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## LABOUR STATISTICS

### Registered Unemployed - December 2003

In December 2003, there were 8,175 registered unemployed persons with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC). Of these 6,606 were males and 1,569 were females.

Those persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 7,494, whereas those registering under Part 2 amounted to 681.

The unemployment in Gozo stood at 599, an increase of 102 over the same month last year.

Under Part 1 of the unemployment register, there were 3,152 persons registering for work for less than 20 weeks; 1,625 persons registering for work for 21 to 52 weeks; and a further 2,717 persons registering for 53 weeks and over.

In December 2003, there were 1,830 new registrations for work. An analysis of the new registrants for work in December 2003 indicates that 516 persons were previously employed; 794 persons have renewed their registration; 388 persons were previously sick; 52 persons have revived their registration after a suspension for over six months; 42 persons were previously self-employed; and, 38 persons were seeking employment for the first time.

The unemployment rates for the December 2003 are not available since the data of the labour supply for this month has not yet been made available.

### Unemployment rates for August 2003

The unemployment rate in August 2003 stood at 5.5 per cent of the labour supply. This figure translates into 6.0 per cent for men and 4.3 per cent for women.

In August 2003, the long-term unemployment rate stood at 2.0 per cent whereas the unemployment rate for persons who were 45 years and over stood at 4.0 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people stood at 8.1 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 9.2 per cent, while that of females was 6.6 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					November 2002			November 2003			December 2002			December 2003		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
	<b>Total</b>	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,610	496	7,106	6,977	606	7,583	6,277	497	6,774	6,895	599
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,381	405	5,786	5,575	428	6,003	5,203	399	5,602	5,621	431	6,052
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,229	91	1,320	1,402	178	1,580	1,074	98	1,172	1,274	168	1,442
<b>by age distribution Under 20 years</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	999	75	1,074	974	104	1,078	822	78	900	837	97	934
Men	815	752	742	660	653	552	50	602	573	53	626	476	49	525	497	52	549
Women	331	312	362	283	374	447	25	472	401	51	452	346	29	375	340	45	385
<b>20 to 24 years</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	968	110	1,078	1,139	146	1,285	907	108	1,015	1,053	139	1,192
Men	844	898	904	724	760	721	83	804	823	87	910	686	83	769	765	84	849
Women	175	170	190	143	183	247	27	274	316	59	375	221	25	246	288	55	343
<b>25 to 29 years</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	732	766	815	740	747	782	73	855	830	84	914	753	72	825	830	90	920
Men	630	687	714	645	639	681	61	742	700	65	765	655	57	712	707	68	775
Women	102	79	101	95	108	101	12	113	130	19	149	98	15	113	123	22	145
<b>30 to 44 years</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	2,561	2,754	2,740	2,280	2,268	2,154	157	2,311	2,178	174	2,352	2,108	156	2,264	2,173	171	2,344
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	1,926	139	2,065	1,890	135	2,025	1,900	136	2,036	1,904	137	2,041
Women	278	249	229	193	218	228	18	246	288	39	327	208	20	228	269	34	303
<b>45 years and over</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	1,691	1,785	1,942	1,753	1,768	1,707	81	1,788	1,856	98	1,954	1,687	83	1,770	2,002	102	2,104
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,501	72	1,573	1,589	88	1,677	1,486	74	1,560	1,748	90	1,838
Women	216	197	202	204	224	206	9	215	267	10	277	201	9	210	254	12	266

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

Registered unemployed	December 2001			November 2002			November 2003			December 2002			December 2003		
	2001			November 2002			November 2003			December 2002			December 2003		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
<b>Total</b>	680	733	760	185	7	192	682	12	694	713	29	742	661	20	681
Men	515	569	589	569	20	589	532	9	541	548	24	572	537	17	554
Women	165	164	171	164	7	171	150	3	153	165	5	170	124	3	127
<b>by age distribution</b>															
<b>Under 20 years</b>															
<b>Total</b>	186	185	192	185	7	192	131	2	133	184	7	191	120	4	124
Men	119	118	120	118	2	120	85	1	86	115	4	119	83	3	86
Women	67	67	72	67	5	72	46	1	47	69	3	72	37	1	38
<b>20 to 24 years</b>															
<b>Total</b>	143	200	203	200	3	203	177	1	178	175	6	181	165	5	170
Men	107	157	160	157	3	160	127	1	128	133	6	139	128	5	133
Women	36	43	43	43	0	43	50	0	50	42	0	42	37	0	37
<b>25 to 29 years</b>															
<b>Total</b>	113	98	106	98	8	106	97	4	101	101	2	103	110	3	113
Men	83	77	83	77	6	83	77	3	80	87	2	89	91	3	94
Women	30	21	23	21	2	23	20	1	21	14	0	14	19	0	19
<b>30 to 44 years</b>															
<b>Total</b>	137	147	155	147	8	155	176	2	178	150	14	164	158	7	165
Men	114	129	137	129	8	137	155	1	156	125	12	137	138	5	143
Women	23	18	18	18	0	18	21	1	22	25	2	27	20	2	22
<b>45 years and over</b>															
<b>Total</b>	101	103	104	103	1	104	101	3	104	103	0	103	108	1	109
Men	92	88	89	88	1	89	88	3	91	88	0	88	97	1	98
Women	9	15	15	15	0	15	13	0	13	15	0	15	11	0	11

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

Registered unemployed	December						November						December									
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2002		2003		2002		2003	
	No	%	No	%	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	589	77.5	541	78.0	572	77.1	554	81.4				
Females	116	21.3	128	27.1	132	21.6	128	21.2	165	24.3	171	22.5	153	22.0	170	22.9	127	18.6				
<b>Total</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>100.0</b>				

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

Registered unemployed	December						November						December									
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2002		2003		2002		2003	
	No	%	No	%	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	6,375	81.0	6,544	79.1	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	1,491	19.0	1,733	20.9	1,342	17.9	1,569	19.2				
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,693</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,910</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,306</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,188</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,433</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,866</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,277</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,516</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,175</b>	<b>100.0</b>				

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

Registered Unemployed	December					November		December	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>7,437</b>	<b>7,695</b>	<b>6,583</b>	<b>6,753</b>	<b>7,106</b>	<b>7,583</b>	<b>6,774</b>
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,786	6,003	5,602	6,052
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,320	1,580	1,172	1,442
<b>by duration of registration</b>									
<b>Under 20 weeks</b>									
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,468</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>2,523</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>3,406</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>3,152</b>
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,871	2,404	1,726	2,315
Women	508	526	521	457	633	809	1,002	646	837
<b>21 to 52 weeks</b>									
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,625</b>
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,135	1,125	1,105	1,298
Women	277	227	265	180	244	239	293	271	327
<b>53 weeks and over</b>									
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>3,358</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>3,521</b>	<b>2,929</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>2,759</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>2,717</b>
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,780	2,474	2,771	2,439
Women	317	254	298	281	230	272	285	255	278

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	November		December	
	2001	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>681</b>
Men	515	589	541	572	554
Women	165	171	153	170	127
<b>by duration of registration</b>					
<b>Under 20 weeks</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>620</b>
Men	472	545	503	529	507
Women	151	161	138	159	113
<b>21 weeks and over</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>
Men	43	44	38	43	47
Women	14	10	15	11	14

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

Registered unemployed	December						November						December					
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2002		2003	
	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	257	81.6	264	83.0	253	82.7	250	82.5
Females	49	17.0	46	14.9	45	14.6	43	14.4	51	15.9	58	18.4	54	17.0	53	17.3	53	17.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Occupation	December 2000						December 2001						November 2002						November 2003						December 2002						December 2003					
	Males		Females		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	%	No	%						
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	85	1.5	8	0.9	90	1.6	7	0.6	78	1.3	7	0.5	87	1.4	18	1.1	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	43	0.7	10	0.8	61	1.0	28	1.8	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	207	3.6	66	5.0	208	3.5	78	4.9	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	388	6.7	413	31.3	438	7.3	409	25.9	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	456	7.9	346	26.2	450	7.5	407	25.8	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	93	1.6	0	0.0	105	1.7	2	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	776	13.4	29	2.2	856	14.3	53	3.4	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	1,085	18.8	120	9.1	1,134	18.9	180	11.4	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	2,660	46.0	329	24.9	2,664	44.4	405	25.6	2,581	46.1	300	25.6	2,677	44.2	387	26.8												
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,665</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,646</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,786</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,003</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,052</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>100.0</b>												

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						May	June	July	August
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003			
Males	6.3	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.0
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.3	4.1	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>

**Table10. Long-term unemployment rate**

(Per cent)

Sex	December						May	June	July	August
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003			
Males	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						May	June	July	August
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003			
Males	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.2
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.4	3.4	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						May	June	July	August
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003			
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	8.6	8.1	8.6	9.2
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	5.2	4.7	5.9	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>



## **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.