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Registered Unemployed - May 2004

In May 2004, there were 8,104 registered unemployed with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC). Of these 6,542 were males and 1,562 were females.

In May 2004, the number of registered unemployed declined by 235 persons over the preceding month. On a year-to-year basis, there was an increase of 783 persons on the unemployment register.

Those persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 7,454 whereas those registering under Part 2 amounted to 650.

In May 2004, the age distribution of the registered unemployed indicates that within this part of the labour supply there were 961 persons under 20 years of age; 1,312 persons aged between 20 to 24 years of age; 1,025 persons aged between 25 to 29; 2,549 persons aged between 30 to 44; and, 2,257 persons aged 45 years and over.

When it comes to the duration of unemployment, it is observed that there were 3,350 persons that were registering for work for under 20 weeks as at the end of May 2004.

Upon taking into account both those registering for work under Part 1 and Part 2, it transpires that there were 627 registered unemployed in the island of Gozo and 7,477 registered unemployed in the island of Malta. With specific reference to Gozo, there were 447 males and 180 females registering for work. On the other hand, there were 6,095 males and 1,382 females registering for work in the island of Malta.

The unemployment rates for the May 2004 are not available since the data of the labour supply for this month has not yet been published.

Unemployment rates for January 2004

The unemployment rate in January 2004 stood at 6.1 per cent of the labour supply. This figure translates into 6.7 per cent for men and 4.5 per cent for women.

In January 2004, the long-term unemployment rate stood at 1.9 per cent, whereas the unemployment rate for persons who were 45 years and over stood at 4.5 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people stood at 9.5 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 10.8 per cent, while that of females was 7.8 per cent.

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Table 1. Age distribution of persons registering for employment under Part 1 of the unemployment register

Registered unemployed	December					December 2002			December 2003			March 2004			April 2004			May 2003			May 2004		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,277	497	6,774	6,895	599	7,494	7,148	598	7,746	7,135	569	7,704	6,211	515	6,726	6,859	595	7,454
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,203	399	5,602	5,621	431	6,052	5,720	423	6,143	5,768	416	6,184	5,084	395	5,479	5,618	423	6,041
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,074	98	1,172	1,274	168	1,442	1,428	175	1,603	1,367	153	1,520	1,127	120	1,247	1,241	172	1,413
by age distribution																							
Under 20 years																							
Total	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	822	78	900	837	97	934	949	92	1,041	876	80	956	757	93	850	772	79	851
Men	815	752	742	660	653	476	49	525	497	52	549	582	53	635	546	49	595	468	49	517	494	49	543
Women	331	312	362	283	374	346	29	375	340	45	385	367	39	406	330	31	361	289	44	333	278	30	308
20 to 24 years																							
Total	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	907	108	1,015	1,053	139	1,192	1,099	145	1,244	1,100	130	1,230	910	106	1,016	1,016	145	1,161
Men	844	898	904	724	760	686	83	769	765	84	849	774	83	857	806	79	885	682	81	763	753	86	839
Women	175	170	190	143	183	221	25	246	288	55	343	325	62	387	294	51	345	228	25	253	263	59	322
25 to 29 years																							
Total	732	766	815	740	747	753	72	825	830	90	920	852	91	943	842	84	926	790	69	859	823	94	917
Men	630	687	714	645	639	655	57	712	707	68	775	708	67	775	708	61	769	679	55	734	695	65	760
Women	102	79	101	95	108	98	15	113	123	22	145	144	24	168	134	23	157	111	14	125	128	29	157
30 to 44 years																							
Total	2,561	2,754	2,740	2,280	2,268	2,108	156	2,264	2,173	171	2,344	2,209	163	2,372	2,243	160	2,403	2,092	158	2,250	2,218	165	2,383
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	1,900	136	2,036	1,904	137	2,041	1,899	131	2,030	1,926	132	2,058	1,817	131	1,948	1,925	131	2,056
Women	278	249	229	193	218	208	20	228	269	34	303	310	32	342	317	28	345	275	27	302	293	34	327
45 years and over																							
Total	1,691	1,785	1,942	1,753	1,768	1,687	83	1,770	2,002	102	2,104	2,039	107	2,146	2,074	115	2,189	1,662	89	1,751	2,030	112	2,142
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,486	74	1,560	1,748	90	1,838	1,757	89	1,846	1,782	95	1,877	1,438	79	1,517	1,751	92	1,843
Women	216	197	202	204	224	201	9	210	254	12	266	282	18	300	292	20	312	224	10	234	279	20	299

Table 2. Age distribution of persons registering for employment under Part 2 of the unemployment register

Registered unemployed	December	December 2002			December 2003			March 2004			April 2004			May 2003			May 2004		
	2001	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	680	713	29	742	661	20	681	652	22	674	612	23	635	567	28	595	618	32	650
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	520	15	535	473	18	491	407	24	431	477	24	501
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	132	7	139	139	5	144	160	4	164	141	8	149
by age distribution																			
Under 20 years																			
Total	186	184	7	191	120	4	124	110	4	114	109	3	112	126	7	133	107	3	110
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	72	1	73	69	2	71	68	5	73	72	2	74
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	38	3	41	40	1	41	58	2	60	35	1	36
20 to 24 years																			
Total	143	175	6	181	165	5	170	179	3	182	145	4	149	155	7	162	146	5	151
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	133	3	136	101	4	105	109	7	116	100	5	105
Women	36	42	-	42	37	-	37	46	-	46	44	-	44	46	-	46	46	-	46
25 to 29 years																			
Total	113	101	2	103	110	3	113	91	8	99	93	7	100	82	5	87	96	12	108
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	79	6	85	75	5	80	66	4	70	76	8	84
Women	30	14	-	14	19	-	19	12	2	14	18	2	20	16	1	17	20	4	24
30 to 44 years																			
Total	137	150	14	164	158	7	165	168	7	175	150	8	158	115	8	123	156	10	166
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	146	5	151	126	6	132	90	7	97	130	7	137
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	22	2	24	24	2	26	25	1	26	26	3	29
45 years and over																			
Total	101	103	-	103	108	1	109	104	-	104	115	1	116	89	1	90	113	2	115
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	90	-	90	102	1	103	74	1	75	99	2	101
Women	9	15	-	15	11	-	11	14	-	14	13	-	13	15	-	15	14	-	14

Table 3. Number of registered unemployed persons under Part 2 of the unemployment register

Registered unemployed	December													
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	428	78.7	345	72.9	479	78.4	477	78.8	515	75.7	572	77.1	554	81.4
Females	116	21.3	128	27.1	132	21.6	128	21.2	165	24.3	170	22.9	127	18.6
Total	544	100.0	473	100.0	611	100.0	605	100.0	680	100.0	742	100.0	681	100.0

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Registered unemployed	January				February				March				April				May			
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	605	76.4	580	79.1	568	76.9	554	78.5	488	77.1	535	79.4	511	74.5	491	77.3	431	72.4	501	77.1
Females	187	23.6	153	20.9	171	23.1	152	21.5	145	22.9	139	20.6	175	25.5	144	22.7	164	27.6	149	22.9
Total	792	100.0	733	100.0	739	100.0	706	100.0	633	100.0	674	100.0	686	100.0	635	100.0	595	100.0	650	100.0

Table 4. Total number of registered unemployed persons (Part 1 and Part 2)

Registered unemployed	December													
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	6,475	84.2	6,775	85.7	7,090	85.4	6,142	85.4	6,161	82.9	6,174	82.1	6,606	80.8
Females	1,218	15.8	1,135	14.3	1,216	14.6	1,046	14.6	1,272	17.1	1,342	17.9	1,569	19.2
Total	7,693	100.0	7,910	100.0	8,306	100.0	7,188	100.0	7,433	100.0	7,516	100.0	8,175	100.0

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Registered unemployed	January				February				March				April				May			
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	6,392	81.1	6,942	78.9	6,237	80.9	6,971	78.9	6,151	81.3	6,678	79.3	6,060	81.0	6,675	80.0	5,910	80.7	6,542	80.7
Females	1,487	18.9	1,852	21.1	1,470	19.1	1,859	21.1	1,413	18.7	1,742	20.7	1,420	19.0	1,664	20.0	1,411	19.3	1,562	19.3
Total	7,879	100.0	8,794	100.0	7,707	100.0	8,830	100.0	7,564	100.0	8,420	100.0	7,480	100.0	8,339	100.0	7,321	100.0	8,104	100.0

Table 5. Number of registered unemployed persons under Part 1 by duration of registration

Registered Unemployed	December					December		March	April	May	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004		2003	2004
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,774	7,494	7,746	7,704	6,726	7,454
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	6,143	6,184	5,479	6,041
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,603	1,520	1,247	1,413
by duration of registration											
Under 20 weeks											
Total	2,291	2,468	2,177	2,031	2,523	2,372	3,152	3,147	2,958	2,194	2,730
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	2,276	2,143	1,573	2,017
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	871	815	621	713
21 to 52 weeks											
Total	1,733	1,611	1,638	1,031	1,301	1,376	1,625	1,921	2,059	1,516	2,044
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,478	1,651	1,169	1,643
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	443	408	347	401
53 weeks and over											
Total	3,125	3,358	3,880	3,521	2,929	3,026	2,717	2,678	2,687	3,016	2,680
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,389	2,390	2,737	2,381
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	289	297	279	299

Note: The duration of registration for the years 1997 and 1998 were slightly different from the following years. Accordingly, the first bracket covered those registering for work for under 19 weeks, the second bracket refers to those registering for work for between 20 to 51 weeks, while the third bracket refers to those registering for work for 52 weeks and over.

Table 6. Number of registered unemployed persons under Part 2 by duration of registration

Registered Unemployed	December			March	April	May	
	2001	2002	2003	2004		2003	2004
Total	680	742	681	674	635	595	650
Men	515	572	554	535	491	431	501
Women	165	170	127	139	144	164	149
by duration of registration							
Under 20 weeks							
Total	623	688	620	589	571	553	620
Men	472	529	507	463	440	397	477
Women	151	159	113	126	131	156	143
21 weeks and over							
Total	57	54	61	85	64	42	30
Men	43	43	47	72	51	34	24
Women	14	11	14	13	13	8	6

Table 7. Number of disabled persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register

Registered unemployed	December													
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	240	83.0	262	85.1	264	85.4	255	85.6	269	84.1	253	82.7	250	82.5
Females	49	17.0	46	14.9	45	14.6	43	14.4	51	15.9	53	17.3	53	17.5
Total	289	100.0	308	100.0	309	100.0	298	100.0	320	100.0	306	100.0	303	100.0

Registered unemployed	March		April		May			
	2004				2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	243	82.9	247	81.8	249	82.7	230	81.6
Females	50	17.1	55	18.2	52	17.3	52	18.4
Total	293	100.0	302	100.0	301	100.0	282	100.0

Table 8. Occupation being sought by persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register

Occupation	December 2000				December 2001				December 2002				December 2003			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	85	1.5	8	0.9	90	1.6	7	0.6	75	1.3	7	0.6	81	1.3	12	0.8
Professionals	28	0.4	6	0.7	34	0.6	6	0.5	37	0.7	4	0.4	61	1.0	21	1.4
Technicians and associate professionals	156	2.8	32	3.5	163	2.9	38	3.4	174	3.1	55	4.7	198	3.3	72	5.0
Clerks	354	6.2	242	26.4	381	6.7	321	29.0	337	6.0	342	29.2	422	7.0	369	25.6
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	379	6.7	253	27.6	437	7.7	318	28.7	445	8.0	313	26.7	439	7.2	370	25.7
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	100	1.8	1	0.1	88	1.6	1	0.1	95	1.7	0	0.0	107	1.8	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	783	13.8	28	3.1	729	12.9	34	3.1	764	13.6	31	2.6	925	15.3	50	3.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,107	19.5	78	8.5	1,101	19.5	90	8.1	1,094	19.5	120	10.2	1,142	18.9	160	11.1
Elementary occupations	2,673	47.2	270	29.4	2,623	46.5	292	26.4	2,581	46.1	300	25.6	2,677	44.2	387	26.8
Total	5,665	100.0	918	100.0	5,646	100.0	1,107	100.0	5,602	100.0	1,172	100.0	6,052	100.0	1,442	100.0
Occupation	March 2004				April 2004				May 2003				May 2004			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	88	1.4	19	1.2	94	1.5	17	1.1	70	1.3	13	1.0	88	1.5	15	1.1
Professionals	69	1.1	18	1.1	66	1.1	16	1.1	25	0.5	7	0.6	55	0.9	15	1.1
Technicians and associate professionals	210	3.4	76	4.7	206	3.3	72	4.7	169	3.1	60	4.8	195	3.2	56	4.0
Clerks	422	6.9	409	25.5	435	7.0	381	25.1	367	6.7	334	26.8	406	6.7	338	23.9
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	452	7.4	408	25.5	464	7.5	403	26.5	426	7.8	300	24.1	453	7.5	374	26.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	105	1.7	0	0.0	109	1.8	1	0.1	86	1.6	1	0.1	106	1.8	2	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	921	15.0	56	3.5	913	14.8	53	3.5	737	13.5	31	2.5	886	14.7	45	3.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,146	18.7	193	12.0	1,156	18.7	169	11.1	1,079	19.7	157	12.6	1,126	18.6	163	11.5
Elementary occupations	2,730	44.4	424	26.5	2,741	44.3	408	26.8	2,520	46.0	344	27.6	2,726	45.1	405	28.6
Total	6,143	100.0	1,603	100.0	6,184	100.0	1,520	100.0	5,479	100.0	1,247	100.0	6,041	100.0	1,413	100.0

Table 9. Unemployment rate (considering both those registering under Part 1 & 2)

(Per cent)

Sex	December						November	December	January
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		2004
Males	6.3	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.7
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	4.1	3.8	4.5
Total	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.7	6.1

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

(Per cent)

Sex	December						November	December	January
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		2004
Males	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Total	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9

**Table 11. Unemployment rate of older workers 45 +
(considering only those registering under Part 1)**

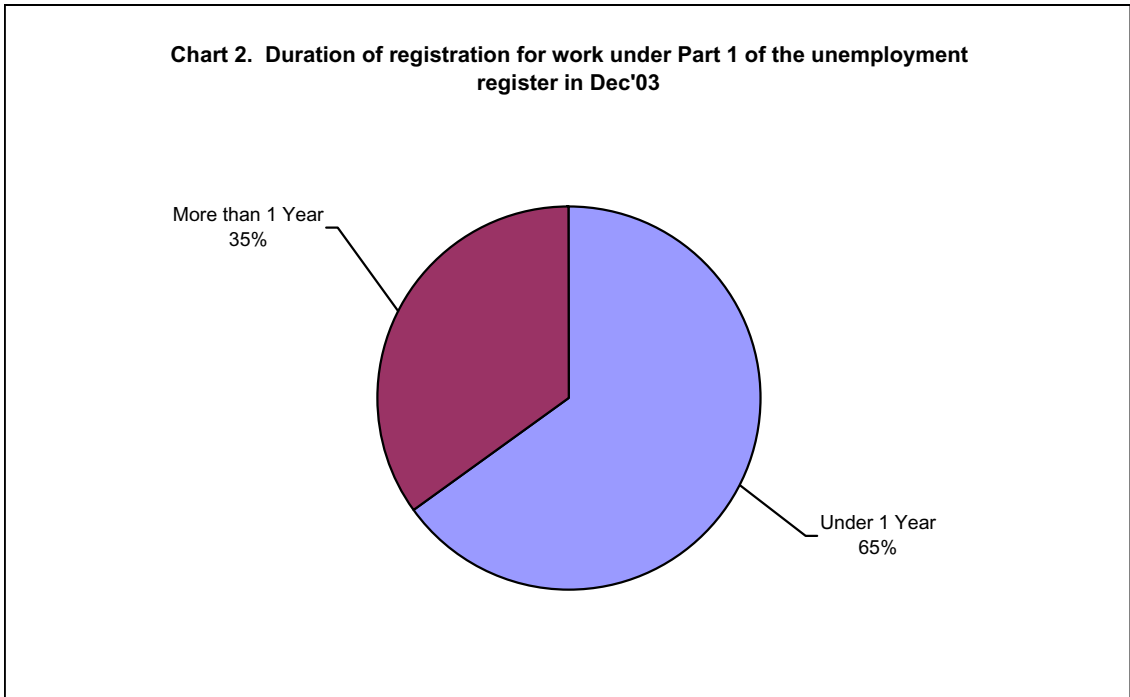
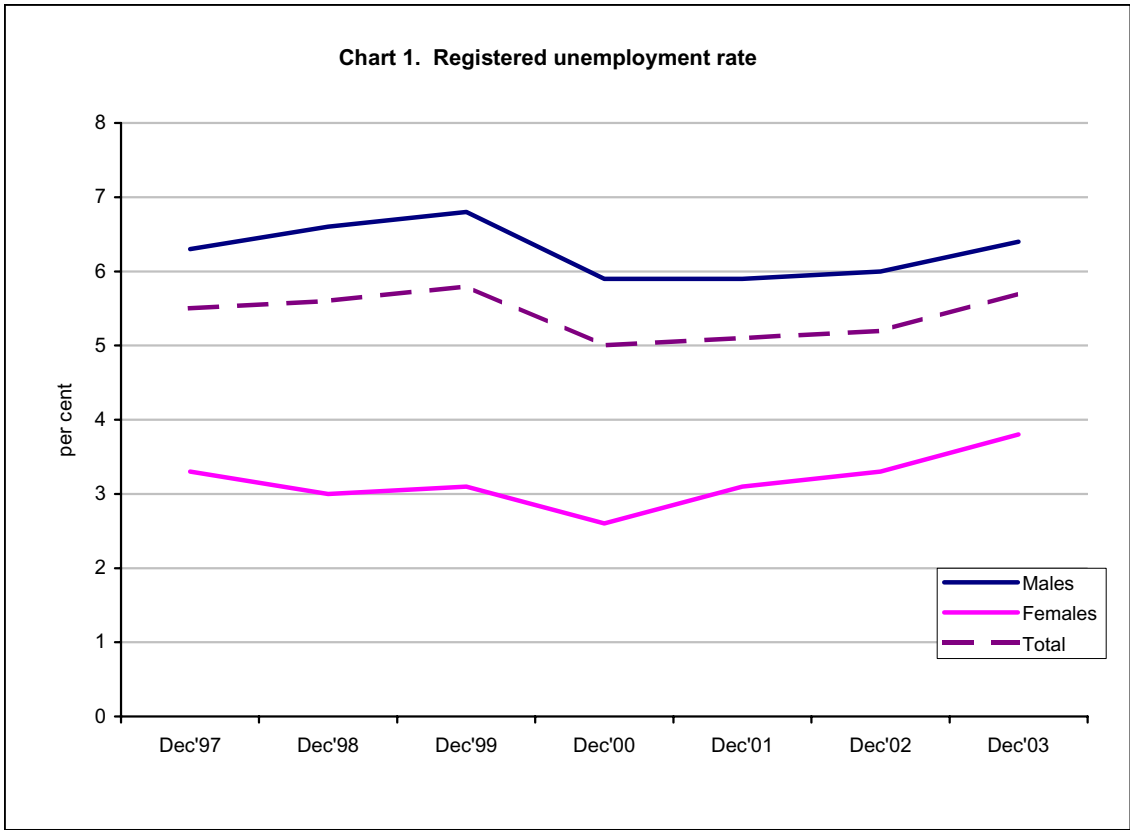
(Per cent)

Sex	December						November	December	January
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		2004
Males	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.7	4.8
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.9	2.7	3.1
Total	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.5

**Table 12. Unemployment rate of people aged less than 25
(considering only those registering under Part 1)**

(Per cent)

Sex	December						November	December	January
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		2004
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	10.6	9.9	10.8
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	7.3	6.6	7.8
Total	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	7.2	9.2	8.5	9.5



Methodological Notes

Long-term unemployment rate: In this news release this refers to those people who have been registering for work for more than twelve months.

Unemployment rate of older workers: In this news release this refers to the unemployment rate of persons over 45 years of age.

Unemployment rate of young people: In this news release this refers to the unemployment rate of persons aged less than 25.

Part 1 of the unemployment register: Those registering under Part 1 are either new job seekers who have left school, re-entrants into the labour market, and job losers who have been made redundant by their former employers.

Part 2 of the unemployment register: Those registering under Part 2 are either workers who have been dismissed from work due to disciplinary action, left work of their own free will, refused work or training opportunities or were struck off the register after an inspection by the Law Enforcement personnel.