

# News Release



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### Traffic accidents: July-September 2007

*There were four fatalities in the third quarter of 2007, three males and one female.*

In the third quarter this year, the number of reported traffic accidents reached 4,211, an increase of 198 cases or 4.9 per cent over the same quarter last year. The highest increase in such accidents was registered in the Northern Harbour district, up by 140 cases or 9.5 per cent (see Table 1).

In the period under review, 342 traffic casualties were reported. Of these, 187 drivers sustained injuries: 151 suffered slight injuries and 36 suffered grievous ones. During the same period, 118 other persons – 89 passengers and 29 pedestrians – suffered slight injuries while 33 – 17 passengers and 16 pedestrians – suffered grievous ones. In this period, there were four fatalities, one driver and three pedestrians (see Tables 4-6).

On a gender basis, slightly-injured persons in the third quarter of 2007 numbered 269: 151 males and 118 females. Grievously-injured persons came up to 69, the majority being males. The four fatalities in this quarter comprised three males and one female. The largest number of male casualties were in the 25-39 age group, while the majority of female ones were in the 15-24 age group (see Table 7).

Table 9 shows that 72.5 per cent of casualties were caused by passenger cars while 17.5 per cent were caused by motorcycles. Nearly half of all traffic casualties occurred in weekends, between Friday and Sunday, as shown in Table 8.

In the period under review, St. Paul's Bay was the locality with the highest rate of traffic accidents, with 246 cases. Qormi and Marsa followed closely, with 230 and 229 reported accidents respectively (see Table 10) ■

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**Table 1. Total road traffic accidents**

Region	Jan-Sep		3rd Quarter			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change	Percentage change
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>11,216</b>	<b>11,541</b>	<b>3,765</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>5.5</b>
Southern Harbour	2,544	2,528	833	865	32	3.8
Northern Harbour	4,580	4,791	1,471	1,611	140	9.5
South Eastern	1,160	1,137	417	400	-17	-4.1
Western	1,181	1,191	381	384	3	0.8
Northern	1,751	1,894	663	711	48	7.2
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,832</b>	<b>12,110</b>	<b>4,013</b>	<b>4,211</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>4.9</b>

**Table 2. Road traffic accidents involving government property**

Region	Jan-Sep		3rd Quarter			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change	Percentage change
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>16.3</b>
Southern Harbour	515	568	168	223	55	32.7
Northern Harbour	1,093	1,169	382	438	56	14.7
South Eastern	254	236	89	79	-10	-11.2
Western	255	248	81	94	13	16.0
Northern	368	427	149	177	28	18.8
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-12.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>14.8</b>

**Table 3. Casualties in road traffic accidents**

Region	Jan-Sep		3rd Quarter			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change	Percentage change
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Southern Harbour	182	177	65	69	4	6.2
Northern Harbour	273	337	98	114	16	16.3
South Eastern	100	113	36	46	10	27.8
Western	96	97	36	40	4	11.1
Northern	147	166	55	59	4	7.3
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-48.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7.9</b>

**Table 4. Injuries sustained by drivers in road traffic accidents**

	3rd Quarter							
	2006				2007			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>179</b>
Southern Harbour	32	8	0	40	33	4	0	37
Northern Harbour	43	10	0	53	48	13	1	62
South Eastern	18	5	1	24	20	5	0	25
Western	15	6	0	21	20	4	0	24
Northern	24	8	1	33	23	8	0	31
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>188</b>

**Table 5. Injuries sustained by passengers in road traffic accidents**

	3rd Quarter							
	2006				2007			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>
Southern Harbour	15	2	0	17	21	3	0	24
Northern Harbour	18	1	0	19	28	4	0	32
South Eastern	7	1	0	8	10	3	0	13
Western	6	1	0	7	9	1	0	10
Northern	6	5	0	11	18	6	0	24
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>106</b>

**Table 6. Injuries sustained by pedestrians in road traffic accidents**

	3rd Quarter							
	2006				2007			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>46</b>
Southern Harbour	3	4	1	8	3	4	1	8
Northern Harbour	17	9	0	26	14	6	0	20
South Eastern	2	2	0	4	3	3	2	8
Western	5	3	0	8	4	2	0	6
Northern	9	2	0	11	3	1	0	4
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>

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

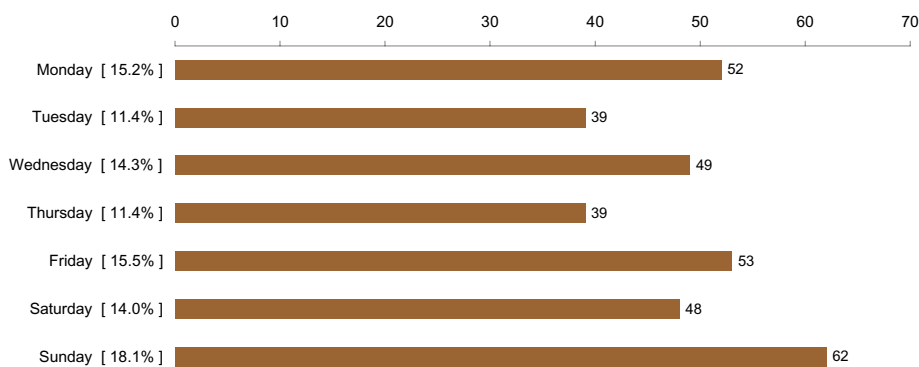
	3rd Quarter							
	2006				2007			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>342</b>
0-14	21	5	0	26	23	4	0	27
15-24	58	17	1	76	67	13	0	80
25-39	72	19	1	92	79	28	2	109
40-59	60	19	0	79	65	9	0	74
60+	24	9	1	34	30	14	2	46
age unknown	6	4	0	10	5	1	0	6
<b>Male</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>199</b>
0-14	14	4	0	18	15	2	0	17
15-24	35	11	1	47	29	10	0	39
25-39	44	17	1	62	51	20	2	73
40-59	42	12	0	54	34	7	0	41
60+	18	7	1	26	20	6	1	27
age unknown	4	2	0	6	2	0	0	2
<b>Female</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>143</b>
0-14	7	1	0	8	8	2	0	10
15-24	23	6	0	29	38	3	0	41
25-39	28	2	0	30	28	8	0	36
40-59	18	7	0	25	31	2	0	33
60+	6	2	0	8	10	8	1	19
age unknown	2	2	0	4	3	1	0	4

**Table 8. Road traffic casualties by day of the week**

	Jan-Sep		3rd Quarter			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change	Percentage change
<b>Total</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Monday	112	131	44	52	8	18.2
Tuesday	101	117	45	39	-6	-13.3
Wednesday	109	111	46	49	3	6.5
Thursday	112	107	30	39	9	30.0
Friday	147	160	41	53	12	29.3
Saturday	134	145	47	48	1	2.1
Sunday	147	161	64	62	-2	-3.1

**Chart 6**

Total road traffic casualties by day of the week: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter



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

	3rd Quarter				
	2006	2007			
	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>342</b>
Motorcycles	51	1	12	47	60
Passenger cars	228	3	48	197	248
Coaches and buses	2	0	1	0	1
Goods vehicles	36	0	8	25	33
<b>0 - 14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>
Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger cars	20	0	4	22	26
Coaches and buses	1	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	5	0	0	1	1
<b>15 - 24</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>80</b>
Motorcycles	3	0	0	12	12
Passenger cars	64	0	12	51	63
Coaches and buses	1	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	8	0	1	4	5
<b>25 - 39</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>109</b>
Motorcycles	22	1	9	19	29
Passenger cars	62	1	16	57	74
Coaches and buses	0	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	8	0	3	3	6
<b>40 - 59</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>
Motorcycles	21	0	2	14	16
Passenger cars	51	0	6	42	48
Coaches and buses	0	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	7	0	1	9	10
<b>60+</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46</b>
Motorcycles	5	0	1	2	3
Passenger cars	22	2	9	20	31
Coaches and buses	0	0	1	0	1
Goods vehicles	7	0	3	8	11
<b>Age unknown</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger cars	9	0	1	5	6
Coaches and buses	0	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	1	0	0	0	0

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

Locality	Jan-Sep		3rd Quarter		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change
<b>Southern Harbour</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>32</b>
Birgu	35	36	12	12	0
Bormla	109	106	36	26	-10
Fgura	221	191	70	67	-3
Floriana	201	208	68	69	1
Isla	33	46	9	16	7
Kalkara	28	35	8	13	5
Luqa	310	265	101	89	-12
Marsa	605	648	183	229	46
Paola	324	331	114	110	-4
Santa Luċija	57	56	19	18	-1
Tarxien	166	164	58	46	-12
Valletta	201	213	70	90	20
Xgħajra	11	9	3	4	1
Żabbar	243	220	82	76	-6
<b>Northern Harbour</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>4,791</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>140</b>
Birkirkara	668	682	213	218	5
Gżira	353	380	113	124	11
Hamrun	277	342	87	113	26
Msida	500	525	153	181	28
Pembroke	38	73	16	26	10
Pietà	207	233	59	86	27
Qormi	645	674	191	230	39
San Ġiljan	560	539	226	197	-29
San Ġwann	347	355	96	113	17
Santa Venera	222	235	63	68	5
Sliema	511	502	161	175	14
Swieqi	189	172	75	61	-14
Ta' Xbiex	63	79	18	19	1
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-17</b>
Birżebbuġia	170	161	58	64	6
Għaxaq	49	64	10	19	9
Gudja	126	123	49	45	-4
Kirkop	54	40	23	13	-10
Marsascalea	186	188	73	67	-6
Marsaxlokk	60	58	26	19	-7
Mqabba	34	40	14	7	-7
Qrendi	13	26	5	5	0
Safi	30	23	11	10	-1
Żejtun	295	272	94	97	3
Żurrieq	143	142	54	54	0
<b>Western</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>3</b>
Attard	264	273	77	79	2
Balzan	87	79	25	25	0
Dingli	25	28	5	9	4
Iklin	72	68	30	23	-7
Lija	116	122	31	33	2
Mdina	19	9	6	4	-2
Mtarfa	26	18	6	6	0
Rabat	272	256	105	97	-8
Siggiewi	93	99	24	36	12
Żebbuġ	207	239	72	72	0
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>48</b>
Għargħur	42	46	16	14	-2
Mellieha	257	339	113	159	46
Mġarr	111	121	43	51	8
Mosta	389	375	115	112	-3
Naxxar	373	359	136	129	-7
San Pawl il-Baħar	579	654	240	246	6

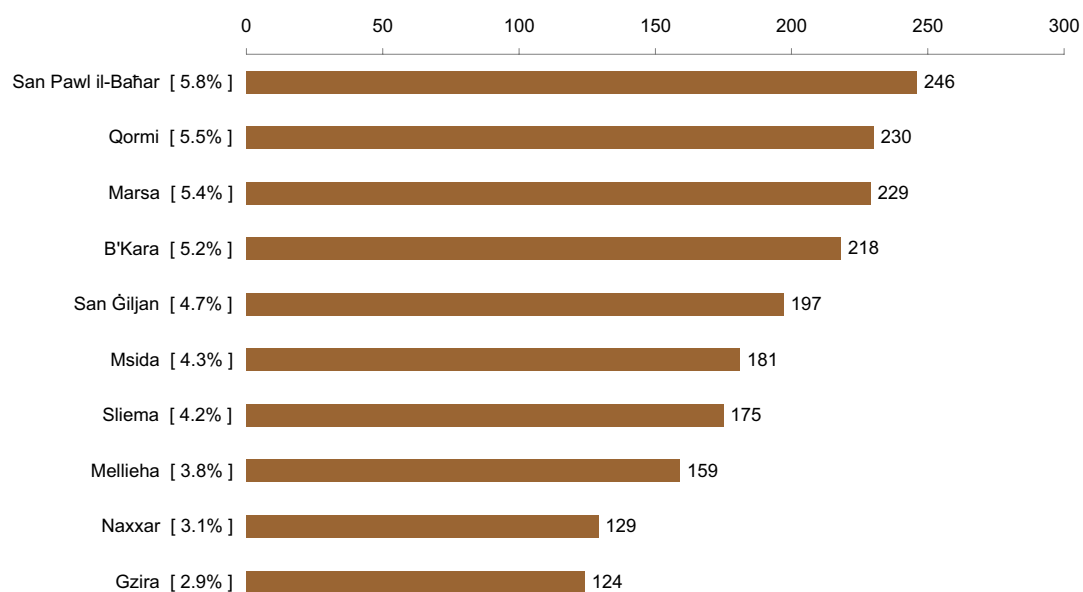
... Table 10. Road traffic accidents by locality\*

Locality	Jan-Sep		3rd Quarter		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Absolute change
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>-8</b>
Fontana	9	13	7	8	1
Ghajnsielem	81	62	26	22	-4
Gharb	16	16	9	5	-4
Ghasri	15	10	7	7	0
Kerċem	15	11	5	5	0
Munxar	20	30	9	16	7
Nadur	36	37	21	14	-7
Qala	14	17	4	7	3
Rabat	244	192	93	70	-23
San Lawrenz	11	5	5	3	-2
Sannat	13	18	4	9	5
Xagħra	39	58	13	28	15
Xewkija	65	62	22	24	2
Zebbuġ	38	38	23	22	-1

\* Localities not shown imply that no accident was recorded

**Chart 2**

Localities with the highest tally of road accidents recorded: 3rd 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 Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).
4. UNECE definition of fatal injury: "Any person who was killed outright or who died within 30 days as a result of the accident".
5. 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.

<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, 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.