The number of claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the first half of 2021 increased by 23, or 2.1 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2020. Six fatal accidents at work were reported in the first half of 2021.

Accidents at Work: January-June 2021

Administrative records show that 1,131 persons were involved in a non-fatal accident at work in the first six months of 2021.

The majority of these non-fatal accidents occurred in the construction sector (17.2 per cent). Another 188 or 16.6 per cent of the accidents occurred in the manufacturing sector followed by the transportation and storage sector (146 or 12.9 per cent). When compared to the same period in 2020, the number of accidents increased by 27 in the administrative and support service activities (Table 1).

The largest share of accidents at work during the reference period involved persons working in elementary occupations followed by craft and related trades workers (Table 2).

Almost half (44.0 per cent) of the injuries at work affected the upper extremities of the body, such as the fingers and hands (Table 4). Wounds and superficial injuries, and dislocations, sprains and strains were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 685 and 233 cases respectively (Table 5).

In the first half of 2021, 27.7 per cent of the accidents at work took place in enterprises with 50-249 employees (Table 7).

In 2020, 892 non-fatal accidents per 100,000 employed persons were reported. The highest standardised incidence rate of non-fatal accidents at work was recorded in construction followed by manufacturing and transportation and storage (Table 9).

Fatal accidents

Between January and June 2021, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported six fatal accidents at work. There were three fatal accidents at work in the corresponding period of 2020.

Data for 2020 (whole year) is also being provided in this news release.
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Table 9. Standardised non-fatal accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise

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<tr>
<th>Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)</th>
<th>No. of employed persons(^2)</th>
<th>No. of non-fatal accidents</th>
<th>Standardised Incidence Rate (per 100,000 workers)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</td>
<td>2,843</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mining and quarrying</td>
<td>:</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>28,900</td>
<td>391</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply</td>
<td>:</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities</td>
<td>3,074</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>31</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>15,400</td>
<td>406</td>
<td>156</td>
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<td>Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles</td>
<td>34,152</td>
<td>257</td>
<td>98</td>
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<td>Transportation and storage</td>
<td>14,016</td>
<td>284</td>
<td>109</td>
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<td>Accommodation and food service activities</td>
<td>17,985</td>
<td>124</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>Information and communication</td>
<td>9,833</td>
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<td>Financial and insurance activities</td>
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<td>Real estate activities</td>
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<td>Professional, scientific and technical activities</td>
<td>14,682</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Administrative and support service activities</td>
<td>11,207</td>
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<td>Public administration and defence; compulsory social security</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>22,570</td>
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<td>Human health and social work activities</td>
<td>25,057</td>
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<td>Arts, entertainment and recreation</td>
<td>13,774</td>
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<td>Other service activities</td>
<td>7,070</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use</td>
<td>3,464</td>
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<td>Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies</td>
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<td>Not specified</td>
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<td>19</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>261,048</td>
<td>2,328</td>
<td>892</td>
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\(^1\) Refer to methodological note 5.  
\(^2\) Source: Labour Force Survey Annual 2020  
\(^3\) Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.  
\(^4\) Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.
Methodological Notes

1. Data on non-fatal accidents at work is provided by the Department of Social Security, while that on fatal accidents at work is given by the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA).

2. The data in this release include all cases for which an injury benefit claim form has been submitted to the Department of Social Security, irrespective of the number of days lost.

3. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually upon publication of the first semester of the following year.

4. District classification:

For aggregation purposes, all localities were grouped into six districts as follows:

A. Southern Harbour
Valletta, Vittoriosa, Senglea, Cospicua, Ħaż-Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Ħal Luqa, Marsa, Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

B. Northern Harbour
Ħal Qormi, Birżirkara, Gżira, Ħamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Tal-Pieta’, St Julian’s, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Tas-Sliema, Swieqi, Ta’ Xbiex.

C. South Eastern
Żejtun, Birżebbuġa, Gudja, Ħal Ġhaxaq, Ħal Kirkop, Marsaskala, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Ħal Safi, Żurrieq.

D. Western
Mdina, Ħaż-Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, H‘Attard, Ħal Balzan, Ħad-Dingli, Iklīn, Ħal Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

E. Northern
Ħal Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mgarr, Mosta, Naxxar, St Paul’s Bay.

F. Gozo and Comino
Victoria, Fontana, Ghajnsielem, Gharb, Ghasri, Ta’ Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Ta’ Sannat, Xaghra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.

5. Definitions:

- An accident at work is defined as a discrete occurrence during the course of work which leads to physical or mental harm.

- Fatal accidents at work are accidents that lead to death of the victim within 1 year.

- The standardised incidence rate is defined as the weighted sum of the number of accidents at work per 100,000 persons in employment.

6. Key:

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

“ Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:


8. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

9. A detailed news release calendar is available at: