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Traffic accidents: April-June 2007

There were two fatalities in the second quarter of 2007, both males.

In the second quarter of this year, the number of reported traffic accidents reached 4,036, a decrease of 39 cases over the same quarter last year, as shown in Table 1. The highest decrease in such accidents was registered in the 'Northern Harbour' district, down by 57 cases. On the other hand, a significant increase was recorded in traffic accidents occurring in the 'Northern' district, up by 75 cases, or nearly 13 per cent.

In the quarter under review, 177 drivers sustained injuries as a result of traffic accidents; of these, 139 suffered slight injuries and 36 suffered grievous injuries, while the injuries sustained by two drivers proved fatal. During the same period, 117 other persons – 75 passengers and 42 pedestrians – suffered slight injuries while 27 – 10 passengers and 17 pedestrians – suffered grievous injuries. There were no fatalities among passengers or pedestrians (see Tables 4-6).

On a gender basis, slightly injured persons in the second quarter of 2007, numbering 256, were more or less evenly distributed. Grievously injured persons came up to 63, of whom 75 per cent were males. The two fatalities in this quarter were both males. The largest number of casualties for both males and females occurred in the 25-39 age group (see Table 7).

In the second quarter of 2007, 321 traffic casualties were reported. Table 9 shows that, 77.6 per cent of the casualties were caused by passenger cars while 11.5 per cent were caused by motorcycles.

On a locality level, St. Paul's Bay is the locality with the highest rate of traffic accidents, with 246 cases or 6 per cent of the total. Qormi and Birkirkara follow, with 227 and 221 reported accidents respectively (see Table 10).

In the quarter under review, nearly 59 per cent of road traffic casualties were reported in the weekend period, between Friday and Sunday, as shown in Table 8■

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Table 1. Total road traffic accidents

Region	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change	Percentage change
Island of Malta	7,451	7,570	3,872	3,863	-9	-0.2
Southern Harbour	1,711	1,663	882	850	-32	-3.6
Northern Harbour	3,109	3,180	1,601	1,544	-57	-3.6
South Eastern	743	737	381	385	4	1.0
Western	800	807	422	423	1	0.2
Northern	1,088	1,183	586	661	75	12.8
Gozo and Comino	368	329	203	173	-30	-14.8
Total	7,819	7,899	4,075	4,036	-39	-1.0

Table 2. Road traffic accidents involving government property

Region	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change	Percentage change
Island of Malta	1,616	1,637	813	766	-47	-5.8
Southern Harbour	347	345	182	163	-19	-10.4
Northern Harbour	711	731	350	319	-31	-8.9
South Eastern	165	157	83	79	-4	-4.8
Western	174	154	79	82	3	3.8
Northern	219	250	119	123	4	3.4
Gozo and Comino	47	53	22	29	7	31.8
Total	1,663	1,690	835	795	-40	-4.8

Table 3. Casualties in road traffic accidents

Region	Jan-Jun		2 nd Quarter			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change	Percentage change
Island of Malta	508	562	291	312	21	7.2
Southern Harbour	117	108	56	63	7	12.5
Northern Harbour	175	223	103	114	11	10.7
South Eastern	64	67	33	41	8	24.2
Western	60	57	40	29	-11	-27.5
Northern	92	107	59	65	6	10.2
Gozo and Comino	37	28	23	9	-14	-60.9
Total	545	590	314	321	7	2.2

Table 4. Injuries sustained by drivers in road traffic accidents

	2nd Quarter							
	2006				2007			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Island of Malta	130	41	1	172	132	36	2	170
Southern Harbour	24	8	1	33	28	10	1	39
Northern Harbour	51	14	0	65	42	12	0	54
South Eastern	13	6	0	19	17	2	0	19
Western	18	7	0	25	17	4	0	21
Northern	24	6	0	30	28	8	1	37
Gozo and Comino	12	4	0	16	7	0	0	7
Total	142	45	1	188	139	36	2	177

Table 5. Injuries sustained by passengers in road traffic accidents

	2nd Quarter							
	2006				2007			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Island of Malta	72	12	0	84	74	10	0	84
Southern Harbour	18	0	0	18	8	2	0	10
Northern Harbour	21	2	0	23	28	3	0	31
South Eastern	5	5	0	10	16	3	0	19
Western	11	2	0	13	6	0	0	6
Northern	17	3	0	20	16	2	0	18
Gozo and Comino	6	1	0	7	1	0	0	1
Total	78	13	0	91	75	10	0	85

Table 6. Injuries sustained by pedestrians in road traffic accidents

	2 nd Quarter							
	2006				2007			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Island of Malta	24	11	0	35	41	17	0	58
Southern Harbour	1	4	0	5	7	7	0	14
Northern Harbour	12	3	0	15	25	4	0	29
South Eastern	3	1	0	4	1	2	0	3
Western	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2
Northern	7	2	0	9	7	3	0	10
Gozo and Comino	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	24	11	0	35	42	17	0	59

Table 7. Road traffic casualties by type of injury, age and sex

	2nd Quarter							
	2006				2007			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	244	69	1	314	256	63	2	321
0-14	17	5	0	22	23	3	0	26
15-24	67	21	0	88	63	16	1	80
25-39	68	17	0	85	74	17	0	91
40-59	60	16	1	77	62	18	1	81
60+	21	9	0	30	30	9	0	39
age unknown	11	1	0	12	4	0	0	4
Male	141	46	1	188	131	47	2	180
0-14	8	3	0	11	12	3	0	15
15-24	39	15	0	54	29	12	1	42
25-39	42	12	0	54	40	12	0	52
40-59	30	11	1	42	31	14	1	46
60+	15	4	0	19	17	6	0	23
age unknown	7	1	0	8	2	0	0	2
Female	103	23	0	126	125	16	0	141
0-14	9	2	0	11	11	0	0	11
15-24	28	6	0	34	34	4	0	38
25-39	26	5	0	31	34	5	0	39
40-59	30	5	0	35	31	4	0	35
60+	6	5	0	11	13	3	0	16
age unknown	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	2

Table 8. Road traffic casualties by day of the week

	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change	Percentage change
Total	545	590	314	321	7	2.2
Monday	68	79	27	30	3	11.1
Tuesday	56	78	34	43	9	26.5
Wednesday	63	62	42	25	-17	-40.5
Thursday	82	68	48	35	-13	-27.1
Friday	106	107	65	70	5	7.7
Saturday	87	97	48	61	13	27.1
Sunday	83	99	50	57	7	14.0

Chart 1

Road traffic casualties by day of the week: 2nd Quarter

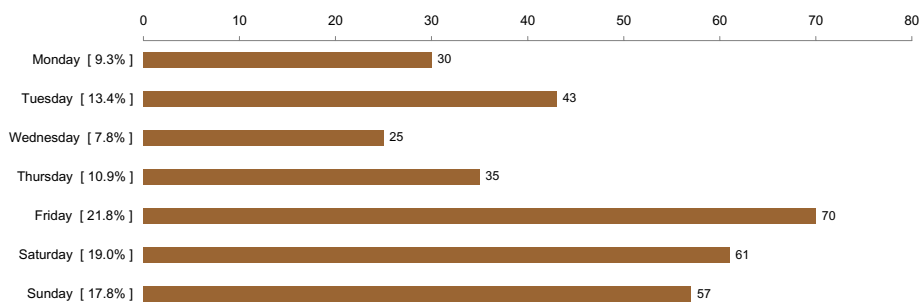


Table 9. Road traffic casualties by type of injury, age and means of transport

	2nd Quarter				
	2006	2007			
	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Total
Total	314	2	63	256	321
Motorcycles	50	1	13	23	37
Passenger cars	224	1	42	206	249
Coaches and buses	8	0	4	4	8
Goods vehicles	32	0	4	23	27
0 - 14	22	0	3	25	28
Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger cars	19	0	2	23	25
Coaches and buses	0	0	0	2	2
Goods vehicles	3	0	1	0	1
15 - 24	88	1	16	60	77
Motorcycles	9	1	5	4	10
Passenger cars	72	0	11	52	63
Coaches and buses	1	0	0	1	1
Goods vehicles	6	0	0	3	3
25 - 39	85	0	17	74	91
Motorcycles	21	0	3	11	14
Passenger cars	50	0	12	58	70
Coaches and buses	4	0	2	0	2
Goods vehicles	10	0	0	5	5
40 - 59	77	1	18	65	84
Motorcycles	14	0	4	3	7
Passenger cars	55	1	9	52	62
Coaches and buses	3	0	2	0	2
Goods vehicles	5	0	3	10	13
60+	30	0	9	28	37
Motorcycles	4	0	1	5	6
Passenger cars	19	0	8	19	27
Coaches and buses	0	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	7	0	0	4	4
Age unknown	12	0	0	4	4
Motorcycles	2	0	0	0	0
Passenger cars	9	0	0	2	2
Coaches and buses	0	0	0	1	1
Goods vehicles	1	0	0	1	1

Table 10. Road traffic accidents by locality* ...

Locality	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change
Southern Harbour	1,711	1,663	882	850	-32
Birgu	23	24	11	12	1
Bormla	73	80	43	46	3
Fgura	151	124	80	56	-24
Floriana	133	139	68	72	4
Isla	24	30	11	20	9
Kalkara	20	22	8	10	2
Luqa	209	176	116	87	-29
Marsa	422	419	225	205	-20
Paola	210	221	101	115	14
Santa Luċija	38	38	18	22	4
Tarxien	108	118	49	55	6
Valletta	131	123	63	64	1
Xgħajra	8	5	0	3	3
Żabbar	161	144	89	83	-6
Northern Harbour	3,109	3,180	1,601	1,544	-57
Birkirkara	455	464	231	221	-10
Gżira	240	256	122	144	22
Hamrun	190	229	99	112	13
Msida	347	344	172	157	-15
Pembroke	22	47	11	28	17
Pietà	148	147	69	75	6
Qormi	454	444	239	227	-12
San Ġiljan	334	342	185	161	-24
San Gwann	251	242	128	114	-14
Santa Venera	159	167	78	70	-8
Sliema	350	327	186	145	-41
Swieqi	114	111	61	54	-7
Ta' Xbiex	45	60	20	36	16
South Eastern	743	737	381	385	4
Birżebbuġia	112	97	60	49	-11
Għaxaq	39	45	12	23	11
Gudja	77	78	32	39	7
Kirkop	31	27	13	16	3
Marsascula	113	121	71	68	-3
Marsaxlokk	34	39	15	25	10
Mqabba	20	33	10	24	14
Qrendi	8	21	7	10	3
Safi	19	13	9	7	-2
Żejtun	201	175	103	79	-24
Żurrieq	89	88	49	45	-4
Western	800	807	422	423	1
Attard	187	194	92	100	8
Balzan	62	54	29	27	-2
Dingli	20	19	16	9	-7
Iklin	42	45	19	25	6
Lija	85	89	39	41	2
Mdina	13	5	9	2	-7
Mtarfa	20	12	11	7	-4
Rabat	167	159	97	82	-15
Sigġiewi	69	63	40	29	-11
Żebbuġ	135	167	70	101	31
Northern	1,088	1,183	586	661	75
Għarghur	26	32	12	24	12
Mellieħa	144	180	81	106	25
Mġarr	68	70	48	42	-6
Mosta	274	263	147	122	-25
Naxxar	237	230	123	121	-2
San Pawl il-Baħar	339	408	175	246	71

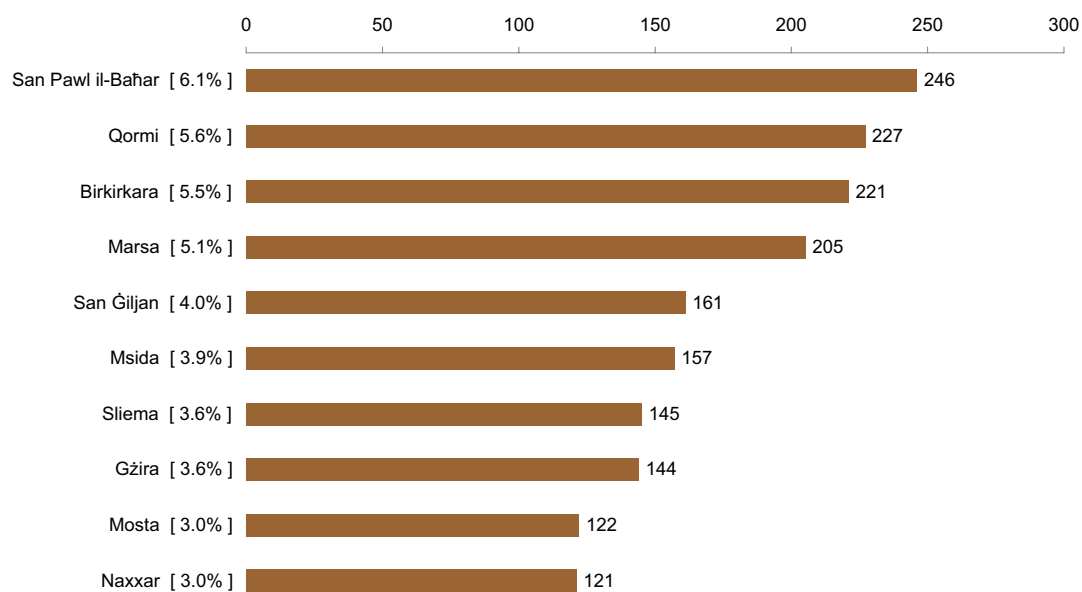
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Locality	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter		Absolute change
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
Gozo and Comino	368	329	203	173	-30
Fontana	2	5	1	4	3
Għajnsielem	55	40	29	19	-10
Għarb	7	11	2	9	7
Għasri	8	3	6	0	-6
Kerċem	10	6	7	2	-5
Munxar	11	14	8	8	0
Nadur	15	23	5	10	5
Qala	10	10	4	8	4
Rabat	151	122	85	71	-14
San Lawrenz	6	2	4	0	-4
Sannat	9	9	5	5	0
Xagħra	26	30	9	14	5
Xewkija	43	38	28	16	-12
Żebbuġ	15	16	10	7	-3

* Localities not shown imply that no accident was recorded

Chart 2

Localities with the highest tally of road accidents recorded: 2nd Quarter 2007



Methodological Notes

1. Owing to a re-evaluation and re-classification of existing datasets from 2005 onwards, data for 2006 shown in this news release, as well as data for the first quarter of 2007, have been revised.
2. Traffic accidents data are compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department and the Guard and Warden Services Limited.
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 Europe.
4. Road traffic accidents involving government property (see Table 2), damage caused to government vehicles and to other government property, such as traffic signs, etc.

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 Regulation 1 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, Pietà, 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.