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Labour Statistics

Registered Unemployed: December 2004

During the month of December 2004, there were a total of 8,103 unemployed persons registering under Part 1 and Part 2 of the unemployment register. Of these, 6,511 or 80.4 were men and 1,592 or 19.6 per cent were women. Accordingly, the number of registered unemployed decreased by 22 over the preceding month. On an annual basis, there was a decrease of 72 persons on the unemployment register.

The new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 1,382 in December 2004.

The age distribution of the given statistics indicates that 3,349 or 41.3 per cent of the registered unemployed are under 30 years of age. On the other hand, 2,256 or 27.8 per cent of the registered unemployed are over 45 years of age.

In December 2004, 3,360 or 41.5 per cent of the registered unemployed were registering for work for under 20 weeks.

The statistics on hand indicate that there were 720 registered unemployed in Gozo in the month under review. On the other hand, there were 7,383 registered unemployed in Malta.

The unemployment rates for December 2004 are not available since the data on the labour supply for this month has not yet been published ■

Unemployment rates for August 2004

The unemployment rate, for August 2004, stood at 5.4 per cent of the labour supply. The rate for men was 6.1 per cent whereas that of women was 3.8 per cent.

In August 2004, 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 4.3 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people was 7.5 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 8.7 per cent, while that of females was 6.0 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			November 2003			November 2004			December 2003			December 2004		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	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	6,977	606	7,583	6,689	664	7,353	6,895	599	7,494	6,710	680	7,390
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,203	399	5,602	5,575	428	6,003	5,472	461	5,933	5,621	431	6,052	5,510	480	5,990
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,074	98	1,172	1,402	178	1,580	1,217	203	1,420	1,274	168	1,442	1,200	200	1,400
by age distribution																				
Under 20 years																				
Total	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	822	78	900	974	104	1,078	771	93	864	837	97	934	713	96	809
Men	815	752	742	660	653	476	49	525	573	53	626	488	52	540	497	52	549	457	55	512
Women	331	312	362	283	374	346	29	375	401	51	452	283	41	324	340	45	385	256	41	297
20 to 24 years																				
Total	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	907	108	1,015	1,139	146	1,285	1,023	141	1,164	1,053	139	1,192	986	149	1,135
Men	844	898	904	724	760	686	83	769	823	87	910	763	87	850	765	84	849	734	99	833
Women	175	170	190	143	183	221	25	246	316	59	375	260	54	314	288	55	343	252	50	302
25 to 29 years																				
Total	732	766	815	740	747	753	72	825	830	84	914	776	112	888	830	90	920	821	107	928
Men	630	687	714	645	639	655	57	712	700	65	765	655	82	737	707	68	775	683	78	761
Women	102	79	101	95	108	98	15	113	130	19	149	121	30	151	123	22	145	138	29	167
30 to 44 years																				
Total	2,561	2,754	2,740	2,280	2,268	2,108	156	2,264	2,178	174	2,352	2,129	197	2,326	2,173	171	2,344	2,154	204	2,358
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	1,900	136	2,036	1,890	135	2,025	1,842	140	1,982	1,904	137	2,041	1,875	146	2,021
Women	278	249	229	193	218	208	20	228	288	39	327	287	57	344	269	34	303	279	58	337
45 years and over																				
Total	1,691	1,785	1,942	1,753	1,768	1,687	83	1,770	1,856	98	1,954	1,990	121	2,111	2,002	102	2,104	2,036	124	2,160
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,486	74	1,560	1,589	88	1,677	1,724	100	1,824	1,748	90	1,838	1,761	102	1,863
Women	216	197	202	204	224	201	9	210	267	10	277	266	21	287	254	12	266	275	22	297

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

Registered unemployed	December	December 2002			November 2003			November 2004			December 2003			December 2004		
	2001	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	680	713	29	742	682	12	694	727	45	772	661	20	681	673	40	713
Men	515	548	24	572	532	9	541	526	29	555	537	17	554	496	25	521
Women	165	165	5	170	150	3	153	201	16	217	124	3	127	177	15	192
by age distribution																
Under 20 years																
Total	186	184	7	191	131	2	133	215	13	228	120	4	124	185	11	196
Men	119	115	4	119	85	1	86	128	10	138	83	3	86	118	8	126
Women	67	69	3	72	46	1	47	87	3	90	37	1	38	67	3	70
20 to 24 years																
Total	143	175	6	181	177	1	178	174	11	185	165	5	170	169	9	178
Men	107	133	6	139	127	1	128	116	7	123	128	5	133	114	6	120
Women	36	42	-	42	50	-	50	58	4	62	37	-	37	55	3	58
25 to 29 years																
Total	113	101	2	103	97	4	101	91	7	98	110	3	113	94	9	103
Men	83	87	2	89	77	3	80	69	2	71	91	3	94	69	3	72
Women	30	14	-	14	20	1	21	22	5	27	19	-	19	25	6	31
30 to 44 years																
Total	137	150	14	164	176	2	178	145	7	152	158	7	165	132	8	140
Men	114	125	12	137	155	1	156	132	5	137	138	5	143	119	5	124
Women	23	25	2	27	21	1	22	13	2	15	20	2	22	13	3	16
45 years and over																
Total	101	103	-	103	101	3	104	102	7	109	108	1	109	93	3	96
Men	92	88	-	88	88	3	91	81	5	86	97	1	98	76	3	79
Women	9	15	-	15	13	-	13	21	2	23	11	-	11	17	-	17

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

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

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Registered unemployed	August				September				October				November				December			
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	462	71.5	589	76.8	518	73.1	572	75.5	506	76.8	574	71.3	541	78.0	555	71.9	554	81.4	521	73.1
Females	184	28.5	178	23.2	191	26.9	186	24.5	153	23.2	231	28.7	153	22.0	217	28.1	127	18.6	192	26.9
Total	646	100.0	767	100.0	709	100.0	758	100.0	659	100.0	805	100.0	694	100.0	772	100.0	681	100.0	713	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	
	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
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
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

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Registered unemployed	August				September				October				November				December			
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	6,251	77.6	6346	79.8	6,265	78.9	6,505	79.9	6,523	79.1	6,518	79.8	6,544	79.1	6,488	79.9	6,606	80.8	6,511	80.4
Females	1,801	22.4	1607	20.2	1,677	21.1	1,635	20.1	1,726	20.9	-	-	1,733	20.9	1,637	20.1	1,569	19.2	1,592	19.6
Total	8,052	100.0	7953	100.0	7,942	100.0	8,140	100.0	8,249	100.0	6,518	79.8	8,277	100.0	8,125	100.0	8,175	100.0	8,103	100.0

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	2003	2004	2004
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,774	7,494	7,583	7,353	7,390
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	6,003	5,933	5,990
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,580	1,420	1,400
by duration of registration										
Under 20 weeks										
Total	2,291	2,468	2,177	2,031	2,523	2,372	3,152	3,406	2,861	2,713
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	2,404	2,066	1,988
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	1,002	795	725
21 to 52 weeks										
Total	1,733	1,611	1,638	1,031	1,301	1,376	1,625	1,418	1,464	1,580
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,125	1,185	1,267
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	293	279	313
53 weeks and over										
Total	3,125	3,358	3,880	3,521	2,929	3,026	2,717	2,759	3,028	3,097
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,474	2,682	2,735
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	285	346	362

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	2003	2004	2004
Total	680	742	681	694	772	713
Men	515	572	554	541	555	521
Women	165	170	127	153	217	192
by duration of registration						
Under 20 weeks						
Total	623	688	620	641	732	647
Men	472	529	507	503	520	466
Women	151	159	113	138	212	181
21 weeks and over						
Total	57	54	61	53	40	66
Men	43	43	47	38	35	55
Women	14	11	14	15	5	11

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

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

Registered unemployed	November				December	
	2003		2004		2004	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	264	83.0	252	79.0	253	78.6
Females	54	17.0	67	21.0	69	21.4
Total	318	100.0	319	100.0	322	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
	November 2003				November 2004				December 2003				December 2004			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	87	1.4	18	1.1	81	1.4	13	0.9	81	1.3	12	0.8	81	1.4	11	0.8
Professionals	61	1.0	28	1.8	67	1.1	21	1.5	61	1.0	21	1.5	65	1.1	16	1.1
Technicians and associate professionals	208	3.5	78	4.9	233	3.9	74	5.2	198	3.3	72	5.0	229	3.8	72	5.1
Clerks	438	7.3	409	25.9	354	6.0	367	25.8	422	7.0	369	25.6	356	5.9	349	24.9
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	450	7.5	407	25.8	492	8.3	373	26.3	439	7.3	370	25.7	491	8.2	367	26.2
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	105	1.7	2	0.1	75	1.3	0	0.0	107	1.8	1	0.1	79	1.3	0	0.0
Craft and related trade workers	856	14.3	53	3.4	867	14.6	59	4.2	925	15.3	50	3.5	890	14.9	57	4.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,134	18.9	180	11.4	1,038	17.5	128	9.0	1,142	18.9	160	11.1	1,065	17.8	133	9.5
Elementary occupations	2,664	44.4	405	25.6	2,726	45.9	385	27.1	2,677	44.2	387	26.8	2,734	45.6	395	28.2
Total	6,003	100.0	1,580	100.0	5,933	100.0	1,420	100.0	6,052	100.0	1,442	100.0	5,990	100.0	1,400	100.0

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

Sex	December							May	June	July	August
	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	6.2	6.3	6.1
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8
Total	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.4

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

Sex	December							May	June	July	August
	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	2.4	2.4
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Total	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0

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

Sex	December							May	June	July	August
	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	4.9	4.6
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1
Total	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3

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

Sex	December							May	June	July	August
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004			
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	9.9	9.9	9.1	9.5	8.7
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	5.9	5.2	6.0	6.0
Total	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	7.2	8.5	8.1	7.4	8.0	7.5

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>