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Claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the first quarter increased by 14, or 2.2 per cent, compared to the corresponding period last year. One fatal accident at work was reported.

## Accidents at Work: Q1/2014

### Non-Fatal Accidents

Administrative records show that 657 persons were involved in a non-fatal accident at work in the first quarter this year.

Nearly a quarter of non-fatal accidents at work occurred in the manufacturing sector, as shown in Table 2. Another 108, or 16.4 per cent of these accidents, occurred in construction, while 13.1 per cent were registered in the transportation and storage sector. When compared to the corresponding quarter last year, the number of accidents increased by 31 in transportation and storage, 29 in manufacturing and 19 in construction. On the other hand, a decrease of 35 accidents was registered in the wholesale and retail trade sector.

The largest number of accidents at work during the reference quarter involved persons in elementary occupations (26.5 per cent) and those involved in crafts and related trades (25.7 per cent) (Table 3). Wounds and superficial injuries together with dislocations, strains and sprains were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 304 and 173 cases respectively (Table 6). Nearly half the injuries affected the upper parts of the body (Table 5).

Almost a third of all registered accidents at work took place in enterprises employing over 500 (Table 8).

### Fatal Accidents

Between January and March, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported one fatal accident at work. There were no fatalities at work during the corresponding quarter last year ■

Table 1. Non-fatal accidents at work by sex of victim

Sex	2013 (revised)		January-March 2013 (revised)		January-March 2014	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	2,622	82.6	516	80.2	541	82.3
Females	554	17.4	127	19.8	116	17.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 2. Non-fatal accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise

Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)	2013 (revised)						January-March 2013 (revised)						January-March 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	28	1.1	-	-	28	0.9	8	1.6	-	-	8	1.2	4	0.7	-	-	4	0.6
Mining and quarrying	8	0.3	1	0.2	9	0.3	4	0.8	-	-	4	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	665	25.4	53	9.6	718	22.6	126	24.4	13	10.2	139	21.6	139	25.7	14	12.1	153	23.3
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	68	2.6	2	0.4	70	2.2	12	2.3	-	-	12	1.9	9	1.7	-	-	9	1.4
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	71	2.7	3	0.5	74	2.3	14	2.7	1	0.8	15	2.3	9	1.7	-	-	9	1.4
Construction	465	17.7	3	0.5	468	14.7	100	19.4	1	0.8	101	15.7	107	19.8	1	0.9	108	16.4
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	262	10.0	61	11.0	323	10.2	57	11.0	16	12.6	73	11.4	53	9.8	10	8.6	63	9.6
Transportation and storage	299	11.4	35	6.3	334	10.5	48	9.3	6	4.7	54	8.4	72	13.3	14	12.1	86	13.1
Accommodation and food service activities	234	8.9	100	18.1	334	10.5	42	8.1	19	15.0	61	9.5	34	6.3	18	15.5	52	7.9
Information and communication	24	0.9	3	0.5	27	0.9	5	1.0	1	0.8	6	0.9	6	1.1	-	-	6	0.9
Financial and insurance activities	4	0.2	1	0.2	5	0.2	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	2	1.7	2	0.3
Real estate activities	10	0.4	2	0.4	12	0.4	2	0.4	-	-	2	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.9	2	0.3
Professional, scientific and technical activities	62	2.4	15	2.7	77	2.4	11	2.1	4	3.1	15	2.3	12	2.2	-	-	12	1.8
Administrative and support service activities	151	5.8	47	8.5	198	6.2	29	5.6	9	7.1	38	5.9	24	4.4	15	12.9	39	5.9
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	198	7.6	88	15.9	286	9.0	42	8.1	26	20.5	68	10.6	52	9.6	13	11.2	65	9.9
Education	15	0.6	42	7.6	57	1.8	6	1.2	7	5.5	13	2.0	6	1.1	9	7.8	15	2.3
Human health and social work activities	23	0.9	80	14.4	103	3.2	3	0.6	22	17.3	25	3.9	5	0.9	18	15.5	23	3.5
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13	0.5	9	1.6	22	0.7	5	1.0	-	-	5	0.8	3	0.6	1	0.9	4	0.6
Other service activities	16	0.6	4	0.7	20	0.6	1	0.2	1	0.8	2	0.3	3	0.6	-	-	3	0.5
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	1	0.0	2	0.4	3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	5	0.2	3	0.5	8	0.3	-	-	1	0.8	1	0.2	2	0.4	-	-	2	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 3. Non-fatal accidents at work by occupation of victim

Occupations (ISCO-08)	2013 (revised)						January-March 2013 (revised)						January-March 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	28	1.1	2	0.4	30	0.9	9	1.7	-	-	9	1.4	7	1.3	-	-	7	1.1
Managers	43	1.6	8	1.4	51	1.6	8	1.6	3	2.4	11	1.7	6	1.1	1	0.9	7	1.1
Professionals	62	2.4	95	17.1	157	4.9	9	1.7	23	18.1	32	5.0	20	3.7	14	12.1	34	5.2
Technicians and associate professionals	307	11.7	38	6.9	345	10.9	58	11.2	4	3.1	62	9.6	46	8.5	4	3.4	50	7.6
Clerical support workers	90	3.4	40	7.2	130	4.1	25	4.8	7	5.5	32	5.0	19	3.5	16	13.8	35	5.3
Service and sales workers	258	9.8	213	38.4	471	14.8	57	11.0	58	45.7	115	17.9	48	8.9	41	35.3	89	13.5
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	42	1.6	-	-	42	1.3	7	1.4	-	-	7	1.1	7	1.3	-	-	7	1.1
Craft and related trades workers	717	27.3	18	3.2	735	23.1	134	26.0	2	1.6	136	21.2	165	30.5	4	3.4	169	25.7
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	351	13.4	32	5.8	383	12.1	63	12.2	9	7.1	72	11.2	78	14.4	7	6.0	85	12.9
Elementary occupations	724	27.6	108	19.5	832	26.2	146	28.3	21	16.5	167	26.0	145	26.8	29	25.0	174	26.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 4. Non-fatal accidents at work by age group of victim

Age-group	2013 (revised)						January-March 2013 (revised)						January-March 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	386	14.7	129	23.3	515	16.2	62	12.0	24	18.9	86	13.4	61	11.3	12	10.3	73	11.1
25-34	706	26.9	147	26.5	853	26.9	147	28.5	37	29.1	184	28.6	163	30.1	35	30.2	198	30.1
35-44	616	23.5	93	16.8	709	22.3	123	23.8	24	18.9	147	22.9	133	24.6	28	24.1	161	24.5
45-54	563	21.5	108	19.5	671	21.1	114	22.1	27	21.3	141	21.9	106	19.6	23	19.8	129	19.6
55+	351	13.4	77	13.9	428	13.5	70	13.6	15	11.8	85	13.2	78	14.4	18	15.5	96	14.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 5. Part of body injured in non-fatal accidents at work

Part of body	2013 (revised)						January-March 2013 (revised)						January-March 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	246	9.4	44	7.9	290	9.1	50	9.7	7	5.5	57	8.9	62	11.5	11	9.5	73	11.1
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	59	2.3	13	2.3	72	2.3	9	1.7	3	2.4	12	1.9	10	1.8	3	2.6	13	2.0
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	200	7.6	35	6.3	235	7.4	42	8.1	10	7.9	52	8.1	28	5.2	12	10.3	40	6.1
Torso and organs	95	3.6	26	4.7	121	3.8	17	3.3	2	1.6	19	3.0	22	4.1	4	3.4	26	4.0
Upper extremities	1,191	45.4	247	44.6	1,438	45.3	242	46.9	57	44.9	299	46.5	245	45.3	51	44.0	296	45.1
Lower extremities	605	23.1	126	22.7	731	23.0	123	23.8	29	22.8	152	23.6	124	22.9	20	17.2	144	21.9
Wholebody and multiple sites	168	6.4	51	9.2	219	6.9	26	5.0	13	10.2	39	6.1	40	7.4	14	12.1	54	8.2
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.2
Not specified	55	2.1	12	2.2	67	2.1	7	1.4	6	4.7	13	2.0	9	1.7	1	0.9	10	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 6. Non-fatal accidents at work by type of injury

Type of injury	2013 (revised)						January-March 2013 (revised)						January-March 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	1,253	47.8	247	44.6	1,500	47.2	240	46.5	59	46.5	299	46.5	244	45.1	60	51.7	304	46.3
Bone fractures	279	10.6	50	9.0	329	10.4	61	11.8	15	11.8	76	11.8	60	11.1	6	5.2	66	10.0
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	630	24.0	132	23.8	762	24.0	140	27.1	33	26.0	173	26.9	148	27.4	25	21.6	173	26.3
Traumatic amputations	6	0.2	2	0.4	8	0.3	2	0.4	-	-	2	0.3	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.2
Concussions and internal injuries	35	1.3	7	1.3	42	1.3	6	1.2	1	0.8	7	1.1	5	0.9	1	0.9	6	0.9
Burns, scalds and frostbites	97	3.7	33	6.0	130	4.1	12	2.3	4	3.1	16	2.5	17	3.1	4	3.4	21	3.2
Poisonings and infections	10	0.4	2	0.4	12	0.4	3	0.6	1	0.8	4	0.6	3	0.6	-	-	3	0.5
Drowning and asphyxiations	9	0.3	4	0.7	13	0.4	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.2	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.2
Effects of sound and vibration	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	-	-	1	0.2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shock	5	0.2	4	0.7	9	0.3	1	0.2	2	1.6	3	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	
Multiple injuries	63	2.4	14	2.5	77	2.4	13	2.5	3	2.4	16	2.5	15	2.8	3	2.6	18	2.7
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	233	8.9	58	10.5	291	9.2	37	7.2	9	7.1	46	7.2	47	8.7	17	14.7	64	9.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 7. Non-fatal accidents at work by district of enterprise**

District	2013 (revised)						January-March 2013 (revised)						January-March 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	891	34.0	202	36.5	1,093	34.4	169	32.8	50	39.4	219	34.1	184	34.0	33	28.4	217	33.0
South Eastern	756	28.8	183	33.0	939	29.6	72	14.0	15	11.8	87	13.5	72	13.3	19	16.4	91	13.9
Northern Harbour	357	13.6	70	12.6	427	13.4	152	29.5	43	33.9	195	30.3	167	30.9	39	33.6	206	31.4
Western	236	9.0	50	9.0	286	9.0	45	8.7	12	9.4	57	8.9	42	7.8	15	12.9	57	8.7
Northern	346	13.2	43	7.8	389	12.2	69	13.4	3	2.4	72	11.2	70	12.9	9	7.8	79	12.0
Gozo and Comino	36	1.4	6	1.1	42	1.3	9	1.7	4	3.1	13	2.0	6	1.1	1	0.9	7	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 8. Size of enterprise where non-fatal accidents occurred**

Employment size	2013 (revised)						January-March 2013 (revised)						January-March 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	148	5.6	6	1.1	154	4.8	32	6.2	1	0.8	33	5.1	31	5.7	-	-	31	4.7
1-9 employees	275	10.5	17	3.1	292	9.2	61	11.8	5	3.9	66	10.3	42	7.8	2	1.7	44	6.7
10-49 employees	430	16.4	41	7.4	471	14.8	85	16.5	7	5.5	92	14.3	102	18.9	17	14.7	119	18.1
50-249 employees	712	27.2	144	26.0	856	27.0	132	25.6	23	18.1	155	24.1	146	27.0	22	19.0	168	25.6
250-499 employees	356	13.6	107	19.3	463	14.6	68	13.2	28	22.0	96	14.9	55	10.2	20	17.2	75	11.4
500 employees or more	686	26.2	233	42.1	919	28.9	135	26.2	61	48.0	196	30.5	159	29.4	55	47.4	214	32.6
Not specified	15	0.6	6	1.1	21	0.7	3	0.6	2	1.6	5	0.8	6	1.1	-	-	6	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 9. Employment status of victim involved in non-fatal accidents**

Employment status	2013 (revised)						January-March 2013 (revised)						January-March 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	200	7.6	8	1.4	208	6.5	40	7.8	2	1.6	42	6.5	44	8.1	-	-	44	6.7
Full-time employee	2,318	88.4	465	83.9	2,783	87.6	466	90.3	115	90.6	581	90.4	474	87.6	91	78.4	565	86.0
Part-time employee	104	4.0	81	14.6	185	5.8	10	1.9	10	7.9	20	3.1	23	4.3	25	21.6	48	7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Methodological Notes

1. Data on non-fatal accidents at work is provided by the Department of Social Security, while that on fatal accidents at work is given by the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA).
2. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually in the first and subsequent quarters of the following year.
3. The data in this release include all cases for which an injury benefit claim form has been submitted to the Department of Social Security, irrespective of the number of days lost.
4. District classification:

For aggregation purposes, all localities were grouped into six districts as follows:

### **A. Southern Harbour**

Valletta, Vittoriosa, Senglea, Cospicua, Ғaḏ-Ḑabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Ғal Luqa, Marsa, Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

### **B. South Eastern**

Ḑejtun, Birḑebbuḡa, Gudja, Ғal Għaxaq, Ғal Kirkop, Marsaskala, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Ғal Safi, Ḑurrieq.

### **C. Northern Harbour**

Ғal Qormi, Birkirkara, Gżira, Ғamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Tal-Pieta', St Julian's, San Gwann, Santa Venera, Tas-Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

### **D. Western**

Mdina, Ғaḏ-Ḑebbuḡ, Siġġiewi, Ғ'Attard, Ғal Balzan, Ғad-Dingli, Iklin, Ғal Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

### **E. Northern**

Ғal Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mgarr, Mosta, Naxxar, St Paul's Bay.

### **F. Gozo and Comino**

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