Road Traffic Accidents: Q3/2026

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Salient Points

- There were four road traffic fatalities involving three males and one female during July-September 2026.
- During the third quarter of 2026, road traffic accidents decreased by 0.2 per cent, and casualties decreased by 18.4 per cent, when compared to the same period in 2025.
- Between July-September 2026, the highest number of road traffic accidents occurred on Wednesdays with 662 cases or 16.9 per cent of the total.
- Birkirkara and San Pawl Il-Bahar registered the highest number of road traffic accidents at 225 cases.

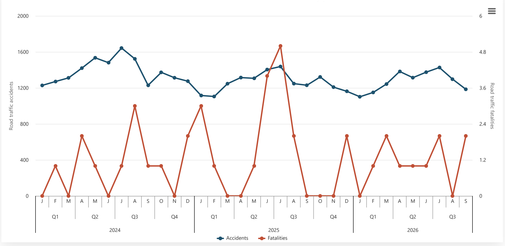
Commentary

During the third quarter of 2026, both road traffic accidents and casualties decreased when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Road traffic fatalities amounted to four.

The number of reported traffic accidents during the third quarter of 2026 reached 3,909, down by 0.2 per cent over the same period in 2025. The Northern Harbour district registered the most accidents with 1,231 cases or 31.5 per cent of all accidents (Table 1).

Road traffic casualties decreased by 18.4 per cent to 319 over the same period in 2025. Grievously injured persons amounted to 115, and consisted of 72 drivers, 16 passengers and 27 pedestrians/cyclists/others. The injuries sustained by three drivers and one passenger proved fatal (Tables 4-6). During this quarter, three fewer fatalities were registered when compared to the same period in 2025 (Chart 1).

Chart 1. Road traffic accidents and fatalities by period



The majority of those grievously injured were males (74.8 per cent). Moreover, the fatalities that occurred during this quarter involved three males and one female. With regard to age cohorts, 36.7 per cent of the casualties involved persons in the 26 to 40 age bracket (Chart 2 and Table 5).

The largest number of road traffic casualties (47.3 per cent) involved passenger cars, followed by motorcycles (41.7 per cent) and goods-carrying vehicles (8.2 per cent). The fatalities included three drivers involved in collisions with other vehicles and one passenger involved in a collision with property. A total of six cyclists were involved in road traffic accidents. Of these, two sustained grievous injuries, two sustained slight injuries and two sustained insignificant injuries (Tables 6-7). Road traffic casualties resulting from accidents between vehicles accounted for 56.7 per cent of all road traffic casualties (Table 7).

The highest number of road traffic casualties occurred on Wednesdays with 58 casualties, and the highest number of road traffic accidents also occurred on Wednesdays with 662 cases or 16.9 per cent of the total (Table 8). The highest number of road traffic accidents occurred between 09:00 and 11:59, with 876 cases or 22.4 per cent of the total, followed by those occurring between 12:00 and 14:59, with 859 cases. The lowest number of accidents occurring daily took place between 03:00 and 05:59, with 65 cases (Table 9).

Chart 2. Road traffic casualties by age group and gender

July-September 2026

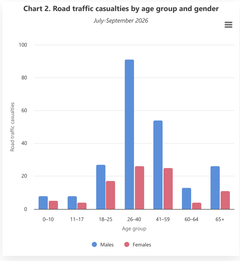
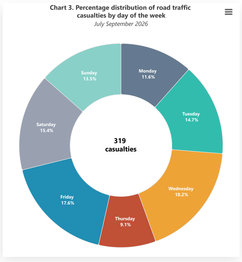


Chart 3. Percentage distribution of road traffic casualties by day of the week

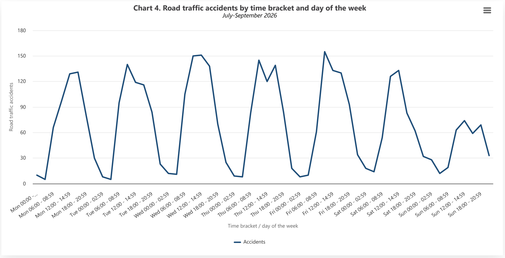
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Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

Chart 4. Road traffic accidents by time bracket and day of the week

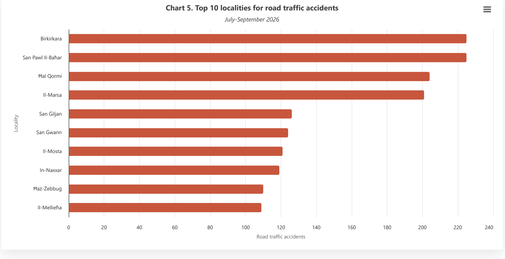
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The highest number of road traffic accidents was recorded in Birkirkara and San Pawl Il-Bahar, with 225 cases each, followed by Mal Qormi, with 204 cases (Table 10, Map 1 and Chart 5).

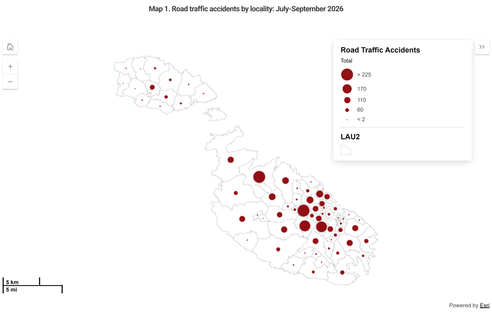
Chart 5. Top 10 localities for road traffic accidents

July-September 2026



L-Imdina, Il-Fontana, San Lawrenz, L-Għasri and Ta' Kerċem recorded fewer than five road traffic accidents (Map 1 and Table 10).

Map 1. Road traffic accidents by locality: July-September 2026



Road traffic accidents increased in the Southern Harbour, South Eastern and Western districts, while decreases were recorded in the Northern Harbour, Northern and Gozo and Comino districts. The Southern Harbour district registered the highest percentage increase in road traffic accidents, at 7.7 per cent, while Gozo and Comino recorded the largest percentage decrease, at 9.0 per cent (Table 1 and Map 2).

Map 2. Percentage change in road traffic accidents by district: July-September 2026/2025

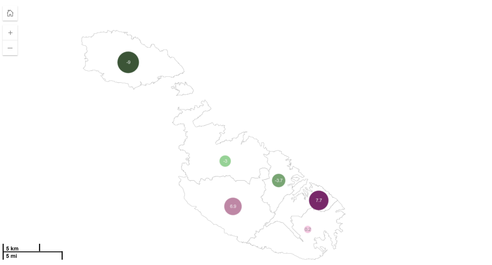


Table 1. Total road traffic accidents by period and region/district

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Region/District	January-September		July-September			
	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	**11,410**	**11,476**	**3,916**	**3,909**	**-7**	**-0.2**
Malta	**10,584**	**10,660**	**3,593**	**3,615**	**22**	**0.6**
Southern Harbour	2,260	2,380	744	801	57	7.7
Northern Harbour	3,822	3,788	1,278	1,231	-47	-3.7
South Eastern	1,196	1,262	447	448	1	0.2
Western	1,378	1,379	449	480	31	6.9
Northern	1,928	1,851	675	655	-20	-3.0
Gozo and Comino	**826**	**816**	**323**	**294**	-29	-9.0

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

Region/District	January-September		July-September			
	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	**10,541**	**10,625**	**3,590**	**3,638**	**48**	**1.3**
Malta	**9,822**	**9,926**	**3,314**	**3,377**	**63**	**1.9**
Southern Harbour	2,076	2,209	678	750	72	10.6
Northern Harbour	3,593	3,561	1,180	1,172	-8	-0.7
South Eastern	1,089	1,172	407	409	2	0.5
Western	1,285	1,268	424	441	17	4.0
Northern	1,779	1,716	625	605	-20	-3.2
Gozo and Comino	**719**	**699**	**276**	**261**	**-15**	**-5.4**

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

Region/District	January-September		July-September			
	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	**869**	**851**	**326**	**271**	**-55**	**-16.9**
Malta	**762**	**734**	**279**	**238**	**-41**	**-14.7**
Southern Harbour	184	171	66	51	-15	-22.7
Northern Harbour	229	227	98	59	-39	-39.8
South Eastern	107	90	40	39	-1	-2.5
Western	93	111	25	39	14	56.0
Northern	149	135	50	50	0	0.0
Gozo and Comino	**107**	**117**	**47**	**33**	**-14**	**-29.8**

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

Region/District	July-September									
	2025					2026				
	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
DRIVER										
MALTA	**4**	**79**	**141**	**19**	**243**	**3**	**72**	**93**	**32**	**200**
Malta	**4**	**71**	**113**	**17**	**205**	**3**	**62**	**78**	**32**	**175**
Southern Harbour	-	18	24	7	**49**	1	12	15	5	**33**
Northern Harbour	4	20	38	5	**67**	2	6	20	9	**37**
South Eastern	-	8	18	2	**28**	-	14	15	6	**35**
Western	-	7	10	1	**18**	-	15	15	7	**37**
Northern	-	18	23	2	**43**	-	15	13	5	**33**
Gozo and Comino	**-**	**8**	**28**	**2**	**38**	**-**	**10**	**15**	**-**	**25**
PASSENGER										
MALTA	**2**	**15**	**46**	**5**	**68**	**1**	**16**	**27**	**10**	**54**
Malta	**2**	**9**	**34**	**3**	**48**	**1**	**15**	**24**	**9**	**49**
Southern Harbour	1	3	11	1	**16**	-	3	3	4	**10**
Northern Harbour	-	2	10	-	**12**	1	1	6	-	**8**
South Eastern	-	1	4	-	**5**	-	1	8	-	**9**
Western	1	1	2	-	**4**	-	3	6	3	**12**
Northern	-	2	7	2	**11**	-	7	1	2	**10**
Gozo and Comino	**-**	**6**	**12**	**2**	**20**	**-**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**5**
PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST/OTHER										
MALTA	**1**	**37**	**40**	**2**	**80**	**-**	**27**	**28**	**10**	**65**
Malta	**1**	**33**	**36**	**2**	**72**	**-**	**26**	**27**	**8**	**61**
Southern Harbour	1	7	9	-	**17**	-	7	4	3	**14**
Northern Harbour	-	13	14	1	**28**	-	9	12	1	**22**
South Eastern	-	5	5	1	**11**	-	2	3	1	**6**
Western	-	7	2	-	**9**	-	2	3	-	**5**
Northern	-	1	6	-	**7**	-	6	5	3	**14**
Gozo and Comino	**-**	**4**	**4**	**-**	**8**	**-**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**4**
...of which cyclist (MALTA)	-	6	4	-	**10**	-	2	2	2	**6**
TOTAL										
MALTA	**7**	**131**	**227**	**26**	**391**	**4**	**115**	**148**	**52**	**319**
Malta	**7**	**113**	**183**	**22**	**325**	**4**	**103**	**129**	**49**	**285**
Southern Harbour	**2**	**28**	**44**	**8**	**82**	**1**	**22**	**22**	**12**	**57**
Northern Harbour	**4**	**35**	**62**	**6**	**107**	**3**	**16**	**38**	**10**	**67**
South Eastern	**-**	**14**	**27**	**3**	**44**	**-**	**17**	**26**	**7**	**50**
Western	**1**	**15**	**14**	**1**	**31**	**-**	**20**	**24**	**10**	**54**
Northern	**-**	**21**	**36**	**4**	**61**	**-**	**28**	**19**	**10**	**57**
Gozo and Comino	**-**	**18**	**44**	**4**	**66**	**-**	**12**	**19**	**3**	**34**

Notes: The category "Other" refers to horse cabs, persons making use of e-kick scooters and any other road traffic units not listed above.

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

Age group	July-September					
	2025	2026				
	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
				Males		
0-10	**11**	-	1	5	2	**8**
11-17	**14**	-	2	4	2	**8**
18-25	**40**	-	6	13	8	**27**
26-40	**87**	3	41	40	7	**91**
41-59	**58**	-	22	24	8	**54**
60-64	**12**	-	4	8	1	**13**
65+	**45**	-	10	13	3	**26**
Total	**267**	**3**	**86**	**107**	**31**	**227**
				Females		
0-10	**7**	-	2	1	2	**5**
11-17	**2**	-	-	3	1	**4**
18-25	**16**	1	5	8	3	**17**
26-40	**35**	-	9	11	6	**26**
41-59	**32**	-	7	13	5	**25**
60-64	**3**	-	-	3	1	**4**
65+	**29**	-	6	2	3	**11**
Total	**124**	**1**	**29**	**41**	**21**	**92**
				Total		
0-10	**18**	-	**3**	**6**	**4**	**13**
11-17	**16**	-	**2**	**7**	**3**	**12**
18-25	**56**	**1**	**11**	**21**	**11**	**44**
26-40	**122**	**3**	**50**	**51**	**13**	**117**
41-59	**90**	-	**29**	**37**	**13**	**79**
60-64	**15**	-	**4**	**11**	**2**	**17**
65+	**74**	-	**16**	**15**	**6**	**37**
Total	**391**	**4**	**115**	**148**	**52**	**319**

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

Road traffic unit	Vehicle type	July-September 2026				
		Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
Driver	Motorcycle	1	54	44	13	**112**
	Passenger car	1	15	42	17	**75**
	Goods carrying vehicle	1	3	5	2	**11**
	Special purpose vehicle	-	-	1	-	**1**
	Road Tractor	-	-	1	-	**1**
Passenger	Motorcycle	-	7	8	1	**16**
	Quad and ATV	-	-	-	1	**1**
	Passenger car	1	8	16	7	**32**
	Goods carrying vehicle	-	1	2	1	**4**
	Special purpose vehicle	-	-	1	-	**1**
Pedestrian	Route Bus	-	-	2	-	**2**
	Motorcycle	-	2	2	1	**5**
	Passenger car	-	16	16	5	**37**
	Goods carrying vehicle	-	4	2	2	**8**
	Unknown	-	1	1	-	**2**
Cyclist	Passenger car	-	2	2	2	**6**
Other	Passenger car	-	1	-	-	**1**
	Goods carrying vehicle	-	-	3	-	**3**
	Unknown	-	1	-	-	**1**
Total		**4**	**115**	**148**	**52**	**319**

Note: The category "Other" refers to horse cabs, persons making use of e-kick scooters and any other road traffic units not listed above.

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

Road traffic unit	Accident type	July-September				
		2026				
		Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
Driver	Vehicle with vehicle	3	46	71	16	**136**
	Vehicle with pedestrian	-	-	-	2	**2**
	Vehicle with property	-	24	17	14	**55**
	Vehicle hit and run	-	1	3	-	**4**
	Vehicle with bicycle	-	1	2	-	**3**
Passenger	Vehicle with vehicle	-	11	23	8	**42**
	Vehicle with property	1	5	4	2	**12**
Pedestrian	Vehicle with pedestrian	-	23	21	8	**52**
	Vehicle hit and run	-	-	2	-	**2**
Cyclist	Vehicle with bicycle	-	2	2	2	**6**
Other	Vehicle with vehicle	-	1	2	-	**3**
	Vehicle with property	-	-	1	-	**1**
	Vehicle with animal	-	1	-	-	**1**
Total		**4**	**115**	**148**	**52**	**319**

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Table 8. Road traffic casualties and accidents by day of the week: July-September 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Road traffic casualties	37	47	58	29	56	49	43
Road traffic accidents	548	590	662	606	624	522	357
Casualties-to-accidents ratio (%)	6.8	8.0	8.8	4.8	9.0	9.4	12.0

Total
319
3,909
8.2

Table 9. Road traffic accidents by day of the week and time bracket: July-September 2026

Time bracket	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00 - 02:59	10	8	12	9	8	18	28	**93**
03:00 - 05:59	5	5	11	8	10	14	12	**65**
06:00 - 08:59	66	95	105	83	61	54	19	**483**
09:00 - 11:59	97	140	150	145	155	126	63	**876**
12:00 - 14:59	129	119	151	120	133	133	74	**859**
15:00 - 17:59	131	116	138	139	130	83	59	**796**
18:00 - 20:59	80	84	70	84	93	62	69	**542**
21:00 - 23:59	30	23	25	18	34	32	33	**195**
Total	**548**	**590**	**662**	**606**	**624**	**522**	**357**	**3,909**

Table 10. Road traffic accidents by period and district/locality

District/Locality	January-September		July-September		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	Change
Southern Harbour	**2,260**	**2,380**	**744**	**801**	**57**
Bormla	68	74	26	28	**2**
Il-Fgura	199	226	76	70	**-6**
Floriana	126	124	38	38	**0**
Ħal Luqa	317	305	103	102	**-1**
Ħal Tarxien	211	187	77	50	**-27**
Ħaż-Żabbar	248	303	88	106	**18**
Il-Kalkara	29	25	9	11	**2**
Il-Marsa	462	572	139	201	**62**
Raħal Ġdid	358	290	107	97	**-10**
Santa Luċija	27	28	1	11	**10**
L-Isla	30	29	8	10	**2**
Valletta	127	140	52	52	**0**
Il-Birgu	38	55	11	15	**4**
Ix-Xgħajra	20	22	9	10	**1**
Northern Harbour	**3,822**	**3,788**	**1,278**	**1,231**	**-47**
Birkirkara	665	649	224	225	**1**
Il-Gżira	298	267	105	92	**-13**
Ħal Qormi	603	656	186	204	**18**
Il-Ħamrun	276	287	98	98	**0**
L-Imsida	313	290	105	99	**-6**
Pembroke	39	51	8	9	**1**
San Ġwann	364	386	105	124	**19**
Santa Venera	244	239	87	61	**-26**
San Ġiljan	375	347	134	126	**-8**
Is-Swieqi	160	166	48	50	**2**
Ta' Xbiex	56	50	22	22	**0**
Tal-Pietà	101	95	44	27	**-17**
Tas-Sliema	328	305	112	94	**-18**
South Eastern	**1,196**	**1,262**	**447**	**448**	**1**
Birżebbuġa	171	195	64	70	**6**
Il-Gudja	107	88	35	28	**-7**
Ħal Għaxaq	108	103	39	46	**7**
Ħal Kirkop	54	50	18	18	**0**
Ħal Safi	25	28	9	9	**0**
Marsaskala	179	185	81	71	**-10**
Marsaxlokk	76	69	27	34	**7**
L-Imqabba	44	33	16	9	**-7**
Il-Qrendi	47	33	20	13	**-7**
Iż-Żejtun	255	336	90	107	**17**
Iż-Żurrieq	130	142	48	43	**-5**
Western	**1,378**	**1,379**	**449**	**480**	**31**
Ħad-Dingli	38	38	13	9	**-4**
Ħal Balzan	79	89	30	38	**8**
Ħal Lija	85	87	22	27	**5**
Ħ'Attard	253	262	77	94	**17**
Ħaż-Żebbuġ	312	321	101	110	**9**
L-Iklin	71	54	23	20	**-3**
L-Imdina	13	15	2	4	**2**
L-Imtarfa	24	23	7	10	**3**
Ir-Rabat	341	310	102	103	**1**
Is-Siġġiewi	162	180	72	65	**-7**
Northern	**1,928**	**1,851**	**675**	**655**	**-20**
Ħal Għargħur	53	47	16	16	**0**

Il-Mellieħa	305	295	124	109	**-15**
L-Imġarr	152	159	55	65	**10**
Il-Mosta	387	380	142	121	**-21**
In-Naxxar	374	367	120	119	**-1**
San Pawl Il-Baħar	657	603	218	225	**7**
Gozo and Comino	**826**	**816**	**323**	**294**	**-29**
Il-Fontana	5	10	1	4	**3**
Għajnsielem and Comino	123	79	50	26	**-24**
L-Għarb	13	19	4	8	**4**
L-Għasri	6	11	2	2	**0**
Il-Munxar	23	49	14	12	**-2**
In-Nadur	72	42	28	13	**-15**
Il-Qala	32	25	20	12	**-8**
San Lawrenz	10	6	5	3	**-2**
Ta' Kerċem	12	13	2	2	**0**
Ta' Sannat	21	82	5	10	**5**
Ir-Rabat	237	201	85	83	**-2**
Ix-Xagħra	78	102	37	38	**1**
Ix-Xewkija	141	126	51	52	**1**
Iż-Żebbuġ	53	51	19	29	**10**
Total	**11,410**	**11,476**	**3,916**	**3,909**	**-7**

Methodological Notes

1. Road traffic accidents data is compiled from administrative information provided by the Malta Police Force and the Malta Insurance Association (LESA).

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.

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.

f. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) defines road fatal injury as: "Any person who was killed outright or who died within 30 days as a result of the accident".

g. Road traffic accident fatalities data may be subject to revisions. For certain cases, the NSO may need to wait for the cause of the fatality to be duly established by the conclusions of a magisterial inquiry.

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.

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