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Claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the first quarter of 2015 decreased by 44, or 6.2 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2014. One fatal accident at work was reported.

## Accidents at Work: Q1/2015

### Non-fatal accidents

Administrative records show that 670 persons were involved in a non-fatal accident at work in the first quarter this year.

The majority of non-fatal accidents at work occurred in the manufacturing sector (19.0 per cent), followed by construction (17.2 per cent) and transportation and storage (13.9 per cent). When compared to the same quarter last year, the number of accidents went down by 40 in manufacturing and increased by 23 in human health and social work activities (Table 1). The largest share of accidents at work during the reference quarter involved persons working in craft and related trades (24.9 per cent) followed by those in elementary occupations (24.5 per cent) (Table 2).

Wounds and superficial injuries were the most common, with 422 cases, while dislocations, strains and sprains amounted to 134 cases. Nearly half of injuries at work affected the upper extremities of the body, such as fingers and hands (Tables 4 and 5).

In the first quarter, nearly a third of accidents at work took place in enterprises employing 500 or more employees (32.4 per cent) (Table 7).

### Fatal accidents

Between January and March 2015, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported one fatal accident at work, similar to the corresponding period in 2014 ■

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Table 1. Non-fatal accidents at work by period, sex of victim and economic activity of enterprise

Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)	January-December 2014 (revised)						January-March 2014 (revised)						January-March 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	13	0.5	-	-	13	0.4	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3	5	0.9	-	-	5	0.7
Mining and quarrying	7	0.3	1	0.2	8	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0.7	-	-	4	0.6
Manufacturing	677	25.6	45	8.2	722	22.6	153	25.9	14	11.4	167	23.4	116	21.0	11	9.3	127	19.0
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	58	2.2	1	0.2	59	1.8	9	1.5	-	-	9	1.3	10	1.8	-	-	10	1.5
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	50	1.9	1	0.2	51	1.6	10	1.7	-	-	10	1.4	21	3.8	-	-	21	3.1
Construction	515	19.4	4	0.7	519	16.2	111	18.8	1	0.8	112	15.7	115	20.8	-	-	115	17.2
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	267	10.1	50	9.2	317	9.9	58	9.8	12	9.8	70	9.8	46	8.3	10	8.5	56	8.4
Transportation and storage	364	13.7	48	8.8	412	12.9	83	14.0	16	13.0	99	13.9	82	14.9	11	9.3	93	13.9
Accommodation and food service activities	223	8.4	97	17.8	320	10.0	41	6.9	19	15.4	60	8.4	49	8.9	15	12.7	64	9.6
Information and communication	19	0.7	2	0.4	21	0.7	6	1.0	-	-	6	0.8	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4
Financial and insurance activities	4	0.2	4	0.7	8	0.3	-	-	2	1.6	2	0.3	5	0.9	2	1.7	7	1.0
Real estate activities	9	0.3	1	0.2	10	0.3	2	0.3	1	0.8	3	0.4	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	64	2.4	3	0.5	67	2.1	13	2.2	-	-	13	1.8	9	1.6	-	-	9	1.3
Administrative and support service activities	127	4.8	69	12.6	196	6.1	26	4.4	16	13.0	42	5.9	18	3.3	6	5.1	24	3.6
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	130	4.9	21	3.8	151	4.7	41	6.9	4	3.3	45	6.3	30	5.4	2	1.7	32	4.8
Education	15	0.6	40	7.3	55	1.7	7	1.2	9	7.3	16	2.2	5	0.9	13	11.0	18	2.7
Human health and social work activities	67	2.5	144	26.4	211	6.6	19	3.2	28	22.8	47	6.6	24	4.3	46	39.0	70	10.4
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12	0.5	5	0.9	17	0.5	3	0.5	1	0.8	4	0.6	4	0.7	1	0.8	5	0.7
Other service activities	17	0.6	4	0.7	21	0.7	4	0.7	-	-	4	0.6	1	0.2	1	0.8	2	0.3
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	1	0.2	1	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Not specified	11	0.4	5	0.9	16	0.5	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Occupation (ISCO-08)	January-December 2014 (revised)						January-March 2014 (revised)						January-March 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	30	1.1	1	0.2	31	1.0	8	1.4	-	-	8	1.1	6	1.1	-	-	6	0.9
Managers	27	1.0	6	1.1	33	1.0	7	1.2	2	1.6	9	1.3	10	1.8	4	3.4	14	2.1
Professionals	68	2.6	99	18.1	167	5.2	21	3.6	14	11.4	35	4.9	24	4.3	22	18.6	46	6.9
Technicians and associate professionals	290	10.9	31	5.7	321	10.0	52	8.8	4	3.3	56	7.8	68	12.3	3	2.5	71	10.6
Clerical support workers	113	4.3	52	9.5	165	5.2	22	3.7	17	13.8	39	5.5	28	5.1	11	9.3	39	5.8
Service and sales workers	202	7.6	186	34.1	388	12.1	54	9.1	42	34.1	96	13.4	52	9.4	45	38.1	97	14.5
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	38	1.4	-	-	38	1.2	8	1.4	-	-	8	1.1	5	0.9	-	-	5	0.7
Craft and related trades workers	738	27.9	10	1.8	748	23.4	169	28.6	4	3.3	173	24.2	165	29.9	2	1.7	167	24.9
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	391	14.8	34	6.2	425	13.3	86	14.6	9	7.3	95	13.3	56	10.1	5	4.2	61	9.1
Elementary occupations	752	28.4	127	23.3	879	27.5	164	27.7	31	25.2	195	27.3	138	25.0	26	22.0	164	24.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Age group	January-December 2014 (revised)						January-March 2014 (revised)						January-March 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	342	12.9	117	21.4	459	14.4	71	12.0	13	10.6	84	11.8	67	12.1	21	17.8	88	13.1
25-34	696	26.3	149	27.3	845	26.4	177	29.9	36	29.3	213	29.8	145	26.3	30	25.4	175	26.1
35-44	682	25.7	104	19.0	786	24.6	145	24.5	29	23.6	174	24.4	126	22.8	18	15.3	144	21.5
45-54	559	21.1	105	19.2	664	20.8	114	19.3	25	20.3	139	19.5	116	21.0	30	25.4	146	21.8
55 or more	370	14.0	71	13.0	441	13.8	84	14.2	20	16.3	104	14.6	98	17.8	19	16.1	117	17.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 4. Non-fatal accidents at work by period, sex of victim and part of body injured

Part of body	January-December 2014 (revised)						January-March 2014 (revised)						January-March 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	306	11.6	48	8.8	354	11.1	72	12.2	11	8.9	83	11.6	62	11.2	14	11.9	76	11.3
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	77	2.9	17	3.1	94	2.9	12	2.0	3	2.4	15	2.1	19	3.4	3	2.5	22	3.3
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	195	7.4	49	9.0	244	7.6	34	5.8	13	10.6	47	6.6	53	9.6	11	9.3	64	9.6
Torso and organs	98	3.7	26	4.8	124	3.9	22	3.7	5	4.1	27	3.8	22	4.0	4	3.4	26	3.9
Upper extremities	1,178	44.5	264	48.4	1,442	45.1	260	44.0	53	43.1	313	43.8	254	46.0	55	46.6	309	46.1
Lower extremities	695	26.2	116	21.2	811	25.4	138	23.4	23	18.7	161	22.5	137	24.8	27	22.9	164	24.5
Wholebody and multiple sites	49	1.8	15	2.7	64	2.0	42	7.1	14	11.4	56	7.8	-	-	2	1.7	2	0.3
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	4	0.2	1	0.2	5	0.2	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.2	1	0.8	2	0.3
Not specified	47	1.8	10	1.8	57	1.8	10	1.7	1	0.8	11	1.5	4	0.7	1	0.8	5	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 5. Non-fatal accidents at work by period, sex of victim and type of injury

Type of injury	January-December 2014 (revised)						January-March 2014 (revised)						January-March 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	1,518	57.3	294	53.8	1,812	56.7	266	45.0	60	48.8	326	45.7	355	64.3	67	56.8	422	63.0
Bone fractures	284	10.7	59	10.8	343	10.7	62	10.5	10	8.1	72	10.1	52	9.4	17	14.4	69	10.3
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	611	23.1	131	24.0	742	23.2	166	28.1	26	21.1	192	26.9	108	19.6	26	22.0	134	20.0
Traumatic amputations	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concussions and internal injuries	27	1.0	9	1.6	36	1.1	6	1.0	2	1.6	8	1.1	8	1.4	3	2.5	11	1.6
Burns, scalds and frostbite	99	3.7	20	3.7	119	3.7	17	2.9	4	3.3	21	2.9	23	4.2	4	3.4	27	4.0
Poisonings and infections	10	0.4	4	0.7	14	0.4	4	0.7	-	-	4	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drowning and asphyxiation	5	0.2	3	0.5	8	0.3	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shock	7	0.3	2	0.4	9	0.3	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4
Multiple injuries	19	0.7	4	0.7	23	0.7	17	2.9	3	2.4	20	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.4	1	0.8	3	0.4
Not specified	61	2.3	20	3.7	81	2.5	49	8.3	18	14.6	67	9.4	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

District	January-December 2014 (revised)						January-March 2014 (revised)						January-March 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	682	25.7	122	22.3	804	25.2	165	27.9	30	24.4	195	27.3	165	29.9	23	19.5	188	28.1
South Eastern	484	18.3	74	13.6	558	17.5	107	18.1	19	15.4	126	17.6	87	15.8	18	15.3	105	15.7
Northern Harbour	819	30.9	230	42.1	1,049	32.8	181	30.6	48	39.0	229	32.1	153	27.7	46	39.0	199	29.7
Western	256	9.7	60	11.0	316	9.9	49	8.3	12	9.8	61	8.5	55	10.0	22	18.6	77	11.5
Northern	360	13.6	49	9.0	409	12.8	79	13.4	11	8.9	90	12.6	79	14.3	8	6.8	87	13.0
Gozo and Comino	48	1.8	11	2.0	59	1.8	10	1.7	3	2.4	13	1.8	13	2.4	1	0.8	14	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Employment size	January-December 2014 (revised)						January-March 2014 (revised)						January-March 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	158	6.0	3	0.5	161	5.0	38	6.4	-	-	38	5.3	32	5.8	1	0.8	33	4.9
1-9 employees	242	9.1	13	2.4	255	8.0	47	8.0	2	1.6	49	6.9	57	10.3	5	4.2	62	9.3
10-49 employees	519	19.6	53	9.7	572	17.9	109	18.4	18	14.6	127	17.8	104	18.8	14	11.9	118	17.6
50-249 employees	719	27.1	138	25.3	857	26.8	158	26.7	23	18.7	181	25.4	138	25.0	24	20.3	162	24.2
250-499 employees	294	11.1	85	15.6	379	11.9	64	10.8	20	16.3	84	11.8	49	8.9	21	17.8	70	10.4
500 employees or more	711	26.8	251	46.0	962	30.1	173	29.3	60	48.8	233	32.6	165	29.9	52	44.1	217	32.4
Not specified	6	0.2	3	0.5	9	0.3	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3	7	1.3	1	0.8	8	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Employment status	January-December 2014 (revised)						January-March 2014 (revised)						January-March 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	208	7.9	3	0.5	211	6.6	47	8.0	-	-	47	6.6	47	8.5	2	1.7	49	7.3
Full-time employee	2,319	87.5	437	80.0	2,756	86.3	516	87.3	98	79.7	614	86.0	477	86.4	98	83.1	575	85.8
Part-time employee	122	4.6	106	19.4	228	7.1	28	4.7	25	20.3	53	7.4	28	5.1	18	15.3	46	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 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 includes 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.
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