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## Transport

### Traffic accidents: October - December 2004

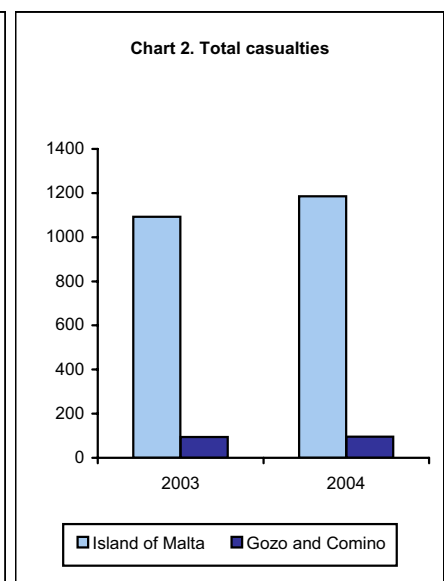
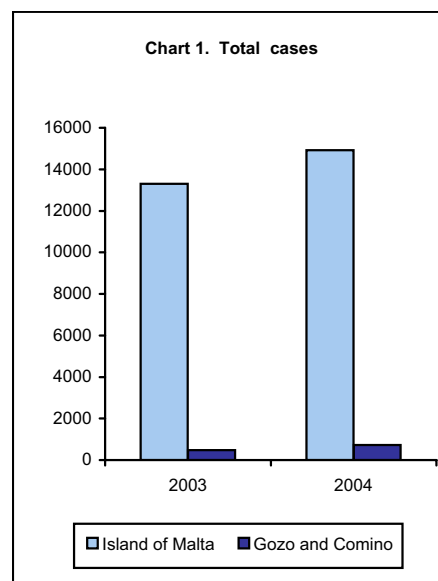
In the fourth quarter this year, the number of reported accidents reached 3,917; an increase of 426 over the same quarter last year. In the period under review, the number of accidents in the Southern Harbour, Northern Harbour and Western Districts registered an high increase of 23.0, 10.8 and 39.4 per cent respectively. The South Eastern and Northern Districts registered a decrease of 44 and 4 cases over the same quarter last year. In Gozo and Comino the number of accidents increased by 18 to 164 from 146 in the previous year.

In the quarter under review, 120 drivers sustained injuries as a result of traffic accidents; of these, 99 suffered slight injuries. There were 19 drivers who suffered grievous and there were 2 fatalities, both being males. During the same period, 35 pedestrians and 58 passengers were injured.

The number of slightly-injured persons in the fourth quarter of 2004 totalled 191; of these, 115 were males and 76 were females. In the 15-24 and 25-39 year age groups, 39 and 33 males respectively suffered slight injuries. The number of injured females in the same age group reached 17 and 23 respectively. Persons sustaining grievous and fatal injuries totalled 53; 36 were males and 17 were females. There were 3 traffic deaths in this quarter, all male.

In the fourth quarter of 2004, there were 244 reported casualties; of these, 168 or 68.9 per cent were caused by passenger cars, while 37 or 15.2 per cent were caused by motorcycles. There were 70 casualties in the 15-24 years age group; 53 of them occurring to passenger car travellers.

In the quarter under review, 123 or 50.4 per cent of the reported casualties occurred during Friday-Sunday. However, the 3 fatalities happened on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday respectively ■



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**Table 1. Traffic accidents  
Total cases**

	2002	2003	2004	2003	2004
				Oct-Dec	
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>13,383</b>	<b>13,304</b>	<b>14,917</b>	<b>3,345</b>	<b>3,753</b>
Southern Harbour	2,849	2,852	3,350	700	861
Northern Harbour	5,623	5,501	6,167	1,438	1,594
South Eastern	1,340	1,320	1,242	311	267
Western	1,305	1,301	1,712	353	492
Northern	2,266	2,330	2,446	543	539
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,062</b>	<b>13,979</b>	<b>15,643</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>3,917</b>

**Table 2. Traffic accidents  
Casualties**

	2002	2003	2004	2003	2004
				Oct-Dec	Oct-Dec
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>213</b>
Southern Harbour	221	225	242	47	58
Northern Harbour	433	381	418	113	60
South Eastern	184	128	139	33	26
Western	133	109	171	33	33
Northern	230	250	215	63	36
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>244</b>

**Southern Harbour:** Valletta, Birgu, Isla, Bormla, Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa, Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

**South Eastern:** Żejtun, B'Buġia, Gudja, Għaxaq, Kirkop, M'Scala, M'Xlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, Żurrieq.

**Northern Harbour:** Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Ħamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pieta, San Ġiljan, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

**Western:** Mdina, Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

**Northern:** Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mġarr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl il-Baħar.

**Gozo and Comino:** Rabat, Fontana, G'Sielem & Comino, Għarb, Għasri, Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xagħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.

**Table 3. Traffic accidents  
Injuries sustained by drivers**

	October-December							
	2003				2004			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>120</b>
Southern Harbour	24	9	-	33	25	6	-	31
Northern Harbour	50	9	-	59	25	3	-	28
South Eastern	12	3	-	15	13	2	1	16
Western	14	2	-	16	17	5	1	23
Northern	22	12	1	35	19	3	-	22
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>137</b>

**Table 4. Traffic accidents  
Injuries sustained by pedestrians**

	October-December							
	2003				2004			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>
Southern Harbour	-	1	-	1	5	3	-	8
Northern Harbour	23	4	2	29	10	5	1	16
South Eastern	3	3	-	6	2	1	-	3
Western	4	5	-	9	2	1	-	3
Northern	4	1	-	5	3	2	-	5
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>

**Table 5. Traffic accidents  
Injuries sustained by passengers**

	October-December							
	2003				2004			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
<b>Island of Malta</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58</b>
Southern Harbour	9	4	-	13	14	5	-	19
Northern Harbour	18	7	-	25	12	4	-	16
South Eastern	12	-	-	12	6	1	-	7
Western	5	3	-	8	7	0	-	7
Northern	18	5	-	23	9	0	-	9
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69</b>

Table 6. Casualties by sex and age in Malta, Gozo and Comino: October-December 2004

	October-December 2003				October				November				December				October-December 2004			
	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total
<b>Total</b>																				
age unknown	10	5	-	15	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	4	1	-	5
Up to 14 years	14	1	-	15	6	4	-	10	1	-	-	1	7	2	-	9	14	6	-	20
15 - 24 years	66	19	-	85	22	7	-	29	21	3	-	24	13	3	1	17	56	13	1	70
25 - 39 years	75	10	2	87	20	4	-	24	18	4	1	23	18	2	-	20	56	10	1	67
40 - 59 years	52	23	1	76	9	2	-	11	17	3	-	20	13	5	-	18	39	10	-	49
60 years and more	15	14	-	29	6	4	1	11	9	4	-	13	7	2	-	9	22	10	1	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Male</b>																				
age unknown	6	3	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Up to 14 years	9	-	-	9	5	3	-	8	1	-	-	1	4	1	-	5	10	4	-	14
15 - 24 years	42	14	-	56	15	5	-	20	15	3	-	18	9	2	1	12	39	10	1	50
25 - 39 years	42	10	2	54	13	4	-	17	11	3	1	15	9	2	-	11	33	9	1	43
40 - 59 years	26	20	-	46	4	1	-	5	9	2	-	11	8	3	-	11	21	6	-	27
60 years and more	8	9	-	17	4	2	1	7	4	1	-	5	3	1	-	4	11	4	1	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Female</b>																				
age unknown	4	2	-	6	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	3	1	-	4
Up to 14 years	5	1	-	6	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	4	2	-	6
15 - 24 years	24	5	-	29	7	2	-	9	6	-	-	6	4	1	-	5	17	3	-	20
25 - 39 years	33	-	-	33	7	-	-	7	7	1	-	8	9	-	-	9	23	1	-	24
40 - 59 years	26	3	1	30	5	1	-	6	8	1	-	9	5	2	-	7	18	4	-	22
60 years and more	7	5	-	12	2	2	-	4	5	3	-	8	4	1	-	5	11	6	-	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93</b>

Table 7. Total casualties by means of transport, age and type of injury in Malta 2004

		Oct-Dec 2003	October				November				December				October-December 2004			
			Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Greivous	Fatal	Total
Total	Motorcycles	45	12	5	-	17	9	2	-	11	7	2	-	9	28	9	-	37
	Passenger cars	226	40	14	1	55	48	7	1	56	47	9	1	57	135	30	3	168
	Coaches and Buses	4	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	4	1	-	5
	Good vehicles	32	10	2	-	12	8	4	-	12	6	4	-	10	24	10	-	34
	Total	307	64	21	1	86	66	14	1	81	61	15	1	77	191	50	3	244
Up to 14 years	Motorcycles	0	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Passenger cars	13	3	2	-	5	1	-	-	1	7	-	-	7	11	2	-	13
	Coaches and Buses	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Good vehicles	1	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	4	-	5
	Total	15	6	4	-	10	1	-	-	1	7	2	-	9	14	6	-	20
15 - 24 years	Motorcycles	9	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	3	3	-	6
	Passenger cars	68	15	6	-	21	17	1	-	18	12	1	1	14	44	8	1	53
	Coaches and Buses	0	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Good vehicles	8	5	-	-	5	3	1	-	4	-	1	-	1	8	2	-	10
	Total	85	22	7	-	29	21	3	-	24	13	3	1	17	56	13	1	70
25 - 39 years	Motorcycles	19	8	3	-	11	4	-	-	4	3	-	-	3	15	3	-	18
	Passenger cars	60	10	1	-	11	12	1	1	14	11	2	-	13	33	4	1	38
	Coaches and Buses	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
	Good vehicles	7	2	-	-	2	1	2	-	3	4	-	-	4	7	2	-	9
	Total	87	20	4	-	24	18	4	1	23	18	2	-	20	56	10	1	67
40 - 59 years	Motorcycles	11	2	1	-	3	2	1	-	3	3	1	-	4	7	3	-	10
	Passenger cars	56	7	1	-	8	12	2	-	14	8	4	-	12	27	7	-	34
	Coaches and Buses	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Good vehicles	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	2	-	-	2	5	-	-	5
	Total	76	9	2	-	11	17	3	-	20	13	5	-	18	39	10	-	49
60 years and more	Motorcycles	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
	Passenger cars	20	4	4	1	9	6	3	-	9	6	1	-	7	16	8	1	25
	Coaches and Buses	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
	Good vehicles	7	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	3	2	-	5
	Total	29	6	4	1	11	9	4	-	13	7	2	-	9	22	10	1	33
Age unknown	Motorcycles	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Passenger cars	9	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	4	1	-	5
	Coaches and Buses	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Good vehicles	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	15	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	4	1	-	5

Table 8. Total casualties by day of the week in 2004

Day	January-March			April-June			July-September			October-December			January-December		
	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Fatal	Grievous	Slight
<b>Drivers</b>															
Monday	1	4	30	1	4	19	-	4	19	1	1	12	3	13	80
Tuesday	1	4	33	-	8	21	1	2	7	1	3	13	3	17	74
Wednesday	-	4	24	-	2	21	-	1	25	-	4	14	-	11	84
Thursday	-	2	27	-	5	15	-	3	19	-	2	17	-	12	78
Friday	-	5	25	-	6	26	-	6	16	-	5	18	-	22	85
Saturday	-	5	26	1	12	26	2	7	28	-	3	24	3	27	104
Sunday	-	10	22	-	9	28	-	8	19	-	6	13	-	33	82
Total	2	34	187	2	46	156	3	31	133	2	24	111	9	135	587
<b>Passengers</b>															
Monday	1	2	8	-	2	11	-	2	6	-	1	9	1	7	34
Tuesday	-	-	6	-	1	5	-	3	6	-	1	5	-	5	22
Wednesday	-	1	6	-	3	13	-	3	18	-	3	6	-	10	43
Thursday	-	2	14	-	-	6	-	2	5	-	1	5	-	5	30
Friday	-	2	13	-	3	11	-	4	8	-	-	8	-	9	40
Saturday	-	2	13	-	3	11	1	3	16	-	5	13	1	13	53
Sunday	-	2	30	-	6	16	-	7	22	-	1	11	-	16	79
Total	1	11	90	-	18	73	1	24	81	-	12	57	2	65	301
<b>Pedestrians</b>															
Monday	-	-	2	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	6	8
Tuesday	-	3	3	-	2	4	-	4	9	-	3	3	-	12	19
Wednesday	-	2	2	-	5	6	1	1	6	-	1	6	1	9	20
Thursday	-	4	6	-	1	4	-	2	4	1	1	3	1	8	17
Friday	-	5	1	-	5	4	-	2	2	-	4	6	-	16	13
Saturday	-	2	7	-	1	9	-	3	5	-	1	1	-	7	22
Sunday	-	-	4	-	2	4	-	3	6	-	2	2	-	7	16
Total	-	16	25	-	19	34	1	16	33	1	14	23	2	65	115



## Methodological Note

1. Traffic accidents data are compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department and the Guard and Warden Services Limited.
2. The data contained in this release are not normally subject to revision.
3. The type of casualty (slight or grievous) is determined by the Health Department. The definitions for deaths caused by road accidents refer to the European Conference for Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and United Nations (UN) and Economic Commission for Eu.

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