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## Labour Market

### Registered Unemployed: July 2005

At the end of July 2005, there were a total of 7,091 unemployed persons registering for work under Part 1 and Part 2 of the unemployment register. Of these, 5,500 or 77.6 per cent were men and 1,591 or 22.4 per cent were women. Accordingly, the number of registered unemployed increased by 161 over the preceding month. On an annual basis, there was a drop of 1,040 persons on the unemployment register.

The new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 404 in July 2005.

The age distribution of the given statistics indicates that, among those registering for work as at the end of July 2005, there were 3,008 persons (42.4 per cent) that were under 30 years of age. The latter who, in the given month, were registering under Part 1 amounted to 39.8 per cent; whereas those on Part 2 amounted to 63.7 per cent within their respective register.

Further analysis of the age variable indicate that, in July 2005, there were 1,918 persons (1,602 men and 316 women) aged 45 and over registering for work.

In the month under review, there were 2,935 persons (1,997 men and 938 women) who have been registering for work for under 20 weeks. In addition to this, there were 2,726 people (2,381 men and 345 women) who have been registering for work for 53 weeks and over.

Men and women tend to differ in the type of occupations they seek during their spell of unemployment. Accordingly, the figures for July 2005 indicate that the most common occupations being sought by men relate to trades and elementary work. Women, on the other hand, tend to go more for clerical and service work.

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

### Unemployment rates for January 2005

The unemployment rate, for January 2005, 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 3.9 per cent.

In January 2005, 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 8.1 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 9.7 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 2004			June 2004			June 2005			July 2004			July 2005		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>7,437</b>	<b>7,695</b>	<b>6,583</b>	<b>6,753</b>	<b>6,774</b>	<b>7,494</b>	<b>6,710</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>7,390</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>7,255</b>	<b>5,654</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>6,218</b>	<b>6,870</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>7,466</b>	<b>5,717</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>6,327</b>
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,510	480	5,990	5,487	409	5,896	4,567	393	4,960	5,576	425	6,001	4,528	409	4,937
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,200	200	1,400	1,199	160	1,359	1,087	171	1,258	1,294	171	1,465	1,189	201	1,390
<b>by age distribution</b>																						
<b>Under 20 years</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>705</b>
Men	815	752	742	660	653	525	549	457	55	512	440	39	479	304	43	347	485	45	530	322	49	371
Women	331	312	362	283	374	375	385	256	41	297	242	24	266	231	32	263	309	28	337	295	39	334
<b>20 to 24 years</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>987</b>
Men	844	898	904	724	760	769	849	734	99	833	725	83	808	602	78	680	751	93	844	601	87	688
Women	175	170	190	143	183	246	343	252	50	302	249	49	298	211	40	251	279	54	333	245	54	299
<b>25 to 29 years</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>829</b>
Men	630	687	714	645	639	712	775	683	78	761	696	65	761	595	66	661	695	67	762	593	72	665
Women	102	79	101	95	108	113	145	138	29	167	127	30	157	132	31	163	125	28	153	130	34	164
<b>30 to 44 years</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>2,754</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2,347</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	2,036	2,041	1,875	146	2,021	1,884	131	2,015	1,598	120	1,718	1,889	128	2,017	1,581	117	1,698
Women	278	249	229	193	218	228	303	279	58	337	292	40	332	256	45	301	285	43	328	251	51	302
<b>45 years and over</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,806</b>
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,560	1,838	1,761	102	1,863	1,742	91	1,833	1,468	86	1,554	1,756	92	1,848	1,431	84	1,515
Women	216	197	202	204	224	210	266	275	22	297	289	17	306	257	23	280	296	18	314	268	23	291

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			June 2004			June 2005			July 2004			July 2005		
		Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
<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>673</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>764</b>
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	496	25	521	505	33	538	517	27	544	503	27	530	541	22	563
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	177	15	192	137	12	149	155	13	168	122	13	135	184	17	201
<b>by age distribution</b>																						
<b>Under 20 years</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>166</b>
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	118	8	126	63	5	68	98	4	102	77	5	82	110	4	114
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	67	3	70	42	1	43	45	0	45	35	1	36	51	1	52
<b>20 to 24 years</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>224</b>
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	114	6	120	123	7	130	130	10	140	118	4	122	144	6	150
Women	36	42	-	42	37	0	37	55	3	58	39	1	40	55	3	58	41	3	44	68	6	74
<b>25 to 29 years</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>97</b>
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	69	3	72	76	10	86	66	4	70	66	9	75	74	4	78
Women	30	14	-	14	19	0	19	25	6	31	19	5	24	12	0	12	18	4	22	18	1	19
<b>30 to 44 years</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>165</b>
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	119	5	124	148	8	156	138	6	144	145	7	152	128	6	134
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	13	3	16	19	5	24	28	4	32	14	5	19	26	5	31
<b>45 years and over</b>																						
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>112</b>
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	76	3	79	95	3	98	85	3	88	97	2	99	85	2	87
Women	9	15	-	15	11	0	11	17	0	17	18	0	18	15	6	21	14	0	14	21	4	25

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
<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>713</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Registered unemployed	February				March				April				May				June				July			
	2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	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	538	78.3	544	76.4	530	79.7	563	73.7
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	149	21.7	168	23.6	135	20.3	201	26.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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
<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>8,103</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Registered unemployed	February				March				April				May				June				July			
	2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	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	6,434	81.0	5,504	79.4	6,531	80.3	5,500	77.6
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	1,508	19.0	1,426	20.6	1,600	19.7	1,591	22.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,830</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,420</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,018</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,716</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,104</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,245</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,930</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,131</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,091</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Registered Unemployed	December								June		July	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>7,437</b>	<b>7,695</b>	<b>6,583</b>	<b>6,753</b>	<b>6,774</b>	<b>7,494</b>	<b>7,390</b>	<b>7,255</b>	<b>6,218</b>	<b>7,466</b>	<b>6,327</b>
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,990	5,896	4,960	6,001	4,937
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,400	1,359	1,258	1,465	1,390
<b>by duration of registration</b>												
<b>Under 20 weeks</b>												
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,468</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>2,523</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>2,445</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>2,221</b>
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	1,988	1,787	1,437	1,941	1,472
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	725	658	605	784	749
<b>21 to 52 weeks</b>												
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>1,380</b>
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,267	1,666	1,120	1,570	1,084
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	313	405	308	373	296
<b>53 weeks and over</b>												
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>3,358</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>3,521</b>	<b>2,929</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>2,717</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>2,739</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>2,798</b>	<b>2,726</b>
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,735	2,443	2,403	2,490	2,381
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	362	296	345	308	345

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				June		July	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>687</b>	712	<b>665</b>	764
Men	515	572	554	521	538	544	530	563
Women	165	170	127	192	149	168	135	201
<b>by duration of registration</b>								
<b>Under 20 weeks</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>640</b>	667	<b>607</b>	714
Men	472	529	507	466	501	504	481	525
Women	151	159	113	181	139	163	126	189
<b>21 weeks and over</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>47</b>	45	<b>58</b>	50
Men	43	43	47	55	37	40	49	38
Women	14	11	14	11	10	5	9	12

**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
<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>322</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Registered unemployed	June				July			
	2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	227	80.5	244	75.8	233	78.5	254	75.8
Females	55	19.5	78	24.2	64	21.5	81	24.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>335</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			
	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
<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>

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Occupation	December 2004				June 2004				June 2005				July 2004				July 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	90	1.5	12	0.9	125	2.5	28	2.2	96	1.6	16	1.1	133	2.7	46	3.3
Professionals	65	1.1	16	1.1	57	1.0	15	1.1	175	3.5	19	1.5	76	1.3	21	1.4	191	3.9	35	2.5
Technicians and associate professionals	229	3.8	72	5.1	182	3.1	65	4.8	350	7.1	124	9.9	211	3.5	83	5.7	358	7.3	140	10.1
Clerks	356	5.9	349	24.9	390	6.6	338	24.9	399	8.0	458	36.4	428	7.1	384	26.2	427	8.6	531	38.2
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	491	8.2	367	26.2	438	7.4	350	25.8	732	14.8	320	25.4	428	7.1	366	25.0	724	14.7	322	23.2
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	79	1.3	0	0.0	106	1.8	2	0.1	190	3.8	1	0.1	105	1.7	2	0.1	184	3.7	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.9	57	4.1	893	15.1	49	3.6	1,057	21.3	108	8.6	863	14.4	56	3.8	1,056	21.4	105	7.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,065	17.8	133	9.5	1,083	18.4	149	11.0	914	18.4	77	6.1	1,077	17.9	140	9.6	860	17.4	81	5.8
Elementary occupations	2,734	45.6	395	28.2	2,657	45.1	379	27.9	1,018	20.5	123	9.8	2,717	45.3	397	27.1	1,004	20.3	129	9.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,896</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,001</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

per cent

Sex	Dec								Jan 2005
	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
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.9
<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>5.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>

**Table 10. Long-term unemployment rate**

per cent

Sex	Dec								Jan 2005
	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	2.7
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
<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>1.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>

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

per cent

Sex	Dec								Jan 2005
	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	4.8
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.0	3.0
<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>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>

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

per cent

Sex	Dec								Jan 2005
	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	9.7
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	5.6	6.0
<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>8.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.1</b>

## 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>