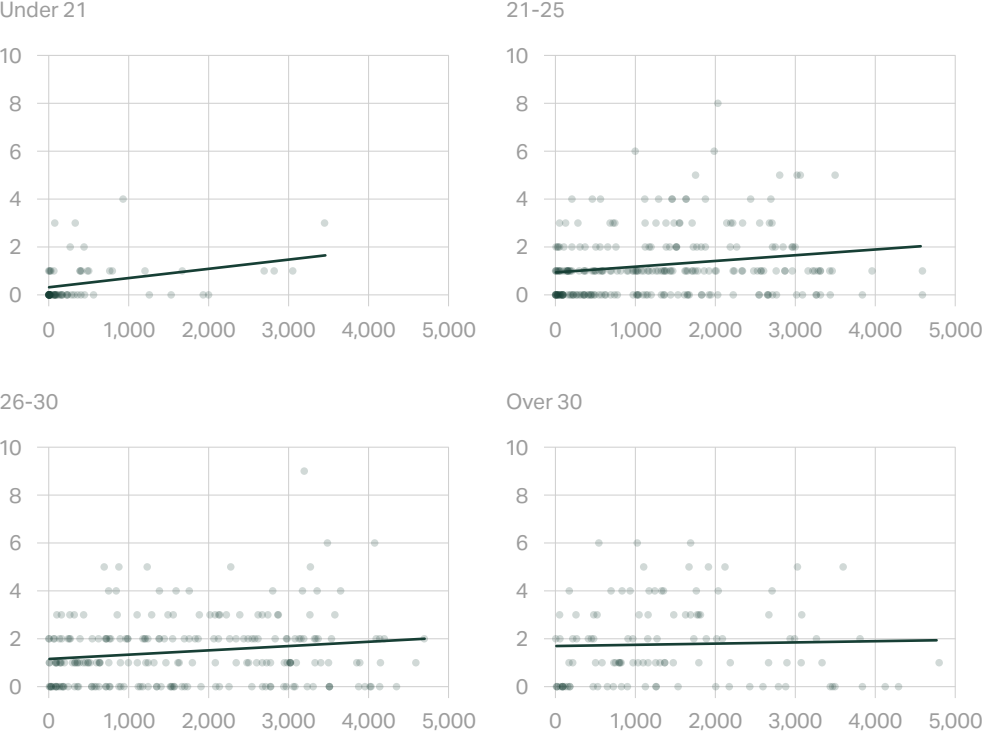


Injuries per 1,000 player-hours

Minutes played vs injuries sustained (overall)



Minutes played vs injuries sustained (by age)



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About Howden

We know the score

Our local teams are experts in their field, who know their markets inside out.

Our principles help us stand out, whilst driving us to always try harder for our clients.

People first

We give our teams the space to perform and the support to grow, and our clients reap the rewards.

Proudly independent

We have the freedom to deliver for our clients, grow our employee shareholders, and stay true to ourselves.

Expertise and technology

Our investment in technology allows data-driven decisions, handling even the most challenging risks.

Committed to simplicity

We focus on getting the right expert in the room with our clients – the advice you need in a language you understand.

23,000

Howden specialists

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Gross Written
Premium placed into
international markets

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Network territories

Independent broker. International focus.

One world. No borders.
One team. No politics.
One point of contact.
No limits.

“ Wherever our experts are in the world, our clients receive a personal service, backed by a global network of industry specialists.

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About Howden Sport & Entertainment

On your side

Howden Sport & Entertainment is a team of experts drawn from around the world, with the sole focus of providing and delivering independent risk and insurance solutions to our clients operating in the sport and entertainment sector.

Our team of fiercely independent, entrepreneurial self-starters are equipped with unparalleled expertise to achieve the best outcome for our clients.

Taking our service commitment to our clients seriously, we go the distance to deliver on all aspects of your insurance and risk management needs.

We work hard to understand your business and use our experience and a deep technical understanding of the sector to provide a straightforward approach.

“ Delivery of outstanding quality and client servicing is at the centre of everything we do.

We have advised a wide range of clients from across the world of football, including:



Stadia and venues



Professional clubs



Leagues



Individual players



Regional, national, and international tournaments



Regional, national, and international governing bodies

Capability and expertise

Whatever your risk and insurance challenges, you can count on us to be there when it matters.

We pride ourselves on agility when it comes to service and solutions.

Our experience and understanding, combined with our technical expertise; commitment to client and insurer relationships; and industry-leading claims service, means that we are able to deliver on all aspects of your insurance and risk management needs.

We can help identify, manage and mitigate our clients' risks based on our deep understanding of the sector.

We are committed to building genuine long-standing partnerships with our clients rather than simply being just a service provider.

Our key specialisms and offerings include:

- ✓ Insurance programme design
- ✓ Placement and negotiation
- ✓ In-person service and support
- ✓ Claims advocacy
- ✓ Risk profiling and peer group benchmarking
- ✓ Contract analysis and review
- ✓ Howden global network access
- ✓ Data and analytics services

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Meet the experts



If you would like to find out more about how we can help you, please get in touch.

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