

Claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the third quarter decreased by 66, or 7.4 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2013. Three fatalities at work were reported.

## Accidents at Work: Q3/2014

### Non-Fatal Accidents

Administrative records indicate that 827 persons suffered a non-fatal accident at work during the third quarter this year. Manufacturing was the economic activity in which most accidents at work took place, with a share of 17.0 per cent of the total. Other economic sectors where accidents were quite common included Construction (16.3 per cent) and Transportation and Storage (13.1 per cent) (Table 2).

When compared to last year, the number of non-fatal accidents went down by 61 in Manufacturing and by 20 in Accommodation and food service activities. On the other hand, increases were registered in Public Administration and Defence; compulsory social security (34). The largest share of non-fatal accidents at work during the quarter under review involved persons in elementary occupations and those working in crafts and related trades (Table 3).

Wounds and superficial injuries, were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 514 cases. Over the corresponding period last year, wounds and superficial injuries increased by 13.5 per cent (Table 6). The majority of non-fatal accidents at work, 44.9 per cent, involved injuries which affected the upper parts of the body of the victim, such as the fingers and hands (Table 5).

In the quarter under review, the majority of non-fatal accidents at work took place in enterprises employing 500 or more workers.

### Fatal Accidents

Between July and September, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported 3 fatal accidents at work ■

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

Sex	July-September 2013 (Revised)		July-September 2014	
	No	%	No	%
Men	755	84.5	701	84.8
Women	138	15.5	126	15.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Economic Activity (NACE Rev. 2)	July-September 2013 (Revised)						July-September 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	9	1.2	-	-	9	1.0	7	1.0	-	-	7	0.8
Mining and quarrying	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	190	25.2	12	8.7	202	22.6	129	18.4	12	9.5	141	17.0
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	23	3.0	1	0.7	24	2.7	17	2.4	2	1.6	19	2.3
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	17	2.3	-	-	17	1.9	25	3.6	1	0.8	26	3.1
Construction	138	18.3	-	-	138	15.5	120	17.1	15	11.9	135	16.3
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	80	10.6	18	13.0	98	11.0	72	10.3	14	11.1	86	10.4
Transportation and storage	95	12.6	10	7.2	105	11.8	96	13.7	12	9.5	108	13.1
Accommodation and food service activities	72	9.5	27	19.6	99	11.1	61	8.7	18	14.3	79	9.6
Information and communication	9	1.2	1	0.7	10	1.1	10	1.4	-	-	10	1.2
Financial and insurance activities	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2
Real estate activities	4	0.5	1	0.7	5	0.6	5	0.7	-	-	5	0.6
Professional, scientific and technical activities	18	2.4	3	2.2	21	2.4	15	2.1	4	3.2	19	2.3
Administrative and support service activities	38	5.0	12	8.7	50	5.6	37	5.3	13	10.3	50	6.0
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	44	5.8	23	16.7	67	7.5	79	11.3	22	17.5	101	12.2
Education	2	0.3	5	3.6	7	0.8	12	1.7	2	1.6	14	1.7
Human health and social work activities	3	0.4	21	15.2	24	2.7	7	1.0	9	7.1	16	1.9
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3	0.4	2	1.4	5	0.6	6	0.9	-	-	6	0.7
Other service activities	4	0.5	-	-	4	0.4	1	0.1	2	1.6	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	0.1	1	0.7	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	1	0.1	1	0.7	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Occupations (ISCO-08)	July-September 2013 (Revised)						July-September 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	6	0.8	1	0.7	7	0.8	5	0.7	1	0.8	6	0.7
Managers	12	1.6	4	2.9	16	1.8	4	0.6	1	0.8	5	0.6
Professionals	12	1.6	24	17.4	36	4.0	17	2.4	25	19.8	42	5.1
Technicians and associate professionals	94	12.5	12	8.7	106	11.9	80	11.4	12	9.5	92	11.1
Clerical support workers	17	2.3	10	7.2	27	3.0	30	4.3	10	7.9	40	4.8
Service and sales workers	71	9.4	45	32.6	116	13.0	44	6.3	34	27.0	78	9.4
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	16	2.1	-	-	16	1.8	13	1.9	-	-	13	1.6
Craft and related trades workers	209	27.7	5	3.6	214	24.0	175	25.0	2	1.6	177	21.4
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	85	11.3	5	3.6	90	10.1	127	18.1	7	5.6	134	16.2
Elementary occupations	233	30.9	32	23.2	265	29.7	206	29.4	34	27.0	240	29.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Age group	July-September 2013 (Revised)						July-September 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	117	15.5	38	27.5	155	17.4	106	15.1	36	28.6	142	17.2
25-34	196	26.0	37	26.8	233	26.1	170	24.3	29	23.0	199	24.1
35-44	184	24.4	27	19.6	211	23.6	187	26.7	22	17.5	209	25.3
45-54	170	22.5	17	12.3	187	20.9	153	21.8	21	16.7	174	21.0
55+	88	11.7	19	13.8	107	12.0	85	12.1	18	14.3	103	12.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 5. Non-fatal accidents at work by part of body injured and by sex of victim

Part of body	July-September 2013 (Revised)						July-September 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	70	9.3	13	9.4	83	9.3	83	11.8	8	6.3	91	11.0
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	13	1.7	4	2.9	17	1.9	23	3.3	4	3.2	27	3.3
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	57	7.5	8	5.8	65	7.3	62	8.8	8	6.3	70	8.5
Torso and organs	18	2.4	7	5.1	25	2.8	24	3.4	5	4.0	29	3.5
Upper extremities	335	44.4	65	47.1	400	44.8	301	42.9	70	55.6	371	44.9
Lower extremities	193	25.6	27	19.6	220	24.6	186	26.5	27	21.4	213	25.8
Whole body and multiple sites	46	6.1	14	10.1	60	6.7	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Not specified	22	2.9	-	-	22	2.5	20	2.9	4	3.2	24	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Type of Injury	July-September 2013 (Revised)						July-September 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	385	51.0	68	49.3	453	50.7	435	62.1	79	62.7	514	62.2
Bone fractures	75	9.9	9	6.5	84	9.4	72	10.3	13	10.3	85	10.3
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	173	22.9	24	17.4	197	22.1	151	21.5	25	19.8	176	21.3
Traumatic amputations	-	-	2	1.4	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concussions and internal injuries	11	1.5	1	0.7	12	1.3	11	1.6	1	0.8	12	1.5
Burns, scalds and frostbites	25	3.3	14	10.1	39	4.4	28	4.0	5	4.0	33	4.0
Poisonings and infections	3	0.4	-	-	3	0.3	2	0.3	2	1.6	4	0.5
Drowning and asphyxiations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shock	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.8	2	0.2
Multiple injuries	15	2.0	4	2.9	19	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	67	8.9	16	11.6	83	9.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

District	July-September 2013 (Revised)						July-September 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	255	33.8	43	31.2	298	33.4	202	28.8	44	34.9	246	29.7
Northern Harbour	216	28.6	50	36.2	266	29.8	232	33.1	40	31.7	272	32.9
South Eastern	110	14.6	17	12.3	127	14.2	67	9.6	10	7.9	77	9.3
Western	59	7.8	13	9.4	72	8.1	81	11.6	12	9.5	93	11.2
Northern	102	13.5	14	10.1	116	13.0	101	14.4	20	15.9	121	14.6
Gozo and Comino	13	1.7	1	0.7	14	1.6	18	2.6	-	-	18	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Employment Size	July-September 2013 (Revised)						July-September 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	48	6.4	-	-	48	5.4	50	7.1	-	-	50	6.0
1-9 employees	66	8.7	5	3.6	71	8.0	70	10.0	3	2.4	73	8.8
10-49 employees	145	19.2	11	8.0	156	17.5	141	20.1	11	8.7	152	18.4
50-249 employees	202	26.8	36	26.1	238	26.7	183	26.1	32	25.4	215	26.0
250-499 employees	94	12.5	26	18.8	120	13.4	79	11.3	19	15.1	98	11.9
500 employees or more	195	25.8	59	42.8	254	28.4	177	25.2	59	46.8	236	28.5
Not specified	5	0.7	1	0.7	6	0.7	1	0.1	2	1.6	3	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Employment Status	July-September 2013 (Revised)						July-September 2014					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	61	8.1	-	-	61	6.8	63	9.0	-	-	63	7.6
Full-time employees	661	87.5	111	80.4	772	86.5	601	85.7	102	81.0	703	85.0
Part-time employees	33	4.4	27	19.6	60	6.7	37	5.3	24	19.0	61	7.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</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 previous years' data are carried out annually in the first and subsequent quarters of the following year.
4. 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.