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

## Traffic Accidents: Q2/2015

In the second quarter, the number of reported traffic accidents reached 3,910, or an increase of 3.0 per cent over the corresponding quarter last year. Increases were recorded in all districts except the South Eastern. The Northern Harbour district registered the majority of accidents, with 1,428, or 36.5 per cent of all accidents (Table 1).

In total, 458 traffic casualties were reported, of which 279 involved drivers. 227 injuries in this group were slight and another 49 were reported as grievous. The injuries suffered by three drivers were fatal. During this period, 32 other persons (eight passengers and 24 pedestrians) suffered grievous injuries, while 145 (95 passengers and 50 pedestrians) were slightly injured. Furthermore, one passenger and one pedestrian suffered fatal injuries (Tables 3-6).

On a gender basis, slightly-injured persons in the second quarter numbered 372: 212 males and 160 females. Grievously-injured persons totalled 81, the majority being males. The five fatalities comprised four males and one female. The majority of casualties fell in the 26-40 age bracket (Table 7).

The largest number of traffic casualties (62.9 per cent) involved passenger cars, followed by motorcycles (27.5 per cent), while goods-carrying vehicles were involved in almost 7 per cent of casualties (Table 8).

The highest traffic casualty rate occurred on Saturdays and Sundays, accounting for 15.5 per cent apiece of total casualties. The highest accident rate was recorded on Tuesdays, totalling 626 cases, and the lowest on Sundays, with 359 cases. Sundays topped the highest casualty-to-accident ratio (Table 9).

The daily time bracket in which most accidents occurred was between 15:00 and 17:59, with 833 cases, or 21.3 per cent of the total. This was followed by the 09:00-11:59 time bracket, with 810 cases. The lowest number of accidents occurring daily took place between 03:00 and 05:59 (70 cases) (Table 10).

Birkirkara registered the highest rate of traffic accidents, with 260 cases, followed by Ħal Qormi and Marsa with 221 and 195 reported accidents respectively (Table 11) ■

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**Table 1. Total road traffic accidents**

Region/District	January-June		April-June			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change	Percentage change
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>7,039</b>	<b>7,482</b>	<b>3,795</b>	<b>3,910</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>6,722</b>	<b>7,126</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>3,720</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Southern Harbour	1,556	1,629	801	806	5	0.6
Northern Harbour	2,621	2,802	1,415	1,428	13	0.9
South Eastern	675	655	373	353	-20	-5.4
Western	843	881	449	473	24	5.3
Northern	1,027	1,159	577	660	83	14.4
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5.6</b>

**Table 2. Minor road traffic accidents**

Region/District	January-June		April-June			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change	Percentage change
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>6,350</b>	<b>6,809</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>3,533</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>6,071</b>	<b>6,504</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Southern Harbour	1,408	1,472	724	727	3	0.4
Northern Harbour	2,396	2,603	1,290	1,315	25	1.9
South Eastern	592	588	333	317	-16	-4.8
Western	765	802	398	426	28	7.0
Northern	910	1,039	504	586	82	16.3
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3.8</b>

**Table 3. Casualties in road traffic accidents**

Region/District	January-June		April-June			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change	Percentage change
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-6.9</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-6.8</b>
Southern Harbour	178	190	88	93	5	5.7
Northern Harbour	263	237	152	133	-19	-12.5
South Eastern	106	86	50	47	-3	-6.0
Western	107	98	69	58	-11	-15.9
Northern	163	151	98	95	-3	-3.1
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-8.6</b>

**Table 4. Injuries sustained by drivers in road traffic accidents: April-June**

Region/District	2014				2015			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>256</b>
Southern Harbour	55	3	1	<b>59</b>	49	11	0	<b>60</b>
Northern Harbour	77	6	0	<b>83</b>	62	9	0	<b>71</b>
South Eastern	30	2	0	<b>32</b>	24	5	0	<b>29</b>
Western	36	5	0	<b>41</b>	31	5	0	<b>36</b>
Northern	48	9	0	<b>57</b>	46	13	1	<b>60</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>

**Table 5. Injuries sustained by passengers in road traffic accidents: April-June**

Region/District	2014				2015			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>
Southern Harbour	13	4	0	<b>17</b>	18	1	0	<b>19</b>
Northern Harbour	31	3	0	<b>34</b>	25	3	0	<b>28</b>
South Eastern	11	0	0	<b>11</b>	11	2	0	<b>13</b>
Western	16	3	0	<b>19</b>	15	0	0	<b>15</b>
Northern	31	4	0	<b>35</b>	24	1	0	<b>25</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

**Table 6. Injuries sustained by pedestrians in road traffic accidents: April-June**

Region/District	2014				2015			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>70</b>
Southern Harbour	9	3	0	<b>12</b>	9	5	0	<b>14</b>
Northern Harbour	24	10	1	<b>35</b>	26	7	1	<b>34</b>
South Eastern	4	3	0	<b>7</b>	3	2	0	<b>5</b>
Western	5	4	0	<b>9</b>	5	2	0	<b>7</b>
Northern	3	3	0	<b>6</b>	6	4	0	<b>10</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

Table 7. Traffic casualties by type of injury, age group and sex: April-June

Age group	2014	2015			
	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
		Males			
0-10	10	13	2	0	15
11-17	18	2	2	1	5
18-25	55	40	6	0	46
26-40	82	69	24	1	94
41-59	75	57	14	1	72
60-65	15	9	4	0	13
66+	23	22	10	1	33
unknown	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>278</b>
		Females			
0-10	11	16	1	0	17
11-17	19	8	3	0	11
18-25	55	25	7	1	33
26-40	58	63	4	0	67
41-59	47	29	1	0	30
60-65	5	8	0	0	8
66+	17	11	3	0	14
unknown	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>180</b>
		Total			
0-10	21	29	3	0	32
11-17	37	10	5	1	16
18-25	110	65	13	1	79
26-40	140	132	28	1	161
41-59	122	86	15	1	102
60-65	20	17	4	0	21
66+	40	33	13	1	47
unknown	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>458</b>

**Table 8. Road traffic casualties by type of injury, age group and means of transport: April-June**

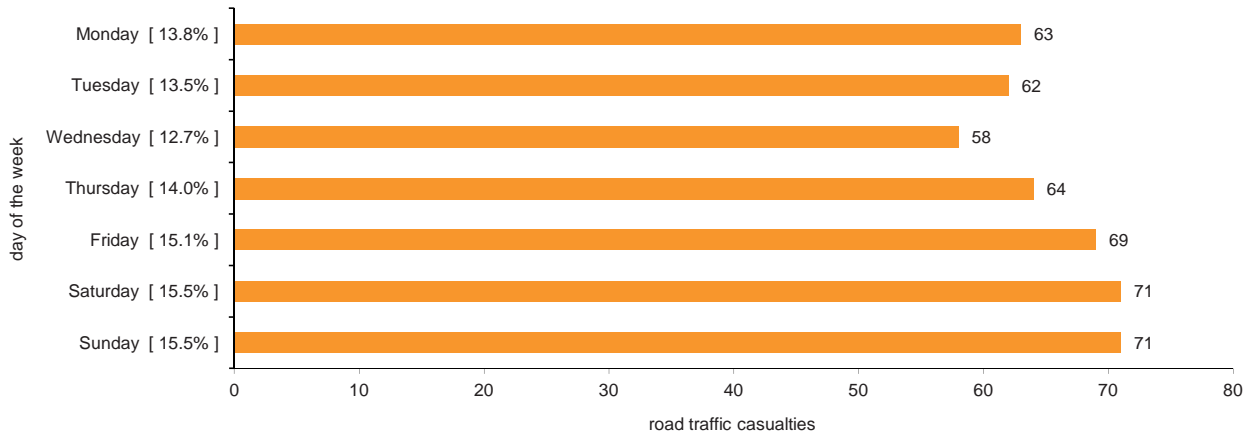
Vehicle type	2014	2015			
	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>0-10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>
Motorcycle	1	28	2	0	30
Passenger car	18	0	0	0	0
Coach and bus	0	0	0	0	0
Goods-carrying vehicle	1	1	0	0	1
Unknown vehicle type	1	0	1	0	1
<b>11-17</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>
Motorcycle	3	1	0	0	1
Passenger car	31	9	5	1	15
Coach and bus	2	0	0	0	0
Goods-carrying vehicle	1	0	0	0	0
Unknown vehicle type	0	0	0	0	0
<b>18-25</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>79</b>
Motorcycle	13	4	4	0	8
Passenger car	83	55	8	1	64
Coach and bus	0	0	1	0	1
Goods-carrying vehicle	14	6	0	0	6
Unknown vehicle type	0	0	0	0	0
<b>26-40</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>161</b>
Motorcycle	26	28	17	1	46
Passenger car	103	90	8	0	98
Coach and bus	0	1	2	0	3
Goods-carrying vehicle	11	10	1	0	11
Unknown vehicle type	0	3	0	0	3
<b>41-59</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>102</b>
Motorcycle	26	19	11	1	31
Passenger car	83	57	2	0	59
Coach and bus	1	3	1	0	4
Goods-carrying vehicle	11	7	1	0	8
Unknown vehicle type	1	0	0	0	0
<b>60-65</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>
Motorcycle	4	2	2	0	4
Passenger car	13	13	2	0	15
Coach and bus	0	0	0	0	0
Goods-carrying vehicle	3	2	0	0	2
Unknown vehicle type	0	0	0	0	0
<b>66+</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>
Motorcycle	3	5	1	0	6
Passenger car	27	26	10	1	37
Coach and bus	1	0	0	0	0
Goods-carrying vehicle	7	2	2	0	4
Unknown vehicle type	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Age unknown</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Motorcycle	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger car	2	0	0	0	0
Coach and bus	0	0	0	0	0
Goods-carrying vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown vehicle type	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>458</b>
Motorcycle	76	87	37	2	126
Passenger car	360	250	35	3	288
Coach and bus	4	4	4	0	8
Goods-carrying vehicle	48	28	4	0	32
Unknown vehicle type	4	3	1	0	4

**Table 9. Road traffic casualties and accidents by day of the week: April-June 2015**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
<b>Traffic casualties</b>	63	62	58	64	69	71	71	<b>458</b>
<b>Traffic accidents</b>	575	626	609	611	611	519	359	<b>3,910</b>
<b>Ratio* (%)</b>	11.0	9.9	9.5	10.5	11.3	13.7	19.8	<b>11.7</b>

\* Casualty-to-accident ratio

**Chart 1. Total road traffic casualties by day of the week: April-June 2015**



**Chart 2. Total road traffic accidents by day of the week: April-June 2015**

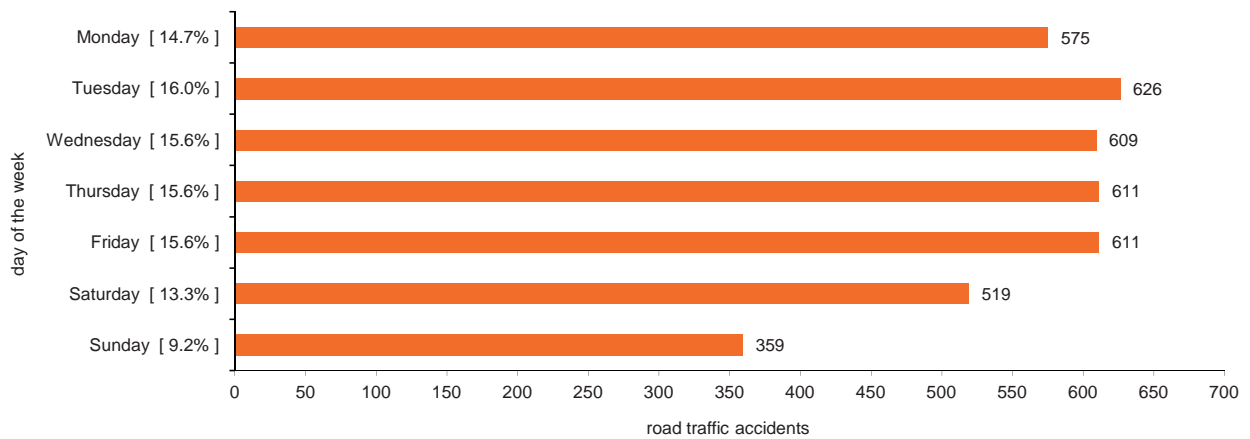


Table 10. Road traffic accidents by day and time of day: April-June 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00 - 02:59	14	4	3	9	10	20	28	88
03:00 - 05:59	11	6	2	6	5	17	23	70
06:00 - 08:59	94	99	105	109	95	55	31	588
09:00 - 11:59	127	134	119	118	124	121	67	810
12:00 - 14:59	130	128	137	107	127	122	53	804
15:00 - 17:59	106	150	147	152	133	79	66	833
18:00 - 20:59	71	84	76	84	84	76	56	531
21:00 - 23:59	22	21	20	26	33	29	35	186
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>3,910</b>

Chart 3. Traffic accidents by day and time of day: April-June 2015

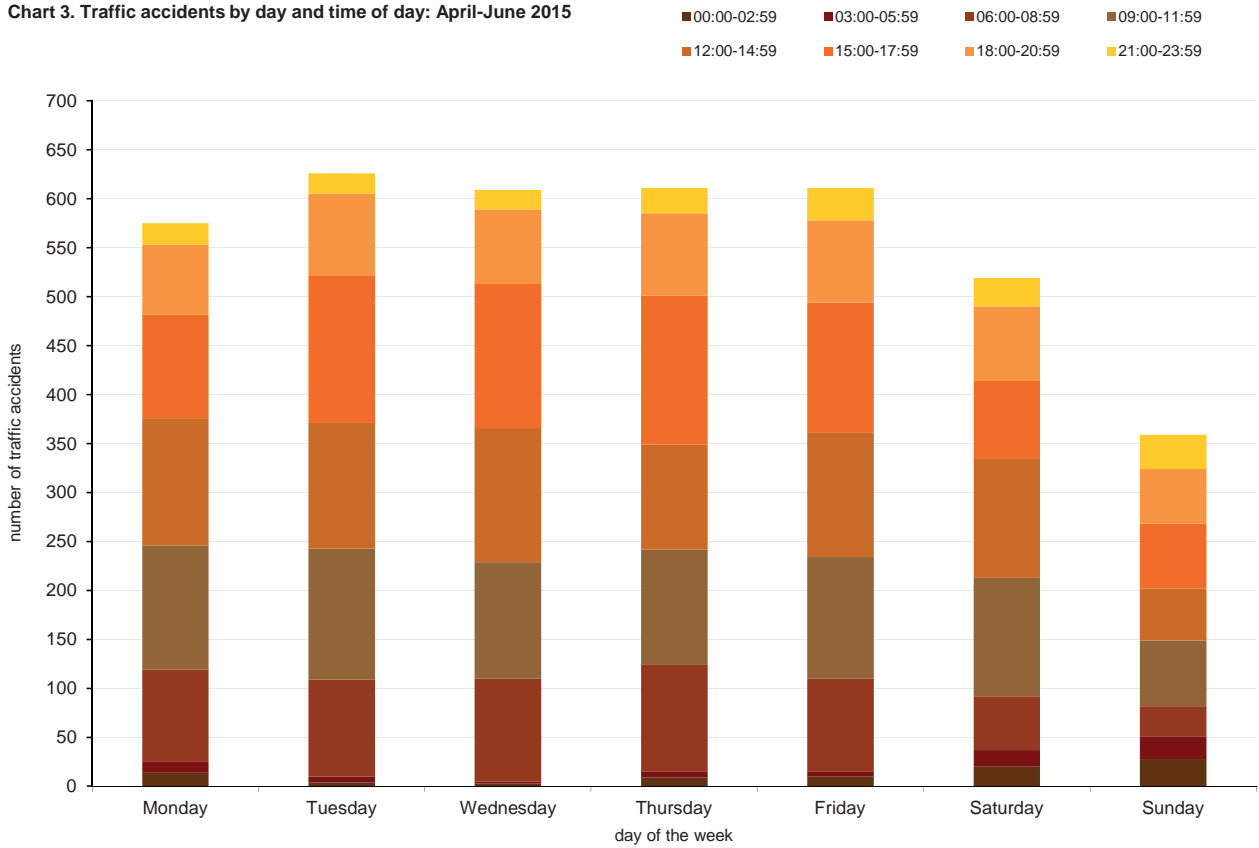


Table 11. Road traffic accidents by locality ...

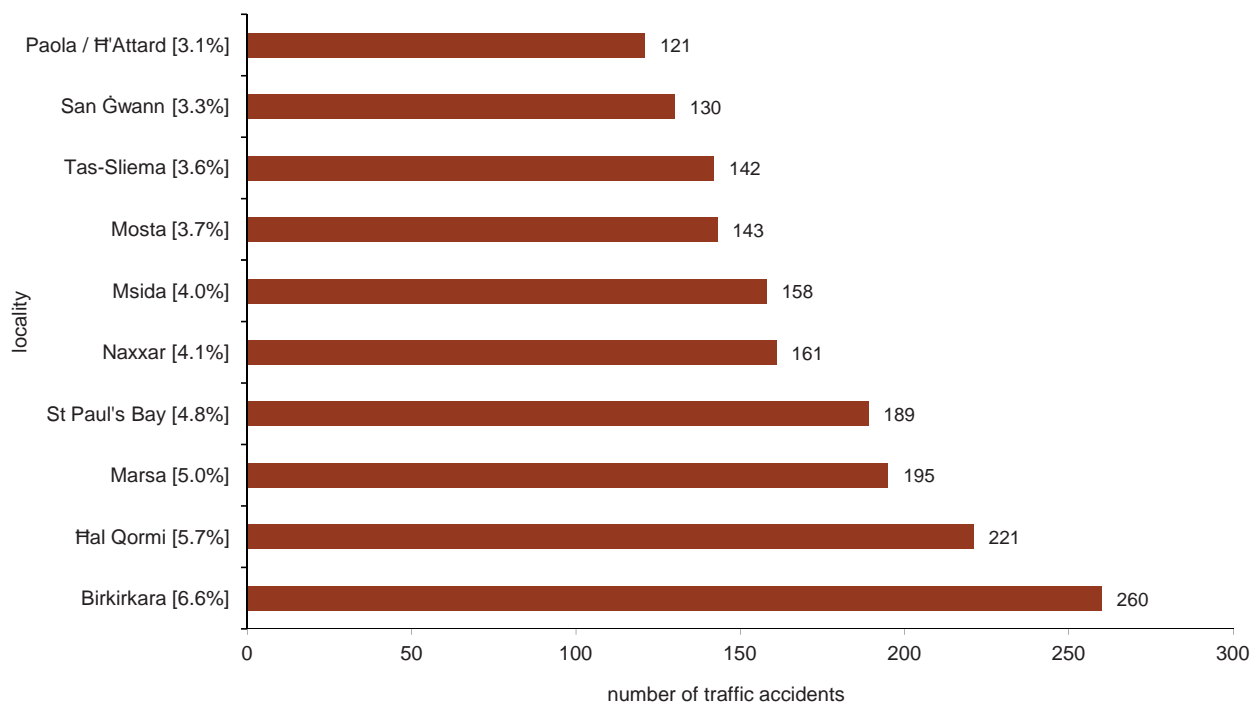
Locality	January-June		April-June		Change
	2014	2015	2014	2015	
<b>Southern Harbour</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>5</b>
Cospicua	50	33	19	19	0
Fgura	136	140	77	58	-19
Floriana	113	123	60	63	3
Hal Luqa	169	175	86	97	11
Hal Tarxien	147	146	72	73	1
Haz-Zabbar	193	159	108	82	-26
Kalkara	17	19	11	5	-6
Marsa	349	403	166	195	29
Paola	227	253	118	121	3
Santa Luċija	18	26	9	9	0
Senglea	10	21	6	6	0
Valletta	100	99	56	57	1
Vittoriosa	22	24	11	18	7
Xgħajra	5	8	2	3	1
<b>Northern Harbour</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>13</b>
Birkirkara	490	543	270	260	-10
Gżira	198	218	105	117	12
Hal Qormi	360	395	188	221	33
Hamrun	144	178	81	90	9
Msida	297	307	168	158	-10
Pembroke	34	31	16	15	-1
San Ġwann	245	274	129	130	1
Santa Venera	130	135	68	60	-8
St Julian's	245	222	132	114	-18
Swieqi	108	96	61	46	-15
Ta' Xbiex	30	40	14	22	8
Tal-Pietà	115	111	61	53	-8
Tas-Sliema	225	252	122	142	20
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>-20</b>
Birzebbuga	76	92	43	50	7
Gudja	91	84	43	52	9
Hal Għaxaq	53	48	30	20	-10
Hal Kirkop	37	18	18	8	-10
Hal Safi	20	16	12	8	-4
Marsaskala	98	105	52	60	8
Marsaxlokk	28	39	12	23	11
Mqabba	36	29	19	13	-6
Qrendi	15	15	7	8	1
Żejtun	150	125	90	68	-22
Żurrieq	71	84	47	43	-4
<b>Western</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>24</b>
Had-Dingli	19	16	11	9	-2
Hal Balzan	70	89	43	46	3
Hal Lija	98	107	48	46	-2
H'Attard	206	213	105	121	16
Haz-Zebbug	137	154	73	82	9
Iklin	33	41	16	23	7
Mdina	15	13	10	5	-5
Mtarfa	14	61	8	6	-2
Rabat	186	132	97	85	-12
Siggiewi	65	55	38	50	12
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>83</b>
Hal Għargħur	28	47	18	26	8
Mellieħa	132	181	67	102	35
Mgarr	60	74	36	39	3
Mosta	297	264	149	143	-6
Naxxar	211	286	135	161	26
St Paul's Bay	299	307	172	189	17



... Table 11. Road traffic accidents by locality

Locality	January-June		April-June		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>10</b>
Fontana	9	7	5	3	-2
Għajnsielem	33	41	14	13	-1
Għarb	8	7	3	6	3
Għasri	3	6	1	3	2
Munxar	3	10	1	9	8
Nadur	22	37	8	22	14
Qala	9	13	8	8	0
San Lawrenz	4	3	4	3	-1
Ta' Kerċem	2	4	1	2	1
Ta' Sannat	8	6	4	3	-1
Victoria	122	134	76	67	-9
Xagħra	23	20	11	14	3
Xewkija	47	44	29	26	-3
Żebbuġ	24	24	15	11	-4

Chart 4. Top 10 localities in which most accidents occurred: April-June 2015



## Methodological Notes

1. Traffic accident data is 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 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 traffic wardens are called on the accident scene, and persons involved in the accident decide to settle by filling in the form) are not accounted for.
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