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## Transport

### Traffic accidents: April-June 2008

*There were three fatalities in the second quarter of 2008, two males and one female.*

In the second quarter this year, the number of reported traffic accidents reached 4,073, an increase of 37 cases over the same quarter last year, as shown in Table 1. The Northern district was the only one which registered a decrease in traffic accidents. The Northern Harbour district registered the highest number of accidents - 1,565 cases, or 38.4 per cent of the total.

In the period under review, 313 traffic casualties were reported. Of these, 194 drivers sustained injuries: 156 suffered slight injuries, 35 suffered grievous ones, while the injuries sustained by three drivers proved fatal. During the same period, 32 other persons – 14 passengers and 18 pedestrians – suffered grievous injuries, while 87 – 60 passengers and 27 pedestrians – suffered slight ones (see Tables 3-6).

On a gender basis, slightly-injured persons in the second quarter of 2008 numbered 243: 138 males and 105 females. Grievously-injured persons came up to 67, the majority being males. The three fatalities in this quarter were two males and one female. The largest number of casualties – whether male or female – was in the 25-39 age group (see Table 7).

Table 9 shows that 76 per cent of casualties were caused by passenger cars while 14.4 per cent were caused by motorcycles. As regards single days, the highest rate of traffic casualties was recorded on Thursdays, with 17.9 per cent of the total. However, nearly 40 per cent of all traffic casualties occurred during weekends, between Friday and Sunday, as shown in Table 8.

In the period under review, Qormi was the locality with the highest rate of traffic accidents, with 235 cases. Birkirkara and Marsa came close, with 233 and 213 reported accidents respectively (see Table 10) ■

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**Table 1. Total road traffic accidents**

Region	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	Absolute change	Percentage change
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>7,570</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>3,863</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Southern Harbour	1,663	1,642	850	864	14	1.6
Northern Harbour	3,180	3,118	1,544	1,565	21	1.4
South Eastern	737	683	385	387	2	0.5
Western	807	721	423	464	41	9.7
Northern	1,183	1,086	661	602	-59	-8.9
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,899</b>	<b>7,612</b>	<b>4,036</b>	<b>4,073</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0.9</b>

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

Region	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	Absolute change	Percentage change
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
Southern Harbour	345	283	163	140	-23	-14.1
Northern Harbour	731	609	319	302	-17	-5.3
South Eastern	157	130	79	82	3	3.8
Western	154	167	82	97	15	18.3
Northern	250	222	123	125	2	1.6
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-10.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

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

Region	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	Absolute change	Percentage change
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
Southern Harbour	108	141	63	83	20	31.7
Northern Harbour	223	202	114	104	-10	-8.8
South Eastern	67	58	41	38	-3	-7.3
Western	57	46	29	25	-4	-13.8
Northern	107	91	65	51	-14	-21.5
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-2.5</b>

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

	2nd Quarter							
	2007				2008			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>188</b>
Southern Harbour	28	10	1	39	40	10	0	50
Northern Harbour	42	12	0	54	52	10	0	62
South Eastern	17	2	0	19	19	5	1	25
Western	17	4	0	21	12	4	0	16
Northern	28	8	1	37	28	5	2	35
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>194</b>

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

	2nd Quarter							
	2007				2008			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>
Southern Harbour	8	2	0	10	20	5	0	25
Northern Harbour	28	3	0	31	15	4	0	19
South Eastern	16	3	0	19	5	4	0	9
Western	6	0	0	6	5	1	0	6
Northern	16	2	0	18	9	0	0	9
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74</b>

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

	2nd Quarter							
	2007				2008			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>
Southern Harbour	7	7	0	14	3	5	0	8
Northern Harbour	25	4	0	29	16	7	0	23
South Eastern	1	2	0	3	0	4	0	4
Western	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	3
Northern	7	3	0	10	6	1	0	7
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>

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

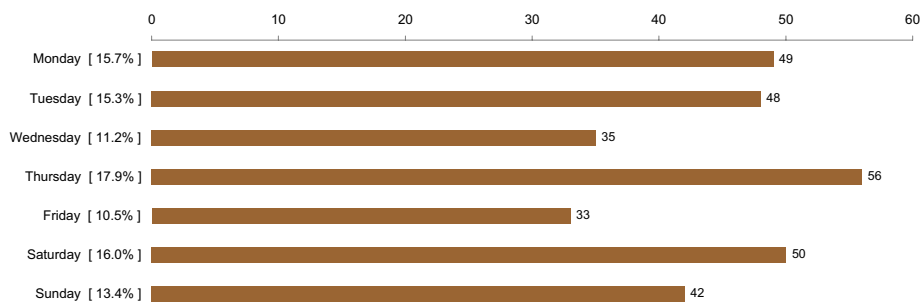
	2nd Quarter							
	2007				2008			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>313</b>
0-14	23	3	0	26	9	2	0	11
15-24	63	16	1	80	55	15	1	71
25-39	74	17	0	91	87	20	1	108
40-59	62	18	1	81	58	17	0	75
60+	30	9	0	39	29	10	1	40
age unknown	4	0	0	4	5	3	0	8
<b>Male</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>179</b>
0-14	12	3	0	15	2	1	0	3
15-24	29	12	1	42	32	5	0	37
25-39	40	12	0	52	43	14	1	58
40-59	31	14	1	46	44	11	0	55
60+	17	6	0	23	16	7	1	24
age unknown	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	2
<b>Female</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>134</b>
0-14	11	0	0	11	7	1	0	8
15-24	34	4	0	38	23	10	1	34
25-39	34	5	0	39	44	6	0	50
40-59	31	4	0	35	14	6	0	20
60+	13	3	0	16	13	3	0	16
age unknown	2	0	0	2	4	2	0	6

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

	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	Absolute change	Percentage change
<b>Total</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
Monday	79	103	30	49	19	63.3
Tuesday	78	77	43	48	5	11.6
Wednesday	62	62	25	35	10	40.0
Thursday	68	90	35	56	21	60.0
Friday	107	66	70	33	-37	-52.9
Saturday	97	94	61	50	-11	-18.0
Sunday	99	84	57	42	-15	-26.3

**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				
	2007	2008			
	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>313</b>
Motorcycles	37	1	17	27	45
Passenger cars	249	2	45	191	238
Coaches and buses	8	0	0	4	4
Goods vehicles	27	0	5	21	26
<b>0 - 14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger cars	25	0	2	7	9
Coaches and buses	2	0	0	1	1
Goods vehicles	1	0	0	1	1
<b>15 - 24</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>71</b>
Motorcycles	10	0	2	4	6
Passenger cars	63	1	13	47	61
Coaches and buses	1	0	0	1	1
Goods vehicles	3	0	0	3	3
<b>25 - 39</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>108</b>
Motorcycles	14	1	6	11	18
Passenger cars	70	0	11	72	83
Coaches and buses	2	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	5	0	3	4	7
<b>40 - 59</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>75</b>
Motorcycles	7	0	4	6	10
Passenger cars	62	0	12	44	56
Coaches and buses	2	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	13	0	1	8	9
<b>60+</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>
Motorcycles	6	0	2	2	4
Passenger cars	27	1	7	21	29
Coaches and buses	0	0	0	2	2
Goods vehicles	4	0	1	4	5
<b>Age unknown</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
Motorcycles	0	0	3	4	7
Passenger cars	2	0	0	0	0
Coaches and buses	1	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicles	1	0	0	1	1

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

Locality	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter		Absolute change
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
<b>Southern Harbour</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>14</b>
Birgu	24	40	12	24	12
Bormla	80	76	46	37	-9
Fgura	124	124	56	70	14
Floriana	139	129	72	68	-4
Isla	30	17	20	9	-11
Kalkara	22	21	10	7	-3
Luqa	176	186	87	95	8
Marsa	419	417	205	213	8
Paola	221	206	115	108	-7
Santa Luċija	38	41	22	16	-6
Tarxien	118	122	55	61	6
Valletta	123	125	64	60	-4
Xghajra	5	7	3	3	0
Żabbar	144	131	83	93	10
<b>Northern Harbour</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>21</b>
Birkirkara	464	473	221	233	12
Gżira	256	242	144	108	-36
Hamrun	229	200	112	94	-18
Msida	344	395	157	181	24
Pembroke	47	46	28	21	-7
Pietà	147	98	75	50	-25
Qormi	444	462	227	235	8
San Ġiljan	342	301	161	162	1
San Ġwann	242	269	114	140	26
Santa Venera	167	146	70	75	5
Sliema	327	318	145	181	36
Swieqi	111	107	54	57	3
Ta' Xbiex	60	61	36	28	-8
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>2</b>
Birżebbuġia	97	97	49	53	4
Għaxaq	45	24	23	14	-9
Gudja	78	81	39	48	9
Kirkop	27	28	16	19	3
Marsascula	121	124	68	69	1
Marsaxlokk	39	29	25	13	-12
Mqabba	33	33	24	19	-5
Qrendi	21	13	10	7	-3
Safi	13	21	7	13	6
Żejtun	175	162	79	88	9
Żurrieq	88	71	45	44	-1
<b>Western</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>41</b>
Attard	194	190	100	117	17
Balzan	54	68	27	41	14
Dingli	19	18	9	8	-1
Iklin	45	42	25	25	0
Lija	89	74	41	37	-4
Mdina	5	10	2	5	3
Mtarfa	12	10	7	5	-2
Rabat	159	177	82	103	21
Siggiewi	63	82	29	40	11
Żebbuġ	167	150	101	83	-18
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>-59</b>
Għargħur	32	29	24	16	-8
Mellieħa	180	161	106	85	-21
Mgarr	70	70	42	44	2
Mosta	263	272	122	149	27
Naxxar	230	208	121	108	-13
San Pawl il-Baħar	408	346	246	200	-46

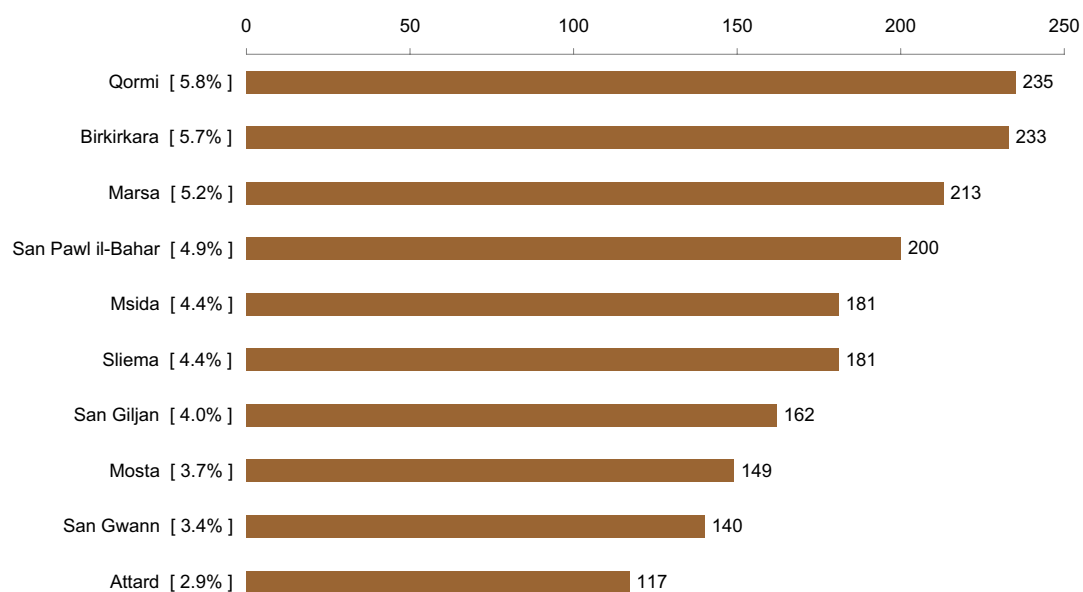
... Table 10. Road traffic accidents by locality\*

Locality	Jan-Jun		2nd Quarter		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	Absolute change
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>18</b>
Fontana	5	9	4	5	1
Ghajnsielem	40	32	19	18	-1
Gharb	11	9	9	3	-6
Ghasri	3	3	0	1	1
Kerċem	6	12	2	7	5
Munxar	14	7	8	4	-4
Nadur	23	34	10	13	3
Qala	10	6	8	3	-5
Rabat	122	133	71	74	3
San Lawrenz	2	4	0	1	1
Sannat	9	9	5	5	0
Xagħra	30	31	14	18	4
Xewkija	38	48	16	22	6
Zebbuġ	16	25	7	17	10

\* Localities not shown imply that no accident was recorded

**Chart 2**

Localities with the highest tally of road accidents recorded: 2nd Quarter 2008



## 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, Hamrun, 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, 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.