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During the first quarter of 2020, there were two road traffic fatalities.

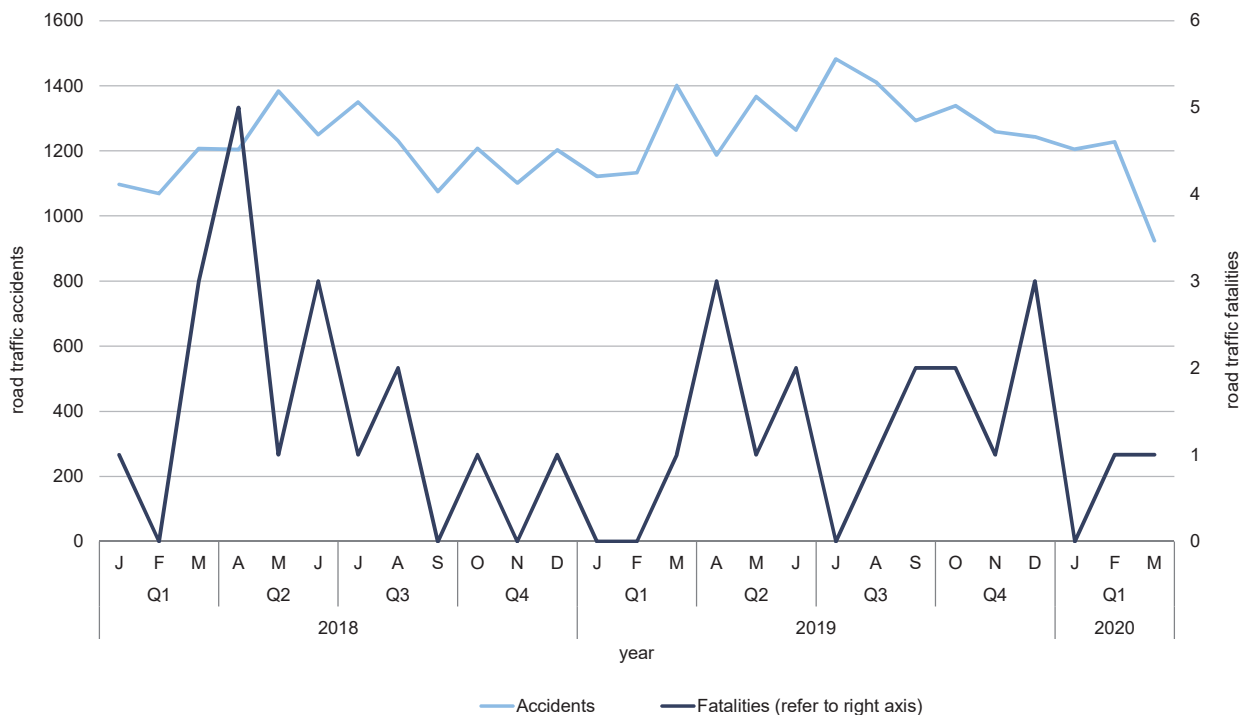
## Road Traffic Accidents: Q1/2020

The number of reported traffic accidents in the first quarter this year reached 3,357, down by 8.2 per cent over the same period in 2019. The Northern Harbour district registered the most accidents with 1,170 cases or 34.9 per cent of all accidents (Table 1).

Road traffic casualties decreased by 15.0 per cent to 306 over the same period in 2019. Grievously injured persons amounted to 59, and consisted of 36 drivers, 9 passengers and 14 pedestrians/cyclists. The injuries suffered by one driver and one pedestrian proved fatal. During this quarter, one more fatality occurred when compared to the same period in 2019 (Table 4).

The majority of those grievously injured were males (66.1 per cent), accompanied with two male fatalities. The majority of casualties involved persons in the 41 to 59 age-bracket (Table 5).

**Chart 1. Road traffic accidents by month**



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The largest number of road traffic casualties (70.3 per cent) involved passenger cars, followed by motorcycles (22.5 per cent) and goods-carrying vehicles (4.6 per cent). The two fatalities comprised of a motorcycle driver and a pedestrian hit by a passenger car. Cyclists hit in traffic accidents amounted to 10, of which two suffered grievous injuries (Table 6).

Road traffic casualties caused by accidents between vehicles topped the list with 72.2 per cent of all road traffic casualties (Table 7).

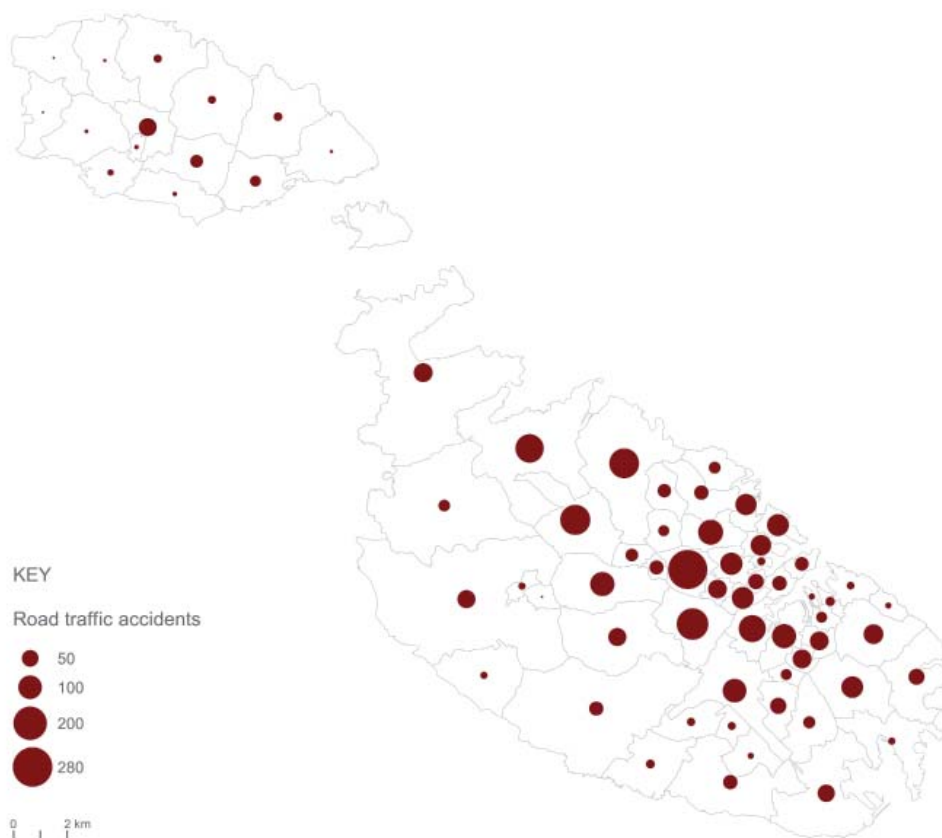
The highest number of road traffic casualties occurred on Saturdays and Sundays with 56 and 54 casualties respectively, while the highest number of road traffic accidents occurred on Fridays with 552 cases or 16.4 per cent of the total (Table 8).

The time bracket during which most road traffic accidents occurred was between 12:00 and 14:59 with 745 cases or 22.2 per cent of the total, followed by the 09:00-11:59 time bracket with 735 cases. The least number of accidents occurring daily took place between 03:00 and 05:59 with 67 cases (Table 9).

Highest incidence of road traffic accidents was registered in Birkirkara with 277 cases, followed by Ħal Qormi and Mosta, with 180 and 164 reported accidents respectively (Table 10, Map 1 and Chart 5).

Four out of five localities that registered the lowest number of road traffic accidents are located in the Gozo and Comino district. Only one road traffic accident was recorded in each of the following localities: Għarb, Mdina and San Lawrenz. Għasri and Qala registered two road traffic accidents each (Map 1 and Table 10).

**Map 1. Road traffic accidents by locality: January-March 2020**



The South Eastern district recorded the highest increment in road traffic accidents when compared to the first quarter of the previous year, with an increase of 5.6 per cent. On the other hand, the Western district registered the highest percentage decrease in road traffic accidents of 17.8 per cent when compared to same quarter in 2019, followed by the Northern Harbour district (Table 1, Map 2).

**Map 2. Net increase/decrease in road traffic accidents by district: January-March 2019/2020**

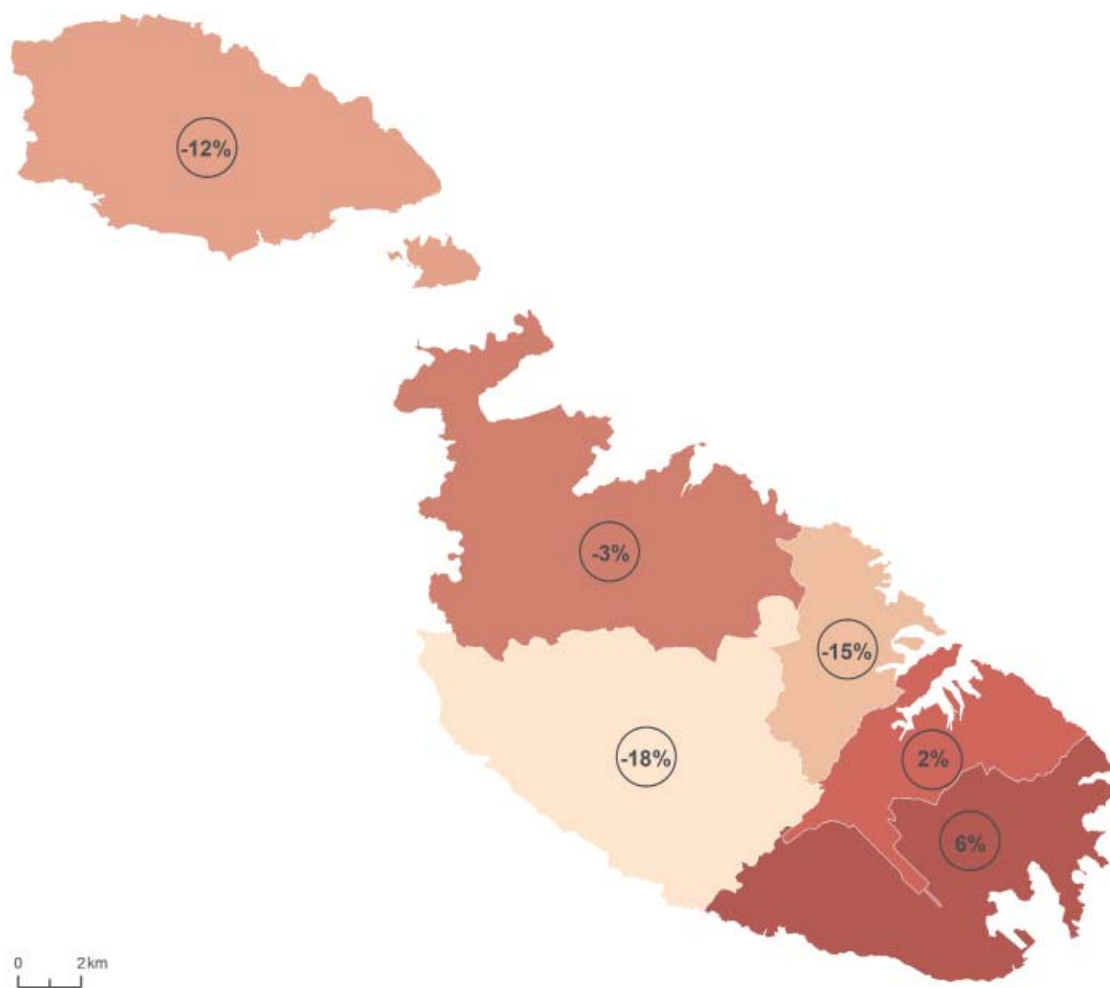


Table 1. Total road traffic accidents by region/district

Region/District	January-March			
	2019	2020	Change	Percentage change
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>-299</b>	<b>-8.2</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>3,459</b>	<b>3,184</b>	<b>-275</b>	<b>-8.0</b>
Southern Harbour	686	698	12	1.7
Northern Harbour	1,375	1,170	-205	-14.9
South Eastern	337	356	19	5.6
Western	450	370	-80	-17.8
Northern	611	590	-21	-3.4
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-12.2</b>

Table 2. Non-injury road traffic accidents by region/district

Region/District	January-March			
	2019	2020	Change	Percentage change
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>-254</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>3,182</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>-242</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
Southern Harbour	623	642	19	3.0
Northern Harbour	1,284	1,086	-198	-15.4
South Eastern	297	324	27	9.1
Western	418	347	-71	-17.0
Northern	560	541	-19	-3.4
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-7.1</b>

Table 3. Injury road traffic accidents by region/district

Region/District	January-March			
	2019	2020	Change	Percentage change
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>-14.7</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-11.9</b>
Southern Harbour	63	56	-7	-11.1
Northern Harbour	91	84	-7	-7.7
South Eastern	40	32	-8	-20.0
Western	32	23	-9	-28.1
Northern	51	49	-2	-3.9
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-41.4</b>

Table 4. Road traffic casualties by road traffic unit, region/district and injury type: January-March

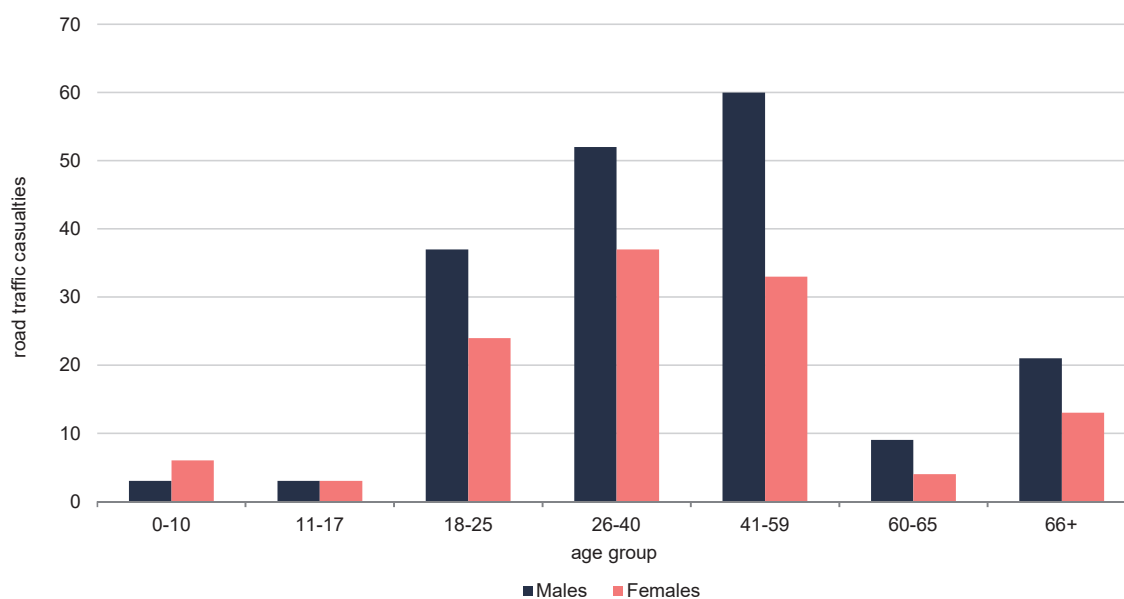
Region/District	2019					2020				
	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
<b>DRIVERS</b>										
<b>MALTA</b>	1	30	192	12	235	1	36	152	14	203
<b>Malta</b>	1	28	174	10	213	1	33	145	10	189
Southern Harbour	1	8	40	3	52	-	6	44	1	51
Northern Harbour	-	6	57	4	67	-	13	38	6	57
South Eastern	-	2	23	3	28	-	3	17	2	22
Western	-	4	21	-	25	-	4	13	-	17
Northern	-	8	33	-	41	1	7	33	1	42
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	-	2	18	2	22	-	3	7	4	14
<b>PASSENGERS</b>										
<b>MALTA</b>	-	6	59	6	71	-	9	43	4	56
<b>Malta</b>	-	4	56	5	65	-	8	41	4	53
Southern Harbour	-	1	13	-	14	-	5	8	1	14
Northern Harbour	-	1	16	-	17	-	1	14	2	17
South Eastern	-	-	5	1	6	-	-	7	1	8
Western	-	2	7	1	10	-	-	4	-	4
Northern	-	-	15	3	18	-	2	8	-	10
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	-	2	3	1	6	-	1	2	-	3
<b>PEDESTRIANS/CYCLISTS/OTHERS</b>										
<b>MALTA</b>	-	23	28	3	54	1	14	29	3	47
<b>Malta</b>	-	20	28	2	50	1	13	29	2	45
Southern Harbour	-	3	3	-	6	1	1	2	-	4
Northern Harbour	-	8	15	2	25	-	6	18	1	25
South Eastern	-	3	6	-	9	-	3	4	-	7
Western	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	2	1	3
Northern	-	6	1	-	7	-	3	3	-	6
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	-	3	-	1	4	-	1	-	1	2
<b>...of which cyclists (MALTA)</b>	-	-	3	1	4	-	2	6	2	10
<b>TOTAL</b>										
<b>MALTA</b>	1	59	279	21	360	2	59	224	21	306
<b>Malta</b>	1	52	258	17	328	2	54	215	16	287
Southern Harbour	1	12	56	3	72	1	12	54	2	69
Northern Harbour	-	15	88	6	109	-	20	70	9	99
South Eastern	-	5	34	4	43	-	6	28	3	37
Western	-	6	31	1	38	-	4	19	1	24
Northern	-	14	49	3	66	1	12	44	1	58
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	-	7	21	4	32	-	5	9	5	19

Note: The category "Other" refers to horsecabs and any other road traffic unit not described above.

Table 5. Road traffic casualties by type of injury, age group and sex: January-March

Age group	2019	2020				
	Total	Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
<b>Males</b>						
0-10	8	-	-	3	-	3
11-17	4	-	1	-	2	3
18-25	43	-	7	28	2	37
26-40	65	1	9	37	5	52
41-59	58	1	11	43	5	60
60-65	16	-	4	5	-	9
66+	26	-	7	13	1	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>Females</b>						
0-10	2	-	-	5	1	6
11-17	10	-	-	3	-	3
18-25	26	-	6	18	-	24
26-40	36	-	5	29	3	37
41-59	39	-	4	28	1	33
60-65	11	-	1	3	-	4
66+	16	-	4	8	1	13
unknown	-	-	-	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Total</b>						
<b>0-10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>11-17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>18-25</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>26-40</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>41-59</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>60-65</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>66+</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>unknown</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>306</b>

Chart 2. Road traffic casualties by gender and age group: January-March 2020



**Table 6. Road traffic casualties by road traffic unit, vehicle type and injury: January-March**

Road traffic unit	Vehicle type	2020				
		Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
Driver	Minibus	-	-	1	-	1
	Motorcycle	1	19	44	1	65
	Quad & ATV	-	-	2	-	2
	Passenger car	-	14	101	11	126
	Goods-carrying vehicle	-	3	4	2	9
Passenger	Motorcycle	-	1	1	-	2
	Quad & ATV	-	1	-	-	1
	Passenger car	-	7	41	4	52
	Goods-carrying vehicle	-	-	1	-	1
Pedestrian	Motorcycle	-	1	-	-	1
	Passenger car	1	10	18	1	30
	Goods-carrying vehicle	-	-	2	-	2
	Unknown vehicle	-	1	3	-	4
Cyclist	Motorcycle	-	-	1	-	1
	Passenger car	-	2	3	2	7
	Goods-carrying vehicle	-	-	2	-	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>306</b>

**Table 7. Road traffic casualties by road traffic unit, type of accident and injury: January-March**

Road traffic unit	Accident type	2020				
		Fatal	Grievous	Slight	Insignificant	Total
Driver	Vehicle with vehicle	1	28	132	12	173
	Vehicle with pedestrian	-	-	2	-	2
	Vehicle with property	-	8	17	2	27
	Vehicle with animal	-	-	1	-	1
Passenger	Vehicle with vehicle	-	7	38	3	48
	Vehicle with property	-	2	5	1	8
Pedestrian	Vehicle with pedestrian	1	12	23	1	37
Cyclist	Vehicle with bicycle	-	2	6	2	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>306</b>

Table 8. Road traffic casualties and accidents by day of the week: January-March 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Traffic casualties	41	44	33	42	36	56	54	306
Traffic accidents	491	508	498	536	552	459	313	3,357
Casualties-to-accidents ratio (%)	8.4	8.7	6.6	7.8	6.5	12.2	17.3	9.1

Chart 3. Percentage distribution of Road traffic casualties by day of the week: January-March 2020

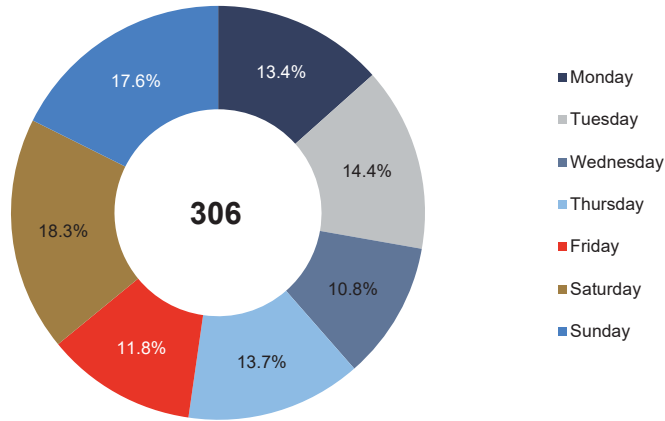


Table 9. Road traffic accidents by day of the week and time bracket: January-March 2020

Time bracket	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00 - 02:59	6	3	7	7	6	20	20	69
03:00 - 05:59	6	15	8	6	6	12	14	67
06:00 - 08:59	87	100	94	115	93	47	26	562
09:00 - 11:59	122	100	111	104	113	122	63	735
12:00 - 14:59	108	109	100	116	122	116	74	745
15:00 - 17:59	84	107	108	111	129	74	64	677
18:00 - 20:59	62	54	59	55	62	37	34	363
21:00 - 23:59	16	20	11	22	21	31	18	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>3,357</b>

Chart 4. Road traffic accidents by day of the week and time of day: January-March 2020

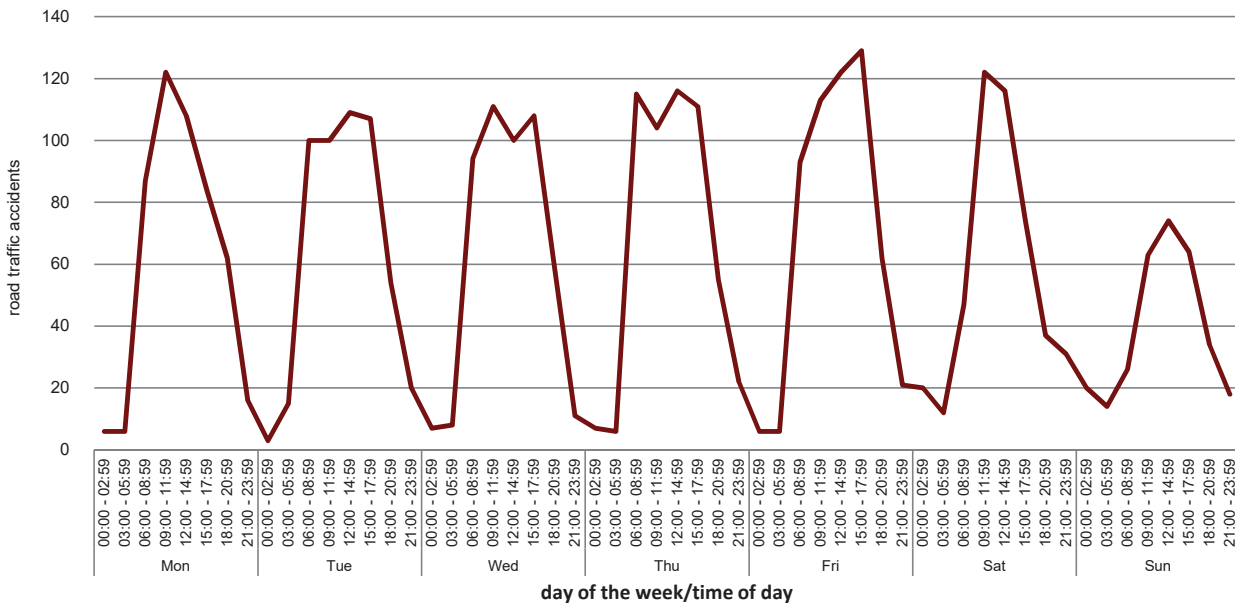




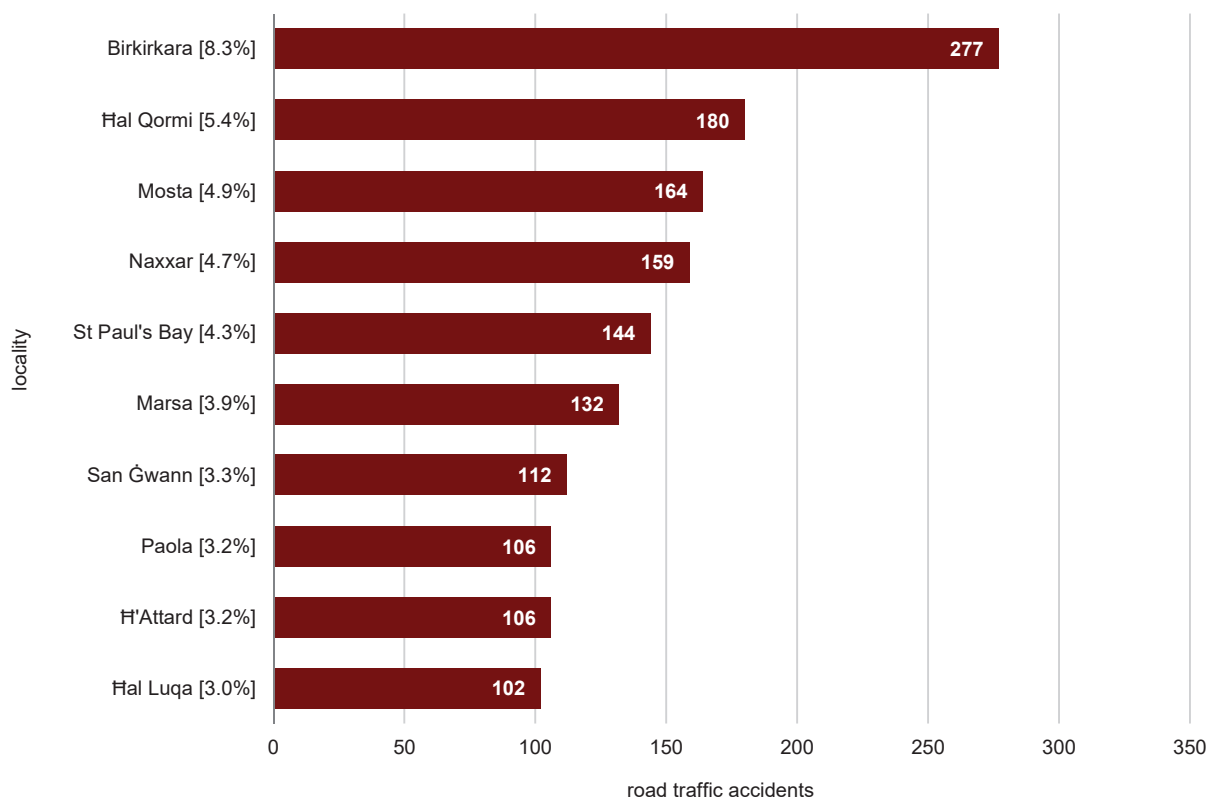
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<b>Southern Harbour</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>12</b>
Cospicua	18	22	4
Fgura	78	64	-14
Floriana	48	39	-9
Hal Luqa	100	102	2
Hal Tarxien	63	65	2
Haż-Żabbar	81	71	-10
Kalkara	10	11	1
Marsa	112	132	20
Paola	110	106	-4
Santa Luċija	8	22	14
Senglea	4	7	3
Valletta	38	34	-4
Vittoriosa	10	16	6
Xgħajra	6	7	1
<b>Northern Harbour</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>-205</b>
Birkirkara	320	277	-43
Gżira	79	77	-2
Hal Qormi	210	180	-30
Hamrun	97	86	-11
Msida	121	90	-31
Pembroke	38	26	-12
San Ġwann	146	112	-34
Santa Venera	84	63	-21
St Julian's	91	81	-10
Swieqi	52	37	-15
Ta' Xbiex	15	12	-3
Tal-Pietà	41	43	2
Tas-Sliema	81	86	5
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>19</b>
Birżebbuġa	49	54	5
Gudja	36	48	12
Hal Ġhaxaq	23	27	4
Hal Kirkop	13	12	-1
Hal Safi	7	7	-
Marsaskala	43	47	4
Marsaxlokk	15	10	-5
Mqabba	14	13	-1
Qrendi	9	15	6
Żejtun	87	85	-2
Żurrieq	41	38	-3
<b>Western</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>-80</b>
Had-Dingli	14	10	-4
Hal Balzan	45	36	-9
Hal Lija	42	29	-13
H'Attard	98	106	8
Haż-Żebbuġ	85	60	-25
Iklin	22	22	-
Mdina	1	1	-
Mtarfa	9	10	1
Rabat	95	60	-35
Siġġiewi	39	36	-3
<b>Northern</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>-21</b>
Hal Ġhargħur	25	33	8
Mellieħa	71	65	-6
Mġarr	45	25	-20
Mosta	176	164	-12
Naxxar	162	159	-3
St Paul's Bay	132	144	12

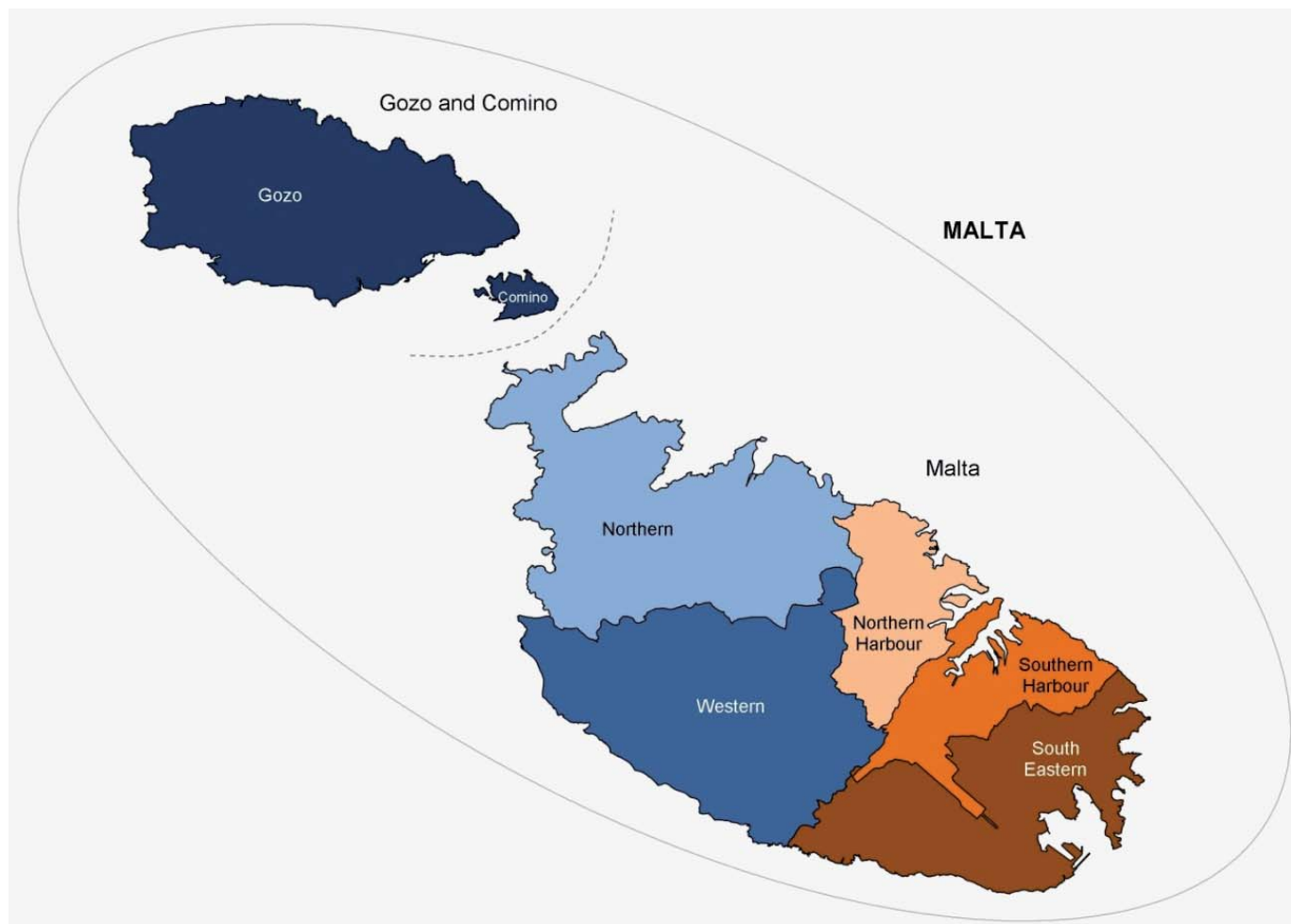
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District/Locality	January-March		
	2019	2020	Change
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>-24</b>
Fontana	1	4	3
Għajnsielem	24	22	-2
Għarb	6	1	-5
Għasri	6	2	-4
Munxar	6	7	1
Nadur	10	14	4
Qala	5	2	-3
San Lawrenz	1	1	-
Ta' Kerċem	6	3	-3
Ta' Sannat	5	4	-1
Victoria	74	58	-16
Xagħra	8	12	4
Xewkija	32	30	-2
Żebbuġ	13	13	-

Chart 5. Top ten localities in which most road traffic accidents occurred: January-March 2020



## Graphical Illustration of MALTA by NUTS Classification



### Districts classification

#### Southern Harbour

Cospicua; Fgura; Floriana; Ғal Luqa; Ғaž-Żabbar; Kalkara; Marsa; Paola; Santa Luċija; Senglea; Ғal Tarxien; Valletta; Vittoriosa; Xgħajra.

#### Northern Harbour

Birkirkara; Gżira; Ғal Qormi; Ғamrun; Msida; Pembroke; San Ġwann; Santa Venera; St Julian's; Swieqi; Ta' Xbiex; Tal-Pietà; Tas-Sliema.

#### South Eastern

Birżebbuġa; Gudja; Ғal Għaxaq; Ғal Kirkop; Ғal Safi; Marsaskala; Marsaxlokk; Mqabba; Qrendi; Żejtun; Żurrieq.

#### Western

Ғad-Dingli; Ғal Balzan; Ғal Lija; Ғ'Attard; Ғaž-Żebbuġ; Iklin; Mdina; Mtarfa; Rabat; Siġġiewi.

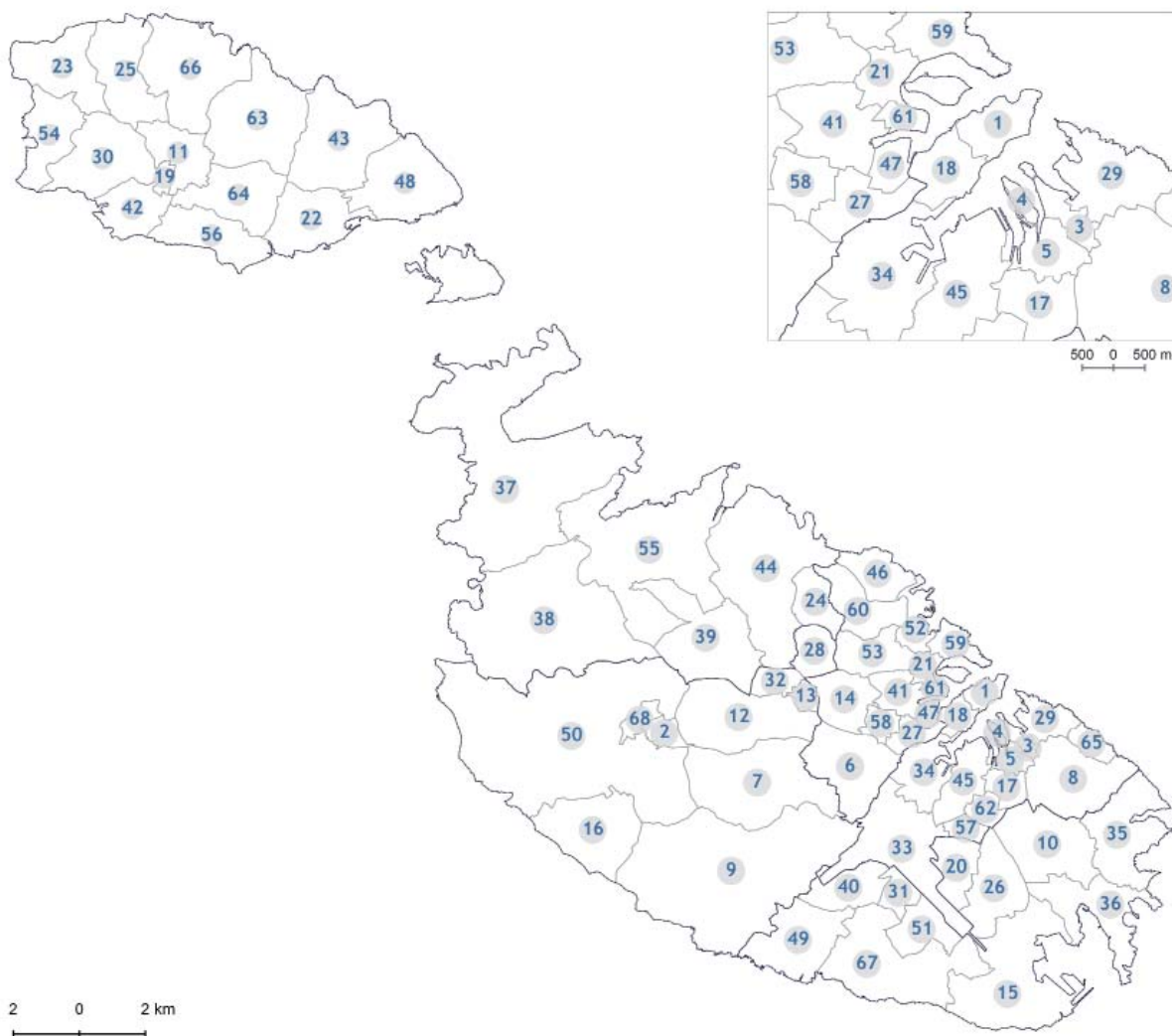
#### Northern

Ғal Għargħur; Mellieħa; Mgarr; Mosta; Naxxar; St Paul's Bay.

#### Gozo and Comino

Fontana; Għajnsielem; Għarb; Għasri; Munxar; Nadur; Qala; San Lawrenz; Ta' Kerċem; Ta' Sannat; Victoria; Xgħira; Xewkija; Żebbuġ.

## Graphical Illustration of MALTA by LAU2 Classification



### Key

1 Valletta	18 Floriana	35 Marsaskala	52 St Julian's
2 Mdina	19 Fontana	36 Marsaxlokk	53 San Ġwann
3 Vittoriosa	20 Gudja	37 Mellieħa	54 San Lawrenz
4 Senglea	21 Gżira	38 Mġarr	55 St Paul's Bay
5 Cospicua	22 Għajnsielem and Comino	39 Mosta	56 Ta' Sannat
6 Ғal Qormi	23 Għarb	40 Mqabba	57 Santa Luċija
7 Ғaž-Żebbuġ	24 Ғal Għargħur	41 Msida	58 Santa Venera
8 Ғaž-Żabbar	25 Għasri	42 Munxar	59 Tas-Sliema
9 Siġġiewi	26 Ғal Għaxaq	43 Nadur	60 Swieqi
10 Żejtun	27 Ғamrun	44 Naxxar	61 Ta' Xbiex
11 Victoria	28 Iklin	45 Paola	62 Ғal Tarxien
12 Ғ'Attard	29 Kalkara	46 Pembroke	63 Xaġħra
13 Ғal Balzan	30 Ta' Kercem	47 Tal-Pieta'	64 Xewkija
14 Birkirkara	31 Ғal Kirkop	48 Qala	65 Xgħajra
15 Birżebbuġa	32 Ғal Lija	49 Qrendi	66 Żebbuġ, Gozo
16 Ғad-Dingli	33 Ғal Luqa	50 Rabat, Malta	67 Żurrieq
17 Fgura	34 Marsa	51 Ғal Safi	68 Mtarfa

## Methodological Notes

1. Road traffic accidents data are compiled from administrative information provided by the Police Department and the Malta Insurance Association (Guard and Warden Service House Limited).
2. Total road traffic accidents consist of the road traffic accidents involving casualties (Police reports) and the minor road traffic accidents without casualties (Police and Warden reports).
3. Minor (non-injury) road traffic accidents which are either not reported or directly reported to Insurance Agencies by means of the Traffic Accident Form (i.e. where no Police or Wardens are called on the accident scene and are settled by the completion of the relevant form) are not accounted for.
4. Minor (non-injury) road traffic accidents refer to accidents assessed by the Wardens and/or the Police involving at least one vehicle and in which no persons are injured (Table 2).
5. Insignificant injury is determined by the Police as the sustaining of a very minimal injury (e.g. bruise, scratch, etc.) or shock due to accident which, in most cases, requires very basic treatment or no treatment at all.
6. The definitions of slight and grievous injuries are as listed in Art. 214 *et sequitur* of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta: <http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&itemid=8574>
7. UNECE defines road fatal injury as: "Any person who was killed outright or who died within 30 days as a result of the accident".
8. The casualty-to-accident ratio indicates the risk level of suffering an injury in an accident. Therefore, a higher percentage rate means that the corresponding accidents were more serious (i.e. more persons were injured) (Table 8).
9. Data is provisional and may be subject to revision.
10. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:  
Sources and Methods: [https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources\\_and\\_Methods/Unit\\_B3/Environment\\_Energy\\_Transport\\_and\\_Agriculture\\_Statistics/Pages/Road-Traffic-Accidents.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_B3/Environment_Energy_Transport_and_Agriculture_Statistics/Pages/Road-Traffic-Accidents.aspx)  
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>
11. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
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