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In March, the number of persons registering for work stood at 1,772 decreasing by 9.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018.

Registered Unemployment: March 2019

Data provided by Jobsplus for March 2019 indicate a decline of 173 persons registering under Part I and a decrease of 9 among those registering under Part II of the unemployment register, when compared to the same month last year (Tables 5 and 8). Registered unemployed dropped among all age groups (Table 1).

Registrants for work decreased when compared to March 2018, irrespective of how long they had been registering for work. The largest decrease in registrants was recorded among persons who had been registering for more than one year (Table 2).

The number of persons with a disability who were registering for work decreased by 67 when compared to the previous year, reaching 219. Men accounted for 69.4 per cent of total registrants with a disability (Table 3).

The largest share of men and women on the unemployment register sought occupations as clerical support workers with 18.2 per cent and 39.1 per cent respectively (Table 4).

Chart 1. Registered unemployment

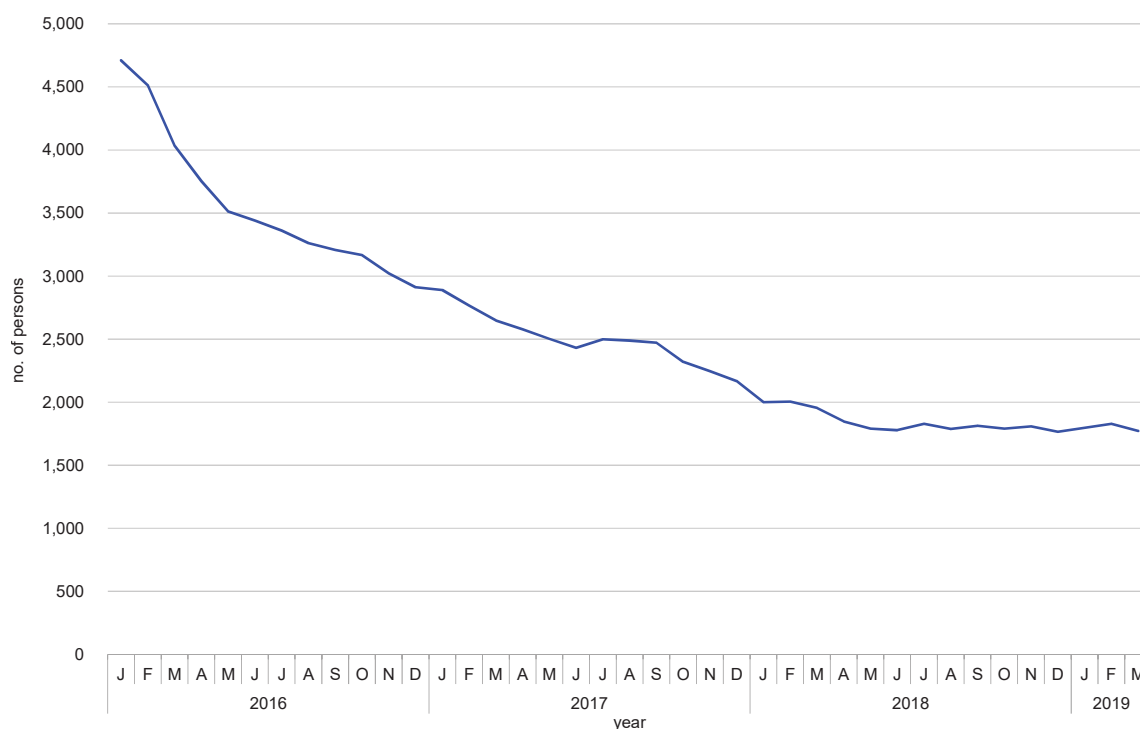


Table 1. Persons registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by region, age group and sex

Age group and sex	Annual average 2017			Annual average 2018			February 2018			February 2019			March 2018			March 2019		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	94	16	110	73	8	81	81	10	91	83	5	88	83	9	92	81	3	84
Males	56	13	69	44	6	50	47	9	56	53	2	55	51	8	59	52	1	53
Females	38	3	41	29	2	31	34	1	35	30	3	33	32	1	33	29	2	31
20-24	148	33	181	97	15	112	108	11	119	100	16	116	107	12	119	101	13	114
Males	97	27	124	62	9	71	74	8	82	70	8	78	71	6	77	68	6	74
Females	51	6	57	35	6	41	34	3	37	30	8	38	36	6	42	33	7	40
25-29	141	42	183	112	7	119	128	10	138	111	9	120	124	9	133	99	10	109
Males	100	28	128	74	3	77	87	6	93	76	6	82	86	2	88	65	6	71
Females	41	14	55	38	4	42	41	4	45	35	3	38	38	7	45	34	4	38
30-44	635	171	806	493	57	550	552	58	610	504	56	560	511	64	575	489	49	538
Males	494	109	603	368	38	406	413	37	450	382	36	418	380	40	420	371	33	404
Females	141	62	203	125	19	144	139	21	160	122	20	142	131	24	155	118	16	134
45 and over	1,059	161	1,220	876	93	969	954	93	1,047	846	99	945	940	95	1,035	828	99	927
Males	757	93	850	628	57	685	688	58	746	607	53	660	684	61	745	587	56	643
Females	302	68	370	248	36	284	266	35	301	239	46	285	256	34	290	241	43	284
Total	2,077	423	2,500	1,651	180	1,831	1,823	182	2,005	1,644	185	1,829	1,765	189	1,954	1,598	174	1,772
Males	1,504	270	1,774	1,176	113	1,289	1,309	118	1,427	1,188	105	1,293	1,272	117	1,389	1,143	102	1,245
Females	573	153	726	475	67	542	514	64	578	456	80	536	493	72	565	455	72	527

Table 2. Persons registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by duration of registration and sex

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		February		March	
	2017	2018	2018	2019	2018	2019
Under 21 weeks	940	700	774	762	736	692
Males	643	469	517	530	501	472
Females	297	231	257	232	235	220
21 to 52 weeks	430	264	284	277	302	287
Males	304	188	207	202	216	211
Females	126	76	77	75	86	76
Over 1 year	1,130	867	947	790	916	793
Males	827	632	703	561	672	562
Females	303	235	244	229	244	231
Total	2,500	1,831	2,005	1,829	1,954	1,772
Males	1,774	1,289	1,427	1,293	1,389	1,245
Females	726	542	578	536	565	527

Table 3. Persons with a disability registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by type of registration and sex

Registration type and sex	Annual average				February				March			
	2017		2018		2018		2019		2018		2019	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (Part I)	278	100.0	253	100.0	276	100.0	207	100.0	273	100.0	207	100.0
Males	212	76.3	188	74.3	212	76.8	147	71.0	211	77.3	143	69.1
Females	66	23.7	65	25.7	64	23.2	60	29.0	62	22.7	64	30.9
Total (Part II)	13	100.0	8	100.0	10	100.0	8	100.0	13	100.0	12	100.0
Males	9	69.2	6	75.0	9	90.0	6	75.0	11	84.6	9	75.0
Females	4	30.8	2	25.0	1	10.0	2	25.0	2	15.4	3	25.0
Total (Parts I and II)	291	100.0	261	100.0	286	100.0	215	100.0	286	100.0	219	100.0
Males	221	75.9	194	74.3	221	77.3	153	71.2	222	77.6	152	69.4
Females	70	24.1	67	25.7	65	22.7	62	28.8	64	22.4	67	30.6

Table 4. Persons registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by sex and main type of occupation sought

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2017						February 2018						March 2018					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	96	5.4	27	3.7	123	4.9	73	5.1	27	4.7	100	5.0	76	5.5	34	6.0	110	5.6
Professionals	213	12.0	66	9.1	279	11.2	172	12.1	43	7.4	215	10.7	164	11.8	38	6.7	202	10.3
Technicians and associate professionals	220	12.4	126	17.4	346	13.8	205	14.4	111	19.2	316	15.8	184	13.2	105	18.6	289	14.8
Clerical support workers	334	18.8	273	37.6	607	24.3	270	18.9	205	35.5	475	23.7	259	18.6	211	37.3	470	24.1
Service workers and sales workers	236	13.3	165	22.7	401	16.0	200	14.0	120	20.8	320	16.0	199	14.3	107	18.9	306	15.7
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	106	6.0	-	-	106	4.2	63	4.4	-	-	63	3.1	59	4.2	1	0.2	60	3.1
Craft and related trades workers	284	16.0	8	1.1	292	11.7	196	13.7	8	1.4	204	10.2	180	13.0	9	1.6	189	9.7
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	132	7.4	33	4.5	165	6.6	105	7.4	35	6.1	140	7.0	113	8.1	31	5.5	144	7.4
Elementary occupations	153	8.6	28	3.9	181	7.2	143	10.0	29	5.0	172	8.6	155	11.2	29	5.1	184	9.4
Total	1,774	100.0	726	100.0	2,500	100.0	1,427	100.0	578	100.0	2,005	100.0	1,389	100.0	565	100.0	1,954	100.0
Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2018						February 2019						March 2019					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	72	5.6	25	4.6	97	5.3	83	6.4	24	4.5	107	5.9	79	6.3	22	4.2	101	5.7
Professionals	153	11.8	44	8.2	197	10.8	150	11.6	45	8.4	195	10.7	135	10.8	41	7.8	176	9.9
Technicians and associate professionals	167	13.0	100	18.4	267	14.6	160	12.4	90	16.8	250	13.7	159	12.8	89	16.9	248	14.0
Clerical support workers	250	19.4	215	39.6	465	25.4	235	18.2	198	36.9	433	23.7	227	18.2	206	39.1	433	24.4
Service workers and sales workers	184	14.3	103	19.0	287	15.7	185	14.3	118	22.0	303	16.6	181	14.5	110	20.9	291	16.4
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	55	4.3	-	-	55	3.0	52	4.0	1	0.2	53	2.9	50	4.0	2	0.4	52	2.9
Craft and related trades workers	170	13.2	6	1.2	177	9.7	187	14.5	7	1.3	194	10.6	178	14.3	7	1.3	185	10.4
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	98	7.6	25	4.6	123	6.7	97	7.5	31	5.8	128	7.0	98	7.9	30	5.7	128	7.2
Elementary occupations	140	10.9	24	4.4	164	9.0	144	11.1	22	4.1	166	9.1	138	11.1	20	3.8	158	8.9
Total	1,289	100.0	542	100.0	1,831	100.0	1,293	100.0	536	100.0	1,829	100.0	1,245	100.0	527	100.0	1,772	100.0

Note: Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 5. Persons registering for work under Part I of the unemployment register by region, age group and sex

Age group and sex	Annual average 2017			Annual average 2018			February 2018			February 2019			March 2018			March 2019		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	82	14	96	64	7	71	66	8	74	73	5	78	75	8	83	71	3	74
Males	49	11	60	39	5	44	37	7	44	48	2	50	47	7	54	46	1	47
Females	33	3	36	25	2	27	29	1	30	25	3	28	28	1	29	25	2	27
20-24	118	31	149	81	14	95	89	11	100	77	15	92	92	11	103	85	13	98
Males	77	26	103	51	9	60	59	8	67	54	7	61	58	6	64	58	6	64
Females	41	5	46	30	5	35	30	3	33	23	8	31	34	5	39	27	7	34
25-29	113	40	153	94	6	100	107	7	114	94	8	102	101	6	107	88	9	97
Males	79	26	105	61	2	63	72	4	76	63	6	69	70	1	71	58	6	64
Females	34	14	48	33	4	37	35	3	38	31	2	33	31	5	36	30	3	33
30-44	562	161	723	438	53	491	496	57	553	441	51	492	458	61	519	434	44	478
Males	441	103	544	325	35	360	367	37	404	333	33	366	338	38	376	326	30	356
Females	121	58	179	113	18	131	129	20	149	108	18	126	120	23	143	108	14	122
45 and over	995	155	1,150	830	89	919	892	88	980	790	96	886	887	88	975	773	94	867
Males	709	89	798	594	54	648	643	54	697	566	51	617	643	56	699	551	52	603
Females	286	66	352	236	35	271	249	34	283	224	45	269	244	32	276	222	42	264
Total	1,870	401	2,271	1,507	169	1,676	1,650	171	1,821	1,475	175	1,650	1,613	174	1,787	1,451	163	1,614
Males	1,355	255	1,610	1,070	105	1,175	1,178	110	1,288	1,064	99	1,163	1,156	108	1,264	1,039	95	1,134
Females	515	146	661	437	64	501	472	61	533	411	76	487	457	66	523	412	68	480

Table 6. Persons registering for work under Part I of the unemployment register by duration of registration and sex

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		February		March	
	2017	2018	2018	2019	2018	2019
Under 21 weeks	723	551	594	595	578	550
Males	488	360	381	412	383	373
Females	235	191	213	183	195	177
21 to 52 weeks	418	258	280	265	293	271
Males	295	183	204	190	209	199
Females	123	75	76	75	84	72
Over 1 year	1,130	867	947	790	916	793
Males	827	632	703	561	672	562
Females	303	235	244	229	244	231
Total	2,271	1,676	1,821	1,650	1,787	1,614
Males	1,610	1,175	1,288	1,163	1,264	1,134
Females	661	501	533	487	523	480

Table 7. Persons registering for work under Part I of the unemployment register by sex and main type of occupation sought

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2017			February 2018			March 2018							
	Males		Total	Males		Total	Males		Total					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Managers	86	5.3	110	4.8	69	5.4	95	5.2	66	5.2	31	5.9	97	5.4
Professionals	196	12.2	255	11.2	156	12.1	196	10.8	149	11.8	36	6.9	185	10.4
Technicians and associate professionals	196	12.2	313	13.8	183	14.2	286	15.7	168	13.3	94	18.0	262	14.7
Clerical support workers	302	18.8	551	24.3	241	18.7	428	23.5	233	18.4	193	36.9	426	23.8
Service workers and sales workers	212	13.2	361	15.9	172	13.4	283	15.5	175	13.8	101	19.3	276	15.4
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	101	6.3	101	4.4	55	4.3	55	3.0	53	4.2	1	0.2	54	3.0
Craft and related trades workers	257	16.0	264	11.6	177	13.7	184	10.1	167	13.2	8	1.5	175	9.8
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	119	7.4	149	6.6	99	7.7	132	7.2	108	8.5	31	5.9	139	7.8
Elementary occupations	141	8.8	167	7.4	136	10.6	162	8.9	145	11.5	28	5.4	173	9.7
Total	1,610	100.0	2,271	100.0	1,288	100.0	1,821	100.0	1,264	100.0	523	100.0	1,787	100.0
Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2018			February 2019			March 2019							
	Males		Total	Males		Total	Males		Total					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Managers	66	5.6	89	5.3	71	6.1	92	5.6	67	5.9	19	4.0	86	5.3
Professionals	143	12.1	185	11.0	139	12.0	180	10.9	130	11.5	39	8.1	169	10.5
Technicians and associate professionals	149	12.7	240	14.3	147	12.6	229	13.9	141	12.4	78	16.3	219	13.6
Clerical support workers	226	19.2	422	25.2	208	17.9	389	23.6	201	17.7	188	39.2	389	24.1
Service workers and sales workers	165	14.0	260	15.5	172	14.8	274	16.6	171	15.1	99	20.6	270	16.7
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	50	4.2	50	3.0	46	4.0	47	2.8	45	4.0	1	0.2	46	2.9
Craft and related trades workers	153	13.0	160	9.5	163	14.0	170	10.3	162	14.3	7	1.5	169	10.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	91	7.7	116	6.9	87	7.5	118	7.2	88	7.8	30	6.3	118	7.3
Elementary occupations	132	11.2	155	9.2	130	11.2	151	9.2	129	11.4	19	4.0	148	9.2
Total	1,175	100.0	1,676	100.0	1,163	100.0	1,650	100.0	1,134	100.0	480	100.0	1,614	100.0

Note: Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 8. Persons registering for work under Part II of the unemployment register by region, age group and sex

Age group and sex	Annual average 2017			Annual average 2018			February 2018			February 2019			March 2018			March 2019		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	12	2	14	9	1	10	15	2	17	10	-	10	8	1	9	10	-	10
Males	7	2	9	5	1	6	10	2	12	5	-	5	4	1	5	6	-	6
Females	5	-	5	4	-	4	5	-	5	5	-	5	4	-	4	4	-	4
20-24	30	2	32	16	1	17	19	-	19	23	1	24	15	1	16	16	-	16
Males	20	1	21	11	-	11	15	-	15	16	1	17	13	-	13	10	-	10
Females	10	1	11	5	1	6	4	-	4	7	-	7	2	1	3	6	-	6
25-29	28	2	30	18	1	19	21	3	24	17	1	18	23	3	26	11	1	12
Males	21	2	23	13	1	14	15	2	17	13	-	13	16	1	17	7	-	7
Females	7	-	7	5	-	5	6	1	7	4	1	5	7	2	9	4	1	5
30-44	73	10	83	55	4	59	56	1	57	63	5	68	53	3	56	55	5	60
Males	53	6	59	43	3	46	46	-	46	49	3	52	42	2	44	45	3	48
Females	20	4	24	12	1	13	10	1	11	14	2	16	11	1	12	10	2	12
45 and over	64	6	70	46	4	50	62	5	67	56	3	59	53	7	60	55	5	60
Males	48	4	52	34	3	37	45	4	49	41	2	43	41	5	46	36	4	40
Females	16	2	18	12	1	13	17	1	18	15	1	16	12	2	14	19	1	20
Total	207	22	229	144	11	155	173	11	184	169	10	179	152	15	167	147	11	158
Males	149	15	164	106	8	114	131	8	139	124	6	130	116	9	125	104	7	111
Females	58	7	65	38	3	41	42	3	45	45	4	49	36	6	42	43	4	47

Table 9. Persons registering for work under Part II of the unemployment register by duration of registration and sex

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		February		March	
	2017	2018	2018	2019	2018	2019
Under 21 weeks	217	149	180	167	158	142
Males	155	109	136	118	118	99
Females	62	40	44	49	40	43
21 to 52 weeks	12	6	4	12	9	16
Males	9	5	3	12	7	12
Females	3	1	1	-	2	4
Total	229	155	184	179	167	158
Males	164	114	139	130	125	111
Females	65	41	45	49	42	47

Table 10. Persons registering for work under Part II of the unemployment register by sex and main type of occupation sought

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2017						February 2018						March 2018					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	10	6.1	3	4.6	13	5.7	4	2.9	1	2.2	5	2.7	10	8.0	3	7.1	13	7.8
Professionals	17	10.4	7	10.8	24	10.5	16	11.5	3	6.7	19	10.3	15	12.0	2	4.8	17	10.2
Technicians and associate professionals	24	14.6	9	13.8	33	14.4	22	15.8	8	17.8	30	16.3	16	12.8	11	26.2	27	16.2
Clerical support workers	32	19.5	24	36.9	56	24.5	29	20.9	18	40.0	47	25.5	26	20.8	18	42.9	44	26.3
Service workers and sales workers	24	14.6	16	24.6	40	17.5	28	20.1	9	20.0	37	20.1	24	19.2	6	14.3	30	18.0
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	5	3.0	-	-	5	2.2	8	5.8	-	-	8	4.3	6	4.8	-	-	6	3.6
Craft and related trades workers	27	16.5	1	1.5	28	12.2	19	13.7	1.0	2.2	20	10.9	13	10.4	1.0	2.4	14	8.4
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	13	7.9	3	4.6	16	7.0	6	4.3	2	4.4	8	4.3	5	4.0	-	-	5	3.0
Elementary occupations	12	7.3	2	3.1	14	6.1	7	5.0	3.0	6.7	10	5.4	10	8.0	1.0	2.4	11	6.6
Total	164	100.0	65	100.0	229	100.0	139	100.0	45	100.0	184	100.0	125	100.0	42	100.0	167	100.0
Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2018						February 2019						March 2019					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	6	5.3	2	4.9	8	5.2	12	9.2	3	6.1	15	8.4	12	10.8	3	6.4	15	9.5
Professionals	10	8.8	2	4.9	12	7.7	11	8.5	4	8.2	15	8.4	5	4.5	2	4.3	7	4.4
Technicians and associate professionals	18	15.8	9	22.0	27	17.4	13	10.0	8	16.3	21	11.7	18	16.2	11	23.4	29	18.4
Clerical support workers	24	21.1	19	46.3	43	27.7	27	20.8	17	34.7	44	24.6	26	23.4	18	38.3	44	27.8
Service workers and sales workers	19	16.7	8	19.5	27	17.4	13	10.0	16	32.7	29	16.2	10	9.0	11	23.4	21	13.3
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	5	4.4	-	-	5	3.2	6	4.6	-	-	6	3.4	5	4.5	1	2.1	6	3.8
Craft and related trades workers	17	14.9	-	-	17	11.0	24	18.5	-	-	24	13.4	16	14.4	-	-	16	10.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	7	6.1	-	-	7	4.5	10	7.7	-	-	10	5.6	10	9.0	-	-	10	6.3
Elementary occupations	8	7.0	1	2.4	9	5.8	14	10.8	1	2.0	15	8.4	9	8.1	1	2.1	10	6.3
Total	114	100.0	41	100.0	155	100.0	130	100.0	49	100.0	179	100.0	111	100.0	47	100.0	158	100.0

Note: Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.

Methodological Notes

1. This news release provides data on the number of persons registering for work with Jobsplus.

The National Statistics Office publishes, on a quarterly basis, another set of statistics regarding unemployment based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS). When compiling LFS statistics, the NSO adopts the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition, an internationally agreed definition on unemployment. This definition has also been adopted by Eurostat and is used by all EU Member States. More details regarding the methodology used for the compilation of unemployment statistics from the LFS may be found in quarterly LFS news releases.

Since Jobsplus records and LFS results measure two different facets of unemployment, the resulting figures are not comparable. Users are therefore cautioned that these two sets of statistics should not be used interchangeably.

2. As from the release published on 23 February 2016, annual average results are being worked out using a custom made application which takes into consideration more data points to work out the mean for the year. As a consequence there are slight differences between the average levels using the previous editions of this news release and the averages being displayed from this edition for the same time period.
3. Registered monthly unemployment rates will no longer be published on the official version of this release. These rates are found in the excel version of this news release: https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C2/Labour_Market_Statistics/Pages/Registered-Unemployed.aspx. In April 2019, NSO plans to introduce a new set of EU-harmonised indicators on monthly unemployment based on European Labour Force Survey (EC 577/1998).
4. ISCO 08 is being used to classify occupations sought by the registered unemployed.

5. Definitions:

- **Registered unemployment rate:** refers to the number of registered unemployed persons both under Part I and Part II as a percentage of the sum of the full-time gainfully occupied population and the total registered unemployed.

In computing the registered unemployment rates for the purpose of this release, only the full-time gainfully occupied population is taken into consideration. Persons employed on a part-time basis are not taken into account in this computation.

Registered unemployment rates are not comparable with LFS unemployment rates due to different sources of data collection. While LFS rates are based on sample survey estimates, registered unemployment rates are based on Jobsplus data (registered unemployment data and registered full-time gainfully occupied).

- **Long-term registered unemployment rate:** refers to those people who have been registering for work for more than twelve months. The long-term unemployment rate is calculated by working out the number of the long-term unemployed under Part I as a percentage of the labour force.
 - **Part I of the unemployment register:** those registering under Part I are either new job seekers who have left school, re-entrants into the labour market or individuals who have been made redundant by their former employers.
 - **Part II of the unemployment register:** those registering under Part II are either workers who have been dismissed from work due to disciplinary action, left work out of their own free will, refused work or training opportunities or were struck off the register after an inspection by the Law Enforcement personnel.
 - The **Labour Supply/Labour Force:** for the purpose of this release, the labour supply is the sum of the registered unemployed and the full-time gainfully occupied population (excluding part-time employment).
6. The data on unemployment levels is final and not normally subject to revision.
 7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>
Classification: http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/classificationdetails.aspx?id=ISCO_2008
 8. References to this News Release are to be cited appropriately.
 9. A detailed news release calendar is available on:
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