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Claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the fourth quarter of 2015 decreased marginally by 11 when compared with the corresponding quarter in 2014. One fatal accident at work was reported.

Accidents at Work: Q4/2015

Non-fatal accidents

Claims in respect of accidents at work show that 771 persons were involved in a non-fatal accident during their work in the fourth quarter of last year.

The majority of non-fatal accidents at work occurred in manufacturing (20.4 per cent). Another 124 or 16.1 per cent of these accidents occurred in transport and storage (16.1 per cent). When compared to the same quarter last year, the number of accidents decreased by 25 in accommodation and food services activities and increased by 32 in administrative and support service activities. The largest share of accidents at work during the reference quarter involved persons working in elementary occupations followed by those in crafts and related trades.

Out of all injuries, 367 affected the upper extremities of the body, such as the fingers and hands. Wounds and superficial injuries, and dislocations, strains and sprains were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 500 and 145 cases respectively.

In the quarter under review, 37.2 per cent (287) of the accidents at work took place in enterprises which employed 500 workers or more.

Fatal accidents

Between October and December 2015, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported one fatal accident at work. There were no fatalities at work in the corresponding period of 2014.

Revised data for 2014 (4th 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 the enterprise

Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)	Q4 2014 (revised)						Q4 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5	0.8	-	-	5	0.6	5	0.8	-	-	5	0.6
Mining and quarrying	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Manufacturing	153	24.1	10	6.8	163	20.8	143	23.6	14	8.5	157	20.4
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	12	1.9	1	0.7	13	1.7	5	0.8	-	-	5	0.6
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	12	1.9	-	-	12	1.5	14	2.3	-	-	14	1.8
Construction	121	19.0	1	0.7	122	15.6	97	16.0	1	0.6	98	12.7
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	72	11.3	11	7.5	83	10.6	57	9.4	15	9.1	72	9.3
Transportation and storage	91	14.3	11	7.5	102	13.0	114	18.8	10	6.1	124	16.1
Accommodation and food service activities	55	8.6	19	13.0	74	9.5	30	5.0	19	11.5	49	6.4
Information and communication	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4	5	0.8	-	-	5	0.6
Financial and insurance activities	11	1.7	-	-	11	1.4	3	0.5	2	1.2	5	0.6
Real estate activities	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	10	1.6	1	0.7	11	1.4	5	0.8	2	1.2	7	0.9
Administrative and support service activities	25	3.9	18	12.3	43	5.5	54	8.9	21	12.7	75	9.7
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	26	4.1	8	5.5	34	4.3	37	6.1	4	2.4	41	5.3
Education	5	0.8	17	11.6	22	2.8	5	0.8	15	9.1	20	2.6
Human health and social work activities	16	2.5	46	31.5	62	7.9	22	3.6	58	35.2	80	10.4
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2	0.3	1	0.7	3	0.4	-	-	2	1.2	2	0.3
Other service activities	8	1.3	1	0.7	9	1.2	3	0.5	-	-	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	3	0.5	1	0.7	4	0.5	5	0.8	2	1.2	7	0.9
Total	636	100.0	146	100.0	782	100.0	606	100.0	165	100.0	771	100.0

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

Occupations (ISCO-08)	Q4 2014 (revised)						Q4 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	6	0.9	-	-	6	0.8	6	1.0	-	-	6	0.8
Managers	7	1.1	1	0.7	8	1.0	6	1.0	1	0.6	7	0.9
Professionals	11	1.7	36	24.7	47	6.0	26	4.3	34	20.6	60	7.8
Technicians and associate professionals	71	11.2	8	5.5	79	10.1	66	10.9	12	7.3	78	10.1
Clerical support workers	32	5.0	12	8.2	44	5.6	31	5.1	12	7.3	43	5.6
Service and sales workers	50	7.9	55	37.7	105	13.4	49	8.1	56	33.9	105	13.6
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	8	1.3	-	-	8	1.0	9	1.5	-	-	9	1.2
Craft and related trades workers	189	29.7	1	0.7	190	24.3	139	22.9	3	1.8	142	18.4
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	87	13.7	9	6.2	96	12.3	101	16.7	7	4.2	108	14.0
Elementary occupations	175	27.5	24	16.4	199	25.4	173	28.5	40	24.2	213	27.6
Total	636	100.0	146	100.0	782	100.0	606	100.0	165	100.0	771	100.0

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

Age group	Q4 2014 (revised)						Q4 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	82	12.9	32	21.9	114	14.6	90	14.9	21	12.7	111	14.4
25-34	160	25.2	38	26.0	198	25.3	152	25.1	38	23.0	190	24.6
35-44	166	26.1	30	20.5	196	25.1	154	25.4	44	26.7	198	25.7
45-54	138	21.7	30	20.5	168	21.5	129	21.3	40	24.2	169	21.9
55 or more	90	14.2	16	11.0	106	13.6	81	13.4	22	13.3	103	13.4
Total	636	100.0	146	100.0	782	100.0	606	100.0	165	100.0	771	100.0

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

Part of body	Q4 2014 (revised)						Q4 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	69	10.8	16	11.0	85	10.9	79	13.0	14	8.5	93	12.1
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	22	3.5	6	4.1	28	3.6	23	3.8	6	3.6	29	3.8
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	52	8.2	14	9.6	66	8.4	63	10.4	12	7.3	75	9.7
Torso and organs	27	4.2	8	5.5	35	4.5	26	4.3	8	4.8	34	4.4
Upper extremities	291	45.8	72	49.3	363	46.4	283	46.7	84	50.9	367	47.6
Lower extremities	165	25.9	29	19.9	194	24.8	127	21.0	38	23.0	165	21.4
Wholebody and multiple sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.3	3	1.8	5	0.6
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	10	1.6	1	0.7	11	1.4	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.4
Total	636	100.0	146	100.0	782	100.0	606	100.0	165	100.0	771	100.0

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

Type of injury	Q4 2014 (revised)						Q4 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	392	61.6	76	52.1	468	59.8	399	65.8	101	61.2	500	64.9
Bone fractures	84	13.2	20	13.7	104	13.3	65	10.7	18	10.9	83	10.8
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	132	20.8	38	26.0	170	21.7	116	19.1	29	17.6	145	18.8
Traumatic amputations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Concussions and internal injuries	6	0.9	4	2.7	10	1.3	7	1.2	1	0.6	8	1.0
Burns, scalds and frostbites	16	2.5	5	3.4	21	2.7	13	2.1	11	6.7	24	3.1
Poisonings and infections	-	-	1	0.7	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.6	1	0.1
Drowning and asphyxiations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.6	1	0.1
Shock	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3	1	0.2	3	1.8	4	0.5
Multiple injuries	-	-	1	0.7	1	0.1	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Not specified	3	0.5	1	0.7	4	0.5	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Total	636	100.0	146	100.0	782	100.0	606	100.0	165	100.0	771	100.0

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

District	Q4 2014 (revised)						Q4 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	173	27.2	39	26.7	212	27.1	176	29.0	32	19.4	208	27.0
Northern Harbour	188	29.6	62	42.5	250	32.0	186	30.7	72	43.6	258	33.5
South Eastern	122	19.2	20	13.7	142	18.2	120	19.8	23	13.9	143	18.5
Western	63	9.9	15	10.3	78	10.0	48	7.9	11	6.7	59	7.7
Northern	85	13.4	6	4.1	91	11.6	68	11.2	24	14.5	92	11.9
Gozo and Comino	5	0.8	4	2.7	9	1.2	8	1.3	3	1.8	11	1.4
Total	636	100.0	146	100.0	782	100.0	606	100.0	165	100.0	771	100.0

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

Employment size	Q4 2014 (revised)						Q4 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	29	4.6	3	2.1	32	4.1	34	5.6	1	0.6	35	4.5
1-9 employees	56	8.8	2	1.4	58	7.4	57	9.4	3	1.8	60	7.8
10-49 employees	131	20.6	13	8.9	144	18.4	88	14.5	11	6.7	99	12.8
50-249 employees	188	29.6	36	24.7	224	28.6	164	27.1	35	21.2	199	25.8
250-499 employees	67	10.5	20	13.7	87	11.1	50	8.3	36	21.8	86	11.2
500 employees or more	165	25.9	71	48.6	236	30.2	209	34.5	78	47.3	287	37.2
Not specified	-	-	1	0.7	1	0.1	4	0.7	1	0.6	5	0.6
Total	636	100.0	146	100.0	782	100.0	606	100.0	165	100.0	771	100.0

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

Employment status	Q4 2014 (revised)						Q4 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	36	5.7	3	2.1	39	5.0	44	7.3	1	0.6	45	5.8
Full-time employee	568	89.3	117	80.1	685	87.6	523	86.3	134	81.2	657	85.2
Part-time employee	32	5.0	26	17.8	58	7.4	39	6.4	30	18.2	69	8.9
Total	636	100.0	146	100.0	782	100.0	606	100.0	165	100.0	771	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.
4. Revised data for 2014 (4th quarter) is also being provided in this publication.
5. **Definitions:**
 - Part of body injured: refers to the most serious injury that was incurred by the victim during the accident.
 - Type of injury: refers to the physical consequence of the accident that was incurred by the victim such as a bone fracture.

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