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During the fourth quarter of 2014, Labour Force Survey estimates indicate an increase of 1.2 per cent in employment when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2013.

Labour Force Survey: Q4/2014

Labour Status

Labour Force Survey estimates indicate that, during the fourth quarter last year, total employment stood at 180,124, accounting for half the population aged 15 and over. Unemployed persons stood at 11,195 (3.1 per cent) while inactive persons totalled 167,014 (46.6 per cent) (Table 1).

The activity rate was estimated at 65.5 per cent. The highest activity rate was recorded among persons aged 25-54 (79.0 per cent) (Table 3). There was no statistically significant change in the activity rate when compared to 2013 levels for the same quarter.

The Employed Population

On average, out of every 100 persons aged 15 to 64, 62 were employed. The highest employment rate was recorded among persons aged between 25 and 54, and stood at 75.2 per cent. The male employment rate for this age bracket was 91.1 per cent while that for females stood at 58.6 per cent (Table 4).

Employed men were mostly engaged in wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities (30.6 per cent). On the other hand, the largest percentage of employed women (37.5 per cent) were engaged in Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities (Table 7).

Self-employed persons accounted for 13.7 per cent of the total employed population (Table 15). The majority of employed persons worked on a full-time basis and totalled 152,417. An estimated 23,298 (12.9 per cent) had a part-time job as their primary employment. A further 4,409 were working on a full-time with reduced hours basis (Table 16).

The average annual basic salary of employees for the fourth quarter of 2014 was estimated at €16,267. This amount refers to the annual basic salary and excludes extra payments such as overtime, bonuses and allowances, as explained in the methodological notes. The highest average annual basic salary for employees was recorded in financial and insurance activities (Table 9). Average annual salaries varied from €27,095 among managers to €10,784 among elementary occupations (Table 13).

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The Unemployed Population

Survey results estimate that the unemployment rate for the fourth quarter of 2014, stood at 5.9 per cent (Table 5). Among the unemployed, 47.5 per cent stated that they had been seeking work for at least 12 months (Table 18) ■

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Table 1. Persons aged 15 and over by sex and labour status

Labour status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
October-December 2014						
Employed	112,504	62.9	67,620	37.7	180,124	50.3
Unemployed	7,400	4.1	3,795	2.1	11,195	3.1
Inactive	58,955	33.0	108,059	60.2	167,014	46.6
Total	178,859	100.0	179,474	100.0	358,333	100.0
October-December 2013 (Revised)						
Employed	110,069	62.3	67,936	38.1	178,005	50.1
Unemployed	7,732	4.4	4,516	2.5	12,248	3.5
Inactive	59,008	33.4	105,711	59.3	164,719	46.4
Total	176,809	100.0	178,163	100.0	354,972	100.0

Table 2. Labour force distribution by sex

Labour status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
October-December 2014						
Employed	112,504	93.8	67,620	94.7	180,124	94.1
Unemployed	7,400	6.2	3,795	5.3	11,195	5.9
Total	119,904	100.0	71,415	100.0	191,319	100.0
October-December 2013 (Revised)						
Employed	110,069	93.4	67,936	93.8	178,005	93.6
Unemployed	7,732	6.6	4,516	6.2	12,248	6.4
Total	117,801	100.0	72,452	100.0	190,253	100.0

Table 3. Activity rates by sex and age group

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
October-December 2014			
15-24	52.6	49.3	51.0
25-54	95.1	62.1	79.0
55-64	59.9	18.0	38.9
Total	79.9	50.5	65.5
October-December 2013 (Revised)			
15-24	53.3	50.9	52.1
25-54	94.5	62.9	79.0
55-64	59.9	18.9	39.4
Total	79.5	51.4	65.7

Table 4. Employment rates by sex and age group

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
October-December 2014			
15-24	45.6	47.4	46.5
25-54	91.1	58.6	75.2
55-64	53.7	17.0	35.3
Total	74.9	47.8	61.6
October-December 2013 (Revised)			
15-24	46.7	45.6	46.2
25-54	89.4	59.4	74.7
55-64	55.0	18.3	36.6
Total	74.1	48.1	61.4

Table 5. Unemployment rates by sex and age group

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
October-December 2014			
15-24	13.4 ^u	:	8.9 ^u
25+	5.2	5.7	5.4
Total	6.2	5.3	5.9
October-December 2013 (Revised)			
15-24	12.3 ^u	10.3 ^u	11.3 ^u
25+	5.8	5.3 ^u	5.6
Total	6.6	6.2	6.4

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Table 6. Distribution of employed persons by sex and age group

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
October-December 2014						
15-24	12,607	11.2	12,237	18.1	24,844	13.8
25-34	28,373	25.2	21,067	31.2	49,440	27.4
35-44	27,282	24.2	17,198	25.4	44,480	24.7
45-54	24,634	21.9	11,229	16.6	35,863	19.9
55-64	15,738	14.0	5,006	7.4	20,744	11.5
65+	3,870	3.4	:	:	4,753	2.6
Total	112,504	100.0	67,620	100.0	180,124	100.0
October-December 2013 (Revised)						
15-24	13,140	11.9	12,053	17.7	25,193	14.2
25-34	28,259	25.7	21,249	31.3	49,508	27.8
35-44	26,270	23.9	16,222	23.9	42,492	23.9
45-54	23,502	21.4	12,475	18.4	35,977	20.2
55-64	16,168	14.7	5,389	7.9	21,557	12.1
65+	2,730 ^u	2.5 ^u	:	:	3,278	1.8
Total	110,069	100.0	67,936	100.0	178,005	100.0

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Table 7. Distribution of employed persons by sex and economic activity: October-December 2014

Economic activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,522 ^u	2.2 ^u	:	:	2,914 ^u	1.6 ^u
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	21,535	19.1	6,748	10.0	28,283	15.7
Construction	9,591	8.5	:	:	10,080	5.6
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	34,449	30.6	17,102	25.3	51,551	28.6
Information and communication	4,202	3.7	2,053 ^u	3.0 ^u	6,255	3.5
Financial and insurance activities	3,898	3.5	4,085	6.0	7,983	4.4
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	8,082	7.2	5,812	8.6	13,894	7.7
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	22,665	20.1	25,330	37.5	47,995	26.6
Other services	4,858	4.3	5,224	7.7	10,082	5.6
Total	112,504	100.0	67,620	100.0	180,124	100.0

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Table 8. Distribution of employed persons by sex and economic activity: October-December 2013 (Revised)

Economic activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,085 ^u	1.9 ^u	:	:	2,781 ^u	1.6 ^u
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	21,401	19.4	7,350	10.8	28,751	16.2
Construction	10,415	9.5	:	:	11,125	6.2
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	32,334	29.4	16,304	24.0	48,638	27.3
Information and communication	4,558	4.1	2,275 ^u	3.3 ^u	6,833	3.8
Financial and insurance activities	4,095	3.7	4,565	6.7	8,660	4.9
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	1,411 ^u	0.8 ^u
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	7,605	6.9	5,248	7.7	12,853	7.2
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	21,888	19.9	25,881	38.1	47,769	26.8
Other services	4,781	4.3	4,403	6.5	9,184	5.2
Total	110,069	100.0	67,936	100.0	178,005	100.0

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Table 9. Average annual basic salary* for employees by sex and economic activity: October-December 2014

Economic activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No. of employees	Average Euro
	No. of employees	Average Euro	No. Of employees	Average Euro		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	19,155	17,215	6,686	14,143	25,841	16,420
Construction	6,641	15,400	:	:	7,130	15,346
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	25,410	15,372	15,817	11,315	41,227	13,815
Information and communication	3,886	21,028	2,000 ^u	13,440 ^u	5,886	18,450
Financial and insurance activities	3,837	23,456	4,085	17,155	7,922	20,207
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	6,098	18,364	5,310	15,152	11,408	16,869
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	22,283	19,327	25,280	16,355	47,563	17,748
Other services	3,252 ^u	16,192 ^u	3,544	12,417	6,796	14,224
Total	91,654	17,522	63,719	14,462	155,373	16,267

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Table 10. Average annual basic salary* for employees by sex and economic activity: October-December 2013 (Revised)

Economic activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No. of employees	Average Euro
	No. of employees	Average Euro	No. Of employees	Average Euro		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	19,378	17,255	7,350	13,574	26,728	16,243
Construction	6,871	14,350	:	:	7,581	14,301
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	24,644	14,284	14,767	11,320	39,411	13,173
Information and communication	4,380	20,071	1,937 ^u	15,264 ^u	6,317	18,597
Financial and insurance activities	3,898	23,986	4,565	17,937	8,463	20,723
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	5,762	18,142	4,940	12,692	10,702	15,626
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	21,313	18,267	25,499	16,288	46,812	17,189
Other services	3,795	17,058	3,045 ^u	16,454 ^u	6,840	16,789
Total	91,340	16,957	63,560	14,573	154,900	15,979

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Table 11. Main occupation of total employed persons by sex: October-December 2014

Occupational group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
Armed Forces	1,869 ^u	1.7 ^u	:	:	2,054 ^u	1.1 ^u
Managers	12,299	10.9	4,269	6.3	16,568	9.2
Professionals	14,461	12.9	14,892	22.0	29,353	16.3
Technicians and associate professionals	15,691	13.9	8,631	12.8	24,322	13.5
Clerical support workers	9,025	8.0	11,018	16.3	20,043	11.1
Service and sales workers	19,464	17.3	19,403	28.7	38,867	21.6
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	2,613 ^u	2.3 ^u	:	:	2,713 ^u	1.5 ^u
Craft and related trades workers	16,775	14.9	:	:	17,568	9.8
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,708	7.7	3,180 ^u	4.7 ^u	11,888	6.6
Elementary occupations	11,599	10.3	5,149	7.6	16,748	9.3
Total	112,504	100.0	67,620	100.0	180,124	100.0

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Table 12. Main occupation of total employed persons by sex: October-December 2013 (Revised)

Occupational group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
Armed Forces	1,812 ^u	1.6 ^u	:	:	1,812 ^u	1.0 ^u
Managers	11,799	10.7	5,393	7.9	17,192	9.7
Professionals	14,945	13.6	14,139	20.8	29,084	16.3
Technicians and associate professionals	17,048	15.5	9,645	14.2	26,693	15.0
Clerical support workers	8,161	7.4	12,180	17.9	20,341	11.4
Service and sales workers	16,682	15.2	18,558	27.3	35,240	19.8
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1,566 ^u	1.4 ^u	:	:	1,836 ^u	1.0 ^u
Craft and related trades workers	17,358	15.8	:	:	18,142	10.2
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,519	7.7	2,979 ^u	4.4 ^u	11,498	6.5
Elementary occupations	12,179	11.1	3,988	5.9	16,167	9.1
Total	110,069	100.0	67,936	100.0	178,005	100.0

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Table 13. Average annual basic salary* for employees by sex and main occupation: October-December 2014

Occupational group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	Average Euro
	No.	Average Euro	No.	Average Euro		
Armed Forces	1,869 ^u	17,079 ^u	:	:	2,054 ^u	17,013 ^u
Managers	9,007	27,806	3,955	25,477	12,962	27,095
Professionals	12,546	24,388	14,087	19,652	26,633	21,883
Technicians and associate professionals	13,427	19,532	8,039	16,030	21,466	18,221
Clerical support workers	8,618	15,129	10,963	13,150	19,581	14,021
Service and sales workers	14,656	13,508	17,600	10,302	32,256	11,759
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	11,658	14,766	:	:	12,401	14,737
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,130	13,833	3,119 ^u	11,299 ^u	11,249	13,130
Elementary occupations	10,774	12,040	5,028	8,095	15,802	10,784
Total	91,654	17,522	63,719	14,462	155,373	16,267

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Table 14. Average annual basic salary* for employees by sex and main occupation: October-December 2013 (Revised)

Occupational group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	Average Euro
	No.	Average Euro	No.	Average Euro		
Armed Forces	1,812 ^u	15,599 ^u	:	:	1,812 ^u	15,599 ^u
Managers	9,611	26,886	5,086	25,261	14,697	26,324
Professionals	13,188	22,910	13,593	19,617	26,781	21,238
Technicians and associate professionals	15,122	17,937	9,016	15,963	24,138	17,200
Clerical support workers	7,960	14,114	12,123	12,635	20,083	13,221
Service and sales workers	13,093	13,759	16,043	10,179	29,136	11,788
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	10,939	14,107	:	:	11,649	13,894
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,027	13,552	2,921 ^u	10,667 ^u	10,948	12,782
Elementary occupations	11,304	11,511	3,919	7,812	15,223	10,559
Total	91,340	16,957	63,560	14,573	154,900	15,979

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Table 15. Distribution of employed persons by sex and professional status of main occupation

Professional status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
October-December 2014						
Self-employed without employees	13,905	12.4	2,914 ^u	4.3 ^u	16,819	9.3
Self-employed with employees	6,945	6.2	:	:	7,932	4.4
Employee	91,654	81.5	63,719	94.2	155,373	86.3
Family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total	112,504	100.0	67,620	100.0	180,124	100.0
October-December 2013 (Revised)						
Self-employed without employees	12,751	11.6	3,402 ^u	5.0 ^u	16,153	9.1
Self-employed with employees	5,978	5.4	:	:	6,952	3.9
Employee	91,340	83.0	63,560	93.6	154,900	87.0
Family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total	110,069	100.0	67,936	100.0	178,005	100.0

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Table 16. Distribution of employed persons by sex and type of employment in main occupation

Type of employment	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
October-December 2014						
Full-time job	103,493	92.0	48,924	72.4	152,417	84.6
Full-time with reduced hours job	:	:	3,948	5.8	4,409	2.4
Part-time job	8,550	7.6	14,748	21.8	23,298	12.9
Total	112,504	100.0	67,620	100.0	180,124	100.0
October-December 2013 (Revised)						
Full-time job	101,405	92.1	50,386	74.2	151,791	85.3
Full-time with reduced hours job	:	:	4,168	6.1	4,489	2.5
Part-time job	8,343	7.6	13,382	19.7	21,725	12.2
Total	110,069	100.0	67,936	100.0	178,005	100.0

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Table 17. Distribution of unemployed persons by sex and age group

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
October-December 2014						
15-24	1,959 ^u	26.5 ^u	:	:	2,433 ^u	21.7 ^u
25+	5,441	73.5	3,321	87.5	8,762	78.3
Total	7,400	100.0	3,795	100.0	11,195	100.0
October-December 2013 (Revised)						
15-24	1,836 ^u	23.7 ^u	1,389 ^u	30.8 ^u	3,225 ^u	26.3 ^u
25+	5,896	76.3	3,127 ^u	69.2 ^u	9,023	73.7
Total	7,732	100.0	4,516	100.0	12,248	100.0

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Table 18. Distribution of unemployed persons by sex and duration of job search

Duration	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
October-December 2014						
Less than 5 months	2,641 ^u	35.7 ^u	1,375 ^u	36.2 ^u	4,016	35.9
6-11 months	:	:	:	:	1,866 ^u	16.7 ^u
12+ months	3,649	49.3	1,664 ^u	43.8 ^u	5,313	47.5
Total	7,400	100.0	3,795	100.0	11,195	100.0
October-December 2013 (Revised)						
Less than 5 months	2,531 ^u	32.7 ^u	1,983 ^u	43.9 ^u	4,514	36.9
6-11 months	1,484 ^u	19.2 ^u	:	:	1,953 ^u	15.9 ^u
12+ months	3,717	48.1	2,064 ^u	45.7 ^u	5,781	47.2
Total	7,732	100.0	4,516	100.0	12,248	100.0

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Methodological Notes

1. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is carried out on an ongoing basis using a quarterly gross sample of 3,200 private households. The objective is to have a continuous assessment of labour market trends given that the reference weeks are evenly spread throughout the 13 weeks of the quarter. One-fourth of the sample is made up of households who have been selected to participate in the LFS for the first time. Three-fourths of the quarterly sample is made up of households who were selected to participate in the survey in previous instances, either one quarter before, or one year before, or one year and a quarter before (2-(2)-2). Figures provided in this release refer to persons aged 15 and over and living in private households during the reference period. All criteria used for this survey match international methodologies used by ILO.

2. The LFS is designed to satisfy the concepts and definitions as outlined by Eurostat, which is the EU Statistical Agency. This allows the comparability of results with other EU member states and countries following ILO definitions of employment and unemployment. Occupations are classified according to the ISCO - 08 classification (International Standard Classification of Occupations) whereas the economic activity is classified according to NACE Rev. 2 (Nomenclature générale des Activités économiques dans les Communautés Européennes).

3. Definitions:

- **Activity rate:** Labour force (15-64) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64).
- **Employee:** The distinction between employees and self-employed is based on the respondent's own judgement as stated during the interview.
- **Employment:** All persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week, were in one of the following categories:
 - **paid employment:** includes those who during the reference week worked for at least one hour for a wage or salary, in cash or in kind.
 - **were employed but absent from work:** due to sick leave, bad weather, were undergoing training or education, did not work due to a labour dispute, were on maternity or parental leave, did not work due to slack work for technical or economic reasons, were absent from work for a period of less than 3 months, or were not working because on layoff and receiving at least 50 per cent of the salary/wage.
 - **self-employed:** covers persons who run a trade or business, rather than working as an employee for someone else. A person is self-employed if s/he is a sole proprietor or a partner working in a business.
 - **unpaid family workers:** refers to people who worked without pay in a family business or farm. Excluded from this definition are housewives.
- **Employment rate:** Persons in employment (15-64) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64).
- **Annual basic salary:** Refers to the annual basic salary received by employees before any social contributions and tax deductions. This amount excludes payments for overtime, allowances and bonuses.
- **Inactive persons:** All persons who are not classified as employed or unemployed are defined as inactive.
- **Labour force:** All persons in employment and unemployed persons.
- **Reference week:** The week to which the collected data relate.
- **Unemployment:** All persons above 15 years of age who, during the reference week, satisfied the following criteria:
 - **without work**
 - **actively seeking work during the previous 4 weeks:** example of active job search include contacting the ETC, applying directly with an employer, contacting a private employment agency, inserting or answering to an advert in a newspaper.
 - **currently available for work:** available to start work within 2 weeks of the reference week.
- **Unemployment rate:** Unemployed persons (15 to 74 years) as a percentage of the labour force (15-74 years).

4. Sampling variability

Data included in this release are based on sample data and are therefore subject to sampling error. Sampling error is measured by a quantity known as the margin of error, which in turn, expresses the variability between the true population parameters and their corresponding sample estimates. In the table below, the margin of error is used to construct a set of 95 per cent confidence intervals for specific variables, which give an indication of where the true population parameters lie.

Sampling variability of LFS figures

	Estimate	Margin of error	95% Confidence interval
Employment	180,124	5,177	180,124 ± 5,177
Employment rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	61.57	1.52	61.57 ± 1.52
<i>Males</i>	74.86	2.17	74.86 ± 2.17
<i>Females</i>	47.77	2.33	47.77 ± 2.33
15-24	46.46	3.61	46.46 ± 3.61
25-54	75.22	1.84	75.22 ± 1.84
55-64	35.28	2.86	35.28 ± 2.86
Unemployment	11,195	1,742	11,195 ± 1,742
Unemployment rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	5.85	0.86	5.85 ± 0.86
<i>Males</i>	6.17	1.17	6.17 ± 1.17
<i>Females</i>	5.31	1.38	5.31 ± 1.38
15-24	8.92	2.85	8.92 ± 2.85
25+	5.34	0.94	5.34 ± 0.94
Inactive	167,014	4,484	167,014 ± 4,484
Activity rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	65.46	1.52	65.46 ± 1.52
<i>Males</i>	79.90	2.04	79.90 ± 2.04
<i>Females</i>	50.45	2.34	50.45 ± 2.34
15-24	51.01	3.57	51.01 ± 3.57
25-54	78.98	1.74	78.98 ± 1.74
55-64	38.91	2.88	38.91 ± 2.88

The table gives indications on the sampling variability. For example, with respect to employment the LFS estimate is 180,124 and the margin of error is 5,177. Hence, the figure lies between 174,947 and 185,301 persons.

5. Key

: Data not published due to unreliable survey estimates as a result of less than 20 reporting units

^u Figures to be used with caution since they are derived from a number of readings ranging between 20 and 49

6. Absolute changes between one survey and another must be treated with caution since minor changes (i.e. less than 1,800 persons) might be the result of sampling error.

7. More information is available from the NSO upon written request.

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

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

Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=33>