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There was one traffic fatality in the third quarter this year.

Traffic Accidents: Q3/2014

In the third quarter the number of reported traffic accidents totalled 3,802, an increase of 247, or 6.9 per cent, over the corresponding period last year. Increases were registered in all districts except in the Northern district (Table 1).

In the period under review 517 traffic casualties were reported, of which 309 involved drivers. There were 271 drivers who sustained slight injuries and 38 who reported grievous injuries. During this period, 35 persons (19 passengers and 16 pedestrians) suffered grievous injuries, while 172 (120 passengers and 52 pedestrians) were slightly injured (Tables 4-6). Moreover, the injury sustained by one pedestrian proved to be fatal.

On a gender basis, slightly-injured persons in the third quarter numbered 443 of which 250 males and 193 females. Grievously-injured persons totalled 73, the majority being males. The largest number of casualties (153) were in the 25-39 age group (Table 7).

Table 8 shows that 74.3 per cent of traffic casualties were caused by passenger cars, followed by motorcycles at 16.2 per cent, while 6.2 per cent were caused by goods-carrying vehicles.

In the third quarter, the highest traffic casualty rate occurred on Saturdays, accounting for 16.1 per cent of total casualties. The highest number of accidents was recorded on Tuesdays, totalling 641 cases, and the lowest was recorded on Sundays, with 367 cases. Sundays topped the highest casualty-to-accidents ratio (Table 9).

Table 10 shows that the daily time bracket in which most accidents occur is between 15:00 - 17:59, with 842 cases, or 22.1 per cent of the total. The least number of accidents occurring daily took place between 03:00 and 05:59 (114 cases); notably more than half were recorded on Saturdays and Sundays.

In the period under review, Birkirkara registered the highest rate of traffic accidents, with 219 cases. Ħal Qormi and St. Paul's Bay were next, with 192 and 188 reported accidents respectively (Table 11) ■

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Table 1. Total road traffic accidents

Region	Jan-Sep		Q3			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	10,702	10,841	3,555	3,802	247	6.9
Malta	10,205	10,277	3,351	3,555	204	6.1
Southern Harbour	2,233	2,325	724	769	45	6.2
Northern Harbour	4,048	3,949	1,259	1,328	69	5.5
South Eastern	990	1,064	332	389	57	17.2
Western	1,241	1,277	391	434	43	11.0
Northern	1,693	1,662	645	635	-10	-1.6
Gozo and Comino	497	564	204	247	43	21.1

Table 2. Minor road traffic accidents

Region	Jan-Sep		Q3			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	9,707	9,738	3,212	3,388	176	5.5
Malta	9,266	9,240	3,030	3,169	139	4.6
Southern Harbour	2,020	2,097	640	689	49	7.7
Northern Harbour	3,718	3,601	1,164	1,205	41	3.5
South Eastern	876	924	295	332	37	12.5
Western	1,121	1,149	344	384	40	11.6
Northern	1,531	1,469	587	559	-28	-4.8
Gozo and Comino	441	498	182	219	37	20.3

Table 3. Casualties in road traffic accidents

Region	Jan-Sep		Q3			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change	Percentage change
MALTA	1,223	1,388	421	517	96	22.8
Malta	1,156	1,301	396	484	88	22.2
Southern Harbour	268	280	108	102	-6	-5.6
Northern Harbour	378	412	107	149	42	39.3
South Eastern	146	171	43	65	22	51.2
Western	157	169	65	62	-3	-4.6
Northern	207	269	73	106	33	45.2
Gozo and Comino	67	87	25	33	8	32.0

Table 4. Injuries sustained by drivers in road traffic accidents

Region	Q3							
	2013				2014			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	208	39	4	251	271	38	0	309
Malta	199	32	3	234	252	34	0	286
Southern Harbour	51	6	1	58	62	4	0	66
Northern Harbour	54	11	0	65	77	9	0	86
South Eastern	26	6	0	32	30	5	0	35
Western	32	3	1	36	35	6	0	41
Northern	36	6	1	43	48	10	0	58
Gozo and Comino	9	7	1	17	19	4	0	23

Table 5. Injuries sustained by passengers in road traffic accidents

Region	Q3							
	2013				2014			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	94	7	0	101	120	19	0	139
Malta	89	6	0	95	113	18	0	131
Southern Harbour	23	4	0	27	20	6	0	26
Northern Harbour	21	0	0	21	30	4	0	34
South Eastern	9	0	0	9	17	3	0	20
Western	20	1	0	21	16	1	0	17
Northern	16	1	0	17	30	4	0	34
Gozo and Comino	5	1	0	6	7	1	0	8

Table 6. Injuries sustained by pedestrians in road traffic accidents

Region	Q3							
	2013				2014			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
MALTA	51	15	3	69	52	16	1	69
Malta	50	14	3	67	51	15	1	67
Southern Harbour	17	4	2	23	5	5	0	10
Northern Harbour	17	3	1	21	23	5	1	29
South Eastern	2	0	0	2	8	2	0	10
Western	5	3	0	8	4	0	0	4
Northern	9	4	0	13	11	3	0	14
Gozo and Comino	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2

Table 7. Road traffic casualties by type of injury, age and sex

	Q3							
	2013				2014			
	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	353	61	7	421	443	73	1	517
0-14	29	1	0	30	30	6	0	36
15-24	79	13	1	93	95	16	0	111
25-39	115	12	2	129	153	24	0	177
40-59	85	19	1	105	111	12	0	123
60+	44	16	3	63	54	15	1	70
age unknown	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Male	209	41	4	254	250	46	0	296
0-14	18	0	0	18	18	5	0	23
15-24	45	8	0	53	55	9	0	64
25-39	71	7	2	80	81	15	0	96
40-59	46	16	1	63	65	10	0	75
60+	28	10	1	39	31	7	0	38
age unknown	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Female	144	20	3	167	193	27	1	221
0-14	11	1	0	12	12	1	0	13
15-24	34	5	1	40	40	7	0	47
25-39	44	5	0	49	72	9	0	81
40-59	39	3	0	42	46	2	0	48
60+	16	6	2	24	23	8	1	32
age unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8. Road traffic casualties by type of injury, age and means of transport

	Q3				
	2013	2014			
	Total	Slight	Grievous	Fatal	Total
Total	421	443	73	1	517
Motorcycle	61	64	20	0	84
Passenger car	308	336	47	1	384
Coach and bus	10	10	1	0	11
Goods vehicle	32	27	5	0	32
Unknown vehicle	11	6	0	0	6
0-14	30	30	6	0	36
Motorcycle	0	2	1	0	3
Passenger car	27	28	5	0	33
Coach and bus	0	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicle	3	0	0	0	0
Unknown vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
15-24	93	95	16	0	111
Motorcycle	9	17	3	0	20
Passenger car	76	68	12	0	80
Coach and bus	1	2	0	0	2
Goods vehicle	3	4	1	0	5
Unknown vehicle	4	4	0	0	4
25-39	129	153	24	0	177
Motorcycle	19	19	8	0	27
Passenger car	98	121	12	0	133
Coach and bus	2	3	1	0	4
Goods vehicle	10	8	3	0	11
Unknown vehicle	0	2	0	0	2
40-59	105	111	12	0	123
Motorcycle	26	21	6	0	27
Passenger car	64	77	5	0	82
Coach and bus	2	2	0	0	2
Goods vehicle	10	11	1	0	12
Unknown vehicle	3	0	0	0	0
60+	63	54	15	1	70
Motorcycle	7	5	2	0	7
Passenger car	42	42	13	1	56
Coach and bus	4	3	0	0	3
Goods vehicle	6	4	0	0	4
Unknown vehicle	4	0	0	0	0
Age unknown	1	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger car	1	0	0	0	0
Coach and bus	0	0	0	0	0
Goods vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown vehicle	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9. Road traffic casualties and accidents by day of the week

Q3/2014								
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Traffic casualties	66	81	70	76	78	83	63	517
Traffic accidents	585	641	554	586	570	499	367	3,802
Ratio* (%)	11.3	12.6	12.6	13.0	13.7	16.6	17.2	13.6

*Casualties-to-accidents ratio

Chart 1

Total road traffic casualties by day of the week: Q3/2014

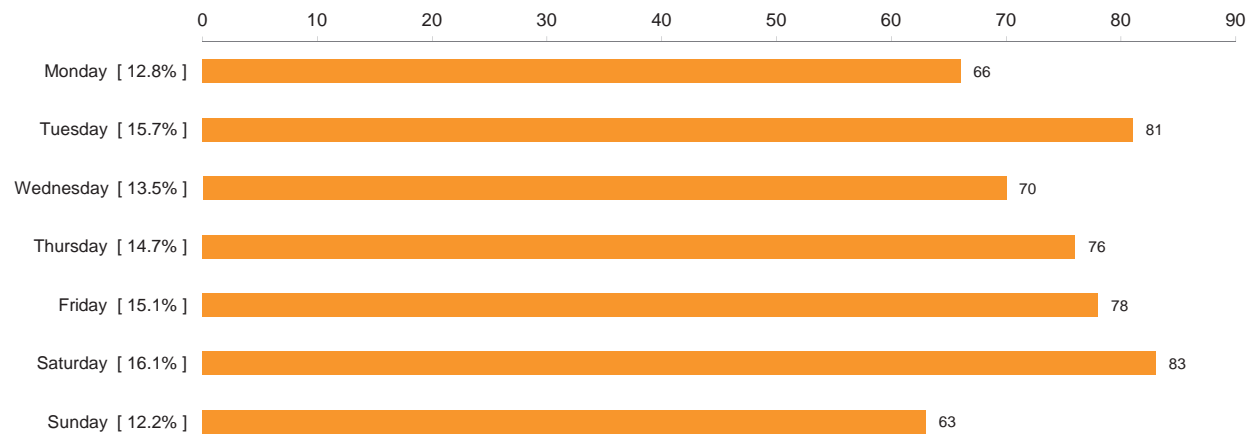


Chart 2

Total road traffic accidents by day of the week: Q3/2014

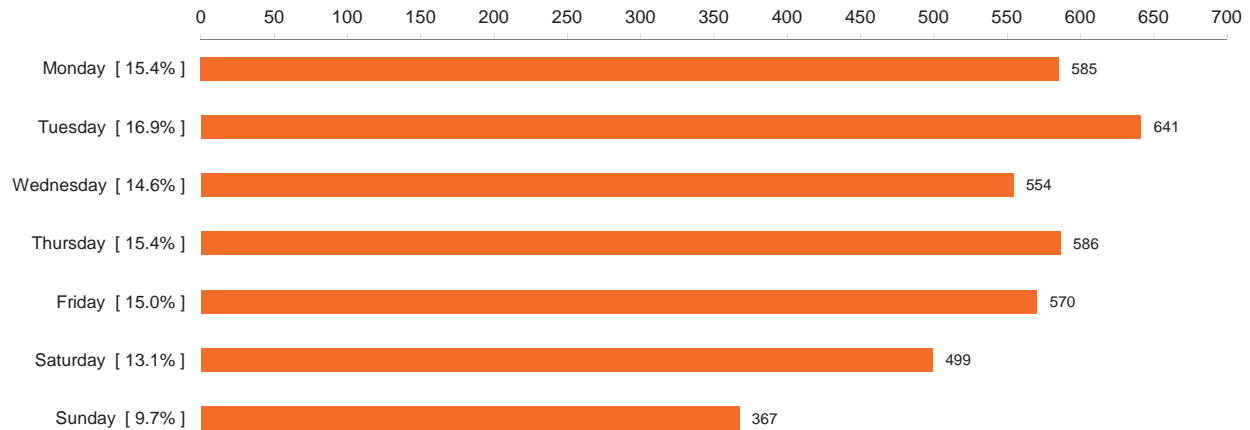


Table 10. Road traffic accidents by day and time of day

Q3/2014								
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Total	585	641	554	586	570	499	367	3,802
00:00-02:59	12	12	12	11	10	34	32	123
03:00-05:59	14	8	7	14	9	35	27	114
06:00-08:59	63	81	81	80	86	47	24	462
09:00-11:59	110	144	109	109	101	115	70	758
12:00-14:59	126	138	116	131	136	96	61	804
15:00-17:59	146	153	131	137	134	77	64	842
18:00-20:59	90	78	71	86	72	63	57	517
21:00-23:59	24	27	27	18	22	32	32	182

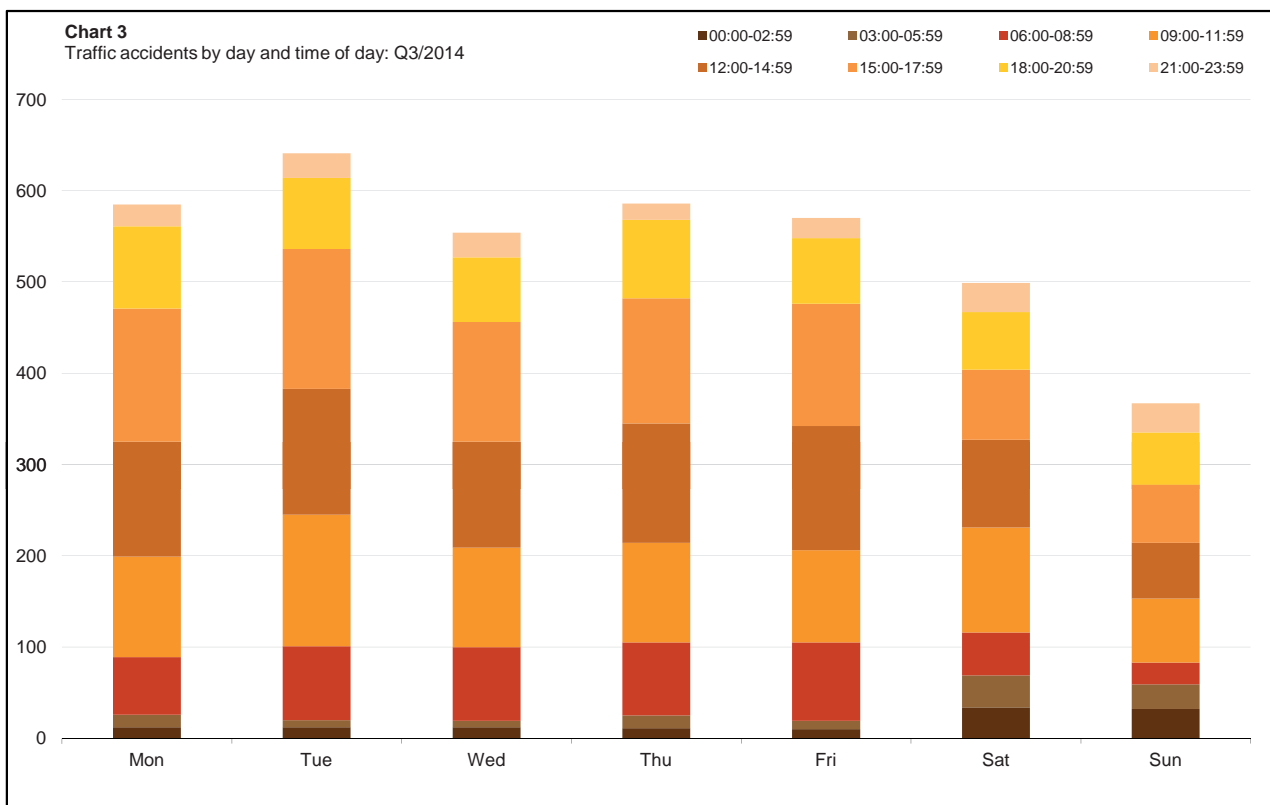


Table 11. Road traffic accidents by locality ...

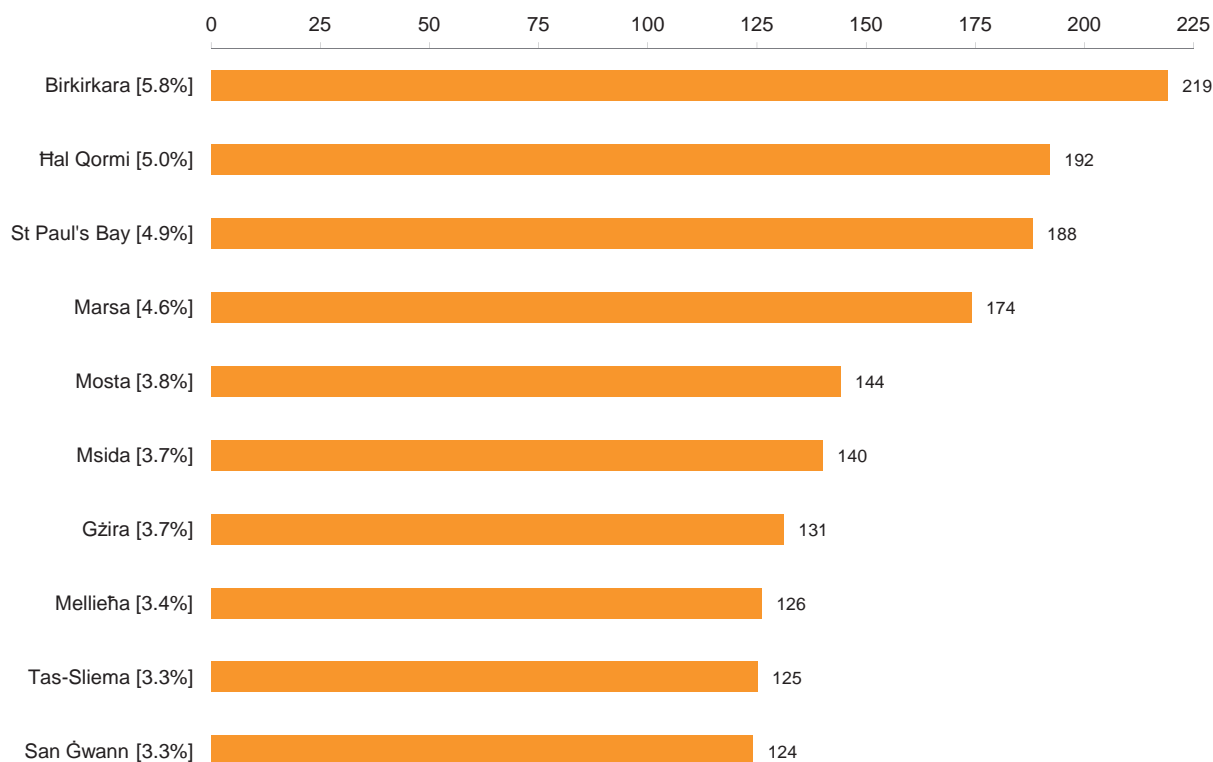
Locality	Jan-Sep		Q3		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change
Southern Harbour	2,233	2,325	724	769	45
Cospicua	94	65	35	15	-20
Fgura	206	199	57	63	6
Floriana	146	165	49	52	3
Hal Luqa	242	261	80	92	12
Hal Tarxien	156	218	42	71	29
Haż-Żabbar	242	283	77	90	13
Kalkara	23	30	11	13	2
Marsa	544	523	179	174	-5
Paola	323	334	103	107	4
Santa Luċija	36	27	13	9	-4
Senglea	22	19	8	9	1
Valletta	159	157	55	57	2
Vittoriosa	28	37	11	15	4
Xgħajra	12	7	4	2	-2
Northern Harbour	4,048	3,949	1,259	1,328	69
Birkirkara	635	709	207	219	12
Gżira	347	329	108	131	23
Hal Qormi	618	552	182	192	10
Hamrun	246	226	64	82	18
Msida	411	437	114	140	26
Pembroke	55	57	18	23	5
San Ġwann	333	369	104	124	20
Santa Venera	234	199	65	69	4
St Julian's	375	358	135	113	-22
Swieqi	219	160	63	52	-11
Ta' Xbiex	65	45	23	15	-8
Tal-Pietà	143	158	37	43	6
Tas-Sliema	367	350	139	125	-14
South Eastern	990	1,064	332	389	57
Birżebbuġa	144	122	47	46	-1
Gudja	127	132	39	41	2
Hal Ghaxaq	67	71	23	18	-5
Hal Kirkop	30	56	7	19	12
Hal Safi	19	29	6	9	3
Marsaskala	159	169	67	71	4
Marsaxlokk	69	57	23	29	6
Mqabba	45	53	15	17	2
Qrendi	21	24	6	9	3
Żejtun	226	231	71	81	10
Żurrieq	83	120	28	49	21
Western	1,241	1,277	391	434	43
Had-Dingli	33	28	11	9	-2
Hal Balzan	87	98	24	28	4
Hal Lija	133	158	42	60	18
H'Attard	280	304	89	98	9
Haż-Żebbuġ	222	212	67	75	8
Iklin	68	58	15	25	10
Mdina	32	25	5	10	5
Mtarfa	22	18	8	4	-4
Rabat	265	273	89	87	-2
Siggiewi	99	103	41	38	-3
Northern	1,693	1,662	645	635	-10
Hal Ghargħur	54	55	22	27	5
Mellieħa	281	258	126	126	0
Mġarr	99	91	41	31	-10
Mosta	431	441	139	144	5
Naxxar	368	330	121	119	-2
St Paul's Bay	460	487	196	188	-8

... Table 11. Road traffic accidents by locality

Locality	Jan-Sep		Q3		Change
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
Gozo and Comino	497	564	204	247	43
Fontana	6	12	1	3	2
Għajnsielem	57	60	26	27	1
Għarb	14	11	5	3	-2
Għasri	8	7	5	4	-1
Munxar	22	12	9	9	0
Nadur	36	34	13	12	-1
Qala	17	20	9	11	2
San Lawrenz	7	9	3	5	2
Ta' Kerċem	8	4	6	2	-4
Ta' Sannat	16	16	7	8	1
Victoria	146	201	57	79	22
Xagħra	42	41	18	18	0
Xewkija	82	82	28	35	7
Żebbuġ	36	55	17	31	14

Chart 4

Top 10 localities for traffic accidents: Q3/2014



Methodological Notes

1. Traffic accident data are compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department, the Guard and Warden Services Limited and the Malta Insurance Agency.
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 by 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 Wardens are called on the accident scene and those involved in the accident decide to settle by filling in the form) are not accounted for.
6. Data may be subject to revision.