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## Labour Market

### Accidents at work: October - December 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 October to December 2005. The administrative records of the DSS indicate that 919 persons had an accident in the course of their work in the period under review. Accordingly, the number of accidents in the fourth quarter of last year dropped by 70 cases (-7.1 per cent) over the same period in the preceding year.

Many of these accidents at work occurred in manufacturing (35.4 per cent), construction (17.5 per cent), and transport, storage, and communications (9.2 per cent).

Over 2/3 of these accidents concern people employed in crafts/trades and elementary work.

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 October - December 2005 there were no fatalities at work.

In the same period of 2004, the OHSA had reported that three men had died in the course of their work ■

Table 1. Accidents at work by sex of victims

Sex	October - December 2004 (revised)		October - December 2005	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Males	874	88.4	802	87.3
Females	115	11.6	117	12.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 2. Accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise

Economic Activity	October - December 2004 (revised)						October - December 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	17	1.9	-	-	17	1.7	6	0.8	-	-	6	0.6
Fishing	3	0.3	-	-	3	0.3	4	0.5	-	-	4	0.4
Mining and Quarrying	9	1.0	-	-	9	0.9	7	0.9	-	-	7	0.8
Manufacturing	305	34.9	32	27.8	337	34.1	299	37.3	26	22.2	325	35.4
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	34	3.9	-	-	34	3.4	25	3.1	1	0.8	26	2.8
Construction	153	17.5	-	-	153	15.5	160	20.0	1	0.8	161	17.5
Wholesale and retail trade	69	7.9	8	6.9	77	7.8	51	6.4	9	7.7	60	6.5
Hotels and Restaurants	76	8.7	20	17.4	96	9.7	57	7.1	16	13.7	73	7.9
Transport, storage and Communication	87	10.0	10	8.7	97	9.8	78	9.7	7	6.0	85	9.2
Financial Intermediation	4	0.5	1	0.9	5	0.5	3	0.4	1	0.9	4	0.4
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	25	2.9	9	7.8	34	3.4	22	2.7	7	6.0	29	3.2
Public Administration and Defense	38	4.3	1	0.9	39	4.0	39	4.9	3	2.6	42	4.6
Education	5	0.6	9	7.8	14	1.4	9	1.1	10	8.5	19	2.1
Health and Social Work	25	2.9	21	18.3	46	4.7	21	2.6	31	26.5	52	5.7
Other Community, Social and Personal Social Services	8	0.9	3	2.6	11	1.1	14	1.7	4	3.4	18	2.0
Private Households	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extraterritorial	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Unknown	15	1.7	1	0.9	16	1.6	6	0.7	1	0.9	7	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 3. Accidents at work by occupation of victim

Occupations	October - December 2004 (revised)						October - December 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed Forces	9	1.0	-	-	9	0.9	11	1.4	-	-	11	1.2
Legislators, senior officials and managers	14	1.6	1	0.9	15	1.5	6	0.7	2	1.7	8	0.9
Professionals	14	1.6	15	13.0	29	2.9	28	3.5	23	19.7	51	5.5
Technicians and associate professionals	22	2.5	3	2.6	25	2.5	31	3.9	-	-	31	3.4
Clerks	21	2.4	8	7.0	29	2.9	17	2.1	12	10.3	29	3.2
Service workers and market and sales workers	65	7.4	17	14.8	82	8.3	66	8.2	11	9.4	77	8.4
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	14	1.6	-	-	14	1.4	4	0.5	-	-	4	0.4
Craft and related trades workers	219	25.1	1	0.9	220	22.3	214	26.7	-	-	214	23.3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	67	7.7	12	10.4	79	8.0	73	9.1	6	5.1	79	8.6
Elementary occupations	429	49.1	58	50.4	487	49.3	352	43.9	63	53.8	415	45.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 4. Accidents at work by age group of victim

Age groups	October - December 2004 (revised)						October - December 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	174	19.9	39	33.9	213	21.5	157	19.5	37	31.6	194	21.0
25-34	248	28.4	26	22.6	274	27.7	206	25.7	26	22.2	232	25.3
35-44	178	20.4	22	19.1	200	20.2	211	26.3	21	17.9	232	25.3
45-54	205	23.4	21	18.3	226	22.9	149	18.6	23	19.7	172	18.7
55+	69	7.9	7	6.1	76	7.7	79	9.9	10	8.6	89	9.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 5. Part of body injured in accidents at work

Part of body	October - December 2004 (revised)						October - December 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Part of body injured, not specified	8	0.9	1	0.9	9	0.9	5	0.6	1	0.9	6	0.7
Head	70	8.0	9	7.8	79	8.0	91	11.4	15	12.8	106	11.5
Neck, inclusive of spine and vertebra in the neck	28	3.2	5	4.3	33	3.3	17	2.1	3	2.6	20	2.2
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	52	6.0	7	6.1	59	6.0	65	8.1	8	6.8	73	7.9
Torso and Organs	31	3.6	3	2.6	34	3.4	25	3.1	7	6.0	32	3.5
Upper Extremities	408	46.7	65	56.5	473	47.8	372	46.4	55	47.0	427	46.5
Lower Extremities	231	26.4	17	14.8	248	25.1	171	21.3	22	18.8	193	21.0
Wholebody and multiple Sites	44	5.0	8	7.0	52	5.3	54	6.7	6	5.1	60	6.5
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 6. Accidents at work by type of injury

Type of Injury	October - December 2004 (revised)						October - December 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Type of injury unknown	77	8.8	14	12.2	91	9.2	64	8.0	11	9.4	75	8.2
Wounds and superficial injuries	364	41.6	48	41.7	412	41.7	348	43.4	47	40.2	395	43.0
Bone fractures	85	9.7	13	11.3	98	9.9	79	9.9	16	13.7	95	10.3
Dislocations, Sprains, and Strains	282	32.3	30	26.1	312	31.5	245	30.5	31	26.5	276	30.0
Traumatic Amputations	4	0.5	1	0.9	5	0.5	2	0.2	4	3.4	6	0.7
Concussions and Internal Injuries	8	0.9	-	-	8	0.8	10	1.2	2	1.7	12	1.3
Burns, Scalds and Frostbites	38	4.4	7	6.0	45	4.6	27	3.4	4	3.3	31	3.4
Poisonings and Infections	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2
Drowning and Asphyxiations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of Sound and Vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	4	0.5	-	-	4	0.4
Shock	1	0.1	1	0.9	2	0.2	-	-	1	0.9	1	0.1
Multiple Injuries	12	1.4	1	0.9	13	1.3	21	2.6	1	0.9	22	2.4
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 7. Accidents at work by district of enterprise

District	October - December 2004 (revised)						October - December 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	289	33.1	52	45.2	341	34.5	387	48.3	55	47.0	442	48.1
Southern Eastern	118	13.5	8	7.0	126	12.8	70	8.7	10	8.5	80	8.7
Northern Harbour	248	28.4	40	34.8	288	29.1	202	25.2	39	33.3	241	26.2
Western	88	10.1	5	4.3	93	9.4	49	6.1	3	2.6	52	5.7
Northern	115	13.1	9	7.8	124	12.5	85	10.6	7	6.0	92	10.0
Gozo and Comino	16	1.8	1	0.9	17	1.7	9	1.1	3	2.6	12	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 8. Size of enterprise where the accidents occurred

Employment Size	October - December 2004 (revised)						October - December 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	48	5.5	1	0.9	49	5.0	39	4.8	-	-	39	4.2
1-9 employees	99	11.3	5	4.3	104	10.5	66	8.2	9	7.7	75	8.2
10-49 employees	139	15.9	10	8.7	149	15.1	129	16.1	14	12.0	143	15.6
50-249 employees	167	19.1	38	33.0	205	20.7	190	23.7	43	36.7	233	25.3
250-499 employees	112	12.8	17	14.8	129	13.0	96	12.0	13	11.1	109	11.9
500 employees or more	296	33.9	41	35.7	337	34.1	274	34.2	38	32.5	312	33.9
Unknown size	13	1.5	3	2.6	16	1.6	8	1.0	-	-	8	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 9. Employment Status of the Victims

Employment Status	October - December 2004 (revised)						October - December 2005					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	88	10.1	1	0.9	89	9.0	53	6.6	-	-	53	5.8
Full-time employees	774	88.5	100	86.9	874	88.4	731	91.1	102	87.2	833	90.6
Part-time employees	12	1.4	14	12.2	26	2.6	18	2.3	15	12.8	33	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>919</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, Ғamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pieta, San Ġiljan, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.
- South Eastern:** Żejtun, B'Bugja, 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.