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There were two traffic fatalities in the second quarter this year.

Traffic Accidents: Q2/2014

In the second quarter, the number of reported traffic accidents reached 3,795, an increase of 49, or 1.3 per cent, over the corresponding period last year. Decreases were registered in the Southern Harbour and Northern Harbour districts (Table 1).

In the period under review, 492 traffic casualties were reported, of which 292 involved drivers. There were 263 drivers who sustained slight injuries and 28 who reported grievous injuries. Furthermore, the injuries sustained by one male driver proved fatal. During this period, 43 persons (17 passengers and 26 pedestrians) suffered grievous injuries, while 156 (108 passengers and 48 pedestrians) were slightly injured (Tables 4-6). Moreover, the injury sustained by one pedestrian proved fatal.

On a gender basis, slightly-injured persons in the second quarter numbered 419: 239 males and 180 females. Grievously-injured persons totalled 71, the majority being males. The largest number of casualties were in the 25-39 age group (Table 7).

Table 8 shows that 73.2 per cent of traffic casualties were caused by passenger cars, followed by motorcycles at 15.4 per cent, while 9.8 per cent were caused by goods-carrying vehicles.

In the second quarter, the highest traffic casualty rate occurred on Fridays, accounting for 15.7 per cent of total casualties. The highest number of accidents was also recorded on Fridays, totalling 611 cases, and the lowest was recorded on Sundays, with 380 cases. Sundays topped the highest casualty-to-accidents ratio (Table 9).

Table 10 shows that the daily time brackets in which most accidents occur are between 09:00 - 11:59 and between 15:00 - 17:59, with 798 cases in both groups, or 21.0 per cent of the total for each group. The least number of accidents occurring daily took place between 03:00 and 05:59 (93 cases).

In the period under review, Birkirkara registered the highest rate of traffic accidents, with 270 cases. Ħal Qormi and St. Paul's Bay were next, with 188 and 172 reported accidents respectively (Table 11) ■

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Table 1. Total road traffic accidents

Region	Jan-Jun		Q2			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	Absolute change	Percentage change
MALTA	7,147	7,039	3,746	3,795	49	1.3
Malta	6,854	6,722	3,597	3,615	18	0.5
Southern Harbour	1,509	1,556	813	801	-12	-1.5
Northern Harbour	2,789	2,621	1,469	1,415	-54	-3.7
South Eastern	658	675	337	373	36	10.7
Western	850	843	425	449	24	5.6
Northern	1,048	1,027	553	577	24	4.3
Gozo and Comino	293	317	149	180	31	20.8

Table 2. Minor road traffic accidents

Region	Jan-Jun		Q2			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	Absolute change	Percentage change
MALTA	6,495	6,350	3,397	3,405	8	0.2
Malta	6,236	6,071	3,266	3,249	-17	-0.5
Southern Harbour	1,380	1,408	745	724	-21	-2.8
Northern Harbour	2,554	2,396	1,348	1,290	-58	-4.3
South Eastern	581	592	296	333	37	12.5
Western	777	765	388	398	10	2.6
Northern	944	910	489	504	15	3.1
Gozo and Comino	259	279	131	156	25	19.1

Table 3. Casualties in road traffic accidents

Region	Jan-Jun		Q2			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	Absolute change	Percentage change
MALTA	802	871	436	492	56	12.8
Malta	760	817	414	457	43	10.4
Southern Harbour	160	178	83	88	5	6.0
Northern Harbour	271	263	145	152	7	4.8
South Eastern	103	106	57	50	-7	-12.3
Western	92	107	44	69	25	56.8
Northern	134	163	85	98	13	15.3
Gozo and Comino	42	54	22	35	13	59.1

Table 4. Injuries sustained by drivers in road traffic accidents

Region	Q2							
	2013				2014			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	224	46	3	273	263	28	1	292
Malta	213	43	3	259	246	25	1	272
Southern Harbour	45	8	1	54	55	3	1	59
Northern Harbour	76	12	0	88	77	6	0	83
South Eastern	30	9	0	39	30	2	0	32
Western	27	3	0	30	36	5	0	41
Northern	35	11	2	48	48	9	0	57
Gozo and Comino	11	3	0	14	17	3	0	20

Table 5. Injuries sustained by passengers in road traffic accidents

Region	Q2							
	2013				2014			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	87	12	1	100	108	17	0	125
Malta	82	12	1	95	102	14	0	116
Southern Harbour	15	1	0	16	13	4	0	17
Northern Harbour	27	2	1	30	31	3	0	34
South Eastern	9	4	0	13	11		0	11
Western	6	2	0	8	16	3	0	19
Northern	25	3	0	28	31	4	0	35
Gozo and Comino	5	0	0	5	6	3	0	9

Table 6. Injuries sustained by pedestrians in road traffic accidents

Region	Q2							
	2013				2014			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	44	19	0	63	48	26	1	75
Malta	44	16	0	60	45	23	1	69
Southern Harbour	12	1	0	13	9	3	0	12
Northern Harbour	19	8	0	27	24	10	1	35
South Eastern	4	1	0	5	4	3	0	7
Western	2	4	0	6	5	4	0	9
Northern	7	2	0	9	3	3	0	6
Gozo and Comino	0	3	0	3	3	3	0	6

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

	Q2							
	2013				2014			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	355	77	4	436	419	71	2	492
0-14	25	6	0	31	30	6	0	36
15-24	81	16	2	99	100	20	0	120
25-39	110	21	1	132	137	12	1	150
40-59	93	21	0	114	106	18	0	124
60+	44	13	1	58	44	15	1	60
age unknown	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
Male	213	57	4	274	239	39	1	279
0-14	18	5	0	23	15	4	0	19
15-24	51	11	2	64	47	10	0	57
25-39	66	18	1	85	79	7	1	87
40-59	56	14	0	70	66	11	0	77
60+	20	9	1	30	31	7	0	38
age unknown	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1
Female	142	20	0	162	180	32	1	213
0-14	7	1	0	8	15	2	0	17
15-24	30	5	0	35	53	10	0	63
25-39	44	3	0	47	58	5	0	63
40-59	37	7	0	44	40	7	0	47
60+	24	4	0	28	13	8	1	22
age unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Table 8. Road traffic casualties by type of injury, age and means of transport

	Q2				
	2013	2014			
	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	436	419	71	2	492
Motorcycle	85	59	17	0	76
Passenger car	300	316	43	1	360
Coach and bus	17	2	2	0	4
Goods vehicle	24	39	8	1	48
Unknown vehicle	10	3	1	0	4
0-14	31	30	6	0	36
Motorcycle	1	0	1	0	1
Passenger car	20	27	4	0	31
Coach and bus	10	1	0	0	1
Goods vehicle	0	1	1	0	2
Unknown vehicle	0	1	0	0	1
15-24	99	100	20	0	120
Motorcycle	11	9	2	0	11
Passenger car	83	79	15	0	94
Coach and bus	0	0	1	0	1
Goods vehicle	3	12	2	0	14
Unknown vehicle	2	0	0	0	0
25-39	132	137	12	1	150
Motorcycle	35	24	6	0	30
Passenger car	87	104	4	1	109
Coach and bus	2	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicle	6	9	2	0	11
Unknown vehicle	2	0	0	0	0
40-59	114	106	18	0	124
Motorcycle	27	20	7	0	27
Passenger car	71	74	10	0	84
Coach and bus	2	1	0	0	1
Goods vehicle	11	10	1	0	11
Unknown vehicle	3	1	0	0	1
60+	58	44	15	1	60
Motorcycle	9	6	1	0	7
Passenger car	39	30	10	0	40
Coach and bus	3	0	1	0	1
Goods vehicle	4	7	2	1	10
Unknown vehicle	3	1	1	0	2
Age unknown	2	2	0	0	2
Motorcycle	2	0	0	0	0
Passenger car	0	2	0	0	2
Coach and bus	0	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown vehicle	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9. Road traffic casualties and accidents by day of the week

Q2/2014								
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Traffic casualties	70	71	70	76	77	71	57	492
Traffic accidents	532	571	552	602	611	547	380	3,795
Ratio* (%)	13.2	12.4	12.7	12.6	12.6	13.0	15.0	13.0

*Casualties-to-accidents ratio

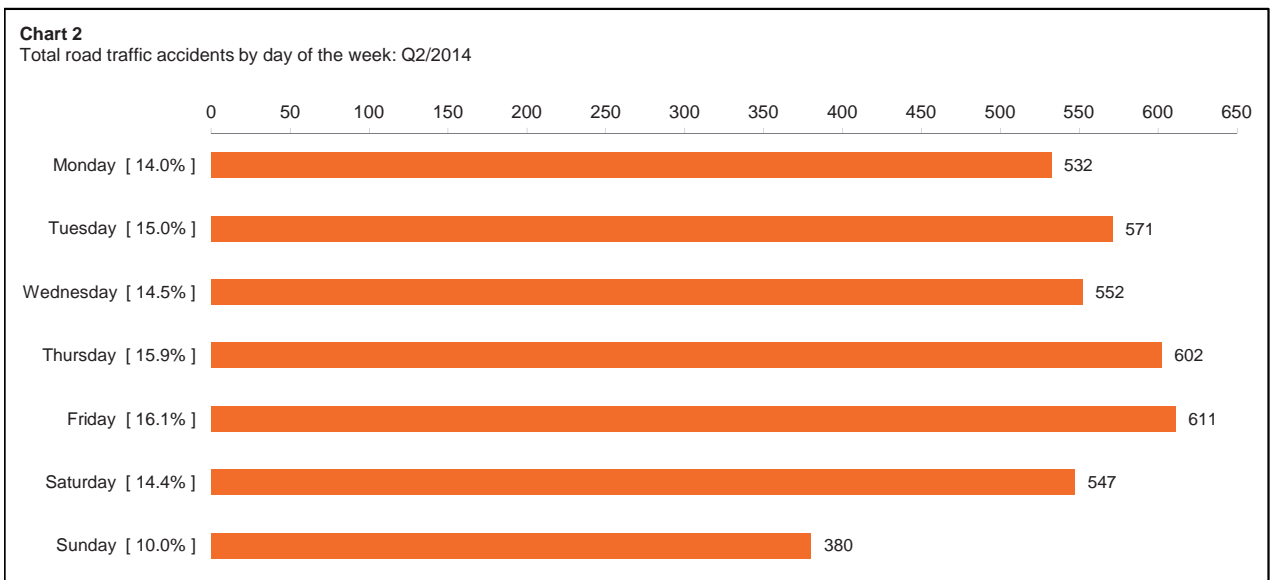
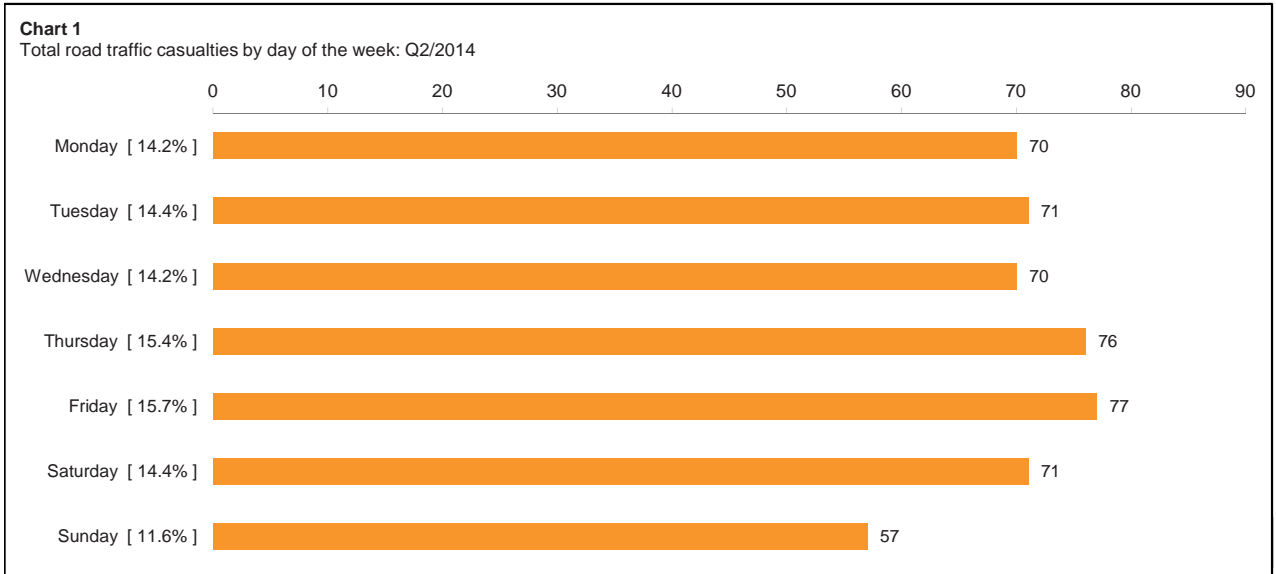


Table 10. Road traffic accidents by day and time of day

Q2/2014								
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Total	532	571	552	602	611	547	380	3,795
00:00 - 02:59	12	4	6	20	6	24	27	99
03:00 - 05:59	8	3	1	9	3	40	29	93
06:00 - 08:59	91	88	88	101	92	69	38	567
09:00 - 11:59	126	110	128	129	106	132	67	798
12:00 - 14:59	103	115	122	115	143	111	57	766
15:00 - 17:59	115	135	125	117	149	90	67	798
18:00 - 20:59	60	99	63	87	83	59	55	506
21:00 - 23:59	17	17	19	24	29	22	40	168

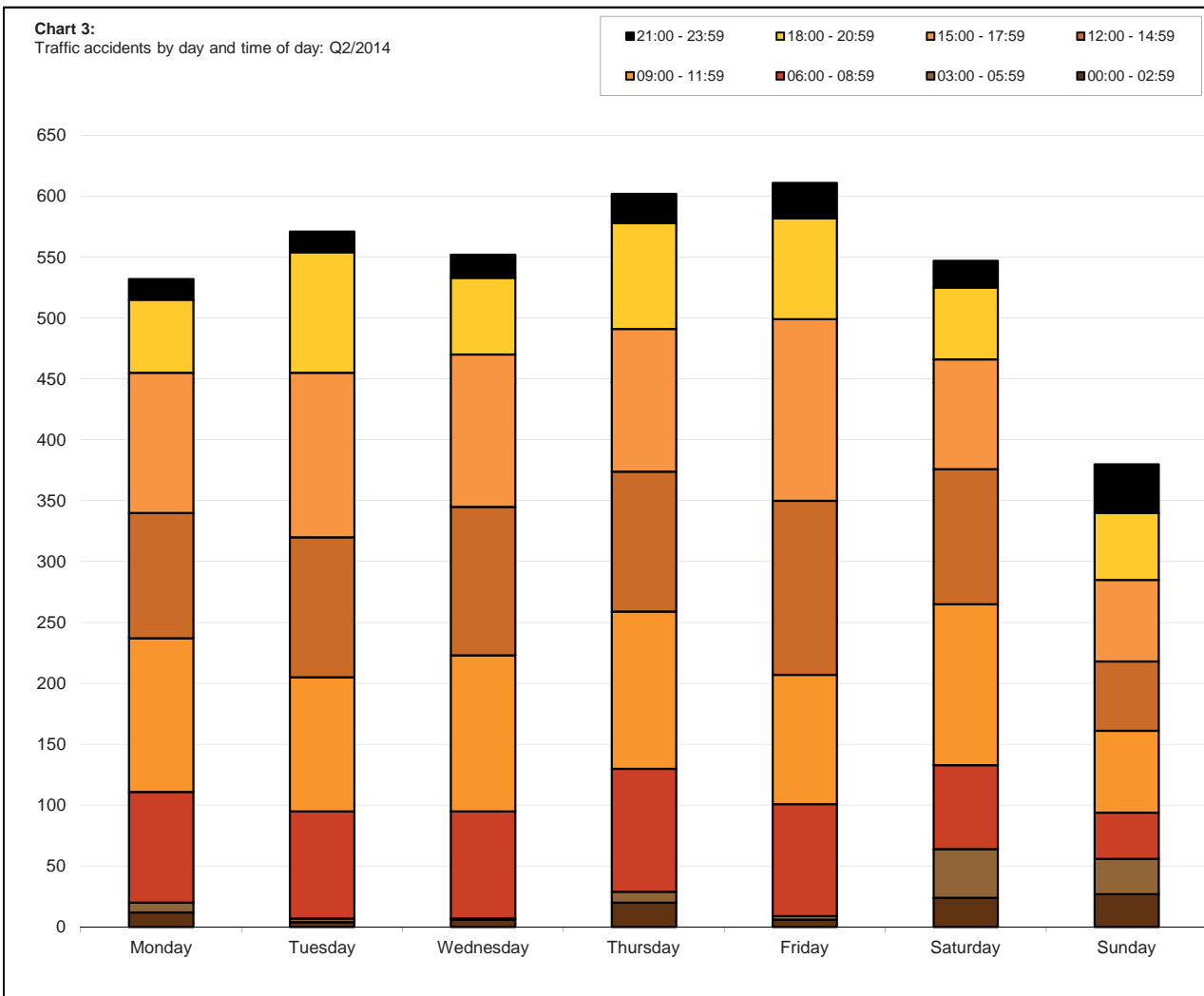


Table 11. Road traffic accidents by locality ...

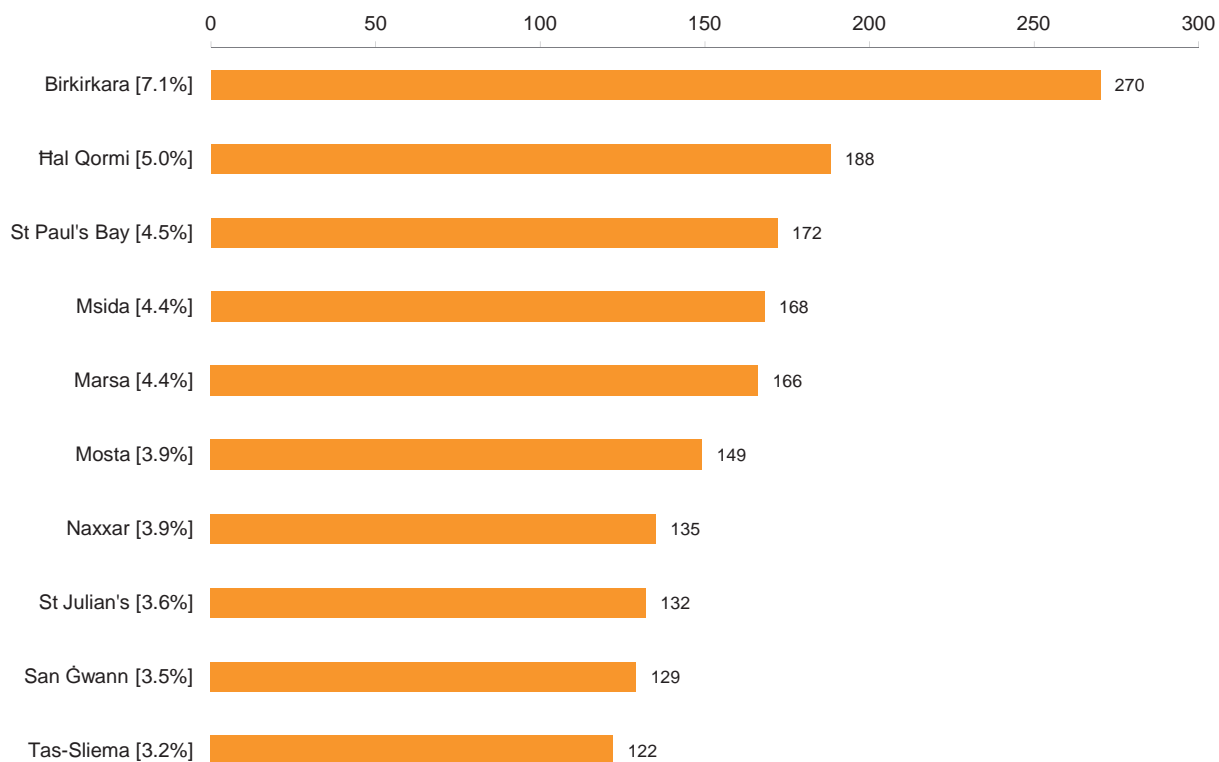
Locality	Jan-Jun		Q2		Absolute change
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
Southern Harbour	1,509	1,556	813	801	-12
Cospicua	59	50	28	19	-9
Fgura	149	136	79	77	-2
Floriana	97	113	47	60	13
Hal Luqa	162	169	93	86	-7
Hal Tarxien	114	147	54	72	18
Haż-Żabbar	165	193	79	108	29
Kalkara	12	17	8	11	3
Marsa	365	349	215	166	-49
Paola	220	227	120	118	-2
Santa Luċija	23	18	10	9	-1
Senglea	14	10	10	6	-4
Valletta	104	100	54	56	2
Vittoriosa	17	22	11	11	0
Xgħajra	8	5	5	2	-3
Northern Harbour	2,789	2,621	1,469	1,415	-54
Birkirkara	428	490	205	270	65
Gżira	239	198	132	105	-27
Hal Qormi	436	360	232	188	-44
Hamrun	182	144	97	81	-16
Msida	297	297	147	168	21
Pembroke	37	34	17	16	-1
San Ġwann	229	245	121	129	8
Santa Venera	169	130	90	68	-22
St Julian's	240	245	129	132	3
Swieqi	156	108	103	61	-42
Ta' Xbiex	42	30	20	14	-6
Tal-Pietà	106	115	45	61	16
Tas-Sliema	228	225	131	122	-9
South Eastern	658	675	337	373	36
Birżebbuġa	97	76	47	43	-4
Gudja	88	91	39	43	4
Hal Għaxaq	44	53	25	30	5
Hal Kirkop	23	37	8	18	10
Hal Safi	13	20	7	12	5
Marsaskala	92	98	48	52	4
Marsaxlokk	46	28	27	12	-15
Mqabba	30	36	20	19	-1
Qrendi	15	15	7	7	0
Żejtun	155	150	83	90	7
Żurrieq	55	71	26	47	21
Western	850	843	425	449	24
Had-Dingli	22	19	11	11	0
Hal Balzan	63	70	25	43	18
Hal Lija	91	98	46	48	2
H'Attard	191	206	98	105	7
Haż-Żebbuġ	155	137	79	73	-6
Iklin	53	33	24	16	-8
Mdina	27	15	20	10	-10
Mtarfa	14	14	10	8	-2
Rabat	176	186	80	97	17
Siġġiewi	58	65	32	38	6
Northern	1,048	1,027	553	577	24
Hal Għarghur	32	28	19	18	-1
Mellieħa	155	132	83	67	-16
Mġarr	58	60	30	36	6
Mosta	292	297	144	149	5
Naxxar	247	211	128	135	7
St Paul's Bay	264	299	149	172	23

... Table 11. Road traffic accidents by locality

Locality	Jan-Jun		Q2		Absolute change
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
Gozo and Comino	293	317	149	180	31
Fontana	5	9	5	5	0
Għajnsielem	31	33	21	14	-7
Għarb	9	8	5	3	-2
Għasri	3	3	2	1	-1
Munxar	13	3	8	1	-7
Nadur	23	22	9	8	-1
Qala	8	9	4	8	4
San Lawrenz	4	4	3	4	1
Ta' Kerċem	2	2	1	1	0
Ta' Sannat	9	8	2	4	2
Victoria	89	122	45	76	31
Xagħra	24	23	13	11	-2
Xewkija	54	47	24	29	5
Żebbuġ	19	24	7	15	8

Chart 4

Top 10 localities for traffic accidents: Q2/2014



Methodological Notes

1. Traffic accident data are compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department, the Guard and Warden Services Limited and the Malta Insurance Association.
2. The type of casualty (slight or grievous) is determined by the Health Department. The definitions of deaths caused by road accidents refer to the European Conference for Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).
3. UNECE definition of fatal injury: "Any person who was killed outright or who died within 30 days as a result of the accident".
4. Minor traffic accidents refer to accidents in which no persons are injured and which are assessed by the police and by the traffic wardens.
5. Minor traffic accidents which are not reported or those reported to Insurance Agencies by means of the Traffic Accident Form (i.e. no Police or Wardens are called on the accident scene and those involved in the accident decide to settle by filling in the form) are not accounted for.
6. Data may be subject to revision.