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Claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the fourth quarter of last year decreased by 29, or 3.7 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2013. No fatalities at work were reported.

Accidents at Work: Q4/2014

Non-Fatal Accidents

Records show that 752 persons had a non-fatal accident at work during the fourth quarter of 2014 (Table 1). Manufacturing was the most economic activity in which accidents at work took place (21.1 per cent) of total accidents for the last quarter. Other economic sectors where accidents were quite common included Construction (15.4 per cent) and Transport and Storage (13.2 per cent) (Table 2).

When comparing with the same period of 2013, accidents went down by 26 Public Administration and Defense but on the other hand they increased by 29 in Human Health and Social Work activities. The largest portion of accidents at work during the quarter under review involved persons in elementary occupations followed by those working in crafts and related trades (Table 3).

The injuries at work which affected the upper parts of the body, such as the fingers and hands, contributed to 46.5 per cent of the total cases (Table 5). Wounds and superficial injuries, followed by dislocations, sprains and strains were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 447 and 164 cases respectively. Over the corresponding period of 2013, wounds and superficial injuries increased by 33.0 per cent and dislocations, sprains and strains decreased by 15 per cent (Table 6).

In the quarter under review, the majority of accidents at work took place in enterprises with more than 500 employees (Table 7).

Fatal Accidents

Between October and December, no fatalities at work were reported ■

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

Sex	October-December 2013 (Revised)		October-December 2014	
	No	%	No	%
Males	638	81.7	617	82.0
Females	143	18.3	135	18.0
Total	781	100.0	752	100.0

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

Economic activity	October-December 2013 (Revised)						October-December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	6	0.9	-	-	6	0.8	5	0.8	-	-	5	0.7
Mining and quarrying	-	-	1	0.7	1	0.1	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4
Manufacturing	158	24.8	17	11.9	175	22.4	151	24.5	8	5.9	159	21.1
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	18	2.8	-	-	18	2.3	12	1.9	1	0.7	13	1.7
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	18	2.8	1	0.7	19	2.4	12	1.9	-	-	12	1.6
Construction	105	16.5	-	-	105	13.4	115	18.6	1	0.7	116	15.4
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	57	8.9	12	8.4	69	8.8	67	10.9	9	6.7	76	10.1
Transportation and storage	77	12.1	6	4.2	83	10.6	88	14.3	11	8.1	99	13.2
Accommodation and food service activities	55	8.6	20	14.0	75	9.6	54	8.8	17	12.6	71	9.4
Information and communication	6	0.9	1	0.7	7	0.9	4	0.6	-	-	4	0.5
Financial and insurance activities	1	0.2	1	0.7	2	0.3	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3
Real estate activities	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4
Professional, scientific and technical activities	21	3.3	4	2.8	25	3.2	19	3.1	1	0.7	20	2.7
Administrative and support service activities	53	8.3	12	8.4	65	8.3	25	4.1	18	13.3	43	5.7
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	41	6.4	18	12.6	59	7.6	25	4.1	8	5.9	33	4.4
Education	3	0.5	20	14.0	23	2.9	4	0.6	17	12.6	21	2.8
Human health and social work activities	7	1.1	22	15.4	29	3.7	16	2.6	42	31.1	58	7.7
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3	0.5	4	2.8	7	0.9	1	0.2	1	0.7	2	0.3
Other service activities	5	0.8	3	2.1	8	1.0	7	1.1	1	0.7	8	1.1
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	2	0.3	1	0.7	3	0.4	4	0.6	-	-	4	0.5
Total	638	100.0	143	100.0	781	100.0	617	100.0	135	100.0	752	100.0

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

Occupation	October-December 2013 (Revised)						October-December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3	6	1.0	-	-	6	0.8
Managers	10	1.6	-	-	10	1.3	7	1.1	1	0.7	8	1.1
Professionals	18	2.8	25	17.5	43	5.5	11	1.8	34	25.2	45	6.0
Technicians and associate professionals	74	11.6	10	7.0	84	10.8	68	11.0	7	5.2	75	10.0
Clerical support workers	21	3.3	11	7.7	32	4.1	27	4.4	11	8.1	38	5.1
Service and sales workers	57	8.9	59	41.3	116	14.9	49	7.9	50	37.0	99	13.2
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	14	2.2	-	-	14	1.8	8	1.3	-	-	8	1.1
Craft and related trades workers	189	29.6	4	2.8	193	24.7	183	29.7	1	0.7	184	24.5
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	88	13.8	9	6.3	97	12.4	85	13.8	9	6.7	94	12.5
Elementary occupations	165	25.9	25	17.5	190	24.3	173	28.0	22	16.3	195	25.9
Total	638	100.0	143	100.0	781	100.0	617	100.0	135	100.0	752	100.0

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

Age-group	October-December 2013 (Revised)						October-December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	108	16.9	23	16.1	131	16.8	78	12.6	30	22.2	108	14.4
25-34	172	27.0	39	27.3	211	27.0	153	24.8	35	25.9	188	25.0
35-44	139	21.8	22	15.4	161	20.6	164	26.6	27	20.0	191	25.4
45-54	137	21.5	39	27.3	176	22.5	135	21.9	27	20.0	162	21.5
55+	82	12.9	20	14.0	102	13.1	87	14.1	16	11.9	103	13.7
Total	638	100.0	143	100.0	781	100.0	617	100.0	135	100.0	752	100.0

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

Part of body	October-December 2013 (Revised)						October-December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	67	10.5	13	9.1	80	10.2	66	10.7	15	11.1	81	10.8
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	17	2.7	2	1.4	19	2.4	22	3.6	6	4.4	28	3.7
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	44	6.9	6	4.2	50	6.4	50	8.1	10	7.4	60	8.0
Torso and organs	25	3.9	9	6.3	34	4.4	26	4.2	8	5.9	34	4.5
Upper extremities	284	44.5	59	41.3	343	43.9	281	45.5	69	51.1	350	46.5
Lower extremities	137	21.5	34	23.8	171	21.9	162	26.3	26	19.3	188	25.0
Whole body and multiple sites	49	7.7	17	11.9	66	8.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	14	2.2	3	2.1	17	2.2	10	1.6	1	0.7	11	1.5
Total	638	100.0	143	100.0	781	100.0	617	100.0	135	100.0	752	100.0

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

Type of injury	October-December 2013 (Revised)						October-December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	279	43.7	57	39.9	336	43.0	377	61.1	70	51.9	447	59.4
Bone fractures	70	11.0	15	10.5	85	10.9	82	13.3	19	14.1	101	13.4
Dislocations, sprains and strains	157	24.6	36	25.2	193	24.7	129	20.9	35	25.9	164	21.8
Traumatic amputations	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Concussions and internal injuries	12	1.9	2	1.4	14	1.8	6	1.0	4	3.0	10	1.3
Burns, scalds and frostbites	28	4.4	10	7.0	38	4.9	16	2.6	5	3.7	21	2.8
Poisonings and infections	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.7	1	0.1
Drowning and asphyxiations	3	0.5	1	0.7	4	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of sound and vibration	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	-	-	1	0.7	1	0.1	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Shock	1	0.2	1	0.7	2	0.3	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3
Multiple injuries	18	2.8	3	2.1	21	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	67	10.5	17	11.9	84	10.8	4	0.6	1	0.7	5	0.7
Total	638	100.0	143	100.0	781	100.0	617	100.0	135	100.0	752	100.0

Table 7. Non-fatal accidents at work by period, sex of victim and size of enterprise

Employment size	October-December 2013 (Revised)						October-December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	29	4.5	5	3.5	34	4.4	26	4.2	3	2.2	29	3.9
1-9 employees	75	11.8	2	1.4	77	9.9	54	8.8	2	1.5	56	7.4
10-49 employees	86	13.5	15	10.5	101	12.9	125	20.3	10	7.4	135	18.0
50-249 employees	179	28.1	38	26.6	217	27.8	181	29.3	33	24.4	214	28.5
250-499 employees	96	15.0	27	18.9	123	15.7	67	10.9	19	14.1	86	11.4
500 employees or more	169	26.5	53	37.1	222	28.4	162	26.3	68	50.4	230	30.6
Not specified	4	0.6	3	2.1	7	0.9	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3
Total	638	100.0	143	100.0	781	100.0	617	100.0	135	100.0	752	100.0

Table 8. Non-fatal accidents at work by period, sex of victim and employment status

Employment status	October-December 2013 (Revised)						October-December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	48	7.5	5	3.5	53	6.8	34	5.5	3	2.2	37	4.9
Full-time employees	562	88.1	121	84.6	683	87.5	553	89.6	109	80.7	662	88.0
Part-time employees	28	4.4	17	11.9	45	5.8	30	4.9	23	17.0	53	7.0
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Methodological Notes

1. Data on non-fatal accidents at work is provided by the Department of Social Security, while information on fatal accidents at work is provided by the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA).
2. 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 and on whether the claim will ultimately result in the payment of an injury benefit.
3. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually in the first and subsequent quarters of the following year.
4. Classifications:
 - economic activity is coded according to NACE Rev. 2.
 - occupation is coded according to ISCO 08.
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