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## Labour Market

### Accidents at work: January - March 2005

#### Non-Fatal Accidents

This news release looks into the accidents at work that were reported to the Department of Social Security (DSS) as from January to March 2005. The administrative records of the DSS indicate that 915 persons had an accident in the course of their work in the period under review. Accordingly, the number of accidents in the first quarter of this year was at the same level of last year.

Many of these accidents at work occur in manufacturing (38.5 per cent), construction (16.6 per cent), and transport, storage, and communications (7.5 per cent).

People at work are mostly affected by injuries in the upper extremities of their body. Wounds and superficial injuries are the most common types of injuries.

#### Fatal Accidents

The Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported that in January and March 2005 three men lost their life in the course of their work.

Revised data for 2004 (whole year) is also being provided in this publication. The mean age of those who had injured themselves at work last year was 42■

Table 1. Accidents at work by sex of victims

Sex	2004 (revised)		January - March 2004 (revised)		January - March 2005	
Males	3,611	87.8	799	88.3	804	87.9
Females	500	12.2	106	11.7	111	12.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 2. Accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise

Economic Activity	2004 (revised)						January - March 2004 (revised)						January - March 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	53	1.5	2	0.4	55	1.3	9	1.1	1	0.9	10	1.1	16	2.0	-	-	16	1.7
Fishing	12	0.3	-	-	12	0.3	3	0.4	-	-	3	0.3	5	0.6	-	-	5	0.5
Mining and Quarrying	22	0.6	-	-	22	0.5	4	0.5	-	-	4	0.4	5	0.6	-	-	5	0.5
Manufacturing	1,300	36.0	123	24.6	1,423	34.6	292	36.5	26	24.5	318	35.1	324	40.3	28	25.2	352	38.5
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	153	4.2	1	0.2	154	3.7	31	3.9	-	-	31	3.4	32	4.0	1	0.9	33	3.6
Construction	626	17.3	1	0.2	627	15.3	145	18.1	-	-	145	16.0	150	18.7	2	1.8	152	16.6
Wholesale and retail trade	264	7.3	25	5.0	289	7.0	63	7.9	4	3.8	67	7.4	61	7.6	4	3.6	65	7.1
Hotels and Restaurants	289	8.0	95	19.0	384	9.3	48	6.0	18	17.0	66	7.3	34	4.2	9	8.1	43	4.7
Transport, storage and Communication	348	9.6	35	7.0	383	9.3	80	10.0	5	4.7	85	9.4	63	7.8	6	5.4	69	7.5
Financial Intermediation	8	0.2	4	0.8	12	0.3	2	0.3	2	1.9	4	0.4	2	0.2	2	1.8	4	0.4
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	147	4.1	28	5.6	175	4.3	28	3.5	5	4.7	33	3.6	22	2.7	9	8.1	31	3.4
Public Administration and Defense	177	4.9	21	4.2	198	4.8	47	5.9	6	5.7	53	5.9	37	4.6	4	3.6	41	4.5
Education	31	0.9	31	6.2	62	1.5	9	1.1	10	9.4	19	2.1	7	0.9	2	1.8	9	1.0
Health and Social Work	98	2.7	120	24.0	218	5.3	19	2.4	25	23.6	44	4.9	22	2.7	42	37.8	64	7.0
Other Community, Social and Personal Social Services	46	1.3	10	2.0	56	1.4	15	1.9	3	2.8	18	2.0	13	1.6	1	0.9	14	1.5
Private Households	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extraterritorial	2	0.1	2	0.4	4	0.1	-	-	1	0.9	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Unknown	35	1.0	2	0.4	37	0.9	4	0.5	-	-	4	0.4	10	1.2	1	0.9	11	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 3. Accidents at work by occupation of victim

Occupations	2004 (revised)						January - March 2004 (revised)						January - March 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials and managers	69	1.9	10	2.0	79	1.9	23	2.9	6	5.7	29	3.2	5	0.6	-	-	5	0.5
Professionals	74	2.0	72	14.4	146	3.6	19	2.4	21	19.8	40	4.4	21	2.6	25	22.5	46	5.0
Technicians and associate professionals	140	3.9	7	1.4	147	3.6	30	3.8	2	1.9	32	3.5	23	2.9	2	1.8	25	2.7
Clerks	80	2.2	36	7.2	116	2.8	22	2.8	9	8.5	31	3.4	27	3.4	8	7.2	35	3.8
Service workers and market and sales workers	276	7.6	57	11.4	333	8.1	51	6.4	13	12.3	64	7.1	39	4.9	8	7.2	47	5.1
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	44	1.2	-	-	44	1.1	7	0.9	-	-	7	0.8	9	1.1	-	-	9	1.0
Craft and related trades workers	897	24.8	4	0.8	901	21.9	219	27.4	-	-	219	24.2	227	28.2	2	1.8	229	25.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	303	8.4	56	11.2	359	8.7	74	9.3	12	11.3	86	9.5	64	8.0	7	6.3	71	7.8
Elementary occupations	1,715	47.5	257	51.4	1,972	48.0	354	44.3	43	40.6	397	43.9	376	46.8	59	53.2	435	47.5
Armed Forces	13	0.4	1	0.2	14	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	1.6	-	-	13	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 4. Accidents at work by age group of victim

Age groups	2004 (revised)						January - March 2004 (revised)						January - March 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	687	19.0	177	35.4	864	21.0	142	17.8	28	26.4	170	18.8	121	15.0	24	21.6	145	15.8
25-34	1,028	28.5	119	23.8	1,147	27.9	218	27.3	32	30.2	250	27.6	210	26.1	33	29.7	243	26.6
35-44	777	21.5	79	15.8	856	20.8	186	23.3	18	17.0	204	22.5	184	22.9	26	23.4	210	23.0
45-54	783	21.7	84	16.8	867	21.1	157	19.6	19	17.9	176	19.4	182	22.6	20	18.0	202	22.1
55+	336	9.3	41	8.2	377	9.2	96	12.0	9	8.5	105	11.6	107	13.3	8	7.2	115	12.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 5. Part of body injured in accidents at work

Part of body	2004 (revised)						January - March 2004 (revised)						January - March 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Part of body injured, not specified	40	1.1	5	1.0	45	1.1	6	0.8	2	1.9	8	0.9	3	0.4	1	0.9	4	0.4
Head	363	10.1	42	8.4	405	9.9	100	12.5	9	8.5	109	12.0	99	12.3	13	11.7	112	12.2
Neck, inclusive of spine and vertebra in the neck	108	3.0	26	5.2	134	3.3	23	2.9	6	5.7	29	3.2	20	2.5	1	0.9	21	2.3
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	253	7.0	30	6.0	283	6.9	65	8.1	7	6.6	72	8.0	46	5.7	4	3.6	50	5.5
Torso and Organs	140	3.9	15	3.0	155	3.8	33	4.1	2	1.9	35	3.9	37	4.6	3	2.7	40	4.4
Upper Extremities	1,773	49.1	265	53.0	2,038	49.6	388	48.6	58	54.7	446	49.3	365	45.4	68	61.3	433	47.3
Lower Extremities	819	22.7	95	19.0	914	22.2	172	21.5	19	17.9	191	21.1	198	24.6	19	17.1	217	23.7
Wholebody and multiple Sites	112	3.1	21	4.2	133	3.2	11	1.4	3	2.8	14	1.5	35	4.4	2	1.8	37	4.0
Other Parts of Body Injured, not mentioned above	3	0.1	1	0.2	4	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 6. Accidents at Work by Type of Injury

Type of Injury	2004 (revised)						January - March 2004 (revised)						January - March 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Type of Injury Unknown	220	6.1	57	11.4	277	6.7	37	4.6	9	8.5	46	5.1	70	8.7	12	10.8	82	9.0
Wounds and Superficial Injuries	1,572	43.5	209	41.8	1,781	43.3	331	41.4	41	38.7	372	41.1	356	44.3	53	47.7	409	44.7
Bone fractures	395	10.9	46	9.2	441	10.7	103	12.9	5	4.7	108	11.9	94	11.7	9	8.1	103	11.3
Dislocations, Sprains, and Strains	1,131	31.3	146	29.2	1,277	31.1	261	32.7	36	34.0	297	32.8	250	31.1	26	23.4	276	30.2
Traumatic Amputations	50	1.4	6	1.2	56	1.4	14	1.8	2	1.9	16	1.8	2	0.2	1	0.9	3	0.3
Concussions and Internal Injuries	40	1.1	8	1.6	48	1.2	15	1.9	4	3.8	19	2.1	5	0.6	1	0.9	6	0.7
Burns, Scalds and Frostbites	145	4.0	18	3.6	163	4.0	30	3.8	4	3.8	34	3.8	20	2.5	7	6.3	27	3.0
Poisonings and Infections	11	0.3	2	0.4	13	0.3	1	0.1	1	0.9	2	0.2	-	-	2	1.8	2	0.2
Drowning and Asphyxiations	8	0.2	1	0.2	9	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of Sound and Vibration	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	6	0.2	1	0.2	7	0.2	3	0.4	1	0.9	4	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shock	9	0.2	5	1.0	14	0.3	2	0.3	3	2.8	5	0.6	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Multiple Injuries	22	0.6	1	0.2	23	0.6	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	6	0.7	-	-	6	0.7
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 7. Accidents at work by district of enterprise

District	2004 (revised)						January - March 2004 (revised)						January - March 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	1,372	38.0	207	41.4	1,579	38.4	324	40.6	44	41.5	368	40.7	293	36.4	59	53.2	352	38.5
Southern Eastern	475	13.2	61	12.2	536	13.0	101	12.6	16	15.1	117	12.9	111	13.8	13	11.7	124	13.6
Northern Harbour	952	26.4	164	32.8	1,116	27.1	197	24.7	31	29.2	228	25.2	204	25.4	29	26.1	233	25.5
Western	306	8.5	22	4.4	328	8.0	71	8.9	3	2.8	74	8.2	79	9.8	5	4.5	84	9.2
Northern	434	12.0	41	8.2	475	11.6	91	11.4	11	10.4	102	11.3	97	12.1	5	4.5	102	11.1
Gozo and Comino	72	2.0	5	1.0	77	1.9	15	1.9	1	0.9	16	1.8	20	2.5	-	-	20	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 8. Size of enterprise where the accidents occurred

Employment Size	2004 (revised)						January - March 2004 (revised)						January - March 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
self-employed without employees	176	4.9	3	0.6	179	4.4	40	5.0	-	-	40	4.4	32	4.0	-	-	32	3.5
1-9 employees	388	10.7	17	3.4	405	9.9	82	10.3	6	5.7	88	9.7	94	11.7	2	1.8	96	10.5
10-49 employees	584	16.2	51	10.2	635	15.4	137	17.1	9	8.5	146	16.1	120	14.9	13	11.7	133	14.5
50-249 employees	782	21.7	159	31.8	941	22.9	161	20.2	31	29.2	192	21.2	150	18.7	31	27.9	181	19.8
250-499 employees	419	11.6	74	14.8	493	12.0	86	10.8	16	15.1	102	11.3	88	10.9	13	11.7	101	11.0
500 employees or more	1,227	34.0	191	38.2	1,418	34.5	289	36.2	43	40.6	332	36.7	312	38.8	50	45.0	362	39.6
Unknown size	35	1.0	5	1.0	40	1.0	4	0.5	1	0.9	5	0.6	8	1.0	2	1.8	10	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 9. Employment Status of the Victims

Employment Status	2004 (revised)						January - March 2004 (revised)						January - March 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
self-employed	288	8.0	2	0.4	290	7.1	65	8.1	-	-	65	7.2	57	7.1	-	-	57	6.2
Full-time employees	3,274	90.7	451	90.2	3,725	90.6	723	90.5	98	92.5	821	90.7	736	91.5	100	90.1	836	91.4
Part-time employees	49	1.4	47	9.4	96	2.3	11	1.4	8	7.5	19	2.1	11	1.4	11	9.9	22	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Methodological Notes**

1. The data in this release were extracted from the administrative records of the Department of Social Security.
2. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually in the first and subsequent quarters of the following year.

## 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 Regulation<sup>1</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council.

<sup>1</sup> (EC) No. 1059/2003

### NUTS levels

Administrative area	I (National)	II (National)	III (Regional)	IV (District)	V (Locality)
<b>MALTA</b>	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 Luċġja, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

**Northern Harbour:** Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Hamrun, 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, Xagħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.