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The Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported 21 fatalities at work between 2014 and 2018.

Fatalities at Work: 2014-2018

Information presented in this news release provides an overview of fatalities at work between 2014 and 2018. As illustrated in Table 1, all fatalities at work that took place in the past five years involved males, mostly between the age of 25 and 34 (Table 2).

The majority of fatal accidents at work were recorded in the Northern Harbour District followed by the Southern Harbour district (Table 3). More than half of the victims were Maltese (Table 4). Fatal accidents involving employees accounted for nearly two-thirds of all work fatalities occurring between 2014 and 2018 (Table 5).

The self-employed-without-employees category, together with enterprises engaging one to nine employees, were the most affected by fatalities at work. With just one fatality, larger companies (250+) registered the lowest number of fatal accidents (Table 6).

Half of such deaths were caused by head injuries. Other causes included injuries to the torso and organs and whole body and multiple sites (Table 7). The majority of fatal accidents during 2014 and 2018 were concussions and internal injuries (Table 8).

More than half of work-related deaths in 2014 to 2018 occurred in construction (Table 9). From all accidents, 50 per cent of victims were engaged in crafts and related trades or were engaged in elementary occupations (Table 10) ■

Table 1. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and sex of victim

Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Males	4	5	7	1	4
Females	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	5	7	1	4

Table 2. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and age group of victim

Age group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
15-24	1	1	1	-	-
25-34	-	-	4	-	3
35-44	1	1	1	-	-
45-54	2	1	1	-	-
55+	-	2	-	1	1
Total	4	5	7	1	4

Table 3. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and district

District¹	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Southern Harbour	-	2	1	-	1
Northern Harbour	1	1	4	-	3
South Eastern	2	-	1	-	-
Western	-	1	-	-	-
Northern	1	-	1	-	-
Gozo and Comino	-	1	-	1	-
Total	4	5	7	1	4

⁽¹⁾ 'District' in this table refers to the district where the fatal accident occurred.

Table 4. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and nationality of victim

Nationality	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Maltese	2	5	2	:	1
EU non-Maltese	-	-	2	:	1
Non-EU non-Maltese	2	-	3	:	2
Total	4	5	7	1	4

: Details relating to the fatality which occurred during 2017 are being suppressed due to confidentiality issues.

Table 5. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and employment status of victim

Employment status	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Self-employed	1	2	1	:	3
Employees	3	3	6	:	1
Total	4	5	7	1	4

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Table 6. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and size of enterprise involved

Size of enterprise	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Self-employed without employees	1	2	1	:	2
1-9 employees	1	1	3	:	2
10-49 employees	2	-	1	:	-
50-249 employees	-	1	2	:	-
250-499 employees	-	-	-	:	-
500 employees and more	-	1	-	:	-
Total	4	5	7	1	4

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Table 7. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and part of body injured

Part of body injured	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Not Specified	-	-	-	:	-
Head	1	2	5	:	2
Neck including spine and vertebra in the neck	-	-	-	:	-
Back including spine and vertebra in the back	-	-	-	:	-
Torso and Organs	1	2	1	:	-
Upper Extremities	2	-	-	:	-
Lower Extremities	-	-	-	:	-
Whole body and multiple sites	-	1	1	:	2
Other body parts injured, not mentioned above	-	-	-	:	-
Total	4	5	7	1	4

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Table 8. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and type of injury

Type of injury	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wounds and Superficial Injuries	-	-	-	:	-
Bone Fractures	-	-	-	:	-
Dislocations, Sprains and Strains	-	-	-	:	-
Traumatic Amputations	-	-	-	:	-
Concussions and internal injuries	4	3	6	:	2
Burns, Scalds and Frostbite	-	-	-	:	-
Poisoning and Infections	-	-	-	:	-
Drowning and Asphyxiation	-	2	1	:	-
Effects of Sound and Vision	-	-	-	:	-
Effects of Temperature Extremes, Light and Radiation	-	-	-	:	-
Shock	-	-	-	:	-
Multiple Injuries	-	-	-	:	2
Other Specified Injuries not included under above headings	-	-	-	:	-
Total	4	5	7	1	4

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Table 9. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and economic activity of enterprise

Economic activity of enterprise	2014 (Revised)	2015	2016	2017	2018
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1	-	-	:	-
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	1	2	2	:	-
Construction	1	2	4	:	4
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	1	-	1	:	-
Information and communication	-	-	-	:	-
Financial and insurance activities	-	-	-	:	-
Real estate activities	-	-	-	:	-
Professional, scientific, technical administration and support service activities	-	-	-	:	-
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	-	-	-	:	-
Other services	-	1	-	:	-
Total	4	5	7	1	4

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Table 10. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and occupation of victim

Occupation	2014 (Revised)	2015	2016	2017	2018
Armed Forces	-	-	-	:	-
Managers	-	-	-	:	-
Professionals	-	-	-	:	-
Technicians and Professionals	-	-	1	:	-
Clerical Support Workers	-	-	-	:	-
Service and Sales Workers	-	-	-	:	-
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers	1	-	-	:	-
Craft and Related Trades Workers	1	2	4	:	3
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	-	1	2	:	-
Elementary Occupations	2	2	-	:	1
Total	4	5	7	1	4

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Methodological Notes

1. The source of the data on fatal accidents at work is the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSa). Twice a year the NSO releases data on non-fatal accidents at work provided by the Department of Social Security.
2. District classification:

For aggregation purposes, all localities were grouped into six districts as follows:

A. Southern Harbour

Valletta, Vittoriosa, Senglea, Cospicua, Ғaḏ-Ḑabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Ғal Luḡa, Marsa, Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

B. Northern Harbour

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

C. South Eastern

Ḑejtun, Birḑebbuḡa, Gudja, Ғal Għaxaq, Ғal Kirkop, Marsaskala, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Ғal Safi, Ḑurrieq.

D. Western

Mdina, Ғaḏ-Ḑebbuḡ, Siġġiewi, Ғ'Attard, Ғal Balzan, Ғad-Dingli, Iklin, Ғal Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

E. Northern

Ғal Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mġarr, Mosta, Naxxar, St Paul's Bay.

F. Gozo and Comino

Victoria, Fontana, Għajnsielem, Għarb, Għasri, Ta' Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Ta' Sannat, Xagħra, Xewkija, Ḑebbuḡ.

3. Definition:

Fatal accidents at work are accidents that lead to the death of the victim within 1 year.

4. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>

Classification: <https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/classificationdetails.aspx?id=NACE Rev. 2>
<https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/classificationdetails.aspx?id=ISCO 2008>

5. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

6. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx