

Registered Unemployment: August 2026



Salient Points

- In August 2026, registered unemployment increased by 301 persons compared with August 2025 and by nine persons compared with July 2026.
- Males accounted for 62.3 per cent or 827 of the total registrants, while females accounted for 37.7 per cent or 501 registrants.
- Registered unemployment increased across all age groups when compared to August 2025.
- The number of persons with a disability registering for work decreased by six persons over the same period in 2025.
- Clerical support occupations remained the most commonly sought positions among the registered unemployed, accounting for 30.2 per cent of all registrations.

Commentary

The number of registered unemployed persons under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register stood at 1,328 in August 2026, an increase of 301 persons compared with August 2025 and nine persons compared with July 2026.

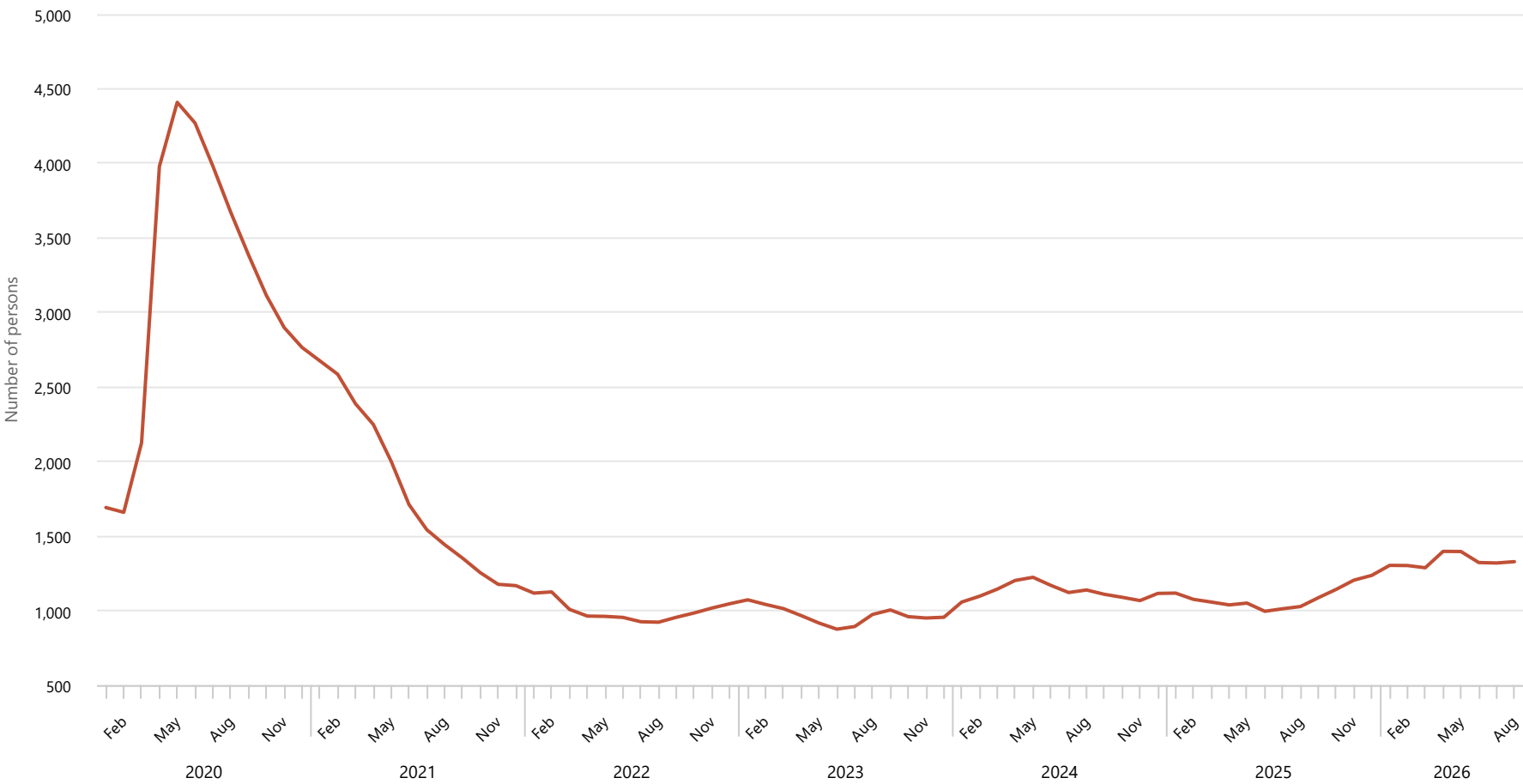
Data provided by Jobsplus for August 2026 indicates a year-on-year increase of 276 persons, and 25 persons registering under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register, respectively (Tables 5 and 8). Males accounted for 62.3 per cent (827 persons) of total registrants, while females comprised 37.7 per cent (501 persons). Registered unemployment increased in all age groups, with the largest rise recorded among people aged 30 to 44, an increase of 88 persons (Table 1).

A year-on-year increase was recorded across all registration duration categories. The largest rise occurred among persons registered for under 21 weeks, increasing by 185 persons. In contrast, those registered for over one year recorded a smaller increase of 23 persons (Table 2).

The number of persons with a disability registering for work decreased by six persons over the same period in 2025. Males accounted for almost 70 per cent of total registrants with a disability (Table 3).

Clerical support workers represented the most sought occupation among persons on the unemployment register, accounting for 30.2 per cent of total registrations in August 2026, equivalent to 401 persons. This was followed by Technicians and associate professionals, who accounted for 18.1 per cent of total registrations, equivalent to 240 persons (Table 4).

Chart 1. Registered unemployment



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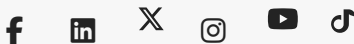
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Table 1. Persons registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by period, region, age group and sex

Age group and sex	Annual average 2024			Annual average 2025			July 2025			July 2026			August 2025			August 2026		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	82	4	86	76	3	79	65	1	66	130	9	139	63	4	67	125	9	134
Males	63	3	66	55	2	57	45	1	46	103	4	107	47	4	51	94	5	99
Females	19	1	20	21	1	22	20	-	20	27	5	32	16	-	16	31	4	35
20-24	108	6	114	103	5	108	95	6	101	128	11	139	100	4	104	131	6	137
Males	76	5	81	69	4	73	60	5	65	73	10	83	67	3	70	78	5	83
Females	32	1	33	34	1	35	35	1	36	55	1	56	33	1	34	53	1	54
25-29	73	10	83	85	6	91	71	8	79	139	6	145	83	7	90	134	3	137
Males	51	7	58	57	4	61	45	5	50	92	6	98	51	5	56	81	3	84
Females	22	3	25	28	2	30	26	3	29	47	-	47	32	2	34	53	-	53
30-44	343	24	367	344	23	367	328	17	345	390	36	426	323	17	340	404	24	428
Males	222	18	240	227	13	240	212	10	222	233	20	253	217	11	228	242	12	254
Females	121	6	127	117	10	127	116	7	123	157	16	173	106	6	112	162	12	174
45 and over	452	26	478	414	26	440	399	22	421	439	31	470	402	24	426	464	28	492
Males	310	18	328	279	20	299	265	19	284	257	16	273	263	18	281	290	17	307
Females	142	8	150	135	6	141	134	3	137	182	15	197	139	6	145	174	11	185
Total	1,058	70	1,128	1,022	63	1,085	958	54	1,012	1,226	93	1,319	971	56	1,027	1,258	70	1,328
Males	722	51	773	687	43	730	627	40	667	758	56	814	645	41	686	785	42	827
Females	336	19	355	335	20	355	331	14	345	468	37	505	326	15	341	473	28	501

Note: For definitions refer to methodological note 5.

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

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2024	2025	2025	2026	2025	2026
Under 21 weeks	721	686	635	820	641	826
Males	473	441	389	470	409	480
Females	248	245	246	350	232	346
21 to 52 weeks	206	206	194	302	203	296
Males	142	143	137	199	140	197
Females	64	63	57	103	63	99
Over 1 year	201	193	183	197	183	206
Males	158	146	141	145	137	150
Females	43	47	42	52	46	56
Total	1,128	1,085	1,012	1,319	1,027	1,328
Males	773	730	667	814	686	827
Females	355	355	345	505	341	501

Note: For definitions refer to methodological note 5.

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

Registration type and sex	Annual average				July				August			
	2024		2025		2025		2026		2025		2026	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (Part I)	222	100.0	201	100.0	192	100.0	173	100.0	192	100.0	183	100.0
Males	171	77.0	150	74.6	141	73.4	119	68.8	141	73.4	127	69.4
Females	51	23.0	51	25.4	51	26.6	54	31.2	51	26.6	56	30.6
Total (Part II)	12	100.0	13	100.0	12	100.0	15	100	12	100	15	100
Males	8	66.7	10	76.9	10	83.3	10	66.7	10	83.3	10	66.7
Females	4	33.3	3	23.1	2	16.7	5	33.3	2	16.7	5	33.3
Total (Parts I and II)	234	100.0	214	100.0	204	100.0	188	100.0	204	100.0	198	100.0
Males	179	76.5	160	74.8	151	74.0	129	68.6	151	74	137	69.2
Females	55	23.5	54	25.2	53	26.0	59	31.4	53	26.0	61	30.8

Note: For definitions refer to methodological note 5.

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

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2024						July 2025						August 2025					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	67	8.7	30	8.5	97	8.6	68	10.2	29	8.4	97	9.6	71	10.3	28	8.2	99	9.6
Professionals	82	10.6	27	7.6	109	9.7	68	10.2	32	9.3	100	9.9	66	9.6	33	9.7	99	9.6
Technicians and associate professionals	115	14.9	54	15.2	169	15.0	119	17.8	66	19.1	185	18.3	121	17.6	61	17.9	182	17.7
Clerical support workers	191	24.7	133	37.5	324	28.7	179	26.8	131	38.0	310	30.6	189	27.6	134	39.3	323	31.5
Service and sales workers	118	15.3	69	19.4	187	16.6	83	12.4	58	16.8	141	13.9	83	12.1	54	15.8	137	13.3
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	11	1.4	1	0.3	12	1.1	12	1.8	2	0.6	14	1.4	11	1.6	1	0.3	12	1.2
Craft and related trades workers	62	8.0	1	0.3	63	5.6	35	5.2	3	0.9	38	3.8	47	6.9	3	0.9	50	4.9
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	49	6.3	23	6.5	72	6.4	44	6.6	15	4.3	59	5.8	41	6.0	15	4.4	56	5.5
Elementary occupations	78	10.1	17	4.8	95	8.4	59	8.8	9	2.6	68	6.7	57	8.3	12	3.5	69	6.7
Total	773	100.0	355	100.0	1,128	100.0	667	100.0	345	100.0	1,012	100.0	686	100.0	341	100.0	1,027	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2025						July 2026						August 2026					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	71	9.7	35	9.9	106	9.8	84	10.3	55	10.9	139	10.5	90	10.9	54	10.8	144	10.8
Professionals	72	9.9	32	9.0	104	9.6	75	9.2	54	10.7	129	9.8	81	9.8	54	10.8	135	10.2
Technicians and associate professionals	125	17.1	61	17.2	186	17.1	129	15.8	93	18.4	222	16.8	140	16.9	100	20.0	240	18.1
Clerical support workers	193	26.4	137	38.6	330	30.4	222	27.3	194	38.4	416	31.5	216	26.1	185	36.9	401	30.2
Service and sales workers	94	12.9	62	17.5	156	14.4	118	14.5	72	14.3	190	14.4	116	14.0	77	15.4	193	14.5
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	13	1.8	1	0.3	14	1.3	14	1.7	2	0.4	16	1.2	11	1.3	2	0.4	13	1.0
Craft and related trades workers	53	7.3	3	0.8	56	5.2	43	5.3	2	0.4	45	3.4	52	6.3	2	0.4	54	4.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	48	6.6	13	3.7	61	5.6	41	5.0	10	2.0	51	3.9	42	5.1	11	2.2	53	4.0
Elementary occupations	61	8.4	11	3.1	72	6.6	88	10.8	23	4.6	111	8.4	79	9.6	16	3.2	95	7.2
Total	730	100.0	355	100.0	1,085	100.0	814	100.0	505	100.0	1,319	100.0	827	100.0	501	100.0	1,328	100.0

Notes:

1. Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. For definitions refer to methodological note 5.
3. For classifications information refer to methodological note 7.

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

Age group and sex	Annual average 2024			Annual average 2025			July 2025			July 2026			August 2025			August 2026		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	75	3	78	69	3	72	60	1	61	125	9	134	57	4	61	120	8	128
Males	58	2	60	50	2	52	43	1	44	100	4	104	42	4	46	92	4	96
Females	17	1	18	19	1	20	17	-	17	25	5	30	15	-	15	28	4	32
20-24	94	5	99	92	4	96	85	4	89	111	10	121	90	4	94	114	5	119
Males	66	4	70	61	3	64	56	3	59	65	9	74	62	3	65	70	4	74
Females	28	1	29	31	1	32	29	1	30	46	1	47	28	1	29	44	1	45
25-29	58	8	66	74	5	79	60	7	67	122	5	127	75	5	80	119	3	122
Males	39	5	44	49	3	52	38	4	42	79	5	84	46	3	49	73	3	76
Females	19	3	22	25	2	27	22	3	25	43	-	43	29	2	31	46	-	46
30-44	287	21	308	291	20	311	276	17	293	337	32	369	272	14	286	347	21	368
Males	186	16	202	191	11	202	181	10	191	196	16	212	180	9	189	208	9	217
Females	101	5	106	100	9	109	95	7	102	141	16	157	92	5	97	139	12	151
45 and over	401	24	425	365	23	388	352	19	371	391	28	419	345	23	368	402	26	428
Males	276	17	293	246	18	264	233	17	250	235	14	249	222	18	240	254	16	270
Females	125	7	132	119	5	124	119	2	121	156	14	170	123	5	128	148	10	158
Total	915	61	976	891	55	946	833	48	881	1,086	84	1,170	839	50	889	1,102	63	1,165
Males	625	44	669	597	37	634	551	35	586	675	48	723	552	37	589	697	36	733
Females	290	17	307	294	18	312	282	13	295	411	36	447	287	13	300	405	27	432

Note: For definitions refer to methodological note 5.

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

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2024	2025	2025	2026	2025	2026
Under 21 weeks	576	555	510	679	511	674
Males	374	351	312	385	317	396
Females	202	204	198	294	194	278
21 to 52 weeks	199	198	188	294	195	285
Males	137	137	133	193	135	187
Females	62	61	55	101	60	98
Over 1 year	201	193	183	197	183	206
Males	158	146	141	145	137	150
Females	43	47	42	52	46	56
Total	976	946	881	1,170	889	1,165
Males	669	634	586	723	589	733
Females	307	312	295	447	300	432

Note: For definitions refer to methodological note 5.

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

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2024						July 2025						August 2025					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	60	9.0	25	8.2	85	8.7	58	9.9	26	8.8	84	9.5	62	10.5	27	9.0	89	10.0
Professionals	74	11.1	23	7.5	97	9.9	62	10.6	28	9.5	90	10.2	61	10.4	31	10.3	92	10.3
Technicians and associate professionals	96	14.3	46	15.0	142	14.5	105	17.9	52	17.6	157	17.8	101	17.1	51	17.0	152	17.1
Clerical support workers	163	24.4	114	37.1	277	28.4	160	27.3	108	36.6	268	30.4	163	27.7	114	38.0	277	31.2
Service and sales workers	104	15.5	61	19.9	165	16.9	73	12.5	55	18.6	128	14.5	74	12.6	49	16.3	123	13.8
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	9	1.3	1	0.3	10	1.0	12	2.0	1	0.3	13	1.5	11	1.9	1	0.3	12	1.3
Craft and related trades workers	52	7.8	1	0.3	53	5.4	31	5.3	2	0.7	33	3.7	38	6.5	2	0.7	40	4.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	43	6.4	20	6.5	63	6.5	36	6.1	14	4.7	50	5.7	32	5.4	14	4.7	46	5.2
Elementary occupations	68	10.2	16	5.2	84	8.6	49	8.4	9	3.1	58	6.6	47	8.0	11	3.7	58	6.5
Total	669	100.0	307	100.0	976	100.0	586	100.0	295	100.0	881	100.0	589	100.0	300	100.0	889	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2025						July 2026						August 2026					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	61	9.6	30	9.6	91	9.6	76	10.5	47	10.5	123	10.5	79	10.8	44	10.2	123	10.6
Professionals	64	10.1	29	9.3	93	9.8	65	9.0	45	10.1	110	9.4	73	10.0	46	10.6	119	10.2
Technicians and associate professionals	105	16.6	54	17.4	159	16.8	112	15.5	83	18.6	195	16.7	120	16.4	86	19.9	206	17.7
Clerical support workers	168	26.5	120	37.9	288	30.4	203	28.1	173	38.7	376	32.1	198	27.0	166	38.4	364	31.2
Service and sales workers	85	13.4	54	17.4	139	14.7	105	14.5	66	14.8	171	14.6	104	14.2	64	14.8	168	14.4
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	12	1.9	1	0.3	13	1.4	12	1.7	2	0.4	14	1.2	9	1.2	2	0.5	11	0.9
Craft and related trades workers	45	7.1	2	0.6	47	5.0	39	5.4	2	0.4	41	3.5	45	6.1	2	0.5	47	4.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	41	6.5	12	3.9	53	5.6	36	5.0	10	2.2	46	3.9	35	4.8	10	2.3	45	3.9
Elementary occupations	53	8.4	10	3.2	63	6.7	75	10.4	19	4.3	94	8.0	70	9.5	12	2.8	82	7.0
Total	634	100.1	312	99.6	946	100.0	723	100.0	447	100.0	1,170	100.0	733	100.0	432	100.0	1,165	100.0

Notes:

1. Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.
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3. For classifications information refer to methodological note 7.

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

Age group and sex	Annual average 2024			Annual average 2025			July 2025			July 2026			August 2025			August 2026		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	7	1	8	7	-	7	5	-	5	5	-	5	6	-	6	5	1	6
Males	5	1	6	5	-	5	2	-	2	3	-	3	5	-	5	2	1	3
Females	2	-	2	2	-	2	3	-	3	2	-	2	1	-	1	3	-	3
20-24	14	1	15	11	1	12	10	2	12	17	1	18	10	-	10	17	1	18
Males	10	1	11	8	1	9	4	2	6	8	1	9	5	-	5	8	1	9
Females	4	-	4	3	-	3	6	-	6	9	-	9	5	-	5	9	-	9
25-29	15	2	17	11	1	12	11	1	12	17	1	18	8	2	10	15	-	15
Males	12	2	14	8	1	9	7	1	8	13	1	14	5	2	7	8	-	8
Females	3	-	3	3	-	3	4	-	4	4	-	4	3	-	3	7	-	7
30-44	56	3	59	53	3	56	52	-	52	53	4	57	51	3	54	57	3	60
Males	36	2	38	36	2	38	31	-	31	37	4	41	37	2	39	34	3	37
Females	20	1	21	17	1	18	21	-	21	16	-	16	14	1	15	23	-	23
45 and over	51	2	53	49	3	52	47	3	50	48	3	51	57	1	58	62	2	64
Males	34	1	35	33	2	35	32	2	34	22	2	24	41	-	41	36	1	37
Females	17	1	18	16	1	17	15	1	16	26	1	27	16	1	17	26	1	27
Total	143	9	152	131	8	139	125	6	131	140	9	149	132	6	138	156	7	163
Males	97	7	104	90	6	96	76	5	81	83	8	91	93	4	97	88	6	94
Females	46	2	48	41	2	43	49	1	50	57	1	58	39	2	41	68	1	69

Note: For definitions refer to methodological note 5.

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

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2024	2025	2025	2026	2025	2026
Under 21 weeks	145	131	125	141	130	152
Males	99	90	77	85	92	84
Females	46	41	48	56	38	68
21 to 52 weeks	7	8	6	8	8	11
Males	5	6	4	6	5	10
Females	2	2	2	2	3	1
Total	152	139	131	149	138	163
Males	104	96	81	91	97	94
Females	48	43	50	58	41	69

Note: For definitions refer to methodological note 5.

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

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2024						July 2025						August 2025					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	7	6.7	5	10.4	12	7.9	10	12.3	3	6.0	13	9.9	9	9.3	1	2.4	10	7.2
Professionals	8	7.7	4	8.3	12	7.9	6	7.4	4	8.0	10	7.6	5	5.2	2	4.9	7	5.1
Technicians and associate professionals	19	18.3	8	16.7	27	17.8	14	17.3	14	28.0	28	21.4	20	20.6	10	24.4	30	21.7
Clerical support workers	28	26.9	19	39.6	47	30.9	19	23.5	23	46.0	42	32.1	26	26.8	20	48.8	46	33.3
Service and sales workers	14	13.5	8	16.7	22	14.5	10	12.3	3	6.0	13	9.9	9	9.3	5	12.2	14	10.1
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	2	1.9	-	-	2	1.3	-	-	1	2.0	1	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craft and related trades workers	10	9.6	-	-	10	6.6	4	4.9	1	2.0	5	3.8	9	9.3	1	2.4	10	7.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	6	5.8	3	6.3	9	5.9	8	9.9	1	2.0	9	6.9	9	9.3	1	2.4	10	7.2
Elementary occupations	10	9.6	1	2.1	11	7.2	10	12.3	-	-	10	7.6	10	10.3	1	2.4	11	8.0
Total	104	100.0	48	100.0	152	100.0	81	100.0	50	100.0	131	100.0	97	100.0	41	100.0	138	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2025						July 2026						August 2026					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	10	10.5	5	11.6	15	10.8	8	8.8	8	13.8	16	10.7	11	11.7	10	14.5	21	12.9
Professionals	8	8.4	3	7.0	11	7.9	10	11.0	9	15.5	19	12.8	8	8.5	8	11.6	16	9.8
Technicians and associate professionals	20	21.1	7	16.3	27	19.4	17	18.7	10	17.2	27	18.1	20	21.3	14	20.3	34	20.9
Clerical support workers	25	26.3	17	39.5	42	30.2	19	20.9	21	36.2	40	26.8	18	19.1	19	27.5	37	22.7
Service and sales workers	9	9.5	8	18.6	17	12.2	13	14.3	6	10.3	19	12.8	12	12.8	13	18.8	25	15.3
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1	1.1	-	-	1	0.7	2	2.2	-	-	2	1.3	2	2.1	-	-	2	1.2
Craft and related trades workers	8	8.4	1	2.3	9	6.5	4	4.4	-	-	4	2.7	7	7.4	-	-	7	4.3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	7	7.4	1	2.3	8	5.8	5	5.5	-	-	5	3.4	7	7.4	1	1.4	8	4.9
Elementary occupations	8	8.4	1	2.3	9	6.5	13	14.3	4	6.9	17	11.4	9	9.6	4	5.8	13	8.0
Total	96	100.0	43	100.0	139	100.0	91	100.0	58	100.0	149	100.0	94	100.0	69	100.0	163	100.0

Notes:

1. Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. For definitions refer to methodological note 5.
3. For classifications information refer to methodological note 7.

Table 11. Registered unemployment rate by period and sex (Part I and Part II)

Sex	Annual average		March		April	
	2024	2025 Revised	2025	2026	2025 Revised	2026
Males	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Females	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Total	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

Note: Refer to methodological notes 3 and 5.

Table 12. Registered unemployment rate by period, age group and sex (Part I)

Sex	Annual average		March		April	
	2024	2025 Revised	2025	2026	2025 Revised	2026
under 25						
Males	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.5
Females	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.9
Total	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.7	1.2
45 and over						
Males	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Females	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Total	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

Note: Refer to methodological notes 3 and 5.

Table 13. Long-term registered unemployment rate by period and sex (Part I)

Sex	Annual average		March		April	
	2024	2025 Revised	2025	2026	2025 Revised	2026
Males	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Females	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Note: Refer to methodological notes 3 and 5.

Methodological Notes

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

The National Statistics Office (NSO) publishes another set of statistics regarding unemployment based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) on a quarterly basis. 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. In April 2019, the NSO introduced a new set of EU-harmonised indicators on monthly unemployment based on the European Labour Force Survey (EC 577/1998). The legal basis for this indicator was updated in 2019, and from 2021, a framework regulation for European statistics relating to persons and households ([EC 2019/1700](#)), based on data at the individual level collected from samples, came into effect.

3. The monthly unemployment rates (Tables 11-13) from May 2026 do not feature in this release, as administrative data on the labour supply from this month onwards are not yet available.

4. ISCO 08 is being used to classify occupations sought by the registered unemployed. For more information, check the [Structure of the International Standard Classification of Occupations \(ISCO-08\)](#).

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 registered employed and the total registered unemployed.

In computing the registered unemployment rates for the purpose of this release, only the full-time registered employed are 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 employed).

• **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 actions, left work out of their own free will, refused work or training opportunities or were struck off the register after an inspection by 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](#)
[Classification](#)

8. A detailed news release calendar is available [online](#).

9. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately. For guidance on access and re-use of data please visit our [dedicated webpage](#).

10. For further assistance send your request through our [online request form](#).