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Accidents at work: April-June 2006

Fatal accidents at work declined in the second quarter of 2006 but non-fatal ones rose mainly due to activity in the construction sector.

Non-Fatal Accidents

This news release details accidents at work reported to the Department of Social Security (DSS) between April and June 2006. A total of 1,079 persons had an accident in the course of their work in the period under review (see Table 1). This amounted to 0.7 per cent of the employed population during the period. This implies that the number of accidents in the second quarter of this year increased by 3.9 per cent over the same period last year.

The bulk of accidents occurred in manufacturing and construction, followed by the wholesale and retail trade, transport, storage, and communications and hotels and restaurants. As Table 2 shows, there was a tendency for accidents in manufacturing to decrease, offset by increases in construction activities amongst others.

Accidents at work mostly concern people employed in elementary occupations and craft / trades work. During the period under review, over 500 accidents concerned people in elementary occupations, while 228 cases affected people in craft / trades work. As Table 3 shows, these numbers were in line with those reported for the same period of 2005. The age distribution of accidents at work victims has remained broadly unchanged (see Table 4).

Fatal Accidents

The Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported that in April to June 2006 one man lost his life in the course of his work in construction. During the same period in the preceding year, three men had died at work ■

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Table 1. Accidents at work by sex of victims

Sex	April-June 2005 (Revised)		April-June 2006	
	No	%	No	%
Males	897	86.4	947	87.8
Females	141	13.6	132	12.2
Total	1,038	100.0	1,079	100.0

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Table 2. Accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise

Economic Activity	April-June 2005 (Revised)						April-June 2006					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	22	2.5	-	-	22	2.1	14	1.5	2	1.5	16	1.5
Fishing	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	4	0.4	-	-	4	0.4
Mining and Quarrying	8	0.9	-	-	8	0.8	12	1.3	-	-	12	1.1
Manufacturing	336	37.5	29	20.6	365	35.2	322	34.0	24	18.2	346	32.1
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	40	4.5	-	-	40	3.9	38	4.0	-	-	38	3.5
Construction	155	17.3	1	0.7	156	15.0	171	18.1	1	0.8	172	15.9
Wholesale and retail trade	86	9.6	7	5.0	93	9.0	85	9.0	6	4.5	91	8.4
Hotels and Restaurants	57	6.4	21	14.9	78	7.5	70	7.4	16	12.1	86	8.0
Transport, storage and Communication	89	9.9	7	5.0	96	9.2	79	8.3	11	8.3	90	8.3
Financial Intermediation	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.8	2	0.2
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	19	2.1	10	7.1	29	2.8	44	4.6	6	4.5	50	4.6
Public Administration and Defense	38	4.2	2	1.4	40	3.9	59	6.2	5	3.8	64	5.9
Education	9	1.0	13	9.2	22	2.1	11	1.2	16	12.1	27	2.5
Health and Social Work	21	2.3	46	32.6	67	6.4	20	2.1	41	31.0	61	5.7
Other Community, Social and Personal Social Services	11	1.2	3	2.1	14	1.3	13	1.4	1	0.8	14	1.3
Private Households	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.8	1	0.1
Extraterritorial	1	0.1	1	0.7	2	0.2	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Unknown	2	0.2	1	0.7	3	0.3	3	0.3	1	0.8	4	0.4
Total	897	100.0	141	100.0	1,038	100.0	947	100.0	132	100.0	1,079	100.0

Table 3. Accidents at work by occupation of victim

Occupations	April-June 2005 (Revised)						April-June 2006					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed Forces	4	0.4	-	-	4	0.4	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2
Legislators, senior officials and managers	6	0.7	-	-	6	0.6	9	1.0	1	0.8	10	0.9
Professionals	22	2.5	36	25.5	58	5.6	19	2.0	29	22.0	48	4.4
Technicians and associate professionals	27	3.0	1	0.7	28	2.7	30	3.2	5	3.8	35	3.3
Clerks	23	2.6	6	4.3	29	2.8	31	3.3	11	8.3	42	3.9
Service workers and market and sales workers	53	5.9	11	7.8	64	6.2	78	8.2	12	9.1	90	8.4
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	23	2.5	-	-	23	2.2	18	1.9	-	-	18	1.7
Craft and related trades workers	226	25.2	2	1.4	228	21.9	226	23.9	2	1.5	228	21.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	78	8.7	8	5.7	86	8.3	98	10.3	7	5.3	105	9.7
Elementary occupations	435	48.5	77	54.6	512	49.3	436	46.0	65	49.2	501	46.4
Total	897	100.0	141	100.0	1,038	100.0	947	100.0	132	100.0	1,079	100.0

Table 4. Accidents at work by age group of victim

Age group	April-June 2005 (Revised)						April-June 2006					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	141	15.7	28	19.8	169	16.3	178	18.8	30	22.7	208	19.3
25-34	266	29.7	42	29.8	308	29.7	265	28.0	34	25.8	299	27.7
35-44	211	23.5	32	22.7	243	23.4	208	22.0	25	18.9	233	21.6
45-54	190	21.2	29	20.6	219	21.1	203	21.4	30	22.7	233	21.6
55+	89	9.9	10	7.1	99	9.5	93	9.8	13	9.9	106	9.8
Total	897	100.0	141	100.0	1,038	100.0	947	100.0	132	100.0	1,079	100.0

Table 5. Part of body injured in accidents at work

Part of body	April-June 2005 (Revised)						April-June 2006					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Part of body injured, not specified	5	0.5	4	2.8	9	0.9	7	0.7	-	-	7	0.6
Head	110	12.3	9	6.4	119	11.5	83	8.8	5	3.8	88	8.2
Neck, inclusive of spine and vertebra in the neck	25	2.8	5	3.5	30	2.9	19	2.0	9	6.8	28	2.6
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	59	6.6	16	11.4	75	7.2	76	8.0	9	6.8	85	7.9
Torso and Organs	37	4.1	3	2.1	40	3.8	42	4.4	5	3.8	47	4.3
Upper Extremities	399	44.5	61	43.3	460	44.3	438	46.3	64	48.5	502	46.5
Lower Extremities	209	23.3	29	20.6	238	22.9	217	22.9	29	22.0	246	22.8
Wholebody and multiple Sites	51	5.7	14	9.9	65	6.3	62	6.6	11	8.3	73	6.8
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2	3	0.3	-	-	3	0.3
Total	897	100.0	141	100.0	1,038	100.0	947	100.0	132	100.0	1,079	100.0

Table 6. Accidents at work by type of injury

Type of Injury	April-June 2005 (Revised)						April-June 2006					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Type of injury unknown	72	8.0	24	17.0	96	9.2	75	7.9	12	9.1	87	8.1
Wounds and superficial injuries	374	41.7	48	34.1	422	40.7	433	45.7	50	37.9	483	44.7
Bone fractures	84	9.4	12	8.5	96	9.2	103	10.9	17	12.8	120	11.1
Dislocations, Sprains, and Strains	286	31.9	44	31.2	330	31.8	258	27.3	40	30.3	298	27.6
Traumatic Amputations	15	1.7	-	-	15	1.4	5	0.5	-	-	5	0.5
Concussions and Internal Injuries	6	0.7	3	2.1	9	0.9	8	0.9	2	1.5	10	0.9
Burns, Scalds and Frostbites	38	4.3	6	4.3	44	4.2	35	3.7	9	6.8	44	4.1
Poisonings and Infections	3	0.3	1	0.7	4	0.4	2	0.2	1	0.8	3	0.3
Drowning and Asphyxiations	3	0.3	2	1.4	5	0.5	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Effects of Sound and Vibration	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	3	0.3	-	-	3	0.3
Shock	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Multiple Injuries	12	1.3	1	0.7	13	1.3	23	2.4	1	0.8	24	2.2
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	897	100.0	141	100.0	1,038	100.0	947	100.0	132	100.0	1,079	100.0

Table 7. Accidents at work by district of enterprise

District	April-June 2005 (Revised)						April-June 2006					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	427	47.6	58	41.1	485	46.7	416	43.9	67	50.7	483	44.8
Southern Eastern	84	9.4	21	14.9	105	10.1	82	8.7	15	11.4	97	9.0
Northern Harbour	216	24.1	44	31.2	260	25.1	240	25.4	32	24.2	272	25.2
Western	57	6.3	7	5.0	64	6.2	70	7.4	8	6.1	78	7.2
Northern	94	10.5	11	7.8	105	10.1	114	12.0	7	5.3	121	11.2
Gozo and Comino	19	2.1	-	-	19	1.8	25	2.6	3	2.3	28	2.6
Total	897	100.0	141	100.0	1,038	100.0	947	100.0	132	100.0	1,079	100.0

Table 8. Size of enterprise where the accidents occurred

Employment Size	April-June 2005 (Revised)						April-June 2006					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	40	4.5	2	1.4	42	4.0	44	4.7	-	-	44	4.1
1-9 employees	88	9.8	3	2.1	91	8.8	103	10.9	8	6.1	111	10.3
10-49 employees	160	17.9	14	9.9	174	16.8	165	17.4	9	6.8	174	16.1
50-249 employees	193	21.5	46	32.7	239	23.0	211	22.3	43	32.5	254	23.5
250-499 employees	107	11.9	16	11.4	123	11.8	128	13.5	10	7.6	138	12.8
500 employees or more	305	34.0	56	39.7	361	34.8	291	30.7	61	46.2	352	32.6
Unknown size	4	0.4	4	2.8	8	0.8	5	0.5	1	0.8	6	0.6
Total	897	100.0	141	100.0	1,038	100.0	947	100.0	132	100.0	1,079	100.0

Table 9. Employment Status of the Victims

Employment Status	April-June 2005 (Revised)						April-June 2006					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	69	7.7	1	0.7	70	6.7	61	6.4	-	-	61	5.7
Full-time employees	815	90.9	123	87.2	938	90.4	869	91.8	112	84.8	981	90.9
Part-time employees	13	1.4	17	12.1	30	2.9	17	1.8	20	15.2	37	3.4
Total	897	100.0	141	100.0	1,038	100.0	947	100.0	132	100.0	1,079	100.0

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 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 Luċġija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

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

South Eastern: Żejtun, B'Bugja, Gudja, Ghaxaq, 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.