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## Labour Statistics

### Registered Unemployed - February 2004

In February 2004, there were 8,830 registered unemployed with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC). Of these 6,971 were males and 1,859 were females.

Those persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 8,124, whereas those registering under Part 2 amounted to 706.

In February 2004, the age distribution of the registered unemployed indicates that within this part of the labour supply there were 1,237 persons under 20 years of age; 1,537 persons aged between 20 to 24 years of age; 1,087 persons aged between 25 to 29; 2,662 persons aged between 30 to 44; and, 2,307 persons aged 45 years and over.

When it comes to the duration of unemployment, it is observed that there were 4,175 persons that were registering for work for under 20 weeks as at the end of February 2004.

Upon taking into account both those registering for work under Part 1 and Part 2, it transpires that there were 631 registered unemployed in the island of Gozo and 8,199 registered unemployed in the island of Malta. With specific reference to Gozo, there were 449 males and 182 females registering for work. On the other hand, there were 6,522 males and 1,677 females registering for work in the island of Malta.

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

### Unemployment rates for October 2003

The unemployment rate in October 2003 stood at 5.7 per cent of the labour supply. This figure translates into 6.3 per cent for men and 4.1 per cent for women.

In October 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 4.0 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people stood at 9.1 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 10.5 per cent, while that of females was 7.3 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 2004			February 2003			February 2004		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Malta	Gozo	Total	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	6,277	497	6,774	6,895	599	7,494	7,446	615	8,061	6,442	526	6,968	7,515	609
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,203	399	5,602	5,621	431	6,052	5,928	434	6,362	5,262	407	5,669	5,983	434	6,417
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,074	98	1,172	1,274	168	1,442	1,518	181	1,699	1,180	119	1,299	1,532	175	1,707
<b>by age distribution Under 20 years</b>																				
<b>Total</b>	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	822	78	900	837	97	934	988	104	1,092	877	98	975	1,020	94	1,114
Men	815	752	742	660	653	476	49	525	497	52	549	590	55	645	527	57	584	617	53	670
Women	331	312	362	283	374	346	29	375	340	45	385	398	49	447	350	41	391	403	41	444
<b>20 to 24 years</b>																				
<b>Total</b>	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	907	108	1,015	1,053	139	1,192	1,170	142	1,312	970	109	1,079	1,217	144	1,361
Men	844	898	904	724	760	686	83	769	765	84	849	818	82	900	725	83	808	844	82	926
Women	175	170	190	143	183	221	25	246	288	55	343	352	60	412	245	26	271	373	62	435
<b>25 to 29 years</b>																				
<b>Total</b>	732	766	815	740	747	753	72	825	830	90	920	895	91	986	782	70	852	887	91	978
Men	630	687	714	645	639	655	57	712	707	68	775	745	68	813	676	55	731	740	68	808
Women	102	79	101	95	108	98	15	113	123	22	145	150	23	173	106	15	121	147	23	170
<b>30 to 44 years</b>																				
<b>Total</b>	2,561	2,754	2,740	2,280	2,268	2,108	156	2,264	2,173	171	2,344	2,302	171	2,473	2,107	165	2,272	2,306	173	2,479
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	1,900	136	2,036	1,904	137	2,041	1,971	138	2,109	1,859	138	1,997	1,981	139	2,120
Women	278	249	229	193	218	208	20	228	269	34	303	331	33	364	248	27	275	325	34	359
<b>45 years and over</b>																				
<b>Total</b>	1,691	1,785	1,942	1,753	1,768	1,687	83	1,770	2,002	102	2,104	2,091	107	2,198	1,706	84	1,790	2,085	107	2,192
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,486	74	1,560	1,748	90	1,838	1,804	91	1,895	1,475	74	1,549	1,801	92	1,893
Women	216	197	202	204	224	201	9	210	254	12	266	287	16	303	231	10	241	284	15	299

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

Registered unemployed	December 2001			December 2002			December 2003			January 2004			February 2003			February 2004		
	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>706</b>		
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	559	21	580	544	24	568	539	15	554		
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	150	3	153	163	8	171	145	7	152		
<b>by age distribution Under 20 years</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>123</b>		
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	89	4	93	133	3	136	80	-	80		
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	43	-	43	55	4	59	41	2	43		
<b>20 to 24 years</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>176</b>		
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	134	6	140	115	6	121	127	3	130		
Women	36	42	-	42	37	-	37	47	1	48	59	1	60	44	2	46		
<b>25 to 29 years</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>109</b>		
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	92	4	96	84	4	88	80	6	86		
Women	30	14	-	14	19	-	19	24	-	24	10	1	11	22	1	23		
<b>30 to 44 years</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>183</b>		
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	143	5	148	118	11	129	154	5	159		
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	27	2	29	23	1	24	22	2	24		
<b>45 years and over</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>115</b>		
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	101	2	103	94	-	94	98	1	99		
Women	9	15	-	15	11	-	11	9	-	9	16	1	17	16	-	16		

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

Registered unemployed	December												January						February											
	1997			1998			1999			2000			2001			2002			2003			2004			2003			2004		
	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		572	77.1		554	81.4		605	76.4		568	76.9		554	78.5	
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		171	23.1		152	21.5	
<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>742</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>681</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>792</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>739</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>706</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

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

Registered unemployed	December												January						February											
	1997			1998			1999			2000			2001			2002			2003			2004			2003			2004		
	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		6,174	82.1		6,606	80.8		6,392	81.1		6,237	80.9		6,971	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		1,470	19.1		1,859	21.1	
<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>7,516</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>8,175</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>7,879</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>7,707</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>8,830</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

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

Registered Unemployed	December										January		February																																																									
	1997					1998					1999					2000					2001					2002					2003					2004																																		
	1997					1998					1999					2000					2001					2002					2003					2004																																		
<b>Total</b>	7,149					7,437					7,695					6,583					6,753					6,774					7,494					8,061					6,968					8,124																								
Men	6,047					6,430					6,611					5,665					5,646					5,602					6,052					6,362					5,669					6,417																								
Women	1,102					1,007					1,084					918					1,107					1,172					1,442					1,699					1,299					1,707																								
<b>by duration of registration</b>																																																																						
<b>Under 20 weeks</b>																																																																						
<b>Total</b>	2,291					2,468					2,177					2,031					2,523					2,372					3,152					3,599					2,446					3,527																								
Men	1,783					1,942					1,656					1,574					1,890					1,726					2,315					2,562					1,743					2,522																								
Women	508					526					521					457					633					646					837					1,037					703					1,005																								
<b>21 to 52 weeks</b>																																																																						
<b>Total</b>	1,733					1,611					1,638					1,031					1,301					1,376					1,625					1,737					1,502					1,843																								
Men	1,456					1,384					1,373					851					1,057					1,105					1,298					1,358					1,176					1,434																								
Women	277					227					265					180					244					271					327					379					326					409																								
<b>53 weeks and over</b>																																																																						
<b>Total</b>	3,125					3,358					3,880					3,521					2,929					3,026					2,717					2,725					3,020					2,754																								
Men	2,808					3,104					3,582					3,240					2,699					2,771					2,439					2,442					2,750					2,461																								
Women	317					254					298					281					230					255					278					283					270					293																								

Note: The duration of registration for the years 1997 and 1998 were slightly different from the following years. Accordingly, the first bracket covers 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			January	February	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>706</b>
Men	515	572	554	580	568	554
Women	165	170	127	153	171	152
<b>by duration of registration</b>						
<b>Under 20 weeks</b>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>648</b>
Men	472	529	507	545	494	507
Women	151	159	113	144	156	141
<b>21 weeks and over</b>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>58</b>
Men	43	43	47	35	74	47
Women	14	11	14	9	15	11

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

Registered unemployed	December												January		February					
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2003		2004	
	No	%	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	237	82.9	254	81.2	251	81.0
Females	49	17.0	46	14.9	45	14.6	43	14.4	51	15.9	53	17.3	53	17.5	49	17.1	59	18.8	59	19.0
<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>306</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>310</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						December 2002						December 2003						January 2004						February 2003						February 2004					
	Males		Females		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	%	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	92	1.4	20	1.2	76	1.3	11	0.8	103	1.6	17	1.0	103	1.6	17	1.0										
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	67	1.1	19	1.1	33	0.6	8	0.6	77	1.2	18	1.1	77	1.2	18	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	217	3.4	95	5.6	193	3.4	60	4.6	217	3.4	87	5.1	217	3.4	87	5.1										
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	464	7.3	433	25.5	389	6.9	349	26.9	463	7.2	439	25.7	463	7.2	439	25.7										
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	472	7.4	426	25.1	450	7.9	350	26.9	486	7.6	430	25.2	486	7.6	430	25.2										
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	100	1.8	1	0.1	88	1.6	1	0.1	95	1.7	-	0.0	107	1.8	1	0.1	103	1.6	-	0.0	93	1.6	1	0.1	103	1.6	-	0.0	103	1.6	-	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	950	14.9	48	2.8	780	13.8	40	3.1	970	15.1	57	3.3	970	15.1	57	3.3										
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	1,188	18.7	213	12.5	1,084	19.1	129	9.9	1,177	18.3	214	12.5	1,177	18.3	214	12.5										
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	2,809	44.2	445	26.2	2,571	45.4	351	27.0	2,821	44.0	445	26.1	2,821	44.0	445	26.1										
<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>5,602</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>	<b>6,362</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,669</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>100.0</b>										

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						August	September	October
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	6.3	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.3
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	4.3	4.0	4.1
<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>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>

**Table10. Long-term unemployment rate**

(Per cent)

Sex	December						August	September	October
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	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>2.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						August	September	October
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	3.4	2.7	2.9
<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>4.0</b>	<b>3.8</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						August	September	October
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.5	10.5
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	7.4	7.3
<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>8.1</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>9.1</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.