

Errata Corrigé: An error was detected in the paragraph before last where the number of non-fatal accidents per 100,000 employed persons should read '863' instead of '891'. Table 9 was also changed accordingly. Online documents were amended on 24 August at 13:30hrs.

The number of claims in respect of non-fatal accidents at work in the first half of 2022 increased by 33, or 2.9 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2021. Nine fatal accidents at work were reported in the first half of 2022.

Accidents at Work: January-June 2022

Non-fatal accidents

Administrative records show that 1,164 persons were involved in a non-fatal accident at work in the first six months of 2022.

The majority of these non-fatal accidents occurred in the manufacturing sector (16.3 per cent). Another 164 or 14.1 per cent of the accidents occurred in the transportation and storage sector followed by the construction sector (151 or 13.0 per cent). When compared to the same period in 2021, the highest increase in the number of accidents was in the human health and social work activities (29 or 26.1 per cent) (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).

Almost half (44.8 per cent) 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, sprains and strains were the most common types of injuries, amounting to 615 and 298 cases respectively (Table 5).

In the first half of 2022, 33.2 per cent of the accidents at work took place in enterprises with 500 or more employees (Table 7).

In 2021, 863 non-fatal accidents per 100,000 employed persons were reported. The highest standardised incidence rate of non-fatal accidents at work was recorded in manufacturing followed by construction and transportation and storage (Table 9).

Fatal accidents

Between January and June 2022, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported nine fatal accidents at work. There were six fatal accidents at work in the corresponding period of 2021 ■

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

Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)	2021						January-June 2021						January-June 2022					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	31	1.7	2	0.4	33	1.4	11	1.2	-	-	11	1.0	14	1.6	1	0.4	15	1.3
Mining and quarrying	5	0.3	-	-	5	0.2	3	0.3	-	-	3	0.3	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Manufacturing	348	19.0	42	8.5	390	16.8	170	18.8	18	7.9	188	16.6	177	19.7	13	4.9	190	16.3
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	23	1.3	-	-	23	1.0	8	0.9	-	-	8	0.7	3	0.3	-	-	3	0.3
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	66	3.6	1	0.2	67	2.9	29	3.2	-	-	29	2.6	21	2.3	1	0.4	22	1.9
Construction	362	19.7	7	1.4	369	15.9	190	21.0	4	1.8	194	17.2	151	16.8	-	-	151	13.0
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	185	10.1	51	10.4	236	10.2	107	11.8	23	10.1	130	11.5	81	9.0	29	11.0	110	9.5
Transportation and storage	249	13.6	43	8.7	292	12.6	123	13.6	23	10.1	146	12.9	136	15.1	28	10.6	164	14.1
Accommodation and food service activities	114	6.2	38	7.7	152	6.5	39	4.3	12	5.3	51	4.5	45	5.0	14	5.3	59	5.1
Information and communication	15	0.8	1	0.2	16	0.7	5	0.6	-	-	5	0.4	6	0.7	1	0.4	7	0.6
Financial and insurance activities	15	0.8	3	0.6	18	0.8	8	0.9	3	1.3	11	1.0	7	0.8	1	0.4	8	0.7
Real estate activities	12	0.7	1	0.2	13	0.6	7	0.8	-	-	7	0.6	9	1.0	-	-	9	0.8
Professional, scientific and technical activities	44	2.4	4	0.8	48	2.1	17	1.9	2	0.9	19	1.7	13	1.4	6	2.3	19	1.6
Administrative and support service activities	196	10.7	52	10.6	248	10.7	102	11.3	25	11.0	127	11.2	111	12.3	31	11.7	142	12.2
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	55	3.0	29	5.9	84	3.6	31	3.4	14	6.1	45	4.0	45	5.0	11	4.2	56	4.8
Education	17	0.9	30	6.1	47	2.0	8	0.9	18	7.9	26	2.3	11	1.2	23	8.7	34	2.9
Human health and social work activities	67	3.7	183	37.2	250	10.8	26	2.9	85	37.3	111	9.8	39	4.3	101	38.3	140	12.0
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8	0.4	-	-	8	0.3	5	0.6	-	-	5	0.4	4	0.4	1	0.4	5	0.4
Other service activities	11	0.6	3	0.6	14	0.6	6	0.7	1	0.4	7	0.6	10	1.1	1	0.4	11	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	0.1	1	0.2	2	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	9	0.5	1	0.2	10	0.4	7	0.8	-	-	7	0.6	16	1.8	2	0.8	18	1.5
Total	1,833	100.0	492	100.0	2,325	100.0	903	100.0	228	100.0	1,131	100.0	900	100.0	264	100.0	1,164	100.0

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

Occupations (ISCO-08)	2021						January-June 2021						January-June 2022					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Armed forces	2	0.1	3	0.6	5	0.2	1	0.1	3	1.3	4	0.4	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2
Managers	17	0.9	4	0.8	21	0.9	11	1.2	2	0.9	13	1.1	9	1.0	6	2.3	15	1.3
Professionals	51	2.8	73	14.8	124	5.3	16	1.8	34	14.9	50	4.4	32	3.6	35	13.3	67	5.8
Technicians and associate professionals	190	10.4	35	7.1	225	9.7	85	9.4	16	7.0	101	8.9	95	10.6	22	8.3	117	10.1
Clerical support workers	87	4.7	33	6.7	120	5.2	48	5.3	12	5.3	60	5.3	29	3.2	20	7.6	49	4.2
Service and sales workers	129	7.0	213	43.3	342	14.7	66	7.3	96	42.1	162	14.3	60	6.7	116	43.9	176	15.1
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	41	2.2	1	0.2	42	1.8	22	2.4	-	-	22	1.9	20	2.2	-	-	20	1.7
Craft and related trades workers	507	27.7	15	3.0	522	22.5	251	27.8	7	3.1	258	22.8	215	23.9	2	0.8	217	18.6
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	263	14.3	27	5.5	290	12.5	144	15.9	17	7.5	161	14.2	150	16.7	5	1.9	155	13.3
Elementary occupations	544	29.7	88	17.9	632	27.2	259	28.7	41	18.0	300	26.5	288	32.0	58	22.0	346	29.7
Not specified	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,833	100.0	492	100.0	2,325	100.0	903	100.0	228	100.0	1,131	100.0	900	100.0	264	100.0	1,164	100.0

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

Age group	2021						January-June 2021						January-June 2022					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
15-24	139	7.6	65	13.2	204	8.8	56	6.2	25	11.0	81	7.2	63	7.0	19	7.2	82	7.0
25-34	431	23.5	139	28.3	570	24.5	214	23.7	69	30.3	283	25.0	200	22.2	72	27.3	272	23.4
35-44	502	27.4	109	22.2	611	26.3	263	29.1	50	21.9	313	27.7	240	26.7	52	19.7	292	25.1
45-54	431	23.5	94	19.1	525	22.6	219	24.3	44	19.3	263	23.3	213	23.7	74	28.0	287	24.7
55+	330	18.0	85	17.3	415	17.8	151	16.7	40	17.5	191	16.9	184	20.4	47	17.8	231	19.8
Total	1,833	100.0	492	100.0	2,325	100.0	903	100.0	228	100.0	1,131	100.0	900	100.0	264	100.0	1,164	100.0

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

Part of body	2021						January-June 2021						January-June 2022					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Head	187	10.2	55	11.2	242	10.4	92	10.2	27	11.8	119	10.5	98	10.9	31	11.7	129	11.1
Neck, including spine and vertebra in the neck	32	1.7	20	4.1	52	2.2	15	1.7	11	4.8	26	2.3	13	1.4	10	3.8	23	2.0
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	148	8.1	46	9.3	194	8.3	73	8.1	20	8.8	93	8.2	77	8.6	20	7.6	97	8.3
Torso and organs	104	5.7	19	3.9	123	5.3	48	5.3	11	4.8	59	5.2	29	3.2	18	6.8	47	4.0
Upper extremities	833	45.4	212	43.1	1,045	44.9	403	44.6	95	41.7	498	44.0	415	46.1	107	40.5	522	44.8
Lower extremities	489	26.7	121	24.6	610	26.2	249	27.6	57	25.0	306	27.1	249	27.7	70	26.5	319	27.4
Whole body and multiple sites	12	0.7	6	1.2	18	0.8	8	0.9	1	0.4	9	0.8	12	1.3	5	1.9	17	1.5
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	6	0.3	3	0.6	9	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.3	1	0.4	4	0.3
Not specified	22	1.2	10	2.0	32	1.4	15	1.7	6	2.6	21	1.9	4	0.4	2	0.8	6	0.5
Total	1,833	100.0	492	100.0	2,325	100.0	903	100.0	228	100.0	1,131	100.0	900	100.0	264	100.0	1,164	100.0

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

Type of injury	2021						January-June 2021						January-June 2022					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	1,104	60.2	272	55.3	1,376	59.2	550	60.9	135	59.2	685	60.6	476	52.9	139	52.7	615	52.8
Bone fractures	224	12.2	53	10.8	277	11.9	122	13.5	25	11.0	147	13.0	150	16.7	28	10.6	178	15.3
Dislocations, sprains and strains	396	21.6	120	24.4	516	22.2	185	20.5	48	21.1	233	20.6	221	24.6	77	29.2	298	25.6
Traumatic amputations	4	0.2	-	-	4	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2	4	0.4	-	-	4	0.3
Concussions and internal injuries	31	1.7	11	2.2	42	1.8	12	1.3	4	1.8	16	1.4	7	0.8	5	1.9	12	1.0
Burns, scalds and frostbites	47	2.6	16	3.3	63	2.7	21	2.3	9	3.9	30	2.7	28	3.1	11	4.2	39	3.4
Poisonings and infections	7	0.4	3	0.6	10	0.4	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.4	2	0.2
Drowning and asphyxiations	3	0.2	-	-	3	0.1	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shock	8	0.4	13	2.6	21	0.9	4	0.4	5	2.2	9	0.8	3	0.3	1	0.4	4	0.3
Multiple injuries	3	0.2	2	0.4	5	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.9	4	0.4	6	0.7	2	0.8	8	0.7
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	5	0.3	1	0.2	6	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2
Not specified	1	0.1	1	0.2	2	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2
Total	1,833	100.0	492	100.0	2,325	100.0	903	100.0	228	100.0	1,131	100.0	900	100.0	264	100.0	1,164	100.0

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

District	2021						January-June 2021						January-June 2022					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Southern Harbour	530	28.9	127	25.8	657	28.3	264	29.2	58	25.4	322	28.5	257	28.6	86	32.6	343	29.5
Northern Harbour	525	28.6	214	43.5	739	31.8	264	29.2	92	40.4	356	31.5	256	28.4	114	43.2	370	31.8
South Eastern	277	15.1	46	9.3	323	13.9	130	14.4	27	11.8	157	13.9	160	17.8	18	6.8	178	15.3
Western	196	10.7	43	8.7	239	10.3	100	11.1	18	7.9	118	10.4	91	10.1	19	7.2	110	9.5
Northern	255	13.9	55	11.2	310	13.3	126	14.0	30	13.2	156	13.8	107	11.9	25	9.5	132	11.3
Gozo and Comino	50	2.7	7	1.4	57	2.5	19	2.1	3	1.3	22	1.9	29	3.2	2	0.8	31	2.7
Total	1,833	100.0	492	100.0	2,325	100.0	903	100.0	228	100.0	1,131	100.0	900	100.0	264	100.0	1,164	100.0

Refer to Methodological Note 4

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

Employment size	2021						January-June 2021						January-June 2022					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Self-employed without employees	95	5.2	2	0.4	97	4.2	50	5.5	-	-	50	4.4	32	3.6	2	0.8	34	2.9
1-9 employees	188	10.3	18	3.7	206	8.9	109	12.1	9	3.9	118	10.4	73	8.1	7	2.7	80	6.9
10-49 employees	350	19.1	37	7.5	387	16.6	191	21.2	17	7.5	208	18.4	179	19.9	19	7.2	198	17.0
50-249 employees	503	27.4	123	25.0	626	26.9	250	27.7	63	27.6	313	27.7	253	28.1	54	20.5	307	26.4
250-499 employees	256	14.0	72	14.6	328	14.1	126	14.0	33	14.5	159	14.1	108	12.0	29	11.0	137	11.8
500 employees or more	406	22.1	231	47.0	637	27.4	169	18.7	106	46.5	275	24.3	238	26.4	148	56.1	386	33.2
Not specified	35	1.9	9	1.8	44	1.9	8	0.9	-	-	8	0.7	17	1.9	5	1.9	22	1.9
Total	1,833	100.0	492	100.0	2,325	100.0	903	100.0	228	100.0	1,131	100.0	900	100.0	264	100.0	1,164	100.0

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

Employment status	2021						January-June 2021						January-June 2022					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Self-employed	139	7.6	5	1.0	144	6.2	72	8.0	-	-	72	6.4	55	6.1	3	1.1	58	5.0
Full-time employee	1,652	90.1	445	90.4	2,097	90.2	814	90.1	210	92.1	1,024	90.5	834	92.7	242	91.7	1,076	92.4
Part-time employee	42	2.3	42	8.5	84	3.6	17	1.9	18	7.9	35	3.1	11	1.2	19	7.2	30	2.6
Total	1,833	100.0	492	100.0	2,325	100.0	903	100.0	228	100.0	1,131	100.0	900	100.0	264	100.0	1,164	100.0

Table 9. Standardised non-fatal accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise¹

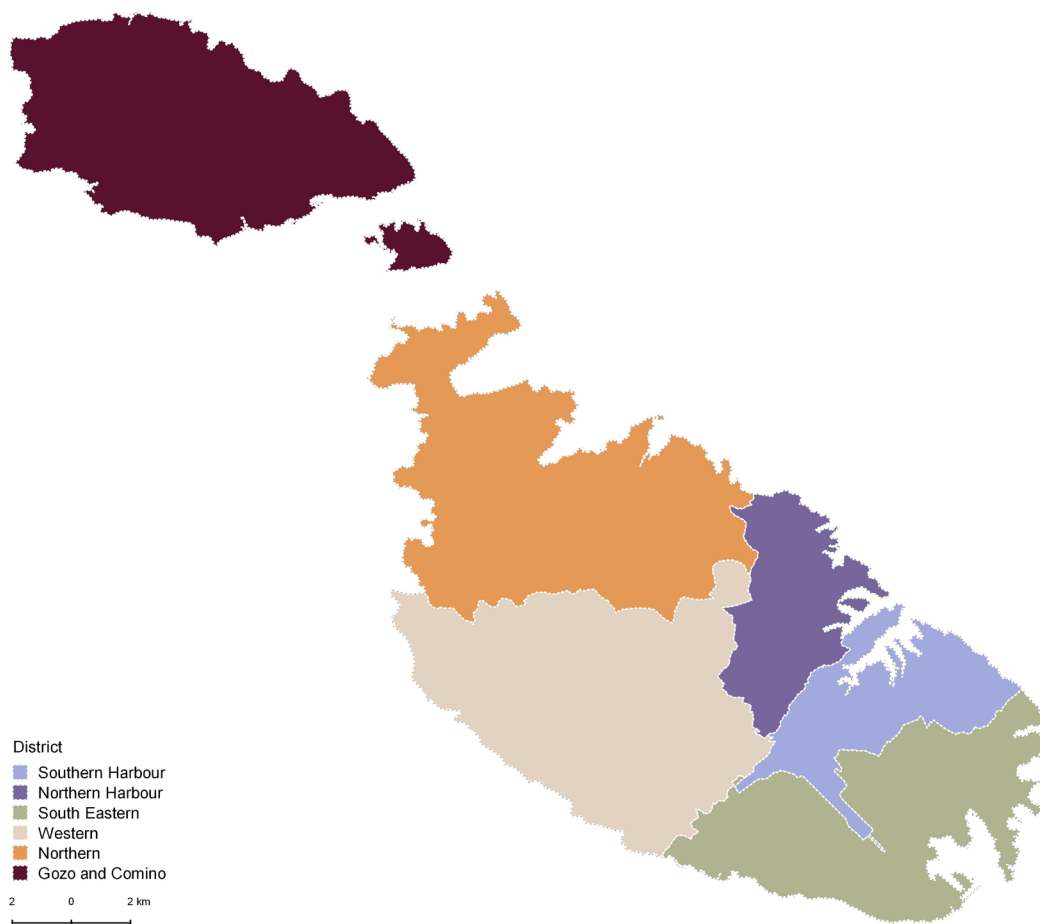
Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)	2021 (Revised)		
	No. of employed persons *	No. of non-fatal accidents	Standardised Incidence Rate (per 100,000 workers)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,150	33	12
Mining and quarrying	:	5	:
Manufacturing	28,214	390	145
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	:	23	:
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	3,229	67	25
Construction	17,426	369	137
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	32,871	236	88
Transportation and storage	13,976	292	108
Accommodation and food service activities	16,144	152	56
Information and communication	10,502	16	6
Financial and insurance activities	16,385	18	7
Real estate activities	4,715	13	5
Professional, scientific and technical activities	14,945	48	18
Administrative and support service activities	14,013	248	92
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	17,906	84	31
Education	23,633	47	17
Human health and social work activities	27,360	250	93
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14,406	8	3
Other service activities	5,630	14	5
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	4,378	0	0
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	1238 ^u	2	1 ^u
Not specified	0	10	0
Total	269,562	2,325	863

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.² Source: Labour Force Survey 2021

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

Graphical Illustration of MALTA by NUTS Classification



Districts classification

Southern Harbour

Bormla; Il-Fgura; Floriana; Ғal Luqa; Ғaž-Żabbar; Il-Kalkara; Il-Marsa; RaҒal Ġdid; Santa Luċija; L-Isla; Ғal Tarxien; Valletta; Il-Birgu; Ix-XgҒajra.

Northern Harbour

Birkirkara; Il-Gżira; Ғal Qormi; Il-Ғamrun; L-Imsida; Pembroke; San Ġwann; Santa Venera; San Ġiljan; Is-Swieqi; Ta' Xbiex; Tal-Pietà; Tas-Sliema.

South Eastern

Birżebbuġa; Il-Gudja; Ғal GҒaxaq; Ғal Kirkop; Ғal Safi; Marsaskala; Marsaxlokk; L-Imqabba; Il-Qrendi; Iz-Żejtun; iz-Żurrieq.

Western

Ғad-Dingli; Ғal Balzan; Ғal Lija; Ғ'Attard; Ғaž-Żebbuġ; L-Iklin; L-Imdina; L-Imtarfa; Ir-Rabat; Is-Siġġiewi.

Northern

Ғal GҒarghur; Il-MellieҒa; L-Imġarr; Il-Mosta; In-Naxxar; San Pawl Il-BaҒar .

Gozo and Comino

Il-Fontana; GҒajnsielem and Comino; L-GҒarb; L-GҒasri; Il-Munxar; In-Nadur; Il-Qala; San Lawrenz; Ta' Kerċem; Ta' Sannat; Ir-Rabat; Ix-XagҒra; Ix-Xewkija; Iz-Żebbuġ.

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. 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.
3. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually upon publication of the first semester of the following year.
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, Xghajra.

B. Northern Harbour

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

C. South Eastern

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

D. Western

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

E. Northern

Hał Ġhargħur, Mellieħa, Mġarr, Mosta, Naxxar, St Paul's Bay.

F. Gozo and Comino

Victoria, Fontana, Ġhajnsielem, Ġħarb, Ġħasri, Ta' Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Ta' Sannat, Xaġhra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.

5. Definitions:
 - An accident at work is defined as a discrete occurrence during the course of work which leads to physical or mental harm.
 - Fatal accidents at work are accidents that lead to death of the victim within 1 year.
 - The standardised incidence rate is defined as the weighted sum of the number of accidents at work per 100,000 persons in employment.
6. Key:
 - : Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.
 - ^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.
7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
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