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The number of claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the first half of 2016 decreased by 60, or 4.1 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2015. Four fatal accidents at work were reported.

## Accidents at Work: January-June 2016

### Non-Fatal Accidents

Administrative records show that 1,420 persons were involved in a non-fatal accident during their work in the first half of 2016.

The majority of non-fatal accidents at work occurred in the manufacturing sector (16.9 per cent). Another 220 or 15.5 per cent of these accidents occurred in construction followed by transport and storage (14.8 per cent). When compared to the same period last year, the number of accidents decreased by 52 in manufacturing and increased by 36 in public administration and defence; compulsory social security (Table 1). The largest share of accidents at work during the reference period involved persons working in elementary occupations followed by craft and related trades workers (Table 2).

Nearly half of the injuries at work affected the upper extremities of the body, such as the fingers and hands (Table 4). Wounds and superficial injuries, and dislocations, strains and sprains were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 860 and 315 cases respectively (Table 5).

In the first half of the year, almost one third of the accidents at work took place in enterprises with more than 500 employees (33.1 per cent) (Table 7).

### Fatal Accidents

Between January and June 2016, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported four fatal accidents at work. There were three fatalities at work in the corresponding period of 2015.

Revised data for 2015 (whole year) is also being provided in this publication ■

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Table 1. Non-fatal accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise

Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)	2015 (revised)						January-June 2015 (revised)						January-June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24	0.9	-	-	24	0.8	13	1.1	-	-	13	0.9	15	1.4	-	-	15	1.1
Mining and quarrying	8	0.3	-	-	8	0.3	5	0.4	-	-	5	0.3	3	0.3	-	-	3	0.2
Manufacturing	585	22.9	45	8.1	630	20.2	274	22.5	18	6.9	292	19.7	216	19.5	24	7.6	240	16.9
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	42	1.6	2	0.4	44	1.4	20	1.6	1	0.4	21	1.4	16	1.4	1	0.3	17	1.2
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	71	2.8	3	0.5	74	2.4	38	3.1	3	1.2	41	2.8	35	3.2	2	0.6	37	2.6
Construction	486	19.0	2	0.4	488	15.7	255	20.9	1	0.4	256	17.3	219	19.8	1	0.3	220	15.5
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	246	9.6	51	9.1	297	9.5	102	8.4	17	6.5	119	8.0	107	9.7	26	8.3	133	9.4
Transportation and storage	403	15.8	46	8.2	449	14.4	175	14.3	24	9.2	199	13.4	185	16.7	25	7.9	210	14.8
Accommodation and food service activities	169	6.6	76	13.6	245	7.9	90	7.4	29	11.2	119	8.0	83	7.5	35	11.1	118	8.3
Information and communication	20	0.8	1	0.2	21	0.7	11	0.9	1	0.4	12	0.8	4	0.4	1	0.3	5	0.4
Financial and insurance activities	34	1.3	7	1.3	41	1.3	20	1.6	5	1.9	25	1.7	17	1.5	7	2.2	24	1.7
Real estate activities	5	0.2	-	-	5	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	26	1.0	3	0.5	29	0.9	12	1.0	-	-	12	0.8	9	0.8	3	1.0	12	0.8
Administrative and support service activities	164	6.4	41	7.3	205	6.6	64	5.2	19	7.3	83	5.6	70	6.3	24	7.6	94	6.6
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	121	4.7	16	2.9	137	4.4	62	5.1	8	3.1	70	4.7	58	5.2	48	15.2	106	7.5
Education	23	0.9	45	8.1	68	2.2	11	0.9	25	9.6	36	2.4	12	1.1	18	5.7	30	2.1
Human health and social work activities	85	3.3	209	37.5	294	9.4	43	3.5	103	39.6	146	9.9	36	3.3	96	30.5	132	9.3
Arts, entertainment and recreation	16	0.6	3	0.5	19	0.6	13	1.1	1	0.4	14	0.9	4	0.4	2	0.6	6	0.4
Other service activities	11	0.4	2	0.4	13	0.4	4	0.3	2	0.8	6	0.4	5	0.5	1	0.3	6	0.4
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	1	0.0	2	0.4	3	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.8	3	0.2	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Not specified	14	0.5	4	0.7	18	0.6	7	0.6	1	0.4	8	0.5	8	0.7	1	0.3	9	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2. Non-fatal accidents at work by occupation of victim**

Occupations (ISCO-08)	2015 (revised)						January-June 2015 (revised)						January-June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	17	0.7	-	-	17	0.5	10	0.8	-	-	10	0.7	13	1.2	-	-	13	0.9
Managers	31	1.2	8	1.4	39	1.3	13	1.1	6	2.3	19	1.3	9	0.8	4	1.3	13	0.9
Professionals	90	3.5	106	19.0	196	6.3	42	3.4	48	18.5	90	6.1	28	2.5	55	17.5	83	5.8
Technicians and associate professionals	287	11.2	37	6.6	324	10.4	139	11.4	16	6.2	155	10.5	121	11.0	27	8.6	148	10.4
Clerical support workers	108	4.2	53	9.5	161	5.2	50	4.1	29	11.2	79	5.3	34	3.1	28	8.9	62	4.4
Service and sales workers	203	7.9	203	36.4	406	13.0	114	9.3	100	38.5	214	14.5	101	9.1	128	40.6	229	16.1
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	38	1.5	-	-	38	1.2	19	1.6	-	-	19	1.3	23	2.1	1	0.3	24	1.7
Craft and related trades workers	674	26.4	9	1.6	683	21.9	356	29.2	3	1.2	359	24.3	282	25.5	7	2.2	289	20.4
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	369	14.4	24	4.3	393	12.6	161	13.2	7	2.7	168	11.4	173	15.7	15	4.8	188	13.2
Elementary occupations	737	28.9	118	21.1	855	27.5	316	25.9	51	19.6	367	24.8	321	29.0	50	15.9	371	26.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3. Non-fatal accidents at work by age group of victim**

Age group	2015 (revised)						January-June 2015 (revised)						January-June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	339	13.3	102	18.3	441	14.2	166	13.6	54	20.8	220	14.9	131	11.9	49	15.6	180	12.7
25-34	663	26.0	140	25.1	803	25.8	331	27.1	65	25.0	396	26.8	291	26.3	84	26.7	375	26.4
35-44	644	25.2	110	19.7	754	24.2	284	23.3	38	14.6	322	21.8	263	23.8	65	20.6	328	23.1
45-54	517	20.2	135	24.2	652	21.0	242	19.8	69	26.5	311	21.0	240	21.7	65	20.6	305	21.5
55+	391	15.3	71	12.7	462	14.8	197	16.1	34	13.1	231	15.6	180	16.3	52	16.5	232	16.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 4. Part of body injured in non-fatal accidents at work

Part of body	2015 (revised)						January-June 2015 (revised)						January-June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	278	10.9	50	9.0	328	10.5	133	10.9	24	9.2	157	10.6	123	11.1	28	8.9	151	10.6
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	79	3.1	19	3.4	98	3.1	42	3.4	8	3.1	50	3.4	40	3.6	21	6.7	61	4.3
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	230	9.0	51	9.1	281	9.0	105	8.6	20	7.7	125	8.4	91	8.2	35	11.1	126	8.9
Torso and organs	119	4.7	32	5.7	151	4.9	63	5.2	14	5.4	77	5.2	57	5.2	13	4.1	70	4.9
Upper extremities	1,156	45.3	260	46.6	1416	45.5	558	45.7	120	46.2	678	45.8	497	45.0	136	43.2	633	44.6
Lower extremities	631	24.7	133	23.8	764	24.6	294	24.1	67	25.8	361	24.4	271	24.5	76	24.1	347	24.4
Wholebody and multiple sites	10	0.4	7	1.3	17	0.5	4	0.3	2	0.8	6	0.4	10	0.9	5	1.6	15	1.1
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	6	0.2	2	0.4	8	0.3	2	0.2	2	0.8	4	0.3	1	0.1	1	0.3	2	0.1
Not specified	45	1.8	4	0.7	49	1.6	19	1.6	3	1.2	22	1.5	15	1.4	-	-	15	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 5. Non-fatal accidents at work by type of injury

Type of injury	2015 (revised)						January-June 2015 (revised)						January-June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	1,648	64.5	334	59.9	1,982	63.7	784	64.3	148	56.9	932	63.0	667	60.4	193	61.3	860	60.6
Bone fractures	244	9.6	59	10.6	303	9.7	117	9.6	33	12.7	150	10.1	134	12.1	33	10.5	167	11.8
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	513	20.1	116	20.8	629	20.2	245	20.1	55	21.2	300	20.3	252	22.8	63	20.0	315	22.2
Traumatic amputations	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concussions and internal injuries	32	1.3	7	1.3	39	1.3	17	1.4	6	2.3	23	1.6	20	1.8	7	2.2	27	1.9
Burns, scalds and frostbites	79	3.1	31	5.6	110	3.5	45	3.7	15	5.8	60	4.1	21	1.9	13	4.1	34	2.4
Poisonings and infections	5	0.2	3	0.5	8	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.3	-	-	3	0.2
Drowning and asphyxiations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
Effects of sound and vibration	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	3	0.1	1	0.2	4	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Shock	8	0.3	5	0.9	13	0.4	4	0.3	2	0.8	6	0.4	2	0.2	5	1.6	7	0.5
Multiple injuries	4	0.2	-	-	4	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	3	0.1	1	0.2	4	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.4	2	0.1	-	-	1	0.3	1	0.1
Not specified	10	0.4	1	0.2	11	0.4	6	0.5	-	-	6	0.4	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 6. Non-fatal accidents at work by district of enterprise

District	2015 (revised)						January-June 2015 (revised)						January-June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	719	28.2	115	20.6	834	26.8	341	28.0	55	21.2	396	26.8	296	26.8	54	17.1	350	24.6
Northern Harbour	730	28.6	244	43.7	974	31.3	343	28.1	109	41.9	452	30.5	336	30.4	154	48.9	490	34.5
South Eastern	483	18.9	84	15.1	567	18.2	223	18.3	41	15.8	264	17.8	215	19.5	32	10.2	247	17.4
Western	258	10.1	53	9.5	311	10.0	125	10.2	35	13.5	160	10.8	104	9.4	26	8.3	130	9.2
Northern	323	12.6	51	9.1	374	12.0	164	13.4	15	5.8	179	12.1	136	12.3	42	13.3	178	12.5
Gozo and Comino	41	1.6	11	2.0	52	1.7	24	2.0	5	1.9	29	2.0	18	1.6	7	2.2	25	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 7. Size of enterprise where non-fatal accidents occurred

Employment size	2015 (revised)						January-June 2015 (revised)						January-June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	142	5.6	3	0.5	145	4.7	69	5.7	1	0.4	70	4.7	56	5.1	4	1.3	60	4.2
1-9 employees	221	8.7	16	2.9	237	7.6	112	9.2	12	4.6	124	8.4	107	9.7	9	2.9	116	8.2
10-49 employees	475	18.6	40	7.2	515	16.5	234	19.2	20	7.7	254	17.2	198	17.9	27	8.6	225	15.8
50-249 employees	692	27.1	115	20.6	807	25.9	330	27.0	55	21.2	385	26.0	280	25.3	65	20.6	345	24.3
250-499 employees	286	11.2	127	22.8	413	13.3	139	11.4	53	20.4	192	13.0	117	10.6	67	21.3	184	13.0
500 employees or more	721	28.2	254	45.5	975	31.3	327	26.8	118	45.4	445	30.1	329	29.8	141	44.8	470	33.1
Not specified	17	0.7	3	0.5	20	0.6	9	0.7	1	0.4	10	0.7	18	1.6	2	0.6	20	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 8. Employment status of victim involved in non-fatal accidents

Employment status	2015 (revised)						January-June 2015 (revised)						January-June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	188	7.4	5	0.9	193	6.2	93	7.6	3	1.2	96	6.5	90	8.1	4	1.3	94	6.6
Full-time employee	2,226	87.2	459	82.3	2,685	86.3	1,065	87.3	218	83.8	1,283	86.7	977	88.4	282	89.5	1,259	88.7
Part-time employee	140	5.5	94	16.8	234	7.5	62	5.1	39	15.0	101	6.8	38	3.4	29	9.2	67	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Methodological Notes

1. Data on non-fatal accidents at work is provided by the Department of Social Security, while that on fatal accidents at work is given by the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA).
2. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually on publication of the first quarter data and of subsequent quarters of the following year.
3. 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.
4. District classification:

For aggregation purposes, all localities were grouped into six districts as follows:

### **A. Southern Harbour**

Valletta, Vittoriosa, Senglea, Cospicua, Haż-Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Hał Luqa, Marsa, Paola, Santa Lućija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

### **B. Northern Harbour**

Hał Qormi, Birkirkara, Gżira, Hał Hamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Tal-Pieta', St Julian's, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Tas-Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

### **C. South Eastern**

Żejtun, Birżebbuġa, Gudja, Hał Għaxaq, Hał Kirkop, Marsaskala, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Hał Safi, Żurrieq.

### **D. Western**

Mdina, Haż-Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, Hał Attard, Hał Balzan, Hał Dingli, Iklin, Hał Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

### **E. Northern**

Hał Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mgarr, Mosta, Naxxar, St Paul's Bay.

### **F. Gozo and Comino**

Victoria, Fontana, Għajnsielem, Għarb, Għasri, Ta' Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Ta' Sannat, Xagħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.