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The number of claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work during the first half of 2017 decreased by 19, or 1.2 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2016. One fatal accident at work was also reported during this period.

## Accidents at Work: January-June 2017

### Non-Fatal Accidents

Administrative records show that 1,593 persons had a non-fatal accident at work in the first six months of 2017.

The majority of these non-fatal accidents occurred in manufacturing (16.6 per cent). Another 242 or 15.2 per cent of the accidents occurred in construction, followed by 14.9 per cent in transport and storage activities. The number of non-fatal accidents decreased by 18 in public administration and defence; compulsory and social security when compared to the same period last year. On the other hand, non-fatal accidents at work increased by 15 in the Education sector (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).

The most common types of accidents (43.8 per cent) 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 883 and 407 cases respectively (Table 5).

During the first half of 2017, 26.3 per cent of the accidents at work took place in enterprises with more than 500 employees (Table 7).

### Fatal Accidents

Between January and June 2017, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported one fatal accident at work. There were four fatalities at work in the corresponding period of 2016 ■

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

Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)	2016						January-June 2016 (revised)						January-June 2017					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	34	1.3	2	0.3	36	1.1	15	1.2	-	-	15	0.9	11	0.9	-	-	11	0.7
Mining and quarrying	7	0.3	-	-	7	0.2	3	0.2	-	-	3	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
Manufacturing	523	20.5	56	8.4	579	18.0	261	20.6	25	7.2	286	17.7	240	19.0	24	7.3	264	16.6
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	65	2.5	3	0.4	68	2.1	36	2.8	2	0.6	38	2.4	40	3.2	1	0.3	41	2.6
Construction	469	18.4	4	0.6	473	14.7	248	19.6	1	0.3	249	15.4	238	18.8	4	1.2	242	15.2
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	247	9.7	58	8.7	305	9.5	127	10.0	29	8.3	156	9.7	117	9.3	20	6.1	137	8.6
Transportation and storage	420	16.5	70	10.5	490	15.2	201	15.9	26	7.5	227	14.1	195	15.4	42	12.8	237	14.9
Accommodation and food service activities	187	7.3	74	11.1	261	8.1	94	7.4	36	10.3	130	8.1	99	7.8	27	8.2	126	7.9
Information and communication	12	0.5	2	0.3	14	0.4	8	0.6	1	0.3	9	0.6	8	0.6	-	-	8	0.5
Financial and insurance activities	17	0.7	5	0.7	22	0.7	10	0.8	4	1.1	14	0.9	7	0.6	3	0.9	10	0.6
Real estate activities	9	0.4	1	0.1	10	0.3	3	0.2	1	0.3	4	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.6	4	0.3
Professional, scientific and technical activities	52	2.0	10	1.5	62	1.9	23	1.8	7	2.0	30	1.9	21	1.7	4	1.2	25	1.6
Administrative and support service activities	198	7.8	60	9.0	258	8.0	99	7.8	37	10.6	136	8.4	117	9.3	53	16.1	170	10.7
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	123	4.8	59	8.8	182	5.7	62	4.9	48	13.8	110	6.8	76	6.0	16	4.9	92	5.8
Education	25	1.0	50	7.5	75	2.3	12	0.9	20	5.7	32	2.0	16	1.3	31	9.4	47	3.0
Human health and social work activities	85	3.3	202	30.2	287	8.9	36	2.8	107	30.7	143	8.9	34	2.7	93	28.3	127	8.0
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14	0.5	4	0.6	18	0.6	8	0.6	3	0.9	11	0.7	7	0.6	1	0.3	8	0.5
Other service activities	19	0.7	5	0.7	24	0.7	5	0.4	1	0.3	6	0.4	9	0.7	5	1.5	14	0.9
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	1	0.1	2	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Not specified	44	1.7	2	0.3	46	1.4	12	0.9	-	-	12	0.7	22	1.7	3	0.9	25	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Occupations (ISCO-08)	2016						January-June 2016 (revised)						January-June 2017					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	24	0.9	1	0.1	25	0.8	15	1.2	-	-	15	0.9	6	0.5	-	-	6	0.4
Managers	20	0.8	5	0.7	25	0.8	10	0.8	4	1.1	14	0.9	12	0.9	2	0.6	14	0.9
Professionals	76	3.0	112	16.8	188	5.8	33	2.6	59	17.0	92	5.7	46	3.6	69	21.0	115	7.2
Technicians and associate professionals	266	10.4	51	7.6	317	9.8	140	11.1	28	8.0	168	10.4	139	11.0	21	6.4	160	10.0
Clerical support workers	108	4.2	69	10.3	177	5.5	41	3.2	29	8.3	70	4.3	54	4.3	37	11.2	91	5.7
Service and sales workers	206	8.1	260	38.9	466	14.5	108	8.5	141	40.5	249	15.4	94	7.4	100	30.4	194	12.2
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	52	2.0	1	0.1	53	1.6	26	2.1	1	0.3	27	1.7	22	1.7	-	-	22	1.4
Craft and related trades workers	668	26.2	13	1.9	681	21.1	330	26.1	7	2.0	337	20.9	347	27.5	3	0.9	350	22.0
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	360	14.1	38	5.7	398	12.4	188	14.9	16	4.6	204	12.7	181	14.3	24	7.3	205	12.9
Elementary occupations	772	30.3	118	17.7	890	27.6	373	29.5	63	18.1	436	27.0	363	28.7	73	22.2	436	27.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Age-group	2016						January-June 2016 (revised)						January-June 2017					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	314	12.3	114	17.1	428	13.3	152	12.0	53	15.2	205	12.7	128	10.1	45	13.7	173	10.9
25-34	643	25.2	184	27.5	827	25.7	331	26.2	90	25.9	421	26.1	302	23.9	91	27.7	393	24.7
35-44	627	24.6	148	22.2	775	24.1	299	23.7	76	21.8	375	23.3	348	27.5	57	17.3	405	25.4
45-54	543	21.3	126	18.9	669	20.8	269	21.3	71	20.4	340	21.1	259	20.5	85	25.8	344	21.6
55+	425	16.7	96	14.4	521	16.2	213	16.9	58	16.7	271	16.8	227	18.0	51	15.5	278	17.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Part of body	2016						January-June 2016 (revised)						January-June 2017					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	274	10.7	56	8.4	330	10.2	139	11.0	31	8.9	170	10.5	151	11.9	35	10.6	186	11.7
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	81	3.2	37	5.5	118	3.7	44	3.5	21	6.0	65	4.0	25	2.0	19	5.8	44	2.8
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	206	8.1	73	10.9	279	8.7	102	8.1	39	11.2	141	8.7	112	8.9	30	9.1	142	8.9
Torso and organs	108	4.2	26	3.9	134	4.2	60	4.7	15	4.3	75	4.7	54	4.3	16	4.9	70	4.4
Upper extremities	1,150	45.1	284	42.5	1,434	44.5	566	44.8	150	43.1	716	44.4	567	44.9	130	39.5	697	43.8
Lower extremities	675	26.4	178	26.6	853	26.5	327	25.9	86	24.7	413	25.6	328	25.9	91	27.7	419	26.3
Wholebody and multiple sites	29	1.1	9	1.3	38	1.2	10	0.8	5	1.4	15	0.9	10	0.8	2	0.6	12	0.8
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	4	0.2	3	0.4	7	0.2	2	0.2	1	0.3	3	0.2	3	0.2	2	0.6	5	0.3
Not specified	25	1.0	2	0.3	27	0.8	14	1.1	-	-	14	0.9	14	1.1	4	1.2	18	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Type of injury	2016						January-June 2016 (revised)						January-June 2017					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	1,553	60.9	399	59.7	1,952	60.6	763	60.4	213	61.2	976	60.5	717	56.7	166	50.5	883	55.4
Bone fractures	288	11.3	73	10.9	361	11.2	157	12.4	37	10.6	194	12.0	156	12.3	32	9.7	188	11.8
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	573	22.5	153	22.9	726	22.5	286	22.6	71	20.4	357	22.1	311	24.6	96	29.2	407	25.5
Traumatic amputations	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1
Concussions and internal injuries	34	1.3	12	1.8	46	1.4	22	1.7	7	2.0	29	1.8	11	0.9	6	1.8	17	1.1
Burns, scalds and frostbites	65	2.5	22	3.3	87	2.7	22	1.7	14	4.0	36	2.2	40	3.2	14	4.3	54	3.4
Poisonings and infections	11	0.4	1	0.1	12	0.4	4	0.3	-	-	4	0.2	6	0.5	-	-	6	0.4
Drowning and asphyxiations	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.1	2	0.2	2	0.6	4	0.3
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.3	1	0.1
Shock	7	0.3	6	0.9	13	0.4	2	0.2	5	1.4	7	0.4	3	0.2	3	0.9	6	0.4
Multiple injuries	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	2	0.2	1	0.3	3	0.2
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	1	0.0	2	0.3	3	0.1	-	-	1	0.3	1	0.1	2	0.2	1.0	0.3	3	0.2
Not specified	9	0.4	-	-	9	0.3	4	0.3	-	-	4	0.2	11	0.9	7	2.1	18	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

District	2016						January-June 2016 (revised)						January-June 2017					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	687	26.9	127	19.0	814	25.3	338	26.7	60	17.2	398	24.7	414	32.8	115	35.0	529	33.2
Northern Harbour	743	29.1	308	46.1	1,051	32.6	383	30.3	171	49.1	554	34.4	380	30.1	136	41.3	516	32.4
South Eastern	504	19.7	71	10.6	575	17.9	247	19.5	33	9.5	280	17.4	183	14.5	24	7.3	207	13.0
Western	233	9.1	60	9.0	293	9.1	118	9.3	31	8.9	149	9.2	112	8.9	19	5.8	131	8.2
Northern	333	13.0	88	13.2	421	13.1	156	12.3	44	12.6	200	12.4	152	12.0	32	9.7	184	11.6
Gozo and Comino	52	2.0	14	2.1	66	2.0	22	1.7	9	2.6	31	1.9	23	1.8	3	0.9	26	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Employment size	2016						January-June 2016 (revised)						January-June 2017					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	114	4.5	6	0.9	120	3.7	62	4.9	5	1.4	67	4.2	57	4.5	4	1.2	61	3.8
1-9 employees	224	8.8	25	3.7	249	7.7	134	10.6	9	2.6	143	8.9	104	8.2	8	2.4	112	7.0
10-49 employees	458	17.9	53	7.9	511	15.9	239	18.9	33	9.5	272	16.9	203	16.1	34	10.3	237	14.9
50-249 employees	701	27.5	138	20.7	839	26.1	328	25.9	64	18.4	392	24.3	344	27.2	69	21.0	413	25.9
250-499 employees	362	14.2	171	25.6	533	16.6	170	13.4	95	27.3	265	16.4	232	18.4	87	26.4	319	20.0
500 employees or more	657	25.7	271	40.6	928	28.8	310	24.5	139	39.9	449	27.9	296	23.4	123	37.4	419	26.3
Not specified	36	1.4	4	0.6	40	1.2	21	1.7	3	0.9	24	1.5	28	2.2	4	1.2	32	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Employment status	2016						January-June 2016 (revised)						January-June 2017					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	207	8.1	7	1.0	214	6.6	109	8.6	5	1.4	114	7.1	86	6.8	5	1.5	91	5.7
Full-time employee	2,246	88.0	571	85.5	2,817	87.5	1,113	88.1	306	87.9	1,419	88.0	1,128	89.2	295	89.7	1,423	89.3
Part-time employee	99	3.9	90	13.5	189	5.9	42	3.3	37	10.6	79	4.9	50	4.0	29	8.8	79	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,593</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.
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