

During the second quarter of 2022, road traffic accidents and casualties increased when compared to the same quarter of the previous year. Road traffic fatalities amounted to six.

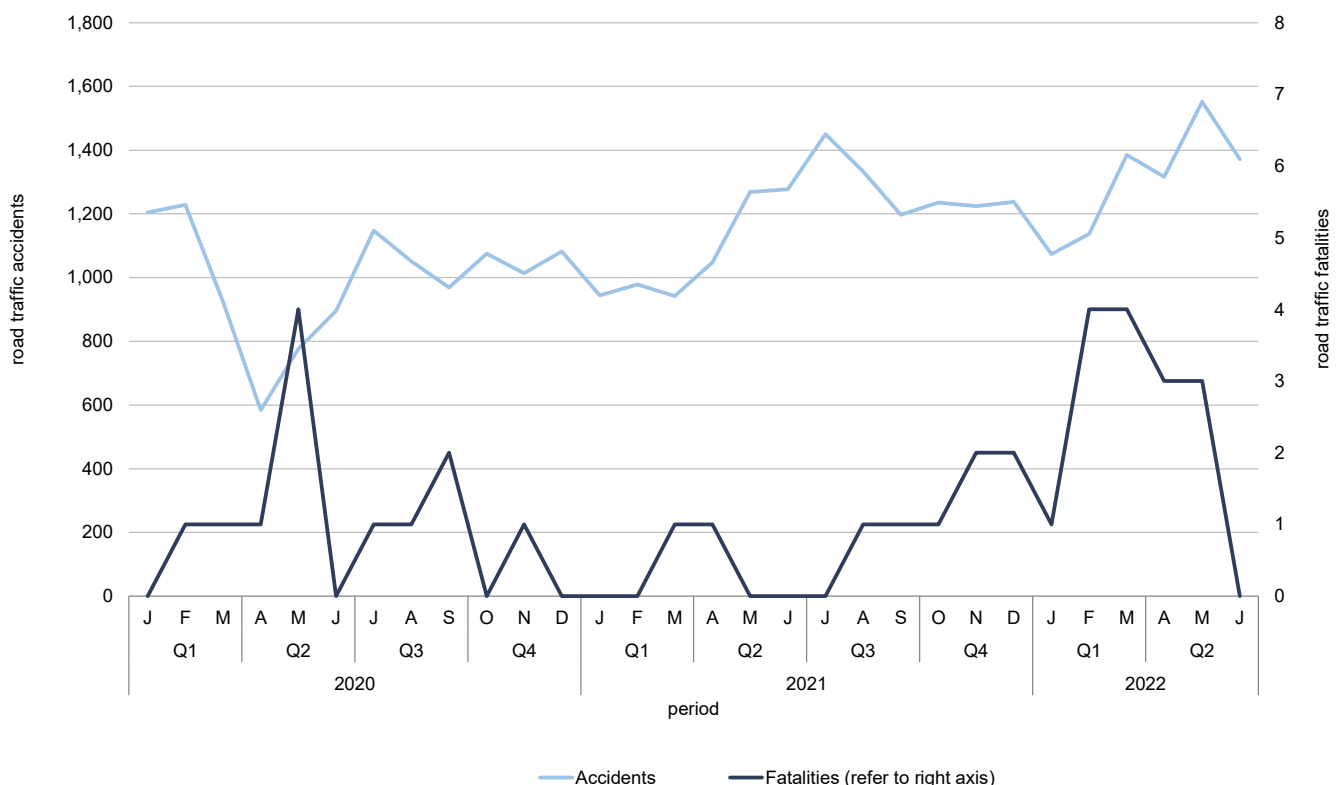
Road Traffic Accidents: Q2/2022

The number of reported traffic accidents during the second quarter of 2022 reached 4,240, up by 18.0 per cent over the same period in 2021. The Northern Harbour district registered the most accidents with 1,413 cases or 33.3 per cent of all accidents (Table 1).

Road traffic casualties increased by 8.9 per cent to 455 over the same period in 2021. Grievously injured persons amounted to 98, and consisted of 67 drivers, 13 passengers and 18 pedestrians/cyclists/others. The injuries suffered by three drivers and three pedestrians proved fatal (Tables 4-6). During this quarter, five more fatalities occurred when compared to the same period in 2021 (Chart 1).

The majority of those grievously injured were males (71.4 per cent). Moreover, the six fatalities that occurred during this quarter were all males. Most of the casualties (62.6 per cent) involved persons in the 26 to 59 age-bracket (Table 5).

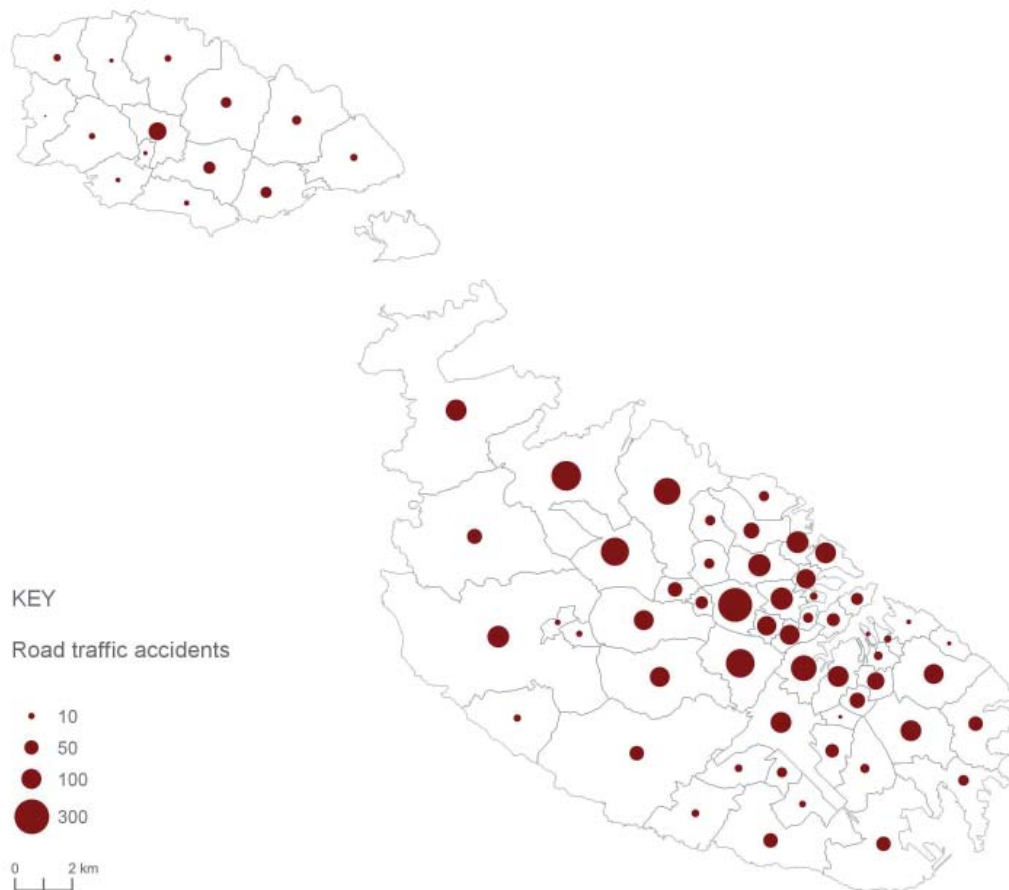
Chart 1. Road traffic accidents and fatalities by period



The largest number of road traffic casualties (57.6 per cent) involved passenger cars, followed by motorcycles (34.5 per cent) and goods-carrying vehicles (4.6 per cent). The six fatalities comprised of two drivers hitting another vehicle, a driver crashing into a property and three pedestrians hit by a vehicle. Cyclists involved in traffic accidents amounted to 11 and all suffered slight injuries (Tables 6-7). Road traffic casualties resulting from accidents between vehicles topped the list with 76.5 per cent of all road traffic casualties (Table 7).

The highest number of road traffic casualties occurred on Tuesdays with 80 casualties, while the highest number of road traffic accidents occurred on Mondays with 687 cases or 16.2 per cent of the total (Table 8). The time bracket during which most road traffic accidents occurred was between 15:00 - 17:59 with 938 cases or 22.1 per cent of the total, followed by the 09:00 - 11:59 time bracket with 915 cases. The least number of accidents occurring daily took place between 03:00 - 05:59 with 71 cases (Table 9).

Map 1. Road traffic accidents by locality: April-June 2022



The highest incidence of road traffic accidents was registered in Birkirkara with 294 cases, followed by San Pawl il-Baħar and Ħal Qormi, with 218 and 206 cases respectively (Table 10, Map 1 and Chart 5).

Two localities registered less than five road traffic accidents. These are Santa Luċija and San Lawrenz. (Map 1 and Table 10).

All districts recorded an increase in road traffic accidents when compared to the second quarter of the previous year. The Gozo and Comino district registered the highest percentage increase in road traffic accidents at 32.9 per cent, followed by the Northern district (Table 1, Map 2).

Map 2. Percentage change in road traffic accidents by district: April-June 2022/2021

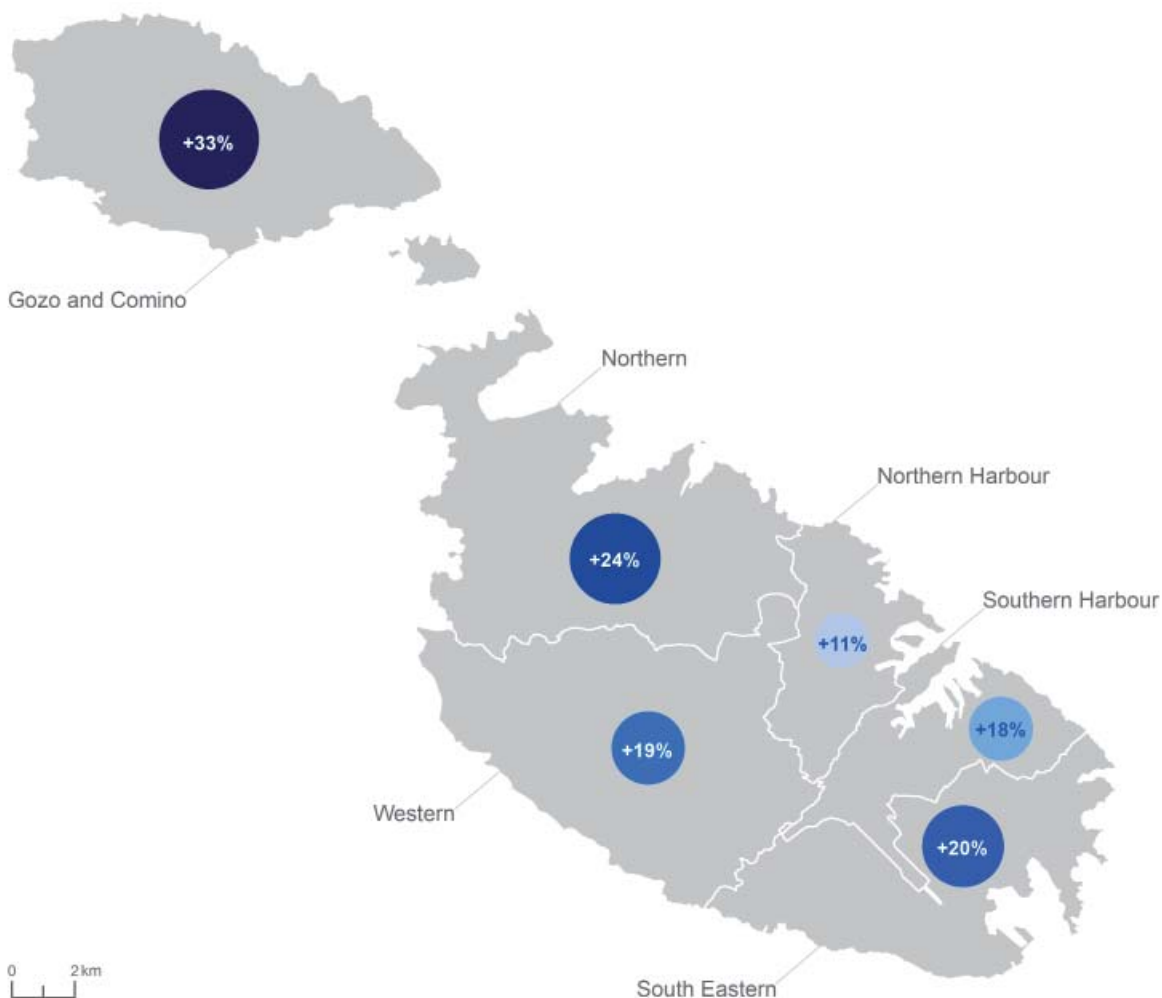


Table 1. Total road traffic accidents by period and region/district

Region/District	January-June		April-June			
	2021	2022	2021	2022	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	6,458	7,835	3,594	4,240	646	18.0
Malta	6,082	7,336	3,381	3,957	576	17.0
Southern Harbour	1,131	1,490	652	772	120	18.4
Northern Harbour	2,291	2,684	1,268	1,413	145	11.4
South Eastern	672	811	370	444	74	20.0
Western	826	977	446	530	84	18.8
Northern	1,162	1,374	645	798	153	23.7
Gozo and Comino	376	499	213	283	70	32.9

Table 2. Non-injury road traffic accidents by period and region/district

Region/District	January-June		April-June			
	2021	2022	2021	2022	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	5,861	7,182	3,247	3,871	624	19.2
Malta	5,533	6,756	3,060	3,639	579	18.9
Southern Harbour	1,023	1,352	589	704	115	19.5
Northern Harbour	2,107	2,487	1,161	1,312	151	13.0
South Eastern	596	731	322	391	69	21.4
Western	760	905	406	490	84	20.7
Northern	1,047	1,281	582	742	160	27.5
Gozo and Comino	328	426	187	232	45	24.1

Table 3. Injury road traffic accidents by period and region/district

Region/District	January-June		April-June			
	2021	2022	2021	2022	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	597	653	347	369	22	6.3
Malta	549	580	321	318	-3	-0.9
Southern Harbour	108	138	63	68	5	7.9
Northern Harbour	184	197	107	101	-6	-5.6
South Eastern	76	80	48	53	5	10.4
Western	66	72	40	40	0	0.0
Northern	115	93	63	56	-7	-11.1
Gozo and Comino	48	73	26	51	25	96.2

Table 4. Road traffic casualties by period, injury type, region/district and road traffic unit

Region/District	April-June									
	2021					2022				
	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
DRIVER										
MALTA	1	65	198	10	274	3	67	221	16	307
Malta	1	58	183	10	252	2	58	189	13	262
Southern Harbour	-	12	29	2	43	1	10	42	3	56
Northern Harbour	-	19	59	1	79	-	22	57	4	83
South Eastern	-	7	36	1	44	-	3	39	2	44
Western	1	9	23	-	33	-	9	24	2	35
Northern	-	11	36	6	53	1	14	27	2	44
Gozo and Comino	-	7	15	-	22	1	9	32	3	45
PASSENGER										
MALTA	-	12	72	5	89	-	13	75	3	91
Malta	-	12	58	5	75	-	10	63	3	76
Southern Harbour	-	3	13	-	16	-	3	15	1	19
Northern Harbour	-	3	16	1	20	-	2	13	1	16
South Eastern	-	2	15	-	17	-	-	9	1	10
Western	-	2	5	2	9	-	1	14	-	15
Northern	-	2	9	2	13	-	4	12	-	16
Gozo and Comino	-	-	14	-	14	-	3	12	-	15
PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST/OTHER										
MALTA	-	19	33	3	55	3	18	36	-	57
Malta	-	19	32	3	54	3	17	32	-	52
Southern Harbour	-	7	5	1	13	2	5	3	-	10
Northern Harbour	-	8	15	1	24	-	7	12	-	19
South Eastern	-	-	6	-	6	1	1	6	-	8
Western	-	3	-	1	4	-	2	1	-	3
Northern	-	1	6	-	7	-	2	10	-	12
Gozo and Comino	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	4	-	5
...of which cyclist (MALTA)	-	1	7	-	8	-	-	11	-	11
TOTAL										
MALTA	1	96	303	18	418	6	98	332	19	455
Malta	1	89	273	18	381	5	85	284	16	390
Southern Harbour	-	22	47	3	72	3	18	60	4	85
Northern Harbour	-	30	90	3	123	-	31	82	5	118
South Eastern	-	9	57	1	67	1	4	54	3	62
Western	1	14	28	3	46	-	12	39	2	53
Northern	-	14	51	8	73	1	20	49	2	72
Gozo and Comino	-	7	30	-	37	1	13	48	3	65

Note: The category "Other" refers to horse cabs and any other road traffic units not listed above.

Table 5. Road traffic casualties by period, injury type, gender and age group

Age group	April-June					
	2021	2022				
	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
Males						
0-10	7	-	1	12	-	13
11-17	13	-	1	4	1	6
18-25	48	1	8	28	1	38
26-40	105	2	22	70	8	102
41-59	78	1	20	52	2	75
60-64	9	1	7	10	-	18
65+	20	1	11	19	-	31
Total	280	6	70	195	12	283
Females						
0-10	3	-	-	10	-	10
11-17	7	-	1	6	-	7
18-25	29	-	6	23	2	31
26-40	40	-	12	49	3	64
41-59	37	-	4	39	1	44
60-64	8	-	2	2	-	4
65+	14	-	3	8	1	12
Total	138	-	28	137	7	172
Total						
0-10	10	-	1	22	-	23
11-17	20	-	2	10	1	13
18-25	77	1	14	51	3	69
26-40	145	2	34	119	11	166
41-59	115	1	24	91	3	119
60-64	17	1	9	12	-	22
65+	34	1	14	27	1	43
Total	418	6	98	332	19	455

Note: As from Q1/2022 there was a recategorisation in the 60+ age brackets.

Chart 2. Road traffic casualties by age group and gender: April-June 2022

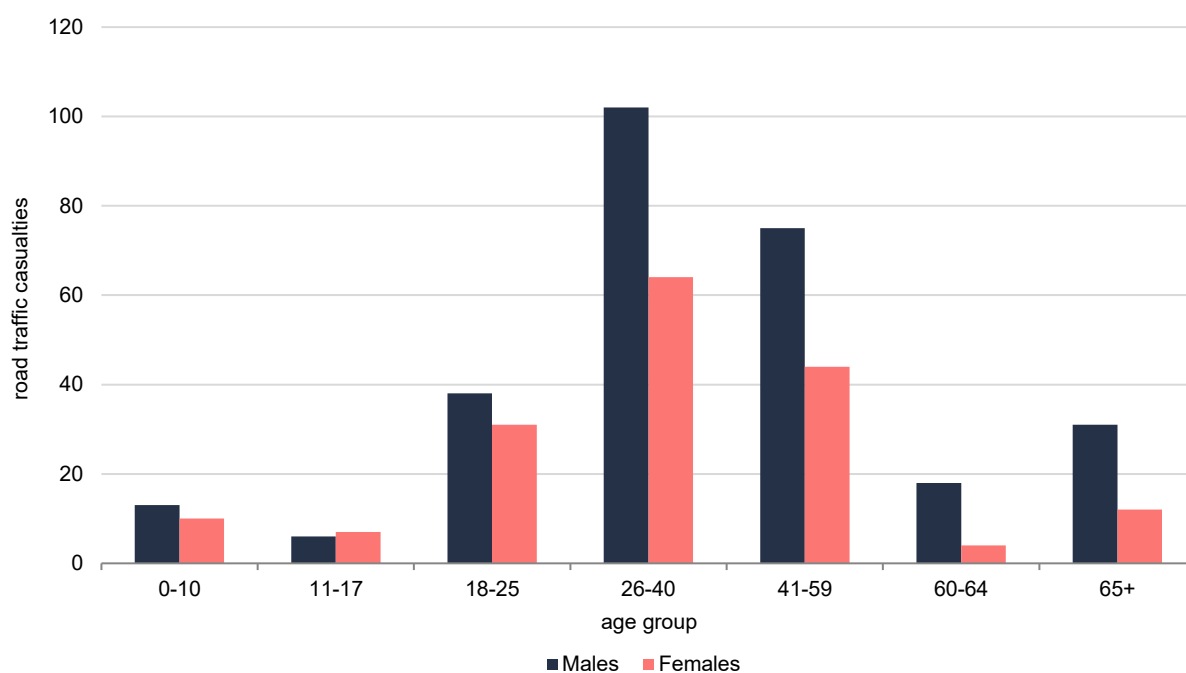


Table 6. Road traffic casualties by period, injury type, road traffic unit and vehicle type

Road traffic unit	Vehicle type	April-June				
		2022				
		Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
Driver	Coach & Private Bus	-	-	1	-	1
	Minibus	-	1	-	-	1
	Route Bus	-	1	-	-	1
	Motorcycle/ E-Bicycle/ PA-Bicycle	2	43	94	6	145
	Quad & ATV	-	2	2	-	4
	Passenger car	1	19	116	8	144
	Goods carrying vehicle	-	1	8	2	11
Passenger	Motorcycle/ E-Bicycle/ PA-Bicycle	-	5	6	-	11
	Quad & ATV	-	-	1	-	1
	Passenger car	-	7	64	3	74
	Goods carrying vehicle	-	1	4	-	5
Pedestrian	Route Bus	-	1	-	-	1
	Motorcycle/ E-Bicycle/ PA-Bicycle	-	1	-	-	1
	Passenger car	3	14	17	-	34
	Goods carrying vehicle	-	1	3	-	4
	Unknown vehicle	-	-	2	-	2
Cyclist	Passenger car	-	-	8	-	8
	Goods carrying vehicle	-	-	1	-	1
	Special purpose vehicle	-	-	1	-	1
	Unknown vehicle	-	-	1	-	1
Other	Passenger car	-	1	1	-	2
	Unknown vehicle	-	-	2	-	2
Total		6	98	332	19	455

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Table 7. Road traffic casualties by period, injury type, road traffic unit and accident type

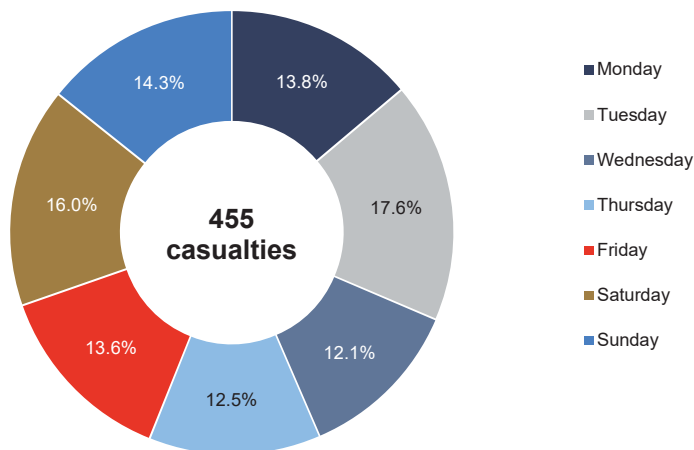
Road traffic unit	Accident type	April-June				
		2022				
		Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
Driver	Vehicle with vehicle	2	57	190	11	260
	Vehicle with pedestrian	-	-	2	-	2
	Vehicle with property	1	8	26	4	39
	Vehicle hit and run	-	-	2	1	3
	Vehicle with animal	-	1	-	-	1
	Vehicle with bicycle	-	1	1	-	2
Passenger	Vehicle with vehicle	-	13	68	3	84
	Vehicle with property	-	-	6	-	6
	Vehicle hit and run	-	-	1	-	1
Pedestrian	Vehicle with vehicle	-	1	-	-	1
	Vehicle with pedestrian	3	16	21	-	40
	Vehicle hit and run	-	-	1	-	1
Cyclist	Vehicle with bicycle	-	-	11	-	11
Other	Vehicle with vehicle	-	-	3	-	3
	Vehicle with pedestrian	-	1	-	-	1
Total		6	98	332	19	455

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Table 8. Road traffic casualties and accidents by day of the week: April-June 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Road traffic casualties	63	80	55	57	62	73	65	455
Road traffic accidents	687	620	663	640	648	600	382	4,240
Casualties-to-accidents ratio (%)	9.2	12.9	8.3	8.9	9.6	12.2	17.0	10.7

Chart 3. Percentage distribution of road traffic casualties by day of the week: April-June 2022



Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

Table 9. Road traffic accidents by day of the week and time bracket: April-June 2022

Time bracket	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00 - 02:59	16	9	17	17	12	39	33	143
03:00 - 05:59	6	6	8	1	10	20	20	71
06:00 - 08:59	92	106	109	112	92	51	31	593
09:00 - 11:59	167	128	114	146	138	150	72	915
12:00 - 14:59	138	137	133	134	130	128	64	864
15:00 - 17:59	191	145	170	131	135	99	67	938
18:00 - 20:59	61	70	86	76	95	84	70	542
21:00 - 23:59	16	19	26	23	36	29	25	174
Total	687	620	663	640	648	600	382	4,240

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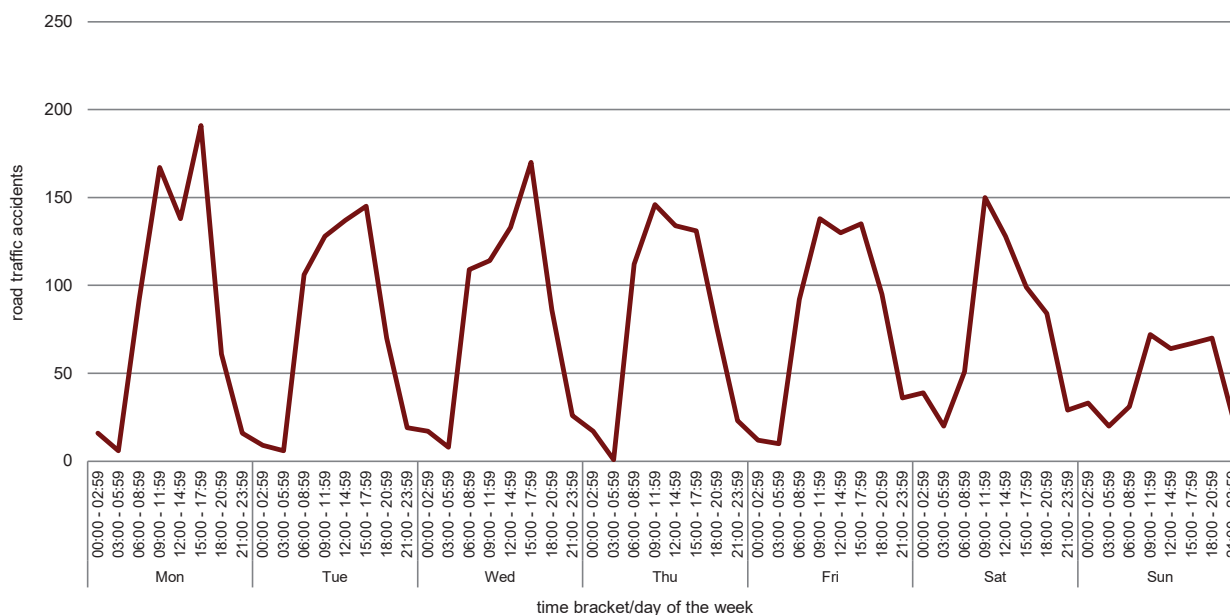


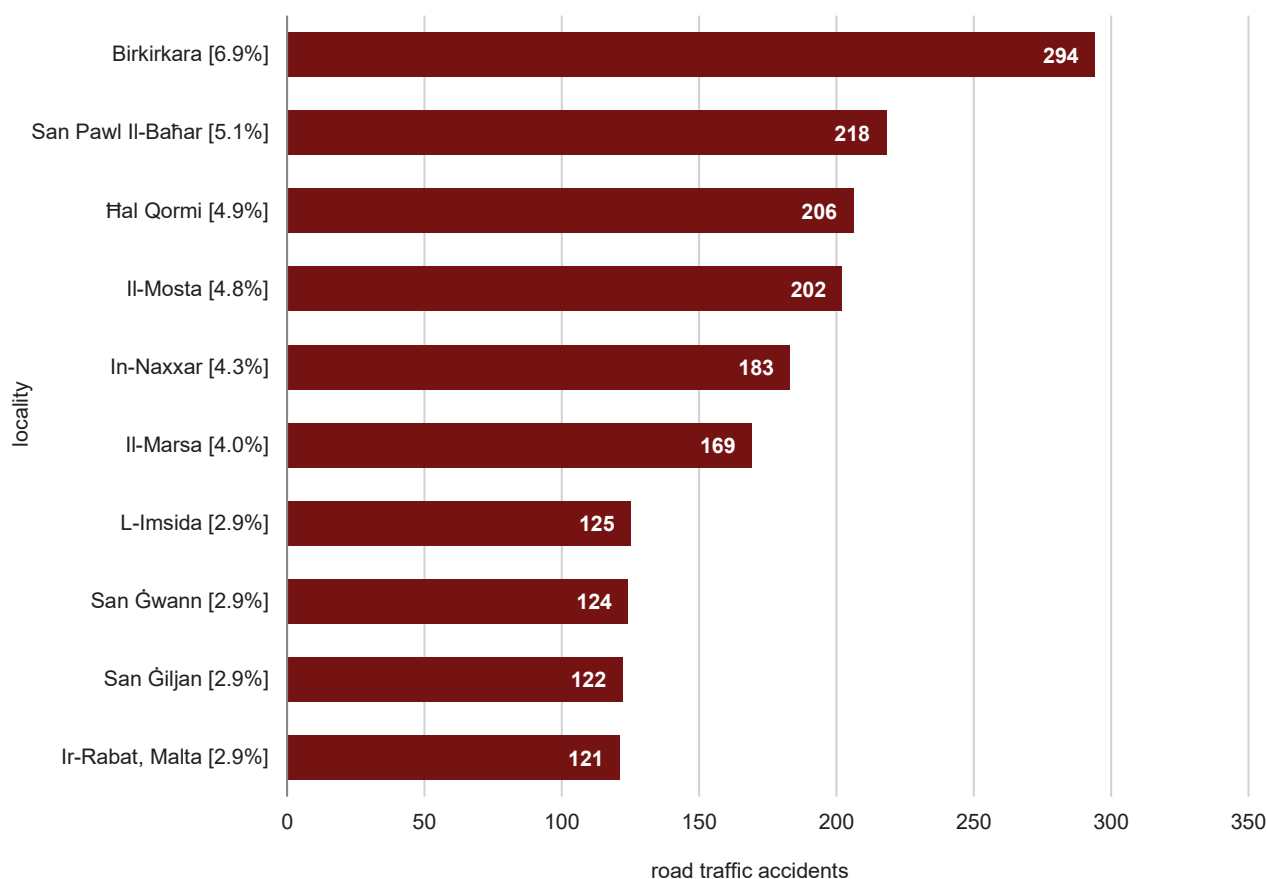
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District/Locality	January-June		April-June		Change
	2021	2022	2021	2022	
Southern Harbour	1,131	1,490	652	772	120
Bormla	29	48	13	20	7
Il-Fgura	130	144	81	80	-1
Floriana	57	90	32	45	13
Ħal Luqa	173	202	99	110	11
Ħal Tarxien	113	132	58	63	5
Ħaż-Żabbar	163	192	101	100	-1
Il-Kalkara	10	14	7	7	-
Il-Marsa	188	315	96	169	73
Raġal Ġdid	158	220	97	110	13
Santa Luċija	8	9	5	4	-1
L-Isla	14	14	12	6	-6
Valletta	59	75	34	39	5
Il-Birgu	22	23	13	14	1
Ix-Xgħajra	7	12	4	5	1
Northern Harbour	2,291	2,684	1,268	1413	145
Birkirkara	463	554	252	294	42
Il-Gżira	163	164	97	97	0
Ħal Qormi	376	404	207	206	-1
Il-Ħamrun	161	198	97	102	5
L-Imsida	185	253	101	125	24
Pembroke	25	43	11	26	15
San Ġwann	216	239	111	124	13
Santa Venera	134	207	79	96	17
San Ġiljan	148	216	77	122	45
Is-Swieqi	110	122	63	65	2
Ta' Xbiex	34	30	19	16	-3
Tal-Pietà	68	68	36	28	-8
Tas-Sliema	208	186	118	112	-6
South Eastern	672	811	370	444	74
Birżebbuġa	98	101	49	54	5
Il-Gudja	55	90	37	48	11
Ħal Ghaxaq	37	56	22	22	0
Ħal Kirkop	37	43	22	27	5
Ħal Safi	17	26	6	12	6
Marsaskala	126	97	78	54	-24
Marsaxlokk	25	41	18	29	11
L-Imqabba	23	23	13	15	2
Il-Qrendi	22	29	9	15	6
Iż-Żejtun	153	201	79	112	33
Iż-Żurrieq	79	104	37	56	19
Western	826	977	446	530	84
Ħad-Dingli	29	20	14	14	0
Ħal Balzan	51	74	25	40	15
Ħal Lija	61	89	38	54	16
Ħ'Attard	216	199	106	100	-6
Ħaż-Żebbuġ	158	185	86	99	13
L-Iklin	39	46	25	26	1
L-Imdina	11	16	7	11	4
L-Imtarfa	17	21	8	9	1
Ir-Rabat	162	234	89	121	32
Is-Siġġiewi	82	93	48	56	8

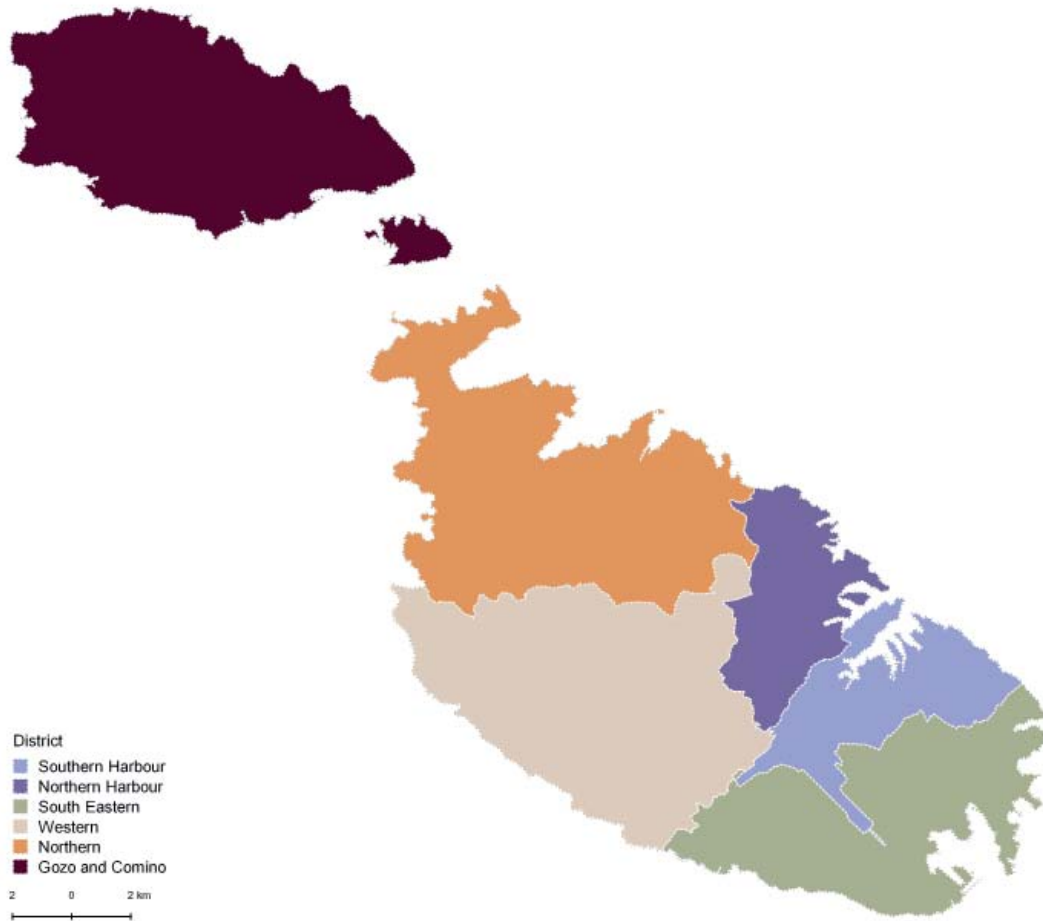
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	2021	2022	2021	2022	
Northern	1,162	1,374	645	798	153
Ħal Gharghur	41	68	22	27	5
Il-Mellieħa	148	164	77	110	33
L-Imġarr	84	84	51	58	7
Il-Mosta	327	364	196	202	6
In-Naxxar	271	319	136	183	47
San Pawl Il-Baħar	291	375	163	218	55
Gozo and Comino	376	499	213	283	70
Il-Fontana	5	9	1	5	4
Għajnsielem and Comino	46	60	26	33	7
L-Għarb	5	23	1	14	13
L-Għasri	3	6	2	5	3
Il-Munxar	14	9	9	6	-3
In-Nadur	34	36	18	22	4
Il-Qala	14	24	11	14	3
San Lawrenz	2	3	1	1	0
Ta' Kerċem	3	13	-	11	11
Ta' Sannat	9	11	5	8	3
Ir-Rabat	113	160	64	82	18
Ix-Xagħra	33	51	17	30	13
Ix-Xewkija	68	71	38	39	1
Iż-Żebbuġ	27	23	20	13	-7
Total	6,458	7,835	3,594	4,240	646

Chart 5. Top 10 localities for road traffic accidents: April-June 2022



Graphical Illustration of MALTA by NUTS Classification



Districts classification

Southern Harbour

Bormla; Il-Fgura; Floriana; Ғal Luqa; Ғaḏ-Ḑabbar; Il-Kalkara; Il-Marsa; Raḡal Ġdid; Santa Luċija; L-Isla; Ғal Tarxien; Valletta; Il-Birgu; Ix-Xgħajra.

Northern Harbour

Birkirkara; Il-Gżira; Ғal Qormi; Il-Ғamrun; L-Imsida; Pembroke; San Ġwann; Santa Venera; San Ġiljan; Is-Swieqi; Ta' Xbiex; Tal-Pietà; Tas-Sliema.

South Eastern

Birżebbuġa; Il-Gudja; Ғal Għaxaq; Ғal Kirkop; Ғal Safi; Marsaskala; Marsaxlokk; L-Imqabba; Il-Qrendi; Iz-Ḑejtun; iz-Ḑurrieq.

Western

Ғad-Dingli; Ғal Balzan; Ғal Lija; Ғ'Attard; Ғaḏ-Ḑebbuġ; L-Iklin; L-Imdina; L-Imtarfa; Ir-Rabat; Is-Siġġiewi.

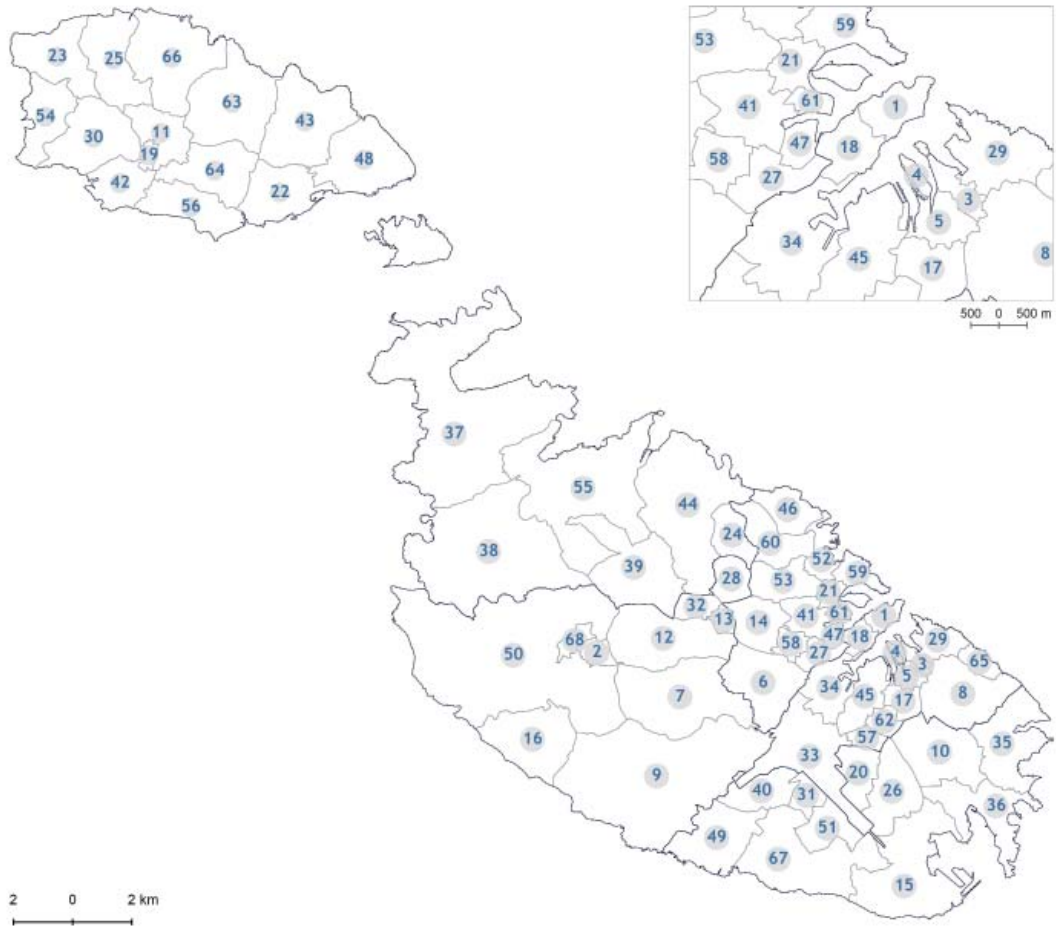
Northern

Ғal Għargħur; Il-Mellieħa; L-Imġarr; Il-Mosta; In-Naxxar; San Pawl Il-Baħar.

Gozo and Comino

Il-Fontana; Għajnsielem and Comino; L-Għarb; L-Għasri; Il-Munxar; In-Nadur; Il-Qala; San Lawrenz; Ta' Kerċem; Ta' Sannat; Ir-Rabat; Ix-Xagħra; Ix-Xewkija; Iḏ-Ḑebbuġ.

Graphical Illustration of MALTA by LAU2 Classification



Key

1 Valletta	18 Floriana	35 Marsaskala	52 San Ġiljan
2 L-Imdina	19 Il-Fontana	36 Marsaxlokk	53 San Ġwann
3 Il-Birgu	20 Il-Gudja	37 Il-Mellieħa	54 San Lawrenz
4 L-Isla	21 Il-Gżira	38 L-Imġarr	55 San Pawl Il-Baħar
5 Bormla	22 Għajnsielem and Comino	39 Il-Mosta	56 Ta' Sannat
6 Ғal Qormi	23 L-Għarb	40 L-Imqabba	57 Santa Luċija
7 Ғaž-Żebbuġ	24 Ғal Għargħur	41 L-Imsida	58 Santa Venera
8 Ғaž-Żabbar	25 L-Għasri	42 Il-Munxar	59 Tas-Sliema
9 Is-Siġġiewi	26 Ғal Għaxaq	43 In-Nadur	60 Is-Swieqi
10 Iż-Żejtun	27 Il-Ғamrun	44 In-Naxxar	61 Ta' Xbiex
11 Ir-Rabat, Għawdex	28 L-Iklin	45 Raħal Ġdid	62 Ғal Tarxien
12 Ғ'Attard	29 Il-Kalkara	46 Pembroke	63 Ix-Xagħra
13 Ғal Balzan	30 Ta' Kerċem	47 Tal-Pieta'	64 Ix-Xewkija
14 Birkirkara	31 Ғal Kirkop	48 Il-Qala	65 Ix-Xgħajra
15 Birżebbuġa	32 Ғal Lija	49 Il-Qrendi	66 Iż-Żebbuġ, Għawdex
16 Ғad-Dingli	33 Ғal Luqa	50 Ir-Rabat, Malta	67 Iż-Żurrieq
17 Il-Fgura	34 Il-Marsa	51 Ғal Safi	68 L-Imtarfa

Methodological Notes

1. Road traffic accidents data is compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department and the Malta Insurance Association (Guard and Warden Service House Limited).
2. **Definitions:**
 - a. Total road traffic accidents consist of the road traffic accidents involving casualties (Police reports) and the minor road traffic accidents without casualties (Police and Warden reports).
 - b. Non-injury (minor) road traffic accidents refer to accidents assessed by Wardens and/or the Police involving at least one vehicle and in which no persons are injured. Non-injury road traffic accidents which are either not reported or directly reported to Insurance Agencies by means of the Traffic Accident Form (i.e. where no Police or Wardens are called on the accident scene and are settled by the completion of the relevant form) are not accounted for.
 - c. Insignificant injury is determined by the Police as the sustaining of a very minimal injury (e.g. bruise, scratch, etc.) or shock due to accident which, in most cases, requires very basic treatment or no treatment at all.
 - d. The definition of slight injury is as listed in Art. 221 *et sequitur* of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta: <https://legislation.mt/eli/cap/9/eng/pdf>
 - e. The definition of grievous injury is as listed in Art. 216 *et sequitur* of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta: <https://legislation.mt/eli/cap/9/eng/pdf>
 - f. UNECE defines road fatal injury as: "Any person who was killed outright or who died within 30 days as a result of the accident".
3. The casualty-to-accident ratio indicates the risk level of suffering an injury in an accident. Therefore, a higher percentage rate means that the corresponding accidents were more serious (i.e. more persons were injured).
4. Data is subject to revision.
5. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
Sources and Methods: https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_B3/Environment_Energy_Transport_and_Agriculture_Statistics/Pages/Road-Traffic-Accidents.aspx
Statistical Concepts: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=15>
LAU Classification: [https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/classificationdetails.aspx?id=Districts%20\(Local%20Administrative%20Unit\)](https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/classificationdetails.aspx?id=Districts%20(Local%20Administrative%20Unit))
NUTS Classification: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/classificationdetails.aspx?id=NUTS>
6. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
7. Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in the context of the COVID-19 situation.
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