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Registered Unemployed: May 2005

During the month of May 2005, there were a total of 7,245 unemployed persons registering under Part 1 and Part 2 of the unemployment register. Of these, 5772 or 79.7 per cent were men and 1,473 or 20.3 per cent were women. Accordingly, the number of registered unemployed decreased by 471 over the preceding month. On an annual basis, there was a decrease of 859 persons on the unemployment register.

The new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 190 in May 2005.

The age distribution of the given statistics indicates that 834 registered unemployed were under 20 years of age. Of these, 686 were registering under Part 1, whereas 148 were registering under Part 2 of the unemployment register. At the other end of the age variable, the data coming out of the ETC administrative records indicates that there were 2,067 people aged 45 and over registering for work as at the end of May 2005. Of these, 1959 were registering under Part 1, whereas 108 were registering under Part 2 of the unemployment register.

In May 2005, there were 2,864 persons who were registering for work for 53 weeks and over. Of these, 2,523 were men and 341 were women.

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

Unemployment rates for December 2004

In December 2004, the long-term unemployment rate stood at 2.0 per cent. With specific reference to men, the long-term unemployment rate stands at 2.5 per cent, whereas the women's long-term unemployment rate stands at 0.8 per cent.

The unemployment rate among young people was 7.6 per cent. The rate of unemployment among young men was 9.0 per cent, while that of young women was 5.6 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 2004			April 2004			April 2005			May 2004			May 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	7,135	569	7,704	6,360	662	7,022	6,859	595	7,454	5,996	575	6,571
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,510	480	5,990	5,768	416	6,184	5,181	451	5,632	5,618	423	6,041	4,850	406	5,256
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,200	200	1,400	1,367	153	1,520	1,179	211	1,390	1,241	172	1,413	1,146	169	1,315
by age distribution																						
Under 20 years																						
Total	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	900	934	713	96	809	876	80	956	676	94	770	772	79	851	609	77	686
Men	815	752	742	660	653	525	549	457	55	512	546	49	595	406	49	455	494	49	543	348	42	390
Women	331	312	362	283	374	375	385	256	41	297	330	31	361	270	45	315	278	30	308	261	35	296
20 to 24 years																						
Total	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	1,015	1,192	986	149	1,135	1,100	130	1,230	920	141	1,061	1,016	145	1,161	860	124	984
Men	844	898	904	724	760	769	849	734	99	833	806	79	885	692	95	787	753	86	839	636	83	719
Women	175	170	190	143	183	246	343	252	50	302	294	51	345	228	46	274	263	59	322	224	41	265
25 to 29 years																						
Total	732	766	815	740	747	825	920	821	107	928	842	84	926	784	111	895	823	94	917	742	92	834
Men	630	687	714	645	639	712	775	683	78	761	708	61	769	645	75	720	695	65	760	609	64	673
Women	102	79	101	95	108	113	145	138	29	167	134	23	157	139	36	175	128	29	157	133	28	161
30 to 44 years																						
Total	2,561	2,754	2,740	2,280	2,268	2,264	2,344	2,154	204	2,358	2,243	160	2,403	2,033	193	2,226	2,218	165	2,383	1,941	167	2,108
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	2,036	2,041	1,875	146	2,021	1,926	132	2,058	1,764	137	1,901	1,925	131	2,056	1,686	122	1,808
Women	278	249	229	193	218	228	303	279	58	337	317	28	345	269	56	325	293	34	327	255	45	300
45 years and over																						
Total	1,691	1,785	1,942	1,753	1,768	1,770	2,104	2,036	124	2,160	2,074	115	2,189	1,947	123	2,070	2,030	112	2,142	1,844	115	1,959
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,560	1,838	1,761	102	1,863	1,782	95	1,877	1,674	95	1,769	1,751	92	1,843	1,571	95	1,666
Women	216	197	202	204	224	210	266	275	22	297	292	20	312	273	28	301	279	20	299	273	20	293

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			April 2004			April 2005			May 2004			May 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	612	23	635	655	39	694	618	32	650	635	39	674
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	496	25	521	473	18	491	480	25	505	477	24	501	492	24	516
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	177	15	192	139	5	144	175	14	189	141	8	149	143	15	158
by age distribution																						
Under 20 years																						
Total	186	184	7	191	120	4	124	185	11	196	109	3	112	144	9	153	107	3	110	142	6	148
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	118	8	126	69	2	71	95	6	101	72	2	74	103	4	107
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	67	3	70	40	1	41	49	3	52	35	1	36	39	2	41
20 to 24 years																						
Total	143	175	6	181	165	5	170	169	9	178	145	4	149	179	13	192	146	5	151	168	8	176
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	114	6	120	101	4	105	131	9	140	100	5	105	118	6	124
Women	36	42	-	42	37	0	37	55	3	58	44	0	44	48	4	52	46	0	46	50	2	52
25 to 29 years																						
Total	113	101	2	103	110	3	113	94	9	103	93	7	100	94	4	98	96	12	108	85	6	91
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	69	3	72	75	5	80	71	3	74	76	8	84	74	5	79
Women	30	14	-	14	19	0	19	25	6	31	18	2	20	23	1	24	20	4	24	11	1	12
30 to 44 years																						
Total	137	150	14	164	158	7	165	132	8	140	150	8	158	136	8	144	156	10	166	140	11	151
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	119	5	124	126	6	132	111	5	116	130	7	137	114	7	121
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	13	3	16	24	2	26	25	3	28	26	3	29	26	4	30
45 years and over																						
Total	101	103	-	103	108	1	109	93	3	96	115	1	116	102	5	107	113	2	115	100	8	108
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	76	3	79	102	1	103	72	2	74	99	2	101	83	2	85
Women	9	15	-	15	11	0	11	17	0	17	13	0	13	30	3	33	14	0	14	17	6	23

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

Registered unemployed	February				March				April				May			
	2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	554	78.5	543	72.6	535	79.4	507	71.3	491	77.3	505	72.8	501	77.1	516	76.6
Females	152	21.5	205	27.4	139	20.6	204	28.7	144	22.7	189	27.2	149	22.9	158	23.4
Total	706	100.0	748	100.0	674	100.0	711	100.0	635	100.0	694	100.0	650	100.0	674	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

Registered unemployed	February				March				April				May			
	2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	6,971	78.9	6,419	79.3	6,678	79.3	6,363	79.4	6,675	80.0	6,137	79.5	6,542	80.7	5,772	79.7
Females	1,859	21.1	1,675	20.7	1,742	20.7	1,655	20.6	1,664	20.0	1,579	20.5	1,562	19.3	1,473	20.3
Total	8,830	100.0	8,094	100.0	8,420	100.0	8,018	100.0	8,339	100.0	7,716	100.0	8,104	100.0	7,245	100.0

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

Registered Unemployed	December								April		May	
	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	7,704	7,022	7,454	6,571
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,990	6,184	5,632	6,041	5,256
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,400	1,520	1,390	1,413	1,315
by duration of registration												
Under 20 weeks												
Total	2,291	2,468	2,177	2,031	2,523	2,372	3,152	2,713	2,958	2,443	2,730	2,240
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	1,988	2,143	1,762	2,017	1,589
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	725	815	681	713	651
21 to 52 weeks												
Total	1,733	1,611	1,638	1,031	1,301	1,376	1,625	1,580	2,059	1,663	2,044	1,467
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,267	1,651	1,285	1,643	1,144
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	313	408	378	401	323
53 weeks and over												
Total	3,125	3,358	3,880	3,521	2,929	3,026	2,717	3,097	2,687	2,916	2,680	2,864
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,735	2,390	2,585	2,381	2,523
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	362	297	331	299	341

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				April		May	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total	680	742	681	713	635	694	650	674
Men	515	572	554	521	491	505	501	516
Women	165	170	127	192	144	189	149	158
by duration of registration								
Under 20 weeks								
Total	623	688	620	647	571	611	620	643
Men	472	529	507	466	440	445	477	493
Women	151	159	113	181	131	166	143	150
21 weeks and over								
Total	57	54	61	66	64	83	30	31
Men	43	43	47	55	51	60	24	23
Women	14	11	14	11	13	23	6	8

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	February				March				April				May			
	2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	251	81.0	244	77.2	243	82.9	254	77.9	247	81.8	237	79.3	230	81.6	254	76.7
Females	59	19.0	72	22.8	50	17.1	72	22.1	55	18.2	62	20.7	52	18.4	77	23.3
Total	310	100.0	316	100.0	293	100.0	326	100.0	302	100.0	299	100.0	282	100.0	331	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				April 2004				April 2005				May 2004				May 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	94	1.5	17	1.1	77	1.4	10	0.7	88	1.5	15	1.1	66	1.3	13	1.0
Professionals	65	1.1	16	1.1	66	1.1	16	1.1	74	1.3	10	0.7	55	0.9	15	1.1	70	1.3	10	0.8
Technicians and associate professionals	229	3.8	72	5.1	206	3.3	72	4.7	216	3.8	64	4.6	195	3.2	56	4.0	193	3.7	65	4.9
Clerks	356	5.9	349	24.9	435	7.0	381	25.1	315	5.6	352	25.3	406	6.7	338	23.9	299	5.7	336	25.6
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	491	8.2	367	26.2	464	7.5	403	26.5	464	8.2	349	25.1	453	7.5	374	26.5	423	8.0	321	24.4
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	79	1.3	0	0.0	109	1.8	1	0.1	71	1.3	0	0.0	106	1.8	2	0.1	72	1.4	0	0.0
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.9	57	4.1	913	14.8	53	3.5	788	14.0	71	5.1	886	14.7	45	3.2	725	13.8	77	5.9
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,065	17.8	133	9.5	1,156	18.7	169	11.1	1,019	18.1	139	10.0	1,126	18.6	163	11.5	902	17.2	126	9.6
Elementary occupations	2,734	45.6	395	28.2	2,741	44.3	408	26.8	2,608	46.3	395	28.4	2,726	45.1	405	28.6	2,506	47.7	367	27.9
Total	5,990	100.0	1,400	100.0	6,184	100.0	1,520	100.0	5,632	100.0	1,390	100.0	6,041	100.0	1,413	100.0	5,256	100.0	1,315	100.0

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

Sex	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
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8
Total	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.6

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

Sex	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
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8
Total	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0

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

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

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

Sex	Dec							
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	9.9	9.0
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	5.6
Total	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	7.2	8.5	7.6

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>