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Registered Unemployed: April 2005

During the month of April 2005, there were a total of 7,716 unemployed persons registering under Part 1 and Part 2 of the unemployment register. Of these, 6137 or 79.5 per cent were men and 1,579 or 20.5 per cent were women. Accordingly, the number of registered unemployed decreased by 302 over the preceding month. On an annual basis, there was a decrease of 623 persons on the unemployment register.

The new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 222 in April 2005.

The age distribution of the given statistics indicates that 3,169 or 41.1 per cent of the registered unemployed are under 30 years of age. On the other hand, 2,177 or 28.2 per cent of the registered unemployed are over 45 years of age.

In April 2005, 3,054 or 40.0 per cent of the registered unemployed were registering for work for under 20 weeks.

The unemployment rates for April 2005 are not available since the data on the labour supply for this month has not yet been published ■

Unemployment rates for December 2004

The unemployment rate, for December 2004, stood at 5.6 per cent of the labour supply. The rate for men was 6.3 per cent whereas that of women was and 3.8 per cent.

In December 2004, the long-term unemployment rate stood at 2.1 per cent, whereas the unemployment rate for persons who were 45 years and over stood at 4.4 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people was 8.0 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 9.7 per cent, while that of females was 5.7 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 2004			March 2004			March 2005			April 2004			April 2005		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	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	6,774	7,494	6,710	680	7,390	7,148	598	7,746	6,637	670	7,307	7,135	569	7,704	6,360	662	7,022
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,510	480	5,990	5,720	423	6,143	5,395	461	5,856	5,768	416	6,184	5,181	451	5,632
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,200	200	1,400	1,428	175	1,603	1,242	209	1,451	1,367	153	1,520	1,179	211	1,390
by age distribution																						
Under 20 years																						
Total	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	900	934	713	96	809	949	92	1,041	712	91	803	876	80	956	676	94	770
Men	815	752	742	660	653	525	549	457	55	512	582	53	635	430	47	477	546	49	595	406	49	455
Women	331	312	362	283	374	375	385	256	41	297	367	39	406	282	44	326	330	31	361	270	45	315
20 to 24 years																						
Total	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	1,015	1,192	986	149	1,135	1,099	145	1,244	974	140	1,114	1,100	130	1,230	920	141	1,061
Men	844	898	904	724	760	769	849	734	99	833	774	83	857	733	91	824	806	79	885	692	95	787
Women	175	170	190	143	183	246	343	252	50	302	325	62	387	241	49	290	294	51	345	228	46	274
25 to 29 years																						
Total	732	766	815	740	747	825	920	821	107	928	852	91	943	814	113	927	842	84	926	784	111	895
Men	630	687	714	645	639	712	775	683	78	761	708	67	775	671	81	752	708	61	769	645	75	720
Women	102	79	101	95	108	113	145	138	29	167	144	24	168	143	32	175	134	23	157	139	36	175
30 to 44 years																						
Total	2,561	2,754	2,740	2,280	2,268	2,264	2,344	2,154	204	2,358	2,209	163	2,372	2,135	198	2,333	2,243	160	2,403	2,033	193	2,226
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	2,036	2,041	1,875	146	2,021	1,899	131	2,030	1,845	140	1,985	1,926	132	2,058	1,764	137	1,901
Women	278	249	229	193	218	228	303	279	58	337	310	32	342	290	58	348	317	28	345	269	56	325
45 years and over																						
Total	1,691	1,785	1,942	1,753	1,768	1,770	2,104	2,036	124	2,160	2,039	107	2,146	2,002	128	2,130	2,074	115	2,189	1,947	123	2,070
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,560	1,838	1,761	102	1,863	1,757	89	1,846	1,716	102	1,818	1,782	95	1,877	1,674	95	1,769
Women	216	197	202	204	224	210	266	275	22	297	282	18	300	286	26	312	292	20	312	273	28	301

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

Registered unemployed	December 2001	December 2002			December 2003			December 2004			March 2004			March 2005			April 2004			April 2005		
		Malta	Gozo	Total	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	673	40	713	652	22	674	679	32	711	612	23	635	655	39	694
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	496	25	521	520	15	535	484	23	507	473	18	491	480	25	505
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	177	15	192	132	7	139	195	9	204	139	5	144	175	14	189
by age distribution																						
Under 20 years																						
Total	186	184	7	191	120	4	124	185	11	196	110	4	114	176	11	187	109	3	112	144	9	153
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	118	8	126	72	1	73	108	8	116	69	2	71	95	6	101
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	67	3	70	38	3	41	68	3	71	40	1	41	49	3	52
20 to 24 years																						
Total	143	175	6	181	165	5	170	169	9	178	179	3	182	187	7	194	145	4	149	179	13	192
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	114	6	120	133	3	136	124	7	131	101	4	105	131	9	140
Women	36	42	-	42	37	0	37	55	3	58	46	0	46	63	0	63	44	0	44	48	4	52
25 to 29 years																						
Total	113	101	2	103	110	3	113	94	9	103	91	8	99	84	5	89	93	7	100	94	4	98
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	69	3	72	79	6	85	68	3	71	75	5	80	71	3	74
Women	30	14	-	14	19	0	19	25	6	31	12	2	14	16	2	18	18	2	20	23	1	24
30 to 44 years																						
Total	137	150	14	164	158	7	165	132	8	140	168	7	175	127	7	134	150	8	158	136	8	144
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	119	5	124	146	5	151	106	4	110	126	6	132	111	5	116
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	13	3	16	22	2	24	21	3	24	24	2	26	25	3	28
45 years and over																						
Total	101	103	-	103	108	1	109	93	3	96	104	0	104	105	2	107	115	1	116	102	5	107
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	76	3	79	90	0	90	78	1	79	102	1	103	72	2	74
Women	9	15	-	15	11	0	11	17	0	17	14	0	14	27	1	28	13	0	13	30	3	33

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

Registered unemployed	December															
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
	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	521	73.1
Females	116	21.3	128	27.1	132	21.6	128	21.2	165	24.3	170	22.9	127	18.6	192	26.9
Total	544	100.0	473	100.0	611	100.0	605	100.0	680	100.0	742	100.0	681	100.0	713	100.0

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Registered unemployed	October				November				March				April			
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	506	76.8	574	71.3	541	0.8	555	0.7	535	79.4	507	71.3	491	77.3	505	72.8
Females	153	23.2	231	28.7	153	0.2	217	0.3	139	20.6	204	28.7	144	22.7	189	27.2
Total	659	100.0	805	100.0	694	100.0	772	100.0	674	100.0	711	100.0	635	100.0	694	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		2004	
	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	6,511	80.4
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	1,592	19.6
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	8,103	100.0

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Registered unemployed	October				November				March				April			
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	6,523	79.1	6,518	79.8	6,544	79.1	6,488	79.9	6,678	79.3	6,363	79.4	6,675	80.0	6,137	79.5
Females	1,726	20.9	1,654	20.2	1,733	20.9	1,637	20.1	1,742	20.7	1,655	20.6	1,664	20.0	1,579	20.5
Total	8,249	100.0	8,172	100.0	8,277	100.0	8,125	100.0	8,420	100.0	8,018	100.0	8,339	100.0	7,716	100.0

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

Registered Unemployed	December								March		April	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,774	7,494	7,390	7,746	7,307	7,704	7,022
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,990	6,143	5,856	6,184	5,632
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,400	1,603	1,451	1,520	1,390
by duration of registration												
Under 20 weeks												
Total	2,291	2,468	2,177	2,031	2,523	2,372	3,152	2,713	3,147	2,500	2,958	2,443
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	1,988	2,276	1,797	2,143	1,762
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	725	871	703	815	681
21 to 52 weeks												
Total	1,733	1,611	1,638	1,031	1,301	1,376	1,625	1,580	1,921	1,753	2,059	1,663
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,267	1,478	1,359	1,651	1,285
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	313	443	394	408	378
53 weeks and over												
Total	3,125	3,358	3,880	3,521	2,929	3,026	2,717	3,097	2,678	3,054	2,687	2,916
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,735	2,389	2,700	2,390	2,585
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	362	289	354	297	331

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	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total	680	742	681	713	674	711	635	694
Men	515	572	554	521	535	507	491	505
Women	165	170	127	192	139	204	144	189
by duration of registration								
Under 20 weeks								
Total	623	688	620	647	589	630	571	611
Men	472	529	507	466	463	453	440	445
Women	151	159	113	181	126	177	131	166
21 weeks and over								
Total	57	54	61	66	85	81	64	83
Men	43	43	47	55	72	54	51	60
Women	14	11	14	11	13	27	13	23

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

Registered unemployed	December															
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
	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	253	78.6
Females	49	17.0	46	14.9	45	14.6	43	14.4	51	15.9	53	17.3	53	17.5	69	21.4
Total	289	100.0	308	100.0	309	100.0	298	100.0	320	100.0	306	100.0	303	100.0	322	100.0

Registered unemployed	March				April			
	2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	243	82.9	254	77.9	247	81.8	237	79.3
Females	50	17.1	72	22.1	55	18.2	62	20.7
Total	293	100.0	326	100.0	302	100.0	299	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

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	December 2004				March 2004				March 2005				April 2004				April 2005			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	81	1.4	11	0.8	88	1.4	19	1.2	80	1.4	15	1.0	94	1.5	17	1.1	77	1.4	10	0.7
Professionals	65	1.1	16	1.1	69	1.1	18	1.1	76	1.3	9	0.6	66	1.1	16	1.1	74	1.3	10	0.7
Technicians and associate professionals	229	3.8	72	5.1	210	3.4	76	4.7	217	3.7	65	4.5	206	3.3	72	4.7	216	3.8	64	4.6
Clerks	356	5.9	349	24.9	422	6.9	409	25.5	346	5.9	368	25.4	435	7.0	381	25.1	315	5.6	352	25.3
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	491	8.2	367	26.2	452	7.4	408	25.5	489	8.4	370	25.5	464	7.5	403	26.5	464	8.2	349	25.1
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	79	1.3	0	0.0	105	1.7	0	0.0	81	1.4	0	0.0	109	1.8	1	0.1	71	1.3	0	0.0
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.9	57	4.1	921	15.0	56	3.5	826	14.1	76	5.2	913	14.8	53	3.5	788	14.0	71	5.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,065	17.8	133	9.5	1,146	18.7	193	12.0	1,057	18.0	144	9.9	1,156	18.7	169	11.1	1,019	18.1	139	10.0
Elementary occupations	2,734	45.6	395	28.2	2,730	44.4	424	26.5	2,684	45.8	404	27.8	2,741	44.3	408	26.8	2,608	46.3	395	28.4
Total	5,990	100.0	1,400	100.0	6,143	100.0	1,603	100.0	5,856	100.0	1,451	100.0	6,184	100.0	1,520	100.0	5,632	100.0	1,390	100.0

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

Sex	Dec							Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004			
Males	6.3	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
Total	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

Sex	Dec							Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004			
Males	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Total	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1

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

Sex	Dec							Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004			
Males	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.0
Total	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4

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

Sex	Dec							Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004			
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	9.9	9.3	9.5	9.9	9.7
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.0	5.7
Total	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	7.2	8.5	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.0

Methodological Notes

1. The source of these statistics is the **Employment and Training Corporation (ETC)**.
2. The data in this release are final and not, normally, subject to revision.
3. Definitions:
 - **Unemployment rates:** in computing the unemployment rates for the purpose of this release, the full-time employed population only is taken into consideration.
 - **Long-term unemployment rate:** refers to those people who have been registering for work for more than twelve months.
 - **Unemployment rate of older workers:** refers to the unemployment rate of persons over 45 years of age.
 - **Unemployment rate of young people:** 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.
4. These statistics are published and disseminated by the NSO and can also be found on the NSO website <http://www.nso.gov.mt>