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Registered Unemployed - January 2004

In January 2004, there were 8,794 registered unemployed with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC). Of these 6,942 were males and 1,852 were females.

Those persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 8,061, whereas those registering under Part 2 amounted to 733.

In January 2004, the age distribution of the registered unemployed indicates that within this part of the labour supply there were 1,228 persons under 20 years of age; 1,500 persons aged between 20 to 24 years of age; 1,106 persons aged between 25 to 29; 2,650 persons aged between 30 to 44; and, 2,310 persons aged 45 years and over.

When it comes to the duration of unemployment, there were 4,288 persons that were registering for work for under 20 weeks as at the end of January 2004.

Upon taking into account both those registering for work under Part 1 and Part 2, it transpires that there were 639 registered unemployed in the island of Gozo and 8,155 registered unemployed in the island of Malta. With specific reference to Gozo, there were 455 males and 184 females registering for work. On the other hand, there were 6,487 males and 1,668 females registering for work in the island of Malta.

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

Unemployment rates for September 2003

The unemployment rate in September 2003 stood at 5.5 per cent of the labour supply. This figure translates into 6.1 per cent for men and 4.0 per cent for women.

In September 2003, 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 3.8 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people stood at 8.4 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 9.5 per cent, while that of females was 6.9 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			January 2003			January 2004		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	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	6,552	535	7,087	7,446	615
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,203	399	5,602	5,621	431	6,052	5,371	416	5,787	5,928	434	6,362
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,074	98	1,172	1,274	168	1,442	1,181	119	1,300	1,518	181	1,699
by age distribution																	
Under 20 years																	
Total	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	822	78	900	837	97	934	925	102	1,027	988	104	1,092
Men	815	752	742	660	653	476	49	525	497	52	549	552	60	612	590	55	645
Women	331	312	362	283	374	346	29	375	340	45	385	373	42	415	398	49	447
20 to 24 years																	
Total	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	907	108	1,015	1,053	139	1,192	985	113	1,098	1,170	142	1,312
Men	844	898	904	724	760	686	83	769	765	84	849	735	88	823	818	82	900
Women	175	170	190	143	183	221	25	246	288	55	343	250	25	275	352	60	412
25 to 29 years																	
Total	732	766	815	740	747	753	72	825	830	90	920	795	71	866	895	91	986
Men	630	687	714	645	639	655	57	712	707	68	775	696	55	751	745	68	813
Women	102	79	101	95	108	98	15	113	123	22	145	99	16	115	150	23	173
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	2,145	165	2,310	2,302	171	2,473
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	1,900	136	2,036	1,904	137	2,041	1,906	140	2,046	1,971	138	2,109
Women	278	249	229	193	218	208	20	228	269	34	303	239	25	264	331	33	364
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	1,702	84	1,786	2,091	107	2,198
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,486	74	1,560	1,748	90	1,838	1,482	73	1,555	1,804	91	1,895
Women	216	197	202	204	224	201	9	210	254	12	266	220	11	231	287	16	303

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

Registered unemployed	December 2002			December 2003			January 2003			January 2004		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
December 2001												
Total	680											
Men	515											
Women	165											
by age distribution												
Under 20 years												
Total	186											
Men	119											
Women	67											
20 to 24 years												
Total	143											
Men	107											
Women	36											
25 to 29 years												
Total	113											
Men	83											
Women	30											
30 to 44 years												
Total	137											
Men	114											
Women	23											
45 years and over												
Total	101											
Men	92											
Women	9											

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

Registered unemployed	December												January					
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	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	605	76.4	580	79.1
Females	116	21.3	128	27.1	132	21.6	128	21.2	165	24.3	170	22.9	127	18.6	187	23.6	153	20.9
Total	544	100.0	473	100.0	611	100.0	605	100.0	680	100.0	742	100.0	681	100.0	792	100.0	733	100.0

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

Registered unemployed	December												January					
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	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	6,392	81.1	6,942	78.9
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	1,487	18.9	1,852	21.1
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	7,879	100.0	8,794	100.0

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

Registered Unemployed	December								January	
	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	7,087	8,061
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,787	6,362	
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,300	1,699	
by duration of registration										
Under 20 weeks										
Total	2,291	2,468	2,177	2,031	2,523	2,372	3,152	2,590	3,599	
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	1,857	2,562	
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	733	1,037	
21 to 52 weeks										
Total	1,733	1,611	1,638	1,031	1,301	1,376	1,625	1,412	1,737	
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,114	1,358	
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	298	379	
53 weeks and over										
Total	3,125	3,358	3,880	3,521	2,929	3,026	2,717	3,085	2,725	
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,816	2,442	
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	269	283	

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	December		January	
	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004
Total	680	742	681	792	733
Men	515	572	554	605	580
Women	165	170	127	187	153
by duration of registration					
Under 20 weeks					
Total	623	688	620	734	689
Men	472	529	507	558	545
Women	151	159	113	176	144
21 weeks and over					
Total	57	54	61	58	44
Men	43	43	47	47	35
Women	14	11	14	11	9

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

Registered unemployed	December						December						January					
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	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	255	82.0	237	82.9
Females	49	17.0	46	14.9	45	14.6	43	14.4	51	15.9	53	17.3	53	17.5	56	18.0	49	17.1
Total	289	100.0	308	100.0	309	100.0	298	100.0	320	100.0	306	100.0	303	100.0	311	100.0	286	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						January 2003						January 2004					
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females									
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	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	76	1.3	11	0.8	92	1.4	20	1.2												
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	38	0.7	10	0.8	67	1.1	19	1.1												
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	198	3.4	58	4.5	217	3.4	95	5.6												
Clerks	354	6.2	242	26.4	381	6.7	321	29.0	337	6.0	342	29.2	422	7.0	389	25.6	385	6.7	357	27.5	464	7.3	433	25.5												
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	448	7.7	355	27.3	472	7.4	426	25.1												
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	97	1.7	1	0.1	103	1.6	0	0.0												
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	778	13.4	32	2.5	950	14.9	48	2.8												
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	1,131	19.5	126	9.7	1,188	18.7	213	12.5												
Elementary occupations	2,673	47.2	270	28.4	2,623	46.5	292	26.4	2,581	46.1	300	25.6	2,677	44.2	387	26.8	2,636	45.6	350	26.9	2,809	44.2	445	26.2												
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	5,787	100.0	1,300	100.0	6,362	100.0	1,699	100.0												

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						July	August	September
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	6.3	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.1
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	4.1	4.3	4.0
Total	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.5

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

(Per cent)

Sex	December						July	August	September
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5	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	2.0	2.0	1.9

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						July	August	September
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	3.4	3.4	2.7
Total	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.8

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						July	August	September
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	8.6	9.2	9.5
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	5.9	6.6	6.9
Total	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	7.2	7.4	8.1	8.4

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.