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## Transport

### Traffic accidents: January-March 2006

In the first quarter this year, the number of reported accidents reached 3,618; a decrease of 294 or 7.5 per cent over the same quarter last year. In the period under review, the number of accidents in the Southern Eastern District registered a marginal increase of 1.1 per cent. The Southern Harbour, Northern Harbour, Western and Northern Districts registered a decrease of 27, 94, 72 and 83 cases over the same quarter last year. In Gozo and Comino the number of accidents decreased by 22 to 168 from 190 in the previous year.

In the quarter under review, 126 drivers sustained injuries as a result of traffic accidents; of these, 94 suffered slight injuries. There were 29 drivers who suffered grievous and there were 3 fatalities, all male. During the same period, 40 pedestrians and 65 passengers were injured.

The number of slightly-injured persons in the first quarter of 2006 totalled 166; of these, 93 were males and 73 were females. In the 15-24 and 25-39 year age groups, 32 and 23 males each in age group suffered slight injuries. The number of injured females in the same age groups reached 11 and 25 respectively. Persons sustaining grievous and fatal injuries totalled 65; 42 were males and 23 were females.

In the first quarter of 2006, there were 231 reported casualties; of these, 180 or 77.9 per cent were caused by passenger cars, while 25 or 10.8 per cent were caused by motorcycles. There were 69 casualties in the 25-39 years age groups; 51 of them occurring to passenger car travellers.

In the quarter under review, 120 or 51.9 per cent of the reported casualties occurred during Friday-Sunday. However, the 3 fatalities happened on a Monday, Thursday and Saturday respectively ■

Chart 1. Total cases:  
January-March

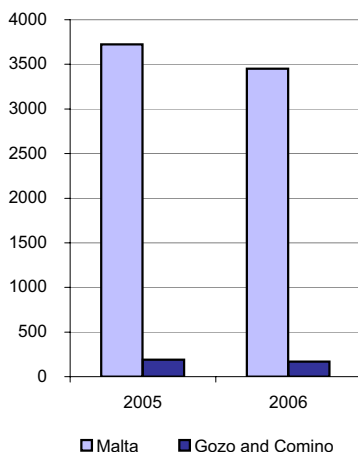
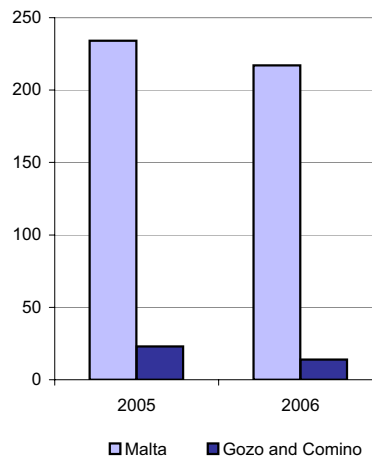


Chart 2. Total casualties: January-March



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**Table 1. Traffic accidents  
Total cases**

Region/district	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
				January-March	
<b>Malta</b>	<b>13,304</b>	<b>14,917</b>	<b>11,613</b>	<b>3,722</b>	<b>3,450</b>
Southern Harbour	2,852	3,350	2,497	833	806
Northern Harbour	5,501	6,167	4,628	1,525	1,431
South Eastern	1,320	1,242	1,105	357	361
Western	1,301	1,712	1,418	426	354
Northern	2,330	2,446	1,965	581	498
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,979</b>	<b>15,643</b>	<b>12,382</b>	<b>3,912</b>	<b>3,618</b>

**Table 2. Traffic accidents  
Casualties**

Region/district	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
				January-March	
<b>Malta</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>217</b>
Southern Harbour	225	242	239	40	61
Northern Harbour	381	418	332	91	72
South Eastern	128	139	140	33	32
Western	109	171	157	26	19
Northern	250	215	187	44	33
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>231</b>

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

Region/district	January-March							
	2005				2006			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Malta</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>114</b>
Southern Harbour	16	4	-	20	17	6	-	23
Northern Harbour	32	9	-	41	30	5	1	36
South Eastern	12	6	-	18	13	6	1	20
Western	13	3	-	16	13	1	0	14
Northern	12	9	1	22	11	9	1	21
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>126</b>

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

Region/district	January-March							
	2005				2006			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Malta</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38</b>
Southern Harbour	5	3	-	8	4	6	-	10
Northern Harbour	14	9	2	25	11	6	-	17
South Eastern	3	4	-	7	-	3	-	3
Western	2	-	-	2	2	1	-	3
Northern	5	2	-	7	3	2	-	5
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40</b>

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

Region/district	January-March							
	2005				2006			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Malta</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>
Southern Harbour	10	2	-	12	24	4	-	28
Northern Harbour	24	1	-	25	17	2	-	19
South Eastern	6	2	-	8	4	5	-	9
Western	6	2	-	8	1	1	-	2
Northern	12	3	-	15	4	3	-	7
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>

Table 6. Casualties by sex and age in Malta, Gozo and Comino: January-March 2006

	2005				2006															
	January-March				January				February				March				January-March			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Total</b>																				
age unknown	1	1	-	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	6
Up to 14 years	18	5	1	24	3	1	0	4	8	2	0	10	1	1	0	2	12	4	0	16
15 - 24 years	56	15	-	71	10	4	0	14	18	6	0	24	15	5	2	22	43	15	2	60
25 - 39 years	58	12	1	71	15	9	0	24	19	5	1	25	14	6	0	20	48	20	1	69
40 - 59 years	41	15	-	56	12	4	0	16	15	5	0	20	13	1	0	14	40	10	0	50
60 years and more	19	13	1	33	2	3	0	5	6	5	0	11	10	4	0	14	18	12	0	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Male</b>																				
age unknown	1	-	-	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Up to 14 years	10	4	-	14	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	1	0	2	6	3	0	9
15 - 24 years	33	10	-	43	7	2	0	9	14	4	0	18	11	2	2	15	32	8	2	42
25 - 39 years	33	11	1	45	5	9	0	14	9	4	1	14	9	5	0	14	23	18	1	42
40 - 59 years	23	9	-	32	7	1	0	8	8	3	0	11	5	0	0	5	20	4	0	24
60 years and more	9	7	1	17	1	1	0	2	3	3	0	6	4	2	0	6	8	6	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Female</b>																				
age unknown	-	1	-	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Up to 14 years	8	1	1	10	2	1	0	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	7
15 - 24 years	23	5	-	28	3	2	0	5	4	2	0	6	4	3	0	7	11	7	0	18
25 - 39 years	25	1	-	26	10	0	0	10	10	1	0	11	5	1	0	6	25	2	0	27
40 - 59 years	18	6	-	24	5	3	0	8	7	2	0	9	8	1	0	9	20	6	0	26
60 years and more	10	6	-	16	1	2	0	3	3	2	0	5	6	2	0	8	10	6	0	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96</b>

Table 7. Total casualties by means of transport, age and type of injury in Malta 2006

		2005													2006			
		January-March	January				February				March				January-March			
			Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	Motorcycles	22	3	3	0	6	9	2	0	11	6	2	0	8	18	7	0	25
	Passenger cars	201	37	13	0	50	53	20	1	74	43	11	2	56	133	44	3	180
	Coaches and Buses	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	4
	Goods vehicles	32	1	5	0	6	7	2	0	9	4	3	0	7	12	10	0	22
	Total	257	42	21	0	63	71	24	1	96	53	17	2	72	166	62	3	231
Up to 14 years	Motorcycles	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Passenger cars	21	3	1	0	4	6	2	0	8	1	0	0	1	10	3	0	13
	Coaches and Buses	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Goods vehicles	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	Total	24	3	1	0	4	8	2	0	10	1	1	0	2	12	4	0	16
15 - 24 years	Motorcycles	5	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	1	0	2	5	2	0	7
	Passenger cars	60	9	4	0	13	14	5	0	19	14	4	2	20	37	13	2	52
	Coaches and Buses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Total	71	10	4	0	14	18	6	0	24	15	5	2	22	43	15	2	60
25 - 39 years	Motorcycles	11	1	2	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	3	6	3	0	9
	Passenger cars	50	13	5	0	18	15	5	1	21	9	3	0	12	37	13	1	51
	Coaches and Buses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Goods vehicles	9	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	5	5	4	0	9
	Total	71	15	9	0	24	19	5	1	25	14	6	0	20	48	20	1	69
40 - 59 years	Motorcycles	4	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	3	6	2	0	8
	Passenger cars	42	10	2	0	12	11	4	0	15	10	1	0	11	31	7	0	38
	Coaches and Buses	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Goods vehicles	10	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
	Total	56	12	4	0	16	15	5	0	20	13	1	0	14	40	10	0	50
60 years and more	Motorcycles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Passenger cars	26	2	1	0	3	4	3	0	7	9	3	0	12	15	7	0	22
	Coaches and Buses	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2
	Goods vehicles	6	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	6
	Total	33	2	3	0	5	6	5	0	11	10	4	0	14	18	12	0	30
Age unknown	Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Passenger cars	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
	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	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	Total	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	6

Table 8. Total casualties by day of the week

Day	2005			2006		
	January-March			January-March		
	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Fatal	Grievous	Slight
<b>Drivers</b>						
Monday	-	2	16	1	1	14
Tuesday	-	3	16	0	4	7
Wednesday	-	4	7	0	4	8
Thursday	1	6	9	1	3	11
Friday	-	3	13	0	4	23
Saturday	-	5	13	1	6	14
Sunday	-	8	21	0	7	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Passengers</b>						
Monday	-	2	7	0	3	11
Tuesday	-	1	7	0	0	6
Wednesday	-	-	5	0	0	4
Thursday	-	-	7	0	2	7
Friday	-	1	8	0	2	11
Saturday	-	3	9	0	3	7
Sunday	-	4	21	0	5	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Pedestrians</b>						
Monday	1	3	8	0	2	3
Tuesday	-	4	1	0	2	2
Wednesday	1	1	5	0	4	3
Thursday	-	2	7	0	2	6
Friday	-	5	7	0	4	1
Saturday	-	1	4	0	1	4
Sunday	-	3	2	0	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>

Table 9. Persons killed or injured in road traffic accidents

Description		Number of persons killed		Number of persons injured	
		Total	of which: drivers	Total	of which: drivers
2006					
<b>0</b>	TOTAL (1+2+3+4+5+6+7)	3	3	228	123
O1	of which under 6 years	0	0	1	0
O2	6 - 9 years	0	0	5	0
O3	10 - 14 years	0	0	10	1
O4	15 - 17 years	0	0	5	0
O5	18 - 20 years	1	1	20	10
O6	21 - 24 years	1	1	33	24
O7	25 - 64 years	1	1	123	83
O8	65 years and over	0	0	25	5
O9	Unknown	0	0	6	0
<b>1</b>	PEDESTRIANS - Total	0	0	40	0
11	of which under 6 years	0	0	0	0
12	6 - 9 years	0	0	4	0
13	10 - 14 years	0	0	2	0
14	15 - 17 years	0	0	0	0
15	18 - 20 years	0	0	1	0
16	21 - 24 years	0	0	2	0
17	25 - 64 years	0	0	16	0
18	65 years and over	0	0	12	0
19	Unknown	0	0	3	0
<b>3</b>	DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF MOTOR CYCLES - Total	0	0	24	20
11	of which under 6 years	0	0	0	0
12	6 - 9 years	0	0	0	0
13	10 - 14 years	0	0	1	0
14	15 - 17 years	0	0	1	0
15	18 - 20 years	0	0	1	1
16	21 - 24 years	0	0	4	3
17	25 - 64 years	0	0	17	16
18	65 years and over	0	0	0	0
19	Unknown	0	0	0	0
<b>4</b>	DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF MOTOR CARS - Total	3	3	147	92
11	of which under 6 years	0	0	1	0
12	6 - 9 years	0	0	1	0
13	10 - 14 years	0	0	6	0
14	15 - 17 years	0	0	4	0
15	18 - 20 years	1	1	17	9
16	21 - 24 years	1	1	27	21
17	25 - 64 years	1	1	79	58
18	65 years and over	0	0	10	4
19	Unknown	0	0	2	0
<b>5</b>	DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF MOTOR COACHES, BUSES - Total	0	0	1	0
11	of which under 6 years	0	0	0	0
12	6 - 9 years	0	0	0	0
13	10 - 14 years	0	0	0	0
14	15 - 17 years	0	0	0	0
15	18 - 20 years	0	0	0	0
16	21 - 24 years	0	0	0	0
17	25 - 64 years	0	0	0	0
18	65 years and over	0	0	1	0
19	Unknown	0	0	0	0
<b>6</b>	DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF GOODS ROAD VEHICLES - Total	0	0	16	11
11	of which under 6 years	0	0	0	0
12	6 - 9 years	0	0	0	0
13	10 - 14 years	0	0	1	1
14	15 - 17 years	0	0	0	0
15	18 - 20 years	0	0	1	0
16	21 - 24 years	0	0	0	0
17	25 - 64 years	0	0	11	9
18	65 years and over	0	0	2	1
19	Unknown	0	0	1	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 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 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, Mgarr, 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.