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The number of claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work during the second quarter decreased by 4.5 per cent when compared to the corresponding period in 2013.

## Accidents at Work: Q2/2014

### Non-Fatal Accidents

Records show that 820 persons had a non-fatal accident at work in the second quarter this year. Accordingly, the number of accidents decreased by 39 (4.5 per cent) over the corresponding period last year (Table 1).

The largest share of non-fatal accidents were registered in the manufacturing sector (22.8 per cent). Other economic sectors where accidents were quite common included construction (16.8 per cent), Accommodation and food services (10.7 per cent) and Transportation and storage (10.5 per cent) (Table 2). The largest share of accidents involved persons in elementary occupations and those working in crafts and related trades (Table 3).

More than a quarter of non-fatal accidents at work concerned persons aged between 25 and 34 (Table 4).

Wounds and superficial injuries, and dislocations, strains and sprains were the most common types, of non-fatal accidents, amounting to 474 and 193 cases respectively. When compared to the corresponding period last year, wounds and superficial injuries increased by 15 per cent, while dislocations, strains and sprains declined by 3 per cent. Nearly half the non-fatal injuries at work affected the upper parts of the body, such as the fingers and hands (Table 6).

### Fatal Accidents

Between April and June, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) did not report any fatal accidents at work. Two fatalities at work were reported during the same period last year ■

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

Sex	April-June 2013 (revised)		April-June 2014	
	No	%	No	%
Men	713	83.0	676	82.4
Women	146	17.0	144	17.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</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)	April-June 2013 (Revised)						April-June 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining and quarrying	5	0.7	-	-	5	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	176	24.7	14	9.6	190	22.1	174	25.7	13	9.0	187	22.8
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	15	2.1	1	0.7	16	1.9	22	3.3	-	-	22	2.7
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	22	3.1	1	0.7	23	2.7	13	1.9	1	0.7	14	1.7
Construction	111	15.6	3	2.1	114	13.3	138	20.4	-	-	138	16.8
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	96	13.5	19	13.0	115	13.4	62	9.2	9	6.3	71	8.7
Transportation and storage	78	10.9	13	8.9	91	10.6	76	11.2	10	6.9	86	10.5
Accommodation and food service activities	60	8.4	29	19.9	89	10.4	61	9.0	27	18.8	88	10.7
Information and communication	5	0.7	-	-	5	0.6	5	0.7	1	0.7	6	0.7
Financial and insurance activities							1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Real estate activities	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11	1.5	3	2.1	14	1.6	19	2.8	1	0.7	20	2.4
Administrative and support service activities	32	4.5	11	7.5	43	5.0	35	5.2	25	17.4	60	7.3
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	52	7.3	5	3.4	57	6.6	51	7.5	19	13.2	70	8.5
Education	3	0.4	10	6.8	13	1.5	1	0.1	12	8.3	13	1.6
Human health and social work activities	31	4.3	31	21.2	62	7.2	3	0.4	21	14.6	24	2.9
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4	0.6	2	1.4	6	0.7	3	0.4	2	1.4	5	0.6
Other service activities	7	1.0	3	2.1	10	1.2	2	0.3	1	0.7	3	0.4
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	1	0.7	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	8	1.2	2	1.4	10	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Occupations (ISCO-08)	April-June 2013 (Revised)						April-June 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	11	1.5	1	0.7	12	1.4	11	1.6	-	-	11	1.3
Managers	13	1.8	1	0.7	14	1.6	8	1.2	2	1.4	10	1.2
Professionals	23	3.2	23	15.8	46	5.4	19	2.8	23	16.0	42	5.1
Technicians and associate professionals	81	11.4	12	8.2	93	10.8	75	11.1	5	3.5	80	9.8
Clerical support workers	27	3.8	12	8.2	39	4.5	28	4.1	13	9.0	41	5.0
Service and sales workers	73	10.2	51	34.9	124	14.4	49	7.2	52	36.1	101	12.3
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	5	0.7	-	-	5	0.6	9	1.3	-	-	9	1.1
Craft and related trades workers	185	25.9	7	4.8	192	22.4	198	29.3	3	2.1	201	24.5
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	115	16.1	9	6.2	124	14.4	88	13.0	9	6.3	97	11.8
Elementary occupations	180	25.2	30	20.5	210	24.4	191	28.3	37	25.7	228	27.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Age-group	April-June 2013 (Revised)						April-June 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	99	13.9	44	30.1	143	16.6	70	10.4	36	25.0	106	12.9
25-34	191	26.8	34	23.3	225	26.2	177	26.2	42	29.2	219	26.7
35-44	170	23.8	20	13.7	190	22.1	174	25.7	21	14.6	195	23.8
45-54	142	19.9	25	17.1	167	19.4	150	22.2	28	19.4	178	21.7
55+	111	15.6	23	15.8	134	15.6	105	15.5	17	11.8	122	14.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Part of body	April-June 2013 (Revised)						April-June 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	59	8.3	11	7.5	70	8.1	76	11.2	12	8.3	88	10.7
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	20	2.8	4	2.7	24	2.8	19	2.8	4	2.8	23	2.8
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	57	8.0	11	7.5	68	7.9	45	6.7	13	9.0	58	7.1
Torso and organs	35	4.9	8	5.5	43	5.0	22	3.3	8	5.6	30	3.7
Upper extremities	330	46.3	66	45.2	396	46.1	308	45.6	66	45.8	374	45.6
Lower extremities	152	21.3	36	24.7	188	21.9	193	28.6	35	24.3	228	27.8
Wholebody and multiple sites	47	6.6	7	4.8	54	6.3	5	0.7	1	0.7	6	0.7
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.7	2	0.2
Not specified	12	1.7	3	2.1	15	1.7	7	1.0	4	2.8	11	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Type of Injury	April-June 2013 (Revised)						April-June 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	349	48.9	63	43.2	412	48.0	399	59.0	75	52.1	474	57.8
Bone fractures	73	10.2	11	7.5	84	9.8	64	9.5	15	10.4	79	9.6
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	160	22.4	39	26.7	199	23.2	153	22.6	40	27.8	193	23.5
Traumatic amputations	3	0.4	-	-	3	0.3	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Concussions and internal injuries	6	0.8	3	2.1	9	1.0	4	0.6	2	1.4	6	0.7
Burns, scalds and frostbites	32	4.5	5	3.4	37	4.3	35	5.2	6	4.2	41	5.0
Poisonings and infections	3	0.4	1	0.7	4	0.5	4	0.6	1	0.7	5	0.6
Drowning and asphyxiations	5	0.7	3	2.1	8	0.9	4	0.6	3	2.1	7	0.9
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Shock	2	0.3	1	0.7	3	0.3	2	0.3	1	0.7	3	0.4
Multiple injuries	17	2.4	4	2.7	21	2.4	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Not specified	62	8.7	16	11.0	78	9.1	6	0.9	1	0.7	7	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

District	April-June 2013 (Revised)						April-June 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	258	36.2	55	37.7	313	36.4	203	30.0	43	29.9	246	30.0
South Eastern	185	25.9	42	28.8	227	26.4	216	32.0	46	31.9	262	32.0
Northern Harbour	99	13.9	19	13.0	118	13.7	90	13.3	22	15.3	112	13.7
Western	74	10.4	17	11.6	91	10.6	62	9.2	17	11.8	79	9.6
Northern	89	12.5	13	8.9	102	11.9	95	14.1	13	9.0	108	13.2
Gozo and Comino	8	1.1	-	-	8	0.9	10	1.5	3	2.1	13	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 8. Non-fatal accidents at work by size of enterprise**

Employment Size	April-June 2013 (Revised)						April-June 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	39	5.5	-	-	39	4.5	38	5.6	-	-	38	4.6
1-9 employees	73	10.2	5	3.4	78	9.1	64	9.5	6	4.2	70	8.5
10-49 employees	114	16.0	8	5.5	122	14.2	129	19.1	9	6.3	138	16.8
50-249 employees	199	27.9	47	32.2	246	28.6	181	26.8	44	30.6	225	27.4
250-499 employees	98	13.7	26	17.8	124	14.4	67	9.9	26	18.1	93	11.3
500 employees or more	187	26.2	60	41.1	247	28.8	189	28.0	59	41.0	248	30.2
Not specified	3	0.4	-	-	3	0.3	8	1.2	-	-	8	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 9. Non-fatal accidents at work by employment status of victim**

Employment Status	April-June 2013 (Revised)						April-June 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	51	7.2	1	0.7	52	6.1	62	9.2	-	-	62	7.6
Full-time employees	629	88.2	118	80.8	747	87.0	591	87.4	115	79.9	706	86.1
Part-time employees	33	4.6	27	18.5	60	7.0	23	3.4	29	20.1	52	6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## **Methodological Notes**

1. The source of the data on non-fatal accidents at work is the Department of Social Security.
2. The source of the data on fatal accidents at work is the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA).
3. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually in the first and subsequent quarters of the following year.
4. 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.