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Transport

Traffic accidents: April-June 2005

In the second quarter this year, the number of reported accidents reached 4,152; a decrease of 59 over the same quarter last year. In the period under review, the number of accidents in the Western and Northern Districts registered an increase of 26.8 and 7.9 per cent respectively. The South Eastern, Southern Harbour and Northern Harbour and Districts registered a decrease of 17, 100 and 104 cases over the same quarter last year. In Gozo and Comino the number of accidents decreased by 1 to 198 from 199 in the previous year.

In the quarter under review, 190 drivers sustained injuries as a result of traffic accidents; of these, 143 suffered slight injuries. There were 46 drivers who suffered grievous and there was 1 fatality, being male. During the same period, 58 pedestrians and 76 passengers were injured.

The number of slightly-injured persons in the second quarter of 2005 totalled 246; of these, 151 were males and 95 were females. In the 25-39 and 40-59 year age groups, 44 and 39 males respectively suffered slight injuries. The number of injured females in the same age group reached 25 and 23 respectively. Persons sustaining grievous and fatal injuries totalled 78; 56 were males and 22 were females. There were 2 traffic deaths in this quarter, 1 male and 1 female.

In the second quarter of 2005, there were 324 reported casualties; of these, 253 or 78.1 per cent were caused by passenger cars, while 38 or 11.7 per cent were caused by motorcycles. There were 93 casualties in the 25-39 years age group; 68 of them occurring to passenger car travellers.

In the quarter under review, 120 reported casualties occurred during Friday-Sunday, a decrease of 15 when compared with the same period last year. The 2 fatalities happened on a Wednesday and Saturday respectively ■

Chart 1. Total cases:
April-June

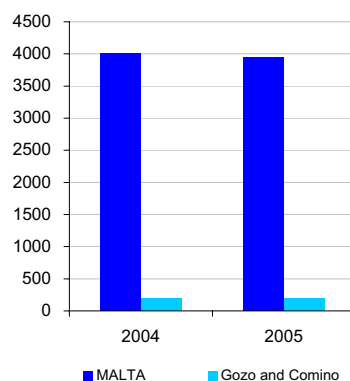
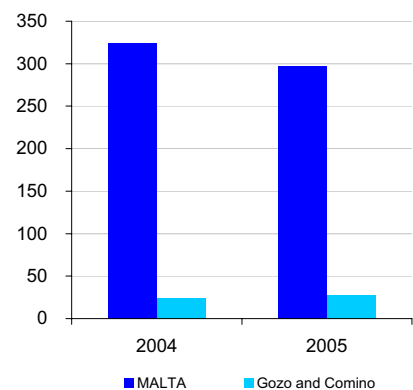


Chart 2. Total casualties:
April-June



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**Table 1. Traffic accidents
Total cases**

Region/District	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005
				Apr-Jun	
MALTA	13,383	13,304	14,917	4,012	3,954
Southern Harbour	2,849	2,852	3,350	916	816
Northern Harbour	5,623	5,501	6,167	1,663	1,559
South Eastern	1,340	1,320	1,242	380	363
Western	1,305	1,301	1,712	422	535
Northern	2,266	2,330	2,446	631	681
Gozo and Comino	679	675	726	199	198
Total	14,062	13,979	15,643	4,211	4,152

**Table 2. Traffic accidents
Casualties**

Region/District	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005
				Apr-Jun	
MALTA	1,201	1,093	1,185	324	297
Southern Harbour	221	225	242	73	66
Northern Harbour	433	381	418	111	83
South Eastern	184	128	139	47	28
Western	133	109	171	43	45
Northern	230	250	215	50	75
Gozo and Comino	111	95	96	24	27
Total	1,312	1,188	1,281	348	324

**Table 3. Traffic accidents
Injuries sustained by drivers**

Region/District	April - June							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	143	45	0	188	127	41	1	169
Southern Harbour	32	11	0	43	28	13	0	41
Northern Harbour	46	18	0	64	34	9	0	43
South Eastern	20	8	0	28	14	4	0	18
Western	19	2	0	21	19	6	0	25
Northern	26	6	0	32	32	9	1	42
Gozo and Comino	13	1	2	16	16	5	0	21
Total	156	46	2	204	143	46	1	190

**Table 4. Traffic accidents
Injuries sustained by pedestrians**

Region/District	April - June							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	31	19	0	50	38	16	1	55
Southern Harbour	7	2	0	9	6	3	0	9
Northern Harbour	11	13	0	24	18	6	1	25
South Eastern	2	2	0	4	2	0	0	2
Western	7	1	0	8	6	4	0	10
Northern	4	1	0	5	6	3	0	9
Gozo and Comino	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3
Total	34	19	0	53	41	16	1	58

**Table 5. Traffic accidents
Injuries sustained by passengers**

Region/District	April - June							
	2004				2005			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	68	18	0	86	60	13	-	73
Southern Harbour	18	3	0	21	16	0	0	16
Northern Harbour	19	4	0	23	14	1	0	15
South Eastern	10	5	0	15	8	0	0	8
Western	12	2	0	14	6	4	0	10
Northern	9	4	0	13	16	8	0	24
Gozo and Comino	5	0	0	5	2	1	0	3
Total	73	18	0	91	62	14	-	76

Table 6. Casualties by sex and age in Malta, Gozo and Comino: January - March 2005

	April - June 2005				April				May				June				April - June 2005			
	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total
Total																				
age unknown	11	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	5	7	0	0	7
Up to 14 years	15	3	0	18	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	6	10	3	0	13	17	3	0	20
15 - 24 years	73	28	0	101	18	5	1	24	17	5	0	22	22	8	0	30	57	18	1	76
25 - 39 years	74	23	2	99	8	5	0	13	28	11	0	39	33	8	0	41	69	24	0	93
40 - 59 years	61	14	0	75	16	5	0	21	19	9	0	28	27	8	0	35	62	22	0	84
60 years and more	29	13	0	42	11	1	1	13	12	5	0	17	11	3	0	14	34	9	1	44
Total	263	83	2	348	54	16	2	72	84	30	0	114	108	30	0	138	246	76	2	324
Male																				
age unknown	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4
Up to 14 years	8	2	0	10	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	7	3	0	10	12	3	0	15
15 - 24 years	43	23	0	66	10	4	1	15	10	3	0	13	11	6	0	17	31	13	1	45
25 - 39 years	53	16	2	71	5	4	0	9	18	9	0	27	21	5	0	26	44	18	0	62
40 - 59 years	43	11	0	54	10	4	0	14	15	7	0	22	14	7	0	21	39	18	0	57
60 years and more	18	4	0	22	6	0	0	6	9	2	0	11	6	1	0	7	21	3	0	24
Total	167	57	2	226	32	12	1	45	57	21	0	78	62	22	0	84	151	55	1	207
Female																				
age unknown	9	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3
Up to 14 years	7	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	5	0	0	5
15 - 24 years	30	5	0	35	8	1	0	9	7	2	0	9	11	2	0	13	26	5	0	31
25 - 39 years	21	7	0	28	3	1	0	4	10	2	0	12	12	3	0	15	25	6	0	31
40 - 59 years	18	3	0	21	6	1	0	7	4	2	0	6	13	1	0	14	23	4	0	27
60 years and more	11	9	0	20	5	1	1	7	3	3	0	6	5	2	0	7	13	6	1	20
Total	96	26	0	122	22	4	1	27	27	9	0	36	46	8	0	54	95	21	1	117

Table 7. Total casualties by means of transport, age and type of injury in Malta 2005

		2004	2005												2005			
		April - June	April				May				June				April - June			
			Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	Motorcycles	55	6	1	0	7	8	5	0	13	13	5	0	18	27	11	0	38
	Passenger cars	249	43	12	2	57	66	22	0	88	85	23	0	108	194	57	2	253
	Coaches and Buses	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	5
	Goods vehicles	41	4	2	0	6	9	2	0	11	10	1	0	11	23	5	0	28
	Total	348	54	16	2	72	84	30	0	114	108	30	0	138	246	76	2	324
Up to 14 years	Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Passenger cars	17	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	10	3	0	13	15	3	0	18
	Coaches and Buses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	Total	18	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	6	10	3	0	13	17	3	0	20
15 - 24 years	Motorcycles	10	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	4
	Passenger cars	82	16	5	1	22	16	5	0	21	20	6	0	26	52	16	1	69
	Coaches and Buses	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Goods vehicles	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
	Total	102	18	5	1	24	17	5	0	22	22	8	0	30	57	18	1	76
25 - 39 years	Motorcycles	22	3	1	0	4	4	3	0	7	5	2	0	7	12	6	0	18
	Passenger cars	69	4	4	0	8	24	7	0	31	24	5	0	29	52	16	0	68
	Coaches and Buses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	Goods vehicles	8	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	5	1	0	6
	Total	99	8	5	0	13	28	11	0	39	33	8	0	41	69	24	0	93
40 - 59 years	Motorcycles	17	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	5	6	1	0	7	10	3	0	13
	Passenger cars	39	12	3	0	15	11	7	0	18	18	6	0	24	41	16	0	57
	Coaches and Buses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	18	3	2	0	5	5	0	0	5	3	1	0	4	11	3	0	14
	Total	75	16	5	0	21	19	9	0	28	27	8	0	35	62	22	0	84
60 years and more	Motorcycles	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3
	Passenger cars	30	10	0	1	11	9	3	0	12	8	3	0	12	27	6	1	35
	Coaches and Buses	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
	Goods vehicles	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	4
	Total	42	11	1	1	13	12	5	0	17	11	3	0	15	34	9	1	45
Age unknown	Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Passenger cars	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	4	7	0	0	6
	Coaches and Buses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	4	7	0	0	6

Table 8. Total casualties by day of the week

Day	2004			2005		
	April-June					
	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Fatal	Grievous	Slight
Drivers						
Monday	1	4	19	-	5	19
Tuesday	-	8	21	-	5	18
Wednesday	-	2	21	-	9	19
Thursday	-	5	15	-	5	24
Friday	-	6	26	-	5	19
Saturday	1	12	26	1	5	19
Sunday	-	9	28	-	12	25
Total	2	46	156	1	46	143
Passengers						
Monday	-	2	11	-	2	4
Tuesday	-	1	5	-	1	3
Wednesday	-	3	13	-	1	10
Thursday	-	-	6	-	-	6
Friday	-	3	11	-	4	6
Saturday	-	3	11	-	2	6
Sunday	-	6	16	-	4	27
Total	-	18	73	0	14	62
Pedestrians						
Monday	-	3	3	-	3	4
Tuesday	-	2	4	-	2	4
Wednesday	-	5	6	1	1	6
Thursday	-	1	4	-	3	9
Friday	-	5	4	-	2	7
Saturday	-	1	9	-	2	5
Sunday	-	2	4	-	3	6
Total	-	19	34	1	16	41

Table 9. Total drivers' casualties, age and sex

	April		May		June		April-June	
	No. of fatal driver-casualties	No. of injured driver-casualties	No. of fatal driver-casualties	No. of injured driver-casualties	No. of fatal driver-casualties	No. of injured driver-casualties	No. of fatal driver-casualties	No. of injured driver-casualties
2004								
Total	1	62	0	77	1	63	2	202
15 - 24 years	0	15	0	16	0	21	0	52
25 - 59 years	1	42	0	54	1	34	2	130
60 years and over	0	5	0	7	0	7	0	19
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total - Males	1	53	0	62	1	52	2	167
15 - 24 years	0	11	0	14	0	16	0	41
25 - 59 years	1	37	0	42	1	29	2	108
60 years and over	0	5	0	6	0	7	0	18
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total - Females	0	9	0	15	0	11	0	35
15 - 24 years	0	4	0	2	0	5	0	11
25 - 59 years	0	5	0	12	0	5	0	22
60 years and over	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2005								
Total	1	39	0	68	0	82	1	189
15 - 24 years	1	12	0	16	0	19	1	47
25 - 59 years	0	24	0	45	0	56	0	125
60 years and over	0	3	0	7	0	6	0	16
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total - Males	1	29	0	55	0	55	1	139
15 - 24 years	1	10		11		12	1	33
25 - 59 years		16		38		36	0	90
60 years and over		3		6		6	0	15
Unknown						1	0	1
Total - Females	0	10	0	13	0	27	0	50
15 - 24 years		2		5		7	0	14
25 - 59 years		8		7		20	0	35
60 years and over				1			0	1
Unknown							0	0

Methodological notes

1. Traffic accidents data are compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department and the Guard and Warden Services Limited.
2. The data contained in this release are not normally subject to revision.
3. The type of casualty (slight or grievous) is determined by the Health Department. The definitions for deaths caused by road accidents refer to the European Conference for Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and United Nations (UN) and Economic Commission for Eu.

NUTS classification

The Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) is a common classification that is used to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics with regard to the European Union. It was adopted on 26 May 2003 by means of a Regulation¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council.

¹ (EC) No. 1059/2003

NUTS levels					
Administrative area	I (National)	II (National)	III (Regional)	IV (District)	V (Locality)
MALTA	x	x	x	x	x
Malta			x		
Gozo & Comino			x		
Southern Harbour				x	
Northern Harbour				x	
South Eastern				x	
Western				x	
Northern				x	
Gozo & Comino				x	

COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS - NUTS level V

Southern Harbour: Valletta, Birgu, Isla, Bormla, Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

Northern Harbour: Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Ħamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pieta, San Ġiljan, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

South Eastern: Żejtun, B'Bugia, Gudja, Għaxaq, Kirkop, M'Scala, M'Xlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, Żurrieq.

Western: Mdina, Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

Northern: Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mġarr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl il-Baħar.

Gozo and Comino: Rabat, Fontana, G'Sielem & Comino, Għarb, Għasri, Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xgħira, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.