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Registered Unemployed: April 2004

In April 2004, there were 8,339 registered unemployed with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC). Of these 6,675 were males and 1,664 were females.

In the month under review, the number of registered unemployed declined by 81 persons over the preceding month. On a year-to-year basis, there was an increase of 859 persons on the unemployment register.

Those persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 7,704 whereas those registering under Part 2 amounted to 635.

In April 2004, the age distribution of the registered unemployed indicates that within this part of the labour supply there were 1,068 persons under 20 years of age; 1,379 persons aged between 20 to 24 years of age; 1,026 persons aged between 25 to 29; 2,561 persons aged between 30 to 44; and, 2,305 persons aged 45 years and over.

When it comes to the duration of unemployment, it is observed that there were 3,529 persons that were registering for work for under 20 weeks as at the end of April 2004.

Upon taking into account both those registering for work under Part 1 and Part 2, it transpires that there were 592 registered unemployed in the island of Gozo and 7,747 registered unemployed in the island of Malta. With specific reference to Gozo, there were 434 males and 158 females registering for work. On the other hand, there were 6,241 males and 1,506 females registering for work in the island of Malta.

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

Unemployment rates for December 2003

The unemployment rate in December 2003 stood at 5.7 per cent of the labour supply. This figure translates into 6.4 per cent for men and 3.8 per cent for women.

In December 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 4.3 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people stood at 8.5 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 9.9 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					December 2002			December 2003			February 2004			March 2004			April 2003			April 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	7,515	609	8,124	7,148	598	7,746	6,287	507	6,794	7,135	569	7,704
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,203	399	5,602	5,621	431	6,052	5,983	434	6,417	5,720	423	6,143	5,149	400	5,549	5,768	416	6,184
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,074	98	1,172	1,274	168	1,442	1,532	175	1,707	1,428	175	1,603	1,138	107	1,245	1,367	153	1,520
by age distribution																							
Under 20 years																							
Total	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	822	78	900	837	97	934	1,020	94	1,114	949	92	1,041	807	89	896	876	80	956
Men	815	752	742	660	653	476	49	525	497	52	549	617	53	670	582	53	635	504	56	560	546	49	595
Women	331	312	362	283	374	346	29	375	340	45	385	403	41	444	367	39	406	303	33	336	330	31	361
20 to 24 years																							
Total	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	907	108	1,015	1,053	139	1,192	1,217	144	1,361	1,099	145	1,244	914	100	1,014	1,100	130	1,230
Men	844	898	904	724	760	686	83	769	765	84	849	844	82	926	774	83	857	678	76	754	806	79	885
Women	175	170	190	143	183	221	25	246	288	55	343	373	62	435	325	62	387	236	24	260	294	51	345
25 to 29 years																							
Total	732	766	815	740	747	753	72	825	830	90	920	887	91	978	852	91	943	792	67	859	842	84	926
Men	630	687	714	645	639	655	57	712	707	68	775	740	68	808	708	67	775	678	56	734	708	61	769
Women	102	79	101	95	108	98	15	113	123	22	145	147	23	170	144	24	168	114	11	125	134	23	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	2,306	173	2,479	2,209	163	2,372	2,108	162	2,270	2,243	160	2,403
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	1,900	136	2,036	1,904	137	2,041	1,981	139	2,120	1,899	131	2,030	1,840	133	1,973	1,926	132	2,058
Women	278	249	229	193	218	208	20	228	269	34	303	325	34	359	310	32	342	268	29	297	317	28	345
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	2,085	107	2,192	2,039	107	2,146	1,666	89	1,755	2,074	115	2,189
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,486	74	1,560	1,748	90	1,838	1,801	92	1,893	1,757	89	1,846	1,449	79	1,528	1,782	95	1,877
Women	216	197	202	204	224	201	9	210	254	12	266	284	15	299	282	18	300	217	10	227	292	20	312

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

Registered unemployed	December	December 2002			December 2003			February 2004			March 2004			April 2003			April 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	684	22	706	652	22	674	647	39	686	612	23	635
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	539	15	554	520	15	535	478	33	511	473	18	491
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	145	7	152	132	7	139	169	6	175	139	5	144
by age distribution																			
Under 20 years																			
Total	186	184	7	191	120	4	124	121	2	123	110	4	114	158	10	168	109	3	112
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	80	0	80	72	1	73	101	6	107	69	2	71
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	41	2	43	38	3	41	57	4	61	40	1	41
20 to 24 years																			
Total	143	175	6	181	165	5	170	171	5	176	179	3	182	181	9	192	145	4	149
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	127	3	130	133	3	136	130	9	141	101	4	105
Women	36	42	0	42	37	0	37	44	2	46	46	0	46	51	0	51	44	0	44
25 to 29 years																			
Total	113	101	2	103	110	3	113	102	7	109	91	8	99	97	5	102	93	7	100
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	80	6	86	79	6	85	74	4	78	75	5	80
Women	30	14	0	14	19	0	19	22	1	23	12	2	14	23	1	24	18	2	20
30 to 44 years																			
Total	137	150	14	164	158	7	165	176	7	183	168	7	175	115	11	126	150	8	158
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	154	5	159	146	5	151	95	11	105	126	6	132
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	22	2	24	22	2	24	20	0	21	24	2	26
45 years and over																			
Total	101	103	0	103	108	1	109	114	1	115	104	0	104	96	3	98	115	1	116
Men	92	88	0	88	97	1	98	98	1	99	90	0	90	78	2	80	102	1	103
Women	9	15	0	15	11	0	11	16	0	16	14	0	14	18	1	18	13	0	13

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

Registered unemployed	December										December		January		February		March		April											
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2003		2004		2003		2004									
	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	572	77.1	554	81.4	605	76.4	580	79.1	568	76.9	554	78.5	488	77.1	535	79.4	511	74.5	491	77.3
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	171	23.1	152	21.5	145	22.9	139	20.6	175	25.5	144	22.7
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	739	100.0	706	100.0	633	100.0	674	100.0	686	100.0	635	100.0

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

Registered unemployed	December										December		January		February		March		April											
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2003		2004		2003		2004									
	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	6,174	82.1	6,606	80.8	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
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	1,470	19.1	1,859	21.1	1,413	18.7	1,742	20.7	1,420	19.0	1,664	20.0
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	7,707	100.0	8,830	100.0	7,564	100.0	8,420	100.0	7,480	100.0	8,339	100.0

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

Registered Unemployed	December					December		February	March	April	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2003	2004
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,774	7,494	8,124	7,746	6,794	7,704
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	6,417	6,143	5,549	6,184
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,707	1,603	1,245	1,520
by duration of registration											
Under 20 weeks											
Total	2,291	2,468	2,177	2,031	2,523	2,372	3,152	3,527	3,147	2,240	2,958
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	2,522	2,276	1,630	2,143
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	1,005	871	610	815
21 to 52 weeks											
Total	1,733	1,611	1,638	1,031	1,301	1,376	1,625	1,843	1,921	1,538	2,059
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,434	1,478	1,173	1,651
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	409	443	365	408
53 weeks and over											
Total	3,125	3,358	3,880	3,521	2,929	3,026	2,717	2,754	2,678	3,016	2,687
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,461	2,389	2,746	2,390
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	293	289	270	297

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			February	March	April	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2003	2004
Total	680	742	681	706	674	686	635
Men	515	572	554	554	535	511	491
Women	165	170	127	152	139	175	144
by duration of registration							
Under 20 weeks							
Total	623	688	620	648	589	635	571
Men	472	529	507	507	463	470	440
Women	151	159	113	141	126	165	131
21 weeks and over							
Total	57	54	61	58	85	51	64
Men	43	43	47	47	72	41	51
Women	14	11	14	11	13	10	13

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

Registered unemployed	December										December				February		March		April			
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2004		2003		2004	
	No	%	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	251	81.0	243	82.9	252	81.6	247	81.8
Females	49	17.0	46	14.9	45	14.6	43	14.4	51	15.9	53	17.3	53	17.5	59	19.0	50	17.1	57	18.4	55	18.2
Total	289	100.0	308	100.0	309	100.0	298	100.0	320	100.0	306	100.0	303	100.0	310	100.0	293	100.0	309	100.0	302	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				February 2004				March 2004				April 2003				April 2004			
	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	75	1.3	7	0.6	81	1.3	12	0.8	103	1.6	17	1.0	88	1.4	19	1.2	75	1.4	10	0.8	94	1.5	17	1.1
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	77	1.2	18	1.1	69	1.1	18	1.1	26	0.5	7	0.6	66	1.1	16	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	87	5.1	210	3.4	76	4.7	161	2.9	67	5.4	206	3.3	72	4.7
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	463	7.2	439	25.7	422	6.9	409	25.5	382	6.9	322	25.9	435	7.0	381	25.1
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	486	7.6	430	25.2	452	7.4	408	25.5	445	8.0	320	25.7	464	7.5	403	26.5
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	103	1.6	0	0.0	105	1.7	0	0.0	91	1.6	1	0.1	109	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	970	15.1	57	3.3	921	15.0	56	3.5	765	13.8	31	2.5	913	14.8	53	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	1,177	18.3	214	12.5	1,146	18.7	193	12.0	1,061	19.1	157	12.6	1,156	18.7	169	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	2,821	44.0	445	26.1	2,730	44.4	424	26.5	2,543	45.8	330	26.5	2,741	44.3	408	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	6,417	100.0	1,707	100.0	6,143	100.0	1,603	100.0	5,549	100.0	1,245	100.0	6,184	100.0	1,520	100.0

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

(Per cent)

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

Table 10. Long-term unemployment rate

(Per cent)

Sex	December						October	November	December
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
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)**

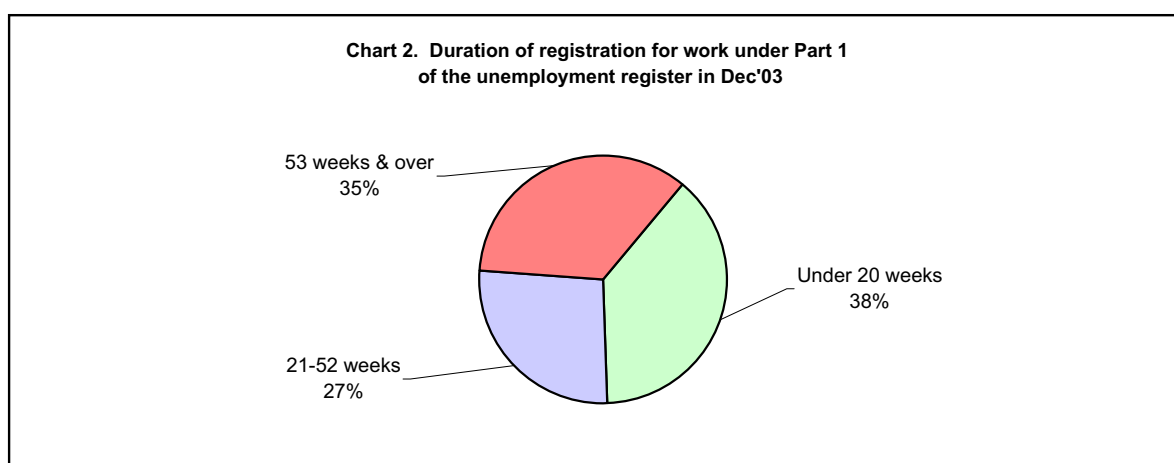
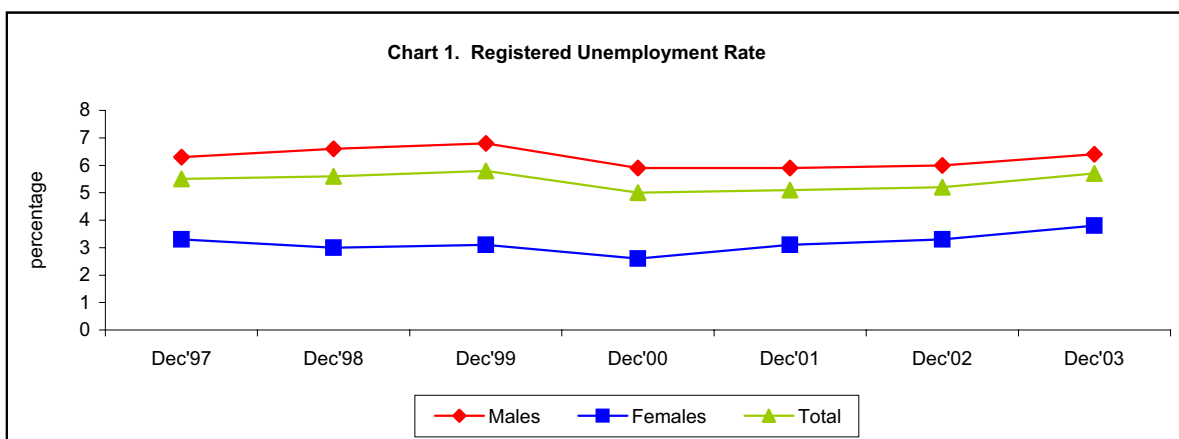
(Per cent)

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

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

(Per cent)

Sex	December						October	November	December
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	10.5	10.6	9.9
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	7.3	7.3	6.6
Total	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	7.2	9.1	9.2	8.5



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.