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One traffic fatality was recorded in the third quarter this year.

Traffic Accidents: Q3/2015

In the third quarter, the number of reported traffic accidents reached 3,293, or a decrease of 13.4 per cent over the corresponding quarter last year. Decreases were recorded in all districts. The Northern Harbour district registered the majority of accidents, with 1,184, or 36.0 per cent of all accidents (Table 1).

In total, 463 traffic casualties were reported, of which 271 involved drivers. Slight injuries in this group reached 231 and another 39 were reported as grievous. The injuries suffered by one driver were fatal. During this period, 53 other persons (23 passengers and 30 pedestrians) suffered grievous injuries, while 139 (97 passengers and 42 pedestrians) were slightly injured. (Tables 3-6).

On a gender basis, slightly-injured persons in the third quarter numbered 370: 202 males and 168 females. Grievously-injured persons totalled 92, the majority being males. The fatality comprised one female. The majority of casualties fell in the 26-40 age bracket (Table 7).

The largest number of traffic casualties (71.7 per cent) involved passenger cars, followed by motorcycles (16.8 per cent), while goods-carrying vehicles were involved in 8.2 per cent of casualties (Table 8).

The highest traffic casualty rate occurred on Fridays, accounting for 19.0 per cent apiece of total casualties. The highest accident rate was also recorded on Fridays, totalling 554 cases, and the lowest on Sundays, with 326 cases. However, Sundays topped the highest casualty-to-accident ratio (Table 9).

The daily time bracket in which most accidents occurred was between 09:00 and 11:59, with 738 cases, or 22.4 per cent of the total. This was followed by the 12:00-14:59 time bracket, with 649 cases. The lowest number of accidents occurring daily took place between 03:00 and 05:59 (90 cases) (Table 10).

Birkirkara registered the highest rate of traffic accidents, with 242 cases, followed by St. Paul's Bay and Ħal Qormi with 197 and 141 reported accidents respectively (Table 11) ■

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Table 1. Total road traffic accidents

Region/District	January-September		July-September			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	10,841	10,775	3,802	3,293	-509	-13.4
Malta	10,277	10,205	3,555	3,079	-476	-13.4
Southern Harbour	2,325	2,267	769	638	-131	-17.0
Northern Harbour	3,949	3,986	1,328	1,184	-144	-10.8
South Eastern	1,064	935	389	280	-109	-28.0
Western	1,277	1,241	434	360	-74	-17.1
Northern	1,662	1,776	635	617	-18	-2.8
Gozo and Comino	564	570	247	214	-33	-13.4

Table 2. Minor road traffic accidents

Region/District	January-September		July-September			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	9,738	9,743	3,388	2,934	-454	-13.4
Malta	9,240	9,247	3,169	2,743	-426	-13.4
Southern Harbour	2,097	2,043	689	571	-118	-17.1
Northern Harbour	3,601	3,674	1,205	1,071	-134	-11.1
South Eastern	924	817	332	229	-103	-31.0
Western	1,149	1,115	384	313	-71	-18.5
Northern	1,469	1,598	559	559	-	-
Gozo and Comino	498	496	219	191	-28	-12.8

Table 3. Casualties in road traffic accidents

Region/District	January-September		July-September			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	1,388	1,283	517	463	-54	-10.4
Malta	1,301	1,195	484	433	-51	-10.5
Southern Harbour	280	279	102	89	-13	-12.7
Northern Harbour	412	374	149	137	-12	-8.1
South Eastern	171	150	65	64	-1	-1.5
Western	169	159	62	61	-1	-1.6
Northern	269	233	106	82	-24	-22.6
Gozo and Comino	87	88	33	30	-3	-9.1

Table 4. Injuries sustained by drivers in road traffic accidents: July-September

Region/District	2014				2015			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	271	38	-	309	231	39	1	271
Malta	252	34	-	286	216	30	1	247
Southern Harbour	62	4	-	66	47	3	-	50
Northern Harbour	77	9	-	86	55	9	-	64
South Eastern	30	5	-	35	36	6	1	43
Western	35	6	-	41	34	5	-	39
Northern	48	10	-	58	44	7	-	51
Gozo and Comino	19	4	-	23	15	9	-	24

Table 5. Injuries sustained by passengers in road traffic accidents: July-September

Region/District	2014				2015			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	120	19	-	139	97	23	-	120
Malta	113	18	-	131	94	22	-	116
Southern Harbour	20	6	-	26	22	2	-	24
Northern Harbour	30	4	-	34	29	11	-	40
South Eastern	17	3	-	20	14	3	-	17
Western	16	1	-	17	12	1	-	13
Northern	30	4	-	34	17	5	-	22
Gozo and Comino	7	1	-	8	3	1	-	4

Table 6. Injuries sustained by pedestrians in road traffic accidents: July-September

Region/District	2014				2015			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	52	16	1	69	42	30	-	72
Malta	51	15	1	67	41	29	-	70
Southern Harbour	5	5	-	10	6	9	-	15
Northern Harbour	23	5	1	29	22	11	-	33
South Eastern	8	2	-	10	4	-	-	4
Western	4	-	-	4	3	6	-	9
Northern	11	3	-	14	6	3	-	9
Gozo and Comino	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	2

Table 7. Traffic casualties by type of injury, age group and sex: July-September

Age group	2014	2015			
	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
		Males			
0-10	18	7	2	-	9
11-17	17	8	6	-	14
18-25	58	41	13	-	54
26-40	90	58	14	-	72
41-59	75	49	19	-	68
60-65	11	12	5	-	17
66+	27	22	7	-	29
unknown	-	5	-	-	5
Total	296	202	66	-	268
		Females			
0-10	8	10	1	-	11
11-17	8	4	2	-	6
18-25	51	35	6	-	41
26-40	75	60	5	-	65
41-59	47	43	4	-	47
60-65	15	8	2	1	11
66+	17	7	6	-	13
unknown	-	1	-	-	1
Total	221	168	26	1	195
		Total			
0-10	26	17	3	-	20
11-17	25	12	8	-	20
18-25	109	76	19	-	95
26-40	165	118	19	-	137
41-59	122	92	23	-	115
60-65	26	20	7	1	28
66+	44	29	13	-	42
unknown	-	6	-	-	6
Total	517	370	92	1	463

Table 8. Road traffic casualties by type of injury, age group and means of transport: July-September

Vehicle type	2014	2015			
	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
0-10	26	17	3	-	20
Motorcycle	1	1	-	-	1
Passenger car	25	14	3	-	17
Coach and bus	-	-	-	-	-
Goods-carrying vehicle	-	2	-	-	2
Unknown vehicle type	-	-	-	-	-
11-17	25	12	8	-	20
Motorcycle	2	1	-	-	1
Passenger car	19	11	8	-	19
Coach and bus	1	-	-	-	-
Goods-carrying vehicle	2	-	-	-	-
Unknown vehicle type	1	-	-	-	-
18-25	109	76	19	-	95
Motorcycle	23	9	1	-	10
Passenger car	78	58	16	-	74
Coach and bus	2	2	1	-	3
Goods-carrying vehicle	3	5	-	-	5
Unknown vehicle type	3	2	1	-	3
26-40	165	118	19	-	137
Motorcycle	25	22	10	-	32
Passenger car	124	85	8	-	93
Coach and bus	3	-	-	-	-
Goods-carrying vehicle	11	11	1	-	12
Unknown vehicle type	2	-	-	-	-
41-59	122	92	23	-	115
Motorcycle	26	15	8	-	23
Passenger car	82	63	13	-	76
Coach and bus	2	3	1	-	4
Goods-carrying vehicle	12	9	1	-	10
Unknown vehicle type	-	2	-	-	2
60-65	26	20	7	1	28
Motorcycle	1	2	-	-	2
Passenger car	22	16	5	1	22
Coach and bus	2	-	-	-	-
Goods-carrying vehicle	1	2	2	-	4
Unknown vehicle type	-	-	-	-	-
66+	44	29	13	-	42
Motorcycle	6	4	2	-	6
Passenger car	34	20	10	-	30
Coach and bus	1	2	1	-	3
Goods-carrying vehicle	3	3	-	-	3
Unknown vehicle type	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	6	-	-	6
Motorcycle	-	3	-	-	3
Passenger car	-	1	-	-	1
Coach and bus	-	-	-	-	-
Goods-carrying vehicle	-	2	-	-	2
Unknown vehicle type	-	-	-	-	-
Total	517	370	92	1	463
Motorcycle	84	57	21	-	78
Passenger car	384	268	63	1	332
Coach and bus	11	7	3	-	10
Goods-carrying vehicle	32	34	4	-	38
Unknown vehicle type	6	4	1	-	5

Table 9. Road traffic casualties and accidents by day of the week: July-September 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Traffic casualties	66	56	63	50	88	80	60	463
Traffic accidents	458	478	509	498	554	470	326	3,293
Ratio* (%)	14.4	11.7	12.4	10.0	15.9	17.0	18.4	14.1

* Casualty-to-accident ratio

Chart 1. Total road traffic casualties by day of the week: July-September 2015

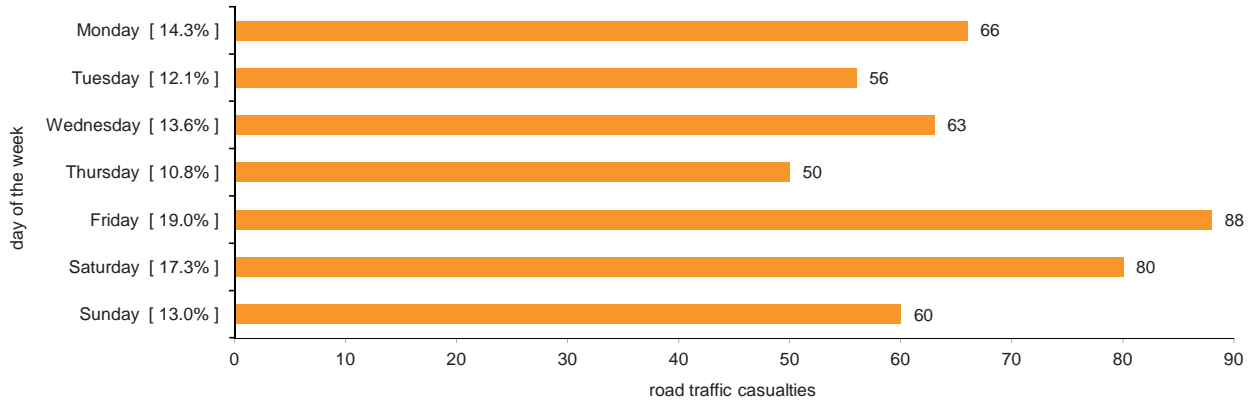


Chart 2. Total road traffic accidents by day of the week: July-September 2015

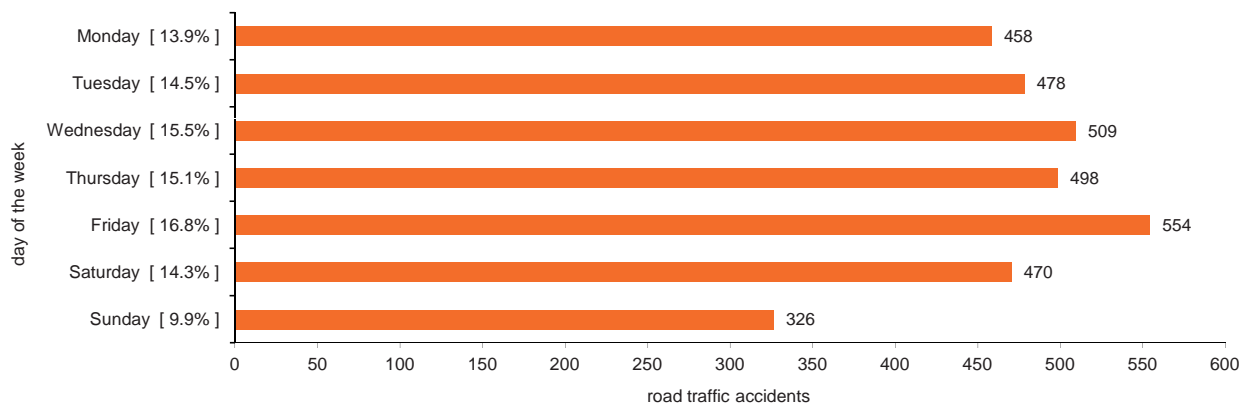


Table 10. Road traffic accidents by day and time of day: July-September 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00 - 02:59	12	7	7	16	10	22	31	105
03:00 - 05:59	5	6	5	10	10	38	16	90
06:00 - 08:59	61	64	73	66	78	38	26	406
09:00 - 11:59	106	112	121	104	119	107	69	738
12:00 - 14:59	105	100	98	95	107	89	55	649
15:00 - 17:59	90	100	101	113	111	85	47	647
18:00 - 20:59	70	66	76	65	82	55	49	463
21:00 - 23:59	9	23	28	29	37	36	33	195
Total	458	478	509	498	554	470	326	3,293

Chart 3. Traffic accidents by day and time of day: July-September 2015

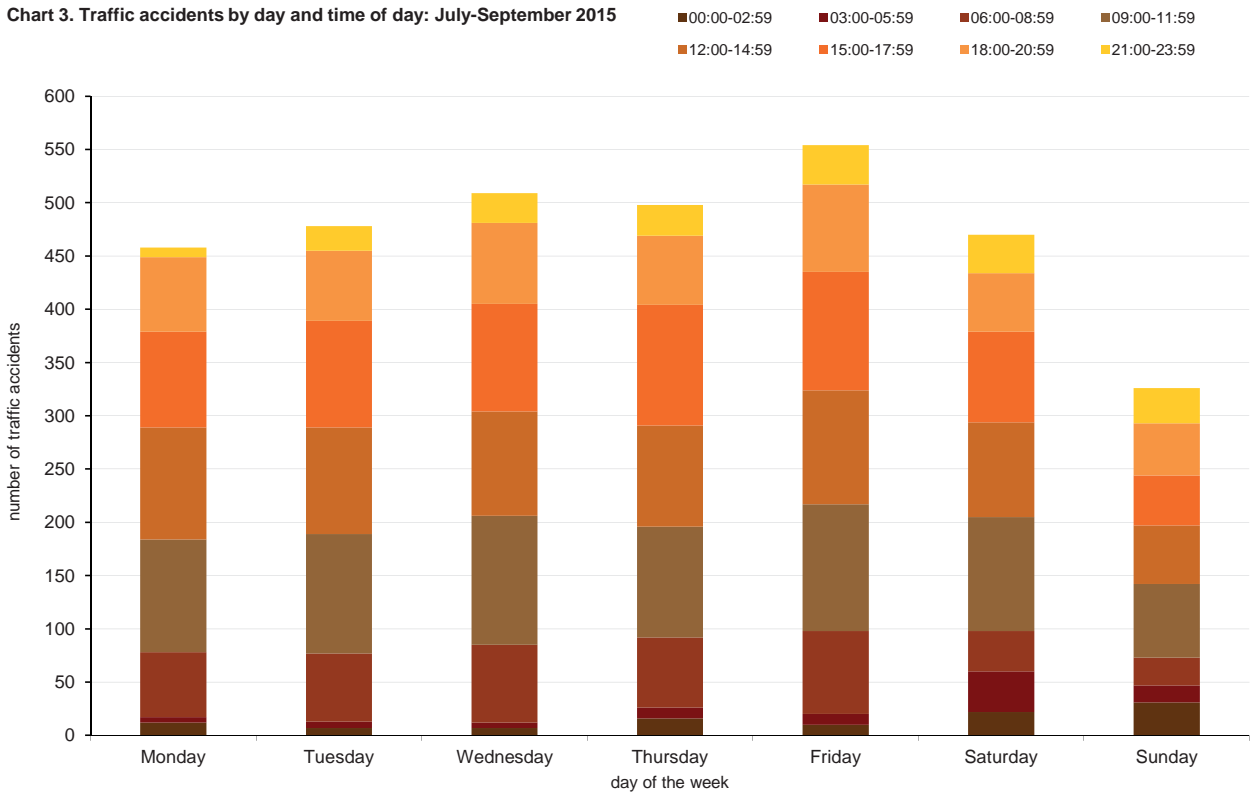


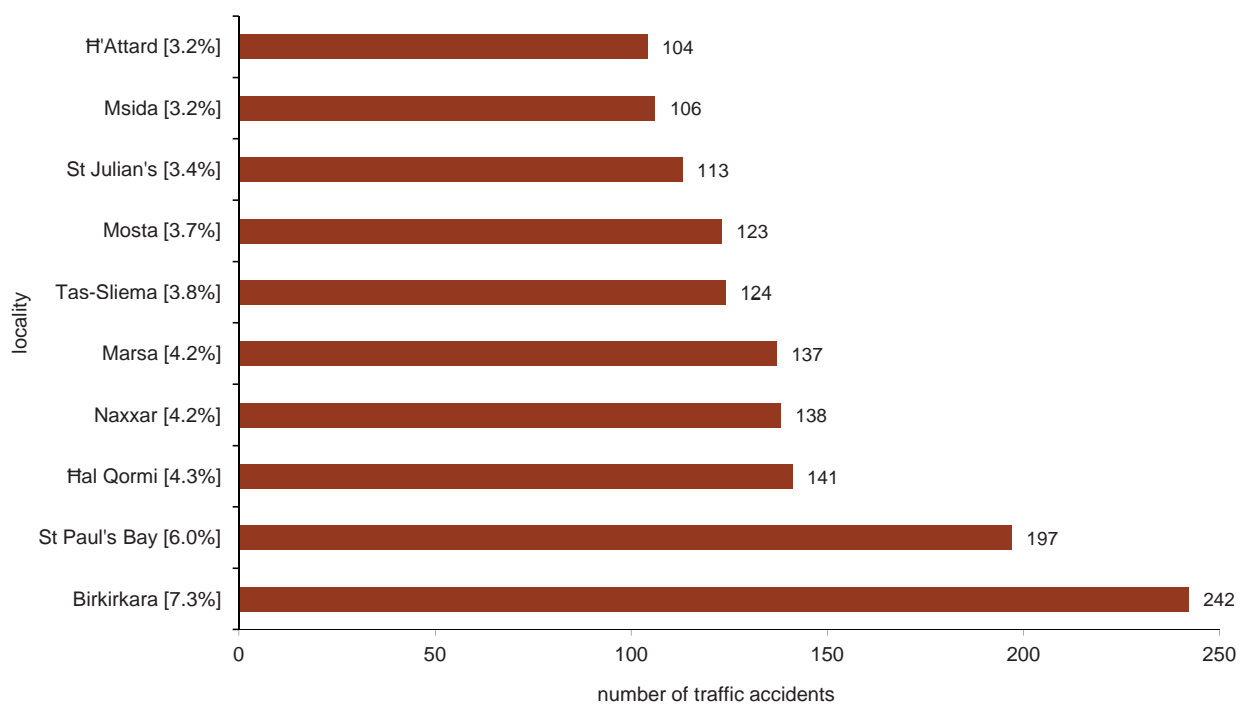
Table 11. Road traffic accidents by locality ...

Locality	January-September		July-September		Change
	2014	2015	2014	2015	
Southern Harbour	2,325	2,267	769	638	-131
Cospicua	65	55	15	22	7
Fgura	199	198	63	58	-5
Floriana	165	175	52	52	-
Hal Luqa	261	248	92	73	-19
Hal Tarxien	218	193	71	47	-24
Haż-Żabbar	283	236	90	77	-13
Kalkara	30	29	13	10	-3
Marsa	523	540	174	137	-37
Paola	334	332	107	79	-28
Santa Luċija	27	33	9	7	-2
Senglea	19	30	9	9	-
Valletta	157	152	57	53	-4
Vittoriosa	37	35	15	11	-4
Xgħajra	7	11	2	3	1
Northern Harbour	3,949	3,986	1,328	1,184	-144
Birkirkara	709	785	219	242	23
Gżira	329	314	131	96	-35
Hal Qormi	552	536	192	141	-51
Hamrun	226	251	82	73	-9
Msida	437	413	140	106	-34
Pembroke	57	44	23	13	-10
San Ġwann	369	376	124	102	-22
Santa Venera	199	201	69	66	-3
St Julian's	358	335	113	113	-
Swieqi	160	141	52	45	-7
Ta' Xbiex	45	65	15	25	10
Tal-Pietà	158	149	43	38	-5
Tas-Sliema	350	376	125	124	-1
South Eastern	1,064	935	389	280	-109
Birżebbuġa	122	136	46	44	-2
Gudja	132	118	41	34	-7
Hal Ghaxaq	71	58	18	10	-8
Hal Kirkop	56	27	19	9	-10
Hal Safi	29	27	9	11	2
Marsaskala	169	160	71	55	-16
Marsaxlokk	57	50	29	11	-18
Mqabba	53	39	17	10	-7
Qrendi	24	24	9	9	-
Żejtun	231	176	81	51	-30
Żurrieq	120	120	49	36	-13
Western	1,277	1,241	434	360	-74
Had-Dingli	28	30	9	14	5
Hal Balzan	98	117	28	28	-
Hal Lija	158	157	60	50	-10
Hal Attard	304	317	98	104	6
Haż-Żebbuġ	212	208	75	54	-21
Iklin	58	58	25	17	-8
Mdina	25	15	10	2	-8
Mtarfa	18	64	4	3	-1
Rabat	273	195	87	63	-24
Sigġiewi	103	80	38	25	-13
Northern	1,662	1,776	635	617	-18
Hal Ghargħur	55	69	27	22	-5
Mellieħa	258	280	126	99	-27
Mġarr	91	112	31	38	7
Mosta	441	387	144	123	-21
Naxxar	330	424	119	138	19
St Paul's Bay	487	504	188	197	9

... Table 11. Road traffic accidents by locality

Locality	January-September		July-September		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change
Gozo and Comino	564	570	247	214	-33
Fontana	12	12	3	5	2
Ghajnsielem	60	61	27	20	-7
Għarb	11	20	3	13	10
Għasri	7	9	4	3	-1
Munxar	12	18	9	8	-1
Nadur	34	58	12	21	9
Qala	20	18	11	5	-6
San Lawrenz	9	9	5	6	1
Ta' Kerċem	4	6	2	2	-
Ta' Sannat	16	10	8	4	-4
Victoria	201	197	79	63	-16
Xagħra	41	40	18	20	2
Xewkija	82	73	35	29	-6
Żebbuġ	55	39	31	15	-16

Chart 4. Top 10 localities in which most accidents occurred: July-September 2015



Methodological Notes

1. Traffic accident data is compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department, the Guard and Warden Services Limited and the Malta Insurance Association.
2. The type of casualty (slight or grievous) is determined by the Health Department. The definitions of deaths caused by road accidents refer to the European Conference for Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).
3. UNECE definition of fatal injury: "Any person who was killed outright or who died within 30 days as a result of the accident".
4. Minor traffic accidents refer to accidents in which no persons are injured and which are assessed by the police and the traffic wardens.
5. Minor traffic accidents which are not reported or those reported to Insurance Agencies by means of the Traffic Accident Form (i.e. no police or traffic wardens are called on the accident scene, and persons involved in the accident decide to settle by filling in the form) are not accounted for.
6. Data may be subject to revision.
7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>