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Claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the second quarter of 2015 decreased by 125, or 14.6 per cent, compared to the corresponding period of 2014. Two fatal accidents at work were reported.

Accidents at Work: Q2/2015

Non-Fatal Accidents

Administrative records show that 733 persons were involved in a non-fatal accident during their work in the second quarter this year.

The majority of non-fatal accidents at work occurred in the manufacturing sector (19.9 per cent). Another 122 or 16.6 per cent of these accidents occurred in construction followed by transportation and storage (11.9 per cent). When compared to the same quarter last year, the number of accidents in accommodation and food service activities went down by 54. The largest share of accidents at work involved persons working in elementary occupations, followed by those in crafts and related trades (Table 2).

Wounds and superficial injuries, and dislocations, strains and sprains were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 466 and 152 cases respectively. Of all injuries, 339 affected the upper extremities of the body, such as fingers and hands (Tables 4 and 5).

In the second quarter, nearly 28 per cent of accidents at work took place in enterprises which employed between 50-249 workers (Table 7).

Fatal Accidents

Between April and June 2015, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported two fatal accidents at work. There were no fatalities at work in the corresponding period of 2014.

Revised data for 2014 (2nd quarter) is also being provided in this publication ■

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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)	April-June 2014 (revised)						April-June 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	6	0.8	-	-	6	0.7	6	1.0	-	-	6	0.8
Mining and quarrying	2	0.3	1	0.7	3	0.3	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Manufacturing	181	25.5	12	8.1	193	22.5	141	23.5	5	3.8	146	19.9
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	23	3.2	-	-	23	2.7	16	2.7	1	0.8	17	2.3
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	13	1.8	1	0.7	14	1.6	16	2.7	3	2.3	19	2.6
Construction	146	20.6	-	-	146	17.0	121	20.1	1	0.8	122	16.6
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	65	9.2	10	6.7	75	8.7	53	8.8	4	3.0	57	7.8
Transportation and storage	76	10.7	10	6.7	86	10.0	76	12.6	11	8.3	87	11.9
Accommodation and food service activities	69	9.7	32	21.5	101	11.8	34	5.7	13	9.8	47	6.4
Information and communication	5	0.7	1	0.7	6	0.7	6	1.0	1	0.8	7	1.0
Financial and insurance activities	-	-	1	0.7	1	0.1	1	0.2	1	0.8	2	0.3
Real estate activities	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional, scientific and technical activities	18	2.5	1	0.7	19	2.2	17	2.8	-	-	17	2.3
Administrative and support service activities	34	4.8	10	6.7	44	5.1	37	6.2	12	9.1	49	6.7
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	37	5.2	3	2.0	40	4.7	31	5.2	6	4.5	37	5.0
Education	1	0.1	12	8.1	13	1.5	5	0.8	12	9.1	17	2.3
Human health and social work activities	22	3.1	50	33.6	72	8.4	18	3.0	56	42.4	74	10.1
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3	0.4	2	1.3	5	0.6	6	1.0	-	-	6	0.8
Other service activities	2	0.3	1	0.7	3	0.3	2	0.3	1	0.8	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	-	-	2	1.3	2	0.2	-	-	2	1.5	2	0.3
Not specified	4	0.6	-	-	4	0.5	14	2.3	3	2.3	17	2.3
Total	709	100.0	149	100.0	858	100.0	601	100.0	132	100.0	733	100.0

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

Occupations (ISCO-08)	April-June 2014 (revised)						April-June 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	11	1.6	-	-	11	1.3	4	0.7	-	-	4	0.5
Managers	9	1.3	2	1.3	11	1.3	2	0.3	2	1.5	4	0.5
Professionals	19	2.7	24	16.1	43	5.0	17	2.8	25	18.9	42	5.7
Technicians and associate professionals	85	12.0	7	4.7	92	10.7	55	9.2	13	9.8	68	9.3
Clerical support workers	28	3.9	13	8.7	41	4.8	20	3.3	15	11.4	35	4.8
Service and sales workers	53	7.5	54	36.2	107	12.5	56	9.3	52	39.4	108	14.7
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	9	1.3	-	-	9	1.0	14	2.3	-	-	14	1.9
Craft and related trades workers	203	28.6	3	2.0	206	24.0	175	29.1	1	0.8	176	24.0
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	91	12.8	9	6.0	100	11.7	95	15.8	2	1.5	97	13.2
Elementary occupations	201	28.3	37	24.8	238	27.7	163	27.1	22	16.7	185	25.2
Total	709	100.0	149	100.0	858	100.0	601	100.0	132	100.0	733	100.0

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

Age group	April-June 2014 (revised)						April-June 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	81	11.4	36	24.2	117	13.6	87	14.5	31	23.5	118	16.1
25-34	185	26.1	44	29.5	229	26.7	166	27.6	33	25.0	199	27.1
35-44	180	25.4	23	15.4	203	23.7	143	23.8	18	13.6	161	22.0
45-54	154	21.7	29	19.5	183	21.3	115	19.1	37	28.0	152	20.7
55+	109	15.4	17	11.4	126	14.7	90	15.0	13	9.8	103	14.1
Total	709	100.0	149	100.0	858	100.0	601	100.0	132	100.0	733	100.0

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

Part of body	April-June 2014 (revised)						April-June 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	81	11.4	12	8.1	93	10.8	65	10.8	8	6.1	73	10.0
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	19	2.7	4	2.7	23	2.7	18	3.0	3	2.3	21	2.9
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	46	6.5	14	9.4	60	7.0	46	7.7	8	6.1	54	7.4
Torso and organs	24	3.4	8	5.4	32	3.7	39	6.5	10	7.6	49	6.7
Upper extremities	322	45.4	68	45.6	390	45.5	276	45.9	63	47.7	339	46.2
Lower extremities	202	28.5	37	24.8	239	27.9	138	23.0	37	28.0	175	23.9
Wholebody and multiple sites	6	0.8	1	0.7	7	0.8	4	0.7	-	-	4	0.5
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	2	0.3	1	0.7	3	0.3	-	-	1	0.8	1	0.1
Not specified	7	1.0	4	2.7	11	1.3	15	2.5	2	1.5	17	2.3
Total	709	100.0	149	100.0	858	100.0	601	100.0	132	100.0	733	100.0

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

Type of injury	April-June 2014 (revised)						April-June 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	419	59.1	78	52.3	497	57.9	390	64.9	76	57.6	466	63.6
Bone fractures	65	9.2	15	10.1	80	9.3	54	9.0	15	11.4	69	9.4
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	158	22.3	42	28.2	200	23.3	124	20.6	28	21.2	152	20.7
Traumatic amputations	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concussions and internal injuries	4	0.6	2	1.3	6	0.7	8	1.3	1	0.8	9	1.2
Burns, scalds and frostbites	38	5.4	6	4.0	44	5.1	20	3.3	10	7.6	30	4.1
Poisonings and infections	4	0.6	1	0.7	5	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drowning and asphyxiations	4	0.6	3	2.0	7	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shock	3	0.4	1	0.7	4	0.5	1	0.2	2	1.5	3	0.4
Multiple injuries	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	7	1.0	1	0.7	8	0.9	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4
Total	709	100.0	149	100.0	858	100.0	601	100.0	132	100.0	733	100.0

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

District	April-June 2014 (revised)						April-June 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	186	26.2	29	19.5	215	25.1	161	26.8	29	22.0	190	25.9
Northern Harbour	229	32.3	61	40.9	290	33.8	163	27.1	59	44.7	222	30.3
South Eastern	112	15.8	23	15.4	135	15.7	126	21.0	22	16.7	148	20.2
Western	65	9.2	19	12.8	84	9.8	63	10.5	12	9.1	75	10.2
Northern	102	14.4	14	9.4	116	13.5	78	13.0	6	4.5	84	11.5
Gozo and Comino	15	2.1	3	2.0	18	2.1	10	1.7	4	3.0	14	1.9
Total	709	100.0	149	100.0	858	100.0	601	100.0	132	100.0	733	100.0

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

Employment size	April-June 2014 (revised)						April-June 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	41	5.8	-	-	41	4.8	32	5.3	-	-	32	4.4
1-9 employees	68	9.6	6	4.0	74	8.6	47	7.8	6	4.5	53	7.2
10-49 employees	134	18.9	11	7.4	145	16.9	117	19.5	7	5.3	124	16.9
50-249 employees	189	26.7	45	30.2	234	27.3	176	29.3	29	22.0	205	28.0
250-499 employees	81	11.4	26	17.4	107	12.5	86	14.3	30	22.7	116	15.8
500 employees or more	193	27.2	61	40.9	254	29.6	137	22.8	59	44.7	196	26.7
Not specified	3	0.4	-	-	3	0.3	6	1.0	1	0.8	7	1.0
Total	709	100.0	149	100.0	858	100.0	601	100.0	132	100.0	733	100.0

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

Employment status	April-June 2014 (revised)						April-June 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	62	8.7	-	-	62	7.2	41	6.8	1	0.8	42	5.7
Full-time employee	622	87.7	118	79.2	740	86.2	531	88.4	114	86.4	645	88.0
Part-time employee	25	3.5	31	20.8	56	6.5	29	4.8	17	12.9	46	6.3
Total	709	100.0	149	100.0	858	100.0	601	100.0	132	100.0	733	100.0

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.
3. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually in the first and subsequent quarters of the following year.
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