

At 802, the non-fatal claims of accidents at work decreased by 3.8 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in the preceding year. There were two fatal accidents at work during the period under review.

Accidents at work: Q4/2009

Non-Fatal Accidents

This news release looks into the claims of accidents at work that were reported to the Department of Social Security (DSS). These administrative records indicate that 802 persons had an accident in the course of their work in the period under review. Accordingly, the number of accidents in the fourth quarter last year decreased by 32 (-3.8 per cent) with respect to the corresponding period in the preceding year.

The accidents at work which affected men amounted to 692 (86.3 per cent), while those that involved women amounted to 110 (13.7 per cent). Overall, there was a drop in the number of accidents at work for both men and women.

Many of these accidents occurred in manufacturing (24.2 per cent); construction (16.5 per cent); and wholesale and retail trade (12.8 per cent). With regard to manufacturing and construction, there were decreases of 9.3 and 5.0 per cent respectively, while the accidents in wholesale and retail trade increased by 17.0 per cent.

In October-December 2009, persons employed in elementary occupations were mostly affected by accidents at work. Accordingly, 347 accidents (43.3 per cent) occurred to persons in elementary occupations. A decrease was recorded in this figure, from 441 accidents in the fourth quarter of 2008 to 347 in the comparative period last year. As shown in Table 3, the occupational category which experienced the main increase in accidents comprised service workers and market and sales workers (+22 accidents).

In the period under review, just over one in three accidents at work affected persons aged 45 and over, totalling 272, or 33.9 per cent of the total number of accidents.

Wounds and superficial injuries are the most common types of injuries. In this respect, those injuries featured in 394 (49.1 per cent) of these mishaps. In comparison to the corresponding quarter of 2008, accidents at work involving wounds and superficial injuries increased by 43.

Fatal Accidents

The Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported that between October and December 2009, two men died at work. During the comparative period in the preceding year, there were no fatalities ■

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Table 1. Accidents at work by sex of victims

Sex	October-December 2008 (Revised)		October-December 2009	
	No	%	No	%
Males	706	84.7	692	86.3
Females	128	15.3	110	13.7
Total	834	100.0	802	100.0

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Table 2. Accidents at work by economic activity of enterprise

Economic Activity	October-December 2008 (Revised)						October-December 2009					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	12	1.7	-	-	12	1.4	6	0.9	-	-	6	0.8
Fishing	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	6	0.9	-	-	6	0.8
Mining and quarrying	9	1.3	-	-	9	1.1	8	1.2	-	-	8	1.0
Manufacturing	200	28.3	14	10.9	214	25.7	187	27.0	7	6.4	194	24.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	27	3.8	-	-	27	3.2	26	3.7	1	0.9	27	3.4
Construction	138	19.6	1	0.8	139	16.7	131	18.9	1	0.9	132	16.5
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	74	10.5	14	10.9	88	10.6	83	12.0	20	18.2	103	12.8
Hotels and restaurants	54	7.6	9	7.0	63	7.6	42	6.1	10	9.1	52	6.5
Transport, storage and communication	86	12.2	5	3.9	91	10.9	80	11.5	7	6.4	87	10.8
Financial intermediation	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	0	0.0	2	1.8	2	0.3
Real estate, renting and business activities	32	4.5	7	5.5	39	4.7	43	6.2	11	10.0	54	6.7
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	28	4.0	12	9.4	40	4.8	28	4.0	3	2.7	31	3.9
Education	6	0.9	21	16.4	27	3.2	8	1.2	6	5.5	14	1.7
Health and social work	15	2.1	40	31.3	55	6.6	20	2.9	37	33.6	57	7.1
Other community, social and personal service activities	13	1.8	4	3.1	17	2.0	15	2.2	3	2.7	18	2.2
Private households with employed persons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extra-territorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1
Not specified	9	1.3	1	0.8	10	1.2	8	1.2	2	1.8	10	1.2
Total	706	100.0	128	100.0	834	100.0	692	100.0	110	100.0	802	100.0

Table 3. Accidents at work by occupation of victim

Occupations	October-December 2008 (Revised)						October-December 2009					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed forces	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	6	0.9	-	-	6	0.8
Legislators, senior officials and managers	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	4	0.6	-	-	4	0.5
Professionals	17	2.4	37	28.9	54	6.5	24	3.5	33	30.0	57	7.1
Technicians and associate professionals	23	3.3	2	1.5	25	3.0	33	4.8	-	-	33	4.1
Clerks	22	3.1	5	3.9	27	3.2	26	3.8	8	7.3	34	4.2
Service workers and market and sales workers	42	5.9	12	9.4	54	6.5	48	6.9	28	25.5	76	9.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	7	1.0	-	-	7	0.9	9	1.3	-	-	9	1.1
Craft and related trades workers	146	20.7	1	0.8	147	17.6	165	23.8	1	0.9	166	20.7
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	70	9.9	5	3.9	75	9.0	66	9.5	4	3.6	70	8.7
Elementary occupations	375	53.1	66	51.6	441	52.9	311	44.9	36	32.7	347	43.3
Total	706	100.0	128	100.0	834	100.0	692	100.0	110	100.0	802	100.0

Table 4. Accidents at work by age group of victim

Age group	October-December 2008 (Revised)						October-December 2009					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
15-24	133	18.8	36	28.1	169	20.3	136	19.7	28	25.5	164	20.4
25-34	189	26.8	34	26.6	223	26.7	185	26.7	20	18.2	205	25.6
35-44	162	22.9	18	14.1	180	21.6	138	19.9	23	20.9	161	20.1
45-54	158	22.4	30	23.4	188	22.5	146	21.1	25	22.7	171	21.3
55+	64	9.1	10	7.8	74	8.9	87	12.6	14	12.7	101	12.6
Total	706	100.0	128	100.0	834	100.0	692	100.0	110	100.0	802	100.0

Table 5. Part of body injured in accidents at work

Part of body	October-December 2008 (Revised)						October-December 2009					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Head	65	9.2	11	8.6	76	9.1	63	9.1	8	7.3	71	8.8
Neck, inclusive of spine and vertebra in the neck	19	2.7	2	1.6	21	2.5	17	2.5	4	3.6	21	2.6
Back, including spine and vertebra in the back	50	7.1	3	2.3	53	6.4	43	6.2	8	7.3	51	6.4
Torso and organs	20	2.8	7	5.5	27	3.2	26	3.8	2	1.8	28	3.5
Upper extremities	313	44.3	61	47.6	374	44.9	330	47.7	54	49.1	384	47.9
Lower extremities	145	20.6	21	16.4	166	19.9	142	20.5	13	11.8	155	19.3
Wholebody and multiple sites	81	11.5	21	16.4	102	12.2	64	9.2	17	15.5	81	10.1
Other parts of body injured, not mentioned above	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	12	1.7	2	1.6	14	1.7	7	1.0	4	3.6	11	1.4
Total	706	100.0	128	100.0	834	100.0	692	100.0	110	100.0	802	100.0

Table 6. Accidents at work by type of injury

Type of Injury	October-December 2008 (Revised)						October-December 2009					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Wounds and superficial injuries	295	41.8	56	43.8	351	42.1	353	51.0	41	37.3	394	49.1
Bone fractures	72	10.2	12	9.4	84	10.1	61	8.8	7	6.4	68	8.5
Dislocations, sprains, and strains	207	29.4	35	27.3	242	29.0	196	28.3	37	33.6	233	29.0
Traumatic amputations	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	3	0.4	-	-	3	0.4
Concussions and internal injuries	5	0.7	1	0.8	6	0.7	7	1.0	1	0.9	8	1.0
Burns, scalds and frostbites	32	4.6	3	2.3	35	4.2	10	1.4	7	6.4	17	2.1
Poisonings and infections	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	3	0.4	1	0.9	4	0.5
Drowning and asphyxiations	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	3	0.4	-	-	3	0.4
Effects of sound and vibration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of temperature extremes, light and radiation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shock	-	-	2	1.6	2	0.3	1	0.1	2	1.8	3	0.4
Multiple injuries	46	6.5	5	3.9	51	6.1	29	4.2	6	5.4	35	4.4
Other specified injuries not included under other headings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	46	6.5	14	10.9	60	7.2	26	3.8	8	7.3	34	4.2
Total	706	100.0	128	100.0	834	100.0	692	100.0	110	100.0	802	100.0

Table 7. Accidents at work by district of enterprise

District	October-December 2008 (Revised)						October-December 2009					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Southern Harbour	259	36.7	54	42.2	313	37.5	263	38.0	46	41.8	309	38.5
Southern Eastern	95	13.4	4	3.1	99	11.9	93	13.4	9	8.2	102	12.7
Northern Harbour	189	26.8	47	36.7	236	28.3	185	26.7	41	37.3	226	28.2
Western	63	8.9	10	7.8	73	8.7	49	7.1	9	8.2	58	7.2
Northern	88	12.5	12	9.4	100	12.0	87	12.6	4	3.6	91	11.4
Gozo and Comino	12	1.7	1	0.8	13	1.6	15	2.2	1	0.9	16	2.0
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Table 8. Size of enterprise where the accidents occurred

Employment Size	October-December 2008 (Revised)						October-December 2009					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed without employees	48	6.8	1	0.8	49	5.9	35	5.1	2	1.8	37	4.6
1-9 employees	71	10.1	3	2.3	74	8.9	81	11.7	0	0.0	81	10.1
10-49 employees	149	21.1	21	16.4	170	20.4	148	21.4	17	15.5	165	20.6
50-249 employees	162	22.9	35	27.4	197	23.6	162	23.4	36	32.7	198	24.7
250-499 employees	74	10.5	19	14.9	93	11.1	92	13.3	16	14.6	108	13.5
500 employees or more	194	27.5	46	35.9	240	28.8	169	24.4	38	34.5	207	25.8
Not specified	8	1.1	3	2.3	11	1.3	5	0.7	1	0.9	6	0.7
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Table 9. Employment Status of the Victims

Employment Status	October-December 2008 (Revised)						October-December 2009					
	Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self-employed	64	9.1	1	0.8	65	7.8	51	7.4	2	1.8	53	6.6
Full-time employees	629	89.1	107	83.6	736	88.2	616	89.0	86	78.2	702	87.5
Part-time employees	13	1.8	20	15.6	33	4.0	25	3.6	22	20.0	47	5.9
Total	706	100.0	128	100.0	834	100.0	692	100.0	110	100.0	802	100.0

Methodological Notes

1. The source of the data on non-fatal accidents at work is the Department of Social Security.
2. The source of the data on fatal accidents at work is the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA).
3. Revisions to the previous year's data are carried out annually in the first and subsequent quarters of the following year.
4. 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.