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The number of claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the second half of 2016 decreased by 24, or 1.5 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2015. Three fatal accidents at work were reported in the second half of 2016.

## Accidents at work: July-December 2016

### Non-Fatal Accidents

Administrative records show that 1,608 persons were involved in a non-fatal accident at work in the last two quarters of 2016.

The majority of these non-fatal accidents occurred in the manufacturing sector (18.2 per cent). Another 263 or 16.4 per cent of the accidents occurred in transport and storage sector followed by the construction sector (13.9 per cent). When compared to the same period in 2015, the number of accidents decreased by 67 in manufacturing and increased by 27 in Education (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).

44.7 per cent or 718 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, strains and sprains were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 976 and 369 cases respectively (Table 5).

In the second half of 2016, nearly 30 per cent of the accidents at work took place in enterprises with more than 500 employees (29.8 per cent) (Table 7).

### Fatal Accidents

Between July and December 2016, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported three fatal accidents at work. There were two fatalities at work in the corresponding period of 2015.

Revised data for 2016 (whole year) is also being provided in this publication ■

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Table 1. Non-fatal accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise

Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)	2016 (revised)						July-December 2015 (revised)						July-December 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	34	1.3	2	0.3	36	1.1	11	0.8	-	-	11	0.7	19	1.5	2	0.6	21	1.3
Mining and quarrying	7	0.3	-	-	7	0.2	3	0.2	-	-	3	0.2	4	0.3	-	-	4	0.2
Manufacturing	512	20.1	55	8.2	567	17.6	333	25.0	27	9.1	360	22.1	262	20.3	31	9.7	293	18.2
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30	1.2	1	0.1	31	1.0	22	1.6	1	0.3	23	1.4	14	1.1	-	-	14	0.9
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	65	2.5	3	0.4	68	2.1	34	2.5	-	-	34	2.1	29	2.3	1	0.3	30	1.9
Construction	469	18.4	4	0.6	473	14.7	215	16.1	1	0.3	216	13.2	221	17.2	3	0.9	224	13.9
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	247	9.7	58	8.7	305	9.5	142	10.6	34	11.4	176	10.8	120	9.3	29	9.1	149	9.3
Transportation and storage	420	16.5	70	10.5	490	15.2	229	17.2	22	7.4	251	15.4	219	17.0	44	13.8	263	16.4
Accommodation and food service activities	187	7.3	74	11.1	261	8.1	68	5.1	42	14.1	110	6.7	93	7.2	38	11.9	131	8.1
Information and communication	12	0.5	2	0.3	14	0.4	9	0.7	-	-	9	0.6	4	0.3	1	0.3	5	0.3
Financial and insurance activities	17	0.7	5	0.7	22	0.7	4	0.3	1	0.3	5	0.3	7	0.5	1	0.3	8	0.5
Real estate activities	9	0.4	1	0.1	10	0.3	5	0.4	-	-	5	0.3	6	0.5	-	-	6	0.4
Professional, scientific and technical activities	52	2.0	10	1.5	62	1.9	35	2.6	8	2.7	43	2.6	29	2.3	3	0.9	32	2.0
Administrative and support service activities	169	6.6	59	8.8	228	7.1	92	6.9	23	7.7	115	7.0	86	6.7	23	7.2	109	6.8
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	159	6.2	113	16.9	272	8.4	59	4.4	8	2.7	67	4.1	66	5.1	14	4.4	80	5.0
Education	8	0.3	12	1.8	20	0.6	3	0.2	5	1.7	8	0.5	8	0.6	27	8.4	35	2.2
Human health and social work activities	77	3.0	186	27.8	263	8.2	51	3.8	121	40.6	172	10.5	49	3.8	95	29.7	144	9.0
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14	0.5	4	0.6	18	0.6	3	0.2	2	0.7	5	0.3	6	0.5	1	0.3	7	0.4
Other service activities	19	0.7	5	0.7	24	0.7	9	0.7	-	-	9	0.6	14	1.1	4	1.3	18	1.1
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	1	0.0	1	0.1	2	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.3	1	0.1
Not specified	44	1.7	3	0.4	47	1.5	7	0.5	3	1.0	10	0.6	32	2.5	2	0.6	34	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 2. Non-fatal accidents at work by occupation of victim

Occupations (ISCO-08)	2016 (revised)						July-December 2015 (revised)						July-December 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	24	0.9	1	0.1	25	0.8	7	0.5	-	-	7	0.4	9	0.7	1	0.3	10	0.6
Managers	20	0.8	5	0.7	25	0.8	18	1.3	2	0.7	20	1.2	10	0.8	1	0.3	11	0.7
Professionals	76	3.0	112	16.8	188	5.8	48	3.6	58	19.5	106	6.5	43	3.3	53	16.6	96	6.0
Technicians and associate professionals	266	10.4	51	7.6	317	9.8	148	11.1	21	7.0	169	10.4	126	9.8	23	7.2	149	9.3
Clerical support workers	108	4.2	69	10.3	177	5.5	58	4.3	24	8.1	82	5.0	67	5.2	40	12.5	107	6.7
Service and sales workers	206	8.1	260	38.9	466	14.5	89	6.7	103	34.6	192	11.8	98	7.6	119	37.2	217	13.5
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	52	2.0	1	0.1	53	1.6	19	1.4	-	-	19	1.2	26	2.0	-	-	26	1.6
Craft and related trades workers	668	26.2	13	1.9	681	21.1	318	23.8	6	2.0	324	19.9	338	26.2	6	1.9	344	21.4
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	360	14.1	38	5.7	398	12.4	208	15.6	17	5.7	225	13.8	172	13.4	22	6.9	194	12.1
Elementary occupations	772	30.3	118	17.7	890	27.6	421	31.6	67	22.5	488	29.9	399	31.0	55	17.2	454	28.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 3. Non-fatal accidents at work by age group of victim

Age group	2016 (revised)						July-December 2015 (revised)						July-December 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	314	12.3	114	17.1	428	13.3	173	13.0	48	16.1	221	13.5	162	12.6	61	19.1	223	13.9
25-34	643	25.2	184	27.5	827	25.7	332	24.9	75	25.2	407	24.9	312	24.2	94	29.4	406	25.2
35-44	627	24.6	148	22.2	775	24.1	360	27.0	72	24.2	432	26.5	328	25.5	72	22.5	400	24.9
45-54	543	21.3	126	18.9	669	20.8	275	20.6	66	22.1	341	20.9	274	21.3	55	17.2	329	20.5
55+	425	16.7	96	14.4	521	16.2	194	14.5	37	12.4	231	14.2	212	16.5	38	11.9	250	15.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 4. Part of body injured in non-fatal accidents at work

Part of body	2016 (revised)						July-December 2015 (revised)						July-December 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	274	10.7	56	8.4	330	10.2	146	10.9	26	8.7	172	10.5	135	10.5	25	7.8	160	10.0
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	81	3.2	37	5.5	118	3.7	38	2.8	11	3.7	49	3.0	37	2.9	16	5.0	53	3.3
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	206	8.1	73	10.9	279	8.7	125	9.4	31	10.4	156	9.6	104	8.1	34	10.6	138	8.6
Torso and organs	108	4.2	26	3.9	134	4.2	56	4.2	18	6.0	74	4.5	48	3.7	11	3.4	59	3.7
Upper extremities	1,150	45.1	284	42.5	1434	44.5	598	44.8	140	47.0	738	45.2	584	45.3	134	41.9	718	44.7
Lower extremities	675	26.4	178	26.6	853	26.5	340	25.5	66	22.1	406	24.9	348	27.0	92	28.8	440	27.4
Wholebody and multiple sites	29	1.1	9	1.3	38	1.2	6	0.4	5	1.7	11	0.7	19	1.5	4	1.3	23	1.4
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	4	0.2	3	0.4	7	0.2	4	0.3	-	-	4	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.6	4	0.2
Not specified	25	1.0	2	0.3	27	0.8	21	1.6	1	0.3	22	1.3	11	0.9	2	0.6	13	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 5. Non-fatal accidents at work by type of injury

Type of injury	2016 (revised)						July-December 2015 (revised)						July-December 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	1,553	60.9	399	59.7	1,952	60.6	864	64.8	186	62.4	1,050	64.3	790	61.3	186	58.1	976	60.7
Bone fractures	288	11.3	73	10.9	361	11.2	127	9.5	26	8.7	153	9.4	131	10.2	36	11.3	167	10.4
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	573	22.5	153	22.9	726	22.5	268	20.1	61	20.5	329	20.2	287	22.3	82	25.6	369	22.9
Traumatic amputations	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	3	0.2	-	-	3	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
Concussions and internal injuries	34	1.3	12	1.8	46	1.4	15	1.1	1	0.3	16	1.0	12	0.9	5	1.6	17	1.1
Burns, scalds and frostbites	65	2.5	22	3.3	87	2.7	34	2.5	16	5.4	50	3.1	43	3.3	8	2.5	51	3.2
Poisonings and infections	11	0.4	1	0.1	12	0.4	5	0.4	3	1.0	8	0.5	7	0.5	1	0.3	8	0.5
Drowning and asphyxiations	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	3	0.2	1	0.3	4	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
Shock	7	0.3	6	0.9	13	0.4	4	0.3	3	1.0	7	0.4	5	0.4	1	0.3	6	0.4
Multiple injuries	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	3	0.2	-	-	3	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	1	0.0	2	0.3	3	0.1	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.3	2	0.1
Not specified	9	0.4	-	-	9	0.3	4	0.3	1	0.3	5	0.3	5	0.4	-	-	5	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 6. Non-fatal accidents at work by district of enterprise**

District	2016 (revised)						July-December 2015 (revised)						July-December 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	687	26.9	127	19.0	814	25.3	378	28.3	60	20.1	438	26.8	349	27.1	67	20.9	416	25.9
Northern Harbour	743	29.1	308	46.1	1,051	32.6	387	29.0	135	45.3	522	32.0	360	28.0	137	42.8	497	30.9
South Eastern	504	19.7	71	10.6	575	17.9	260	19.5	43	14.4	303	18.6	257	20.0	38	11.9	295	18.3
Western	233	9.1	60	9.0	293	9.1	133	10.0	18	6.0	151	9.3	115	8.9	29	9.1	144	9.0
Northern	333	13.0	88	13.2	421	13.1	159	11.9	36	12.1	195	11.9	177	13.7	44	13.8	221	13.7
Gozo and Comino	52	2.0	14	2.1	66	2.0	17	1.3	6	2.0	23	1.4	30	2.3	5	1.6	35	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 7. Size of enterprise where non-fatal accidents occurred**

Employment size	2016 (revised)						July-December 2015 (revised)						July-December 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	114	4.5	6	0.9	120	3.7	73	5.5	2	0.7	75	4.6	52	4.0	1	0.3	53	3.3
1-9 employees	224	8.8	25	3.7	249	7.7	109	8.2	4	1.3	113	6.9	90	7.0	16	5.0	106	6.6
10-49 employees	458	17.9	53	7.9	511	15.9	241	18.1	20	6.7	261	16.0	219	17.0	20	6.3	239	14.9
50-249 employees	701	27.5	138	20.7	839	26.1	362	27.1	60	20.1	422	25.9	373	29.0	74	23.1	447	27.8
250-499 employees	362	14.2	171	25.6	533	16.6	147	11.0	74	24.8	221	13.5	192	14.9	76	23.8	268	16.7
500 employees or more	657	25.7	271	40.6	928	28.8	394	29.5	136	45.6	530	32.5	347	26.9	132	41.3	479	29.8
Not specified	36	1.4	4	0.6	40	1.2	8	0.6	2	0.7	10	0.6	15	1.2	1	0.3	16	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 8. Employment status of victim involved in non-fatal accidents**

Employment status	2016 (revised)						July-December 2015 (revised)						July-December 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	207	8.1	7	1.0	214	6.6	95	7.1	2	0.7	97	5.9	98	7.6	2	0.6	100	6.2
Full-time employee	2,246	88.0	571	85.5	2,817	87.5	1,161	87.0	241	80.9	1,402	85.9	1,133	88.0	265	82.8	1,398	86.9
Part-time employee	99	3.9	90	13.5	189	5.9	78	5.8	55	18.5	133	8.1	57	4.4	53	16.6	110	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 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.
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