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## Labour market

### Registered Unemployed: August 2005

At the end of August 2005, there were a total of 7,177 unemployed persons registering for work under Part 1 and Part 2 of the unemployment register. Of these, 5,571 or 77.6 per cent were men and 1,606 or 22.4 per cent were women. Accordingly, the number of registered unemployed increased by 86 over the preceding month. On an annual basis, there was a drop of 776 persons on the unemployment register.

The new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 335 in August 2005.

The age distribution of the given statistics indicates that, among those registering for work as at the end of August 2005, there were 3,019 persons (42.1 per cent) that were under 30 years of age. Further analysis of the age variable indicate that, in August 2005, there were 1,954 persons (27.2 per cent) aged 45 and over registering for work.

In the month under review, there were 3,124 persons (43.5 per cent) who have been registering for work for under 20 weeks. In addition to this, there were 2,674 people (37.3 per cent) 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 August 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 August 2005 are not available since the data on the labour supply for this month has not yet been published ■

### Unemployment rates for February 2005

The unemployment rate, for February 2005, stood at 5.6 per cent of the labour supply. The rate for men was 6.2 per cent whereas that of women was 4.0 per cent.

In February 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 8.0 per cent. The rate of unemployment among young men was 9.4 per cent, while that of young women was 6.2 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			July 2004			July 2005			August 2004			August 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>6,870</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>7,466</b>	<b>5,717</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>6,327</b>	<b>6,639</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>7,186</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>6,408</b>
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,510	480	5,990	5,576	425	6,001	4,528	409	4,937	5,365	392	5,757	4,652	357	5,009
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,200	200	1,400	1,294	171	1,465	1,189	201	1,390	1,274	155	1,429	1,211	188	1,399
<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>794</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>692</b>
Men	815	752	742	660	653	525	549	457	55	512	485	45	530	322	49	371	413	41	454	324	42	366
Women	331	312	362	283	374	375	385	256	41	297	309	28	337	295	39	334	308	23	331	290	36	326
<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>1,030</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,013</b>
Men	844	898	904	724	760	769	849	734	99	833	751	93	844	601	87	688	717	77	794	619	74	693
Women	175	170	190	143	183	246	343	252	50	302	279	54	333	245	54	299	277	47	324	268	52	320
<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>820</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>819</b>
Men	630	687	714	645	639	712	775	683	78	761	695	67	762	593	72	665	665	69	734	595	65	660
Women	102	79	101	95	108	113	145	138	29	167	125	28	153	130	34	164	121	27	148	129	30	159
<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>2,174</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2,284</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>2,040</b>
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	2,036	2,041	1,875	146	2,021	1,889	128	2,017	1,581	117	1,698	1,844	120	1,964	1,633	101	1,734
Women	278	249	229	193	218	228	303	279	58	337	285	43	328	251	51	302	278	42	320	256	50	306
<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>2,052</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,844</b>
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,560	1,838	1,761	102	1,863	1,756	92	1,848	1,431	84	1,515	1,726	85	1,811	1,481	75	1,556
Women	216	197	202	204	224	210	266	275	22	297	296	18	314	268	23	291	290	16	306	268	20	288

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			July 2004			July 2005			August 2004			August 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>625</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>769</b>
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	496	25	521	503	27	530	541	22	563	567	22	589	536	26	562
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	177	15	192	122	13	135	184	17	201	166	12	178	193	14	207
<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>112</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>188</b>
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	118	8	126	77	5	82	110	4	114	110	5	115	122	4	126
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	67	3	70	35	1	36	51	1	52	58	2	60	60	2	62
<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>159</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>203</b>
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	114	6	120	118	4	122	144	6	150	133	5	138	134	8	142
Women	36	42	-	42	37	0	37	55	3	58	41	3	44	68	6	74	51	3	54	57	4	61
<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>84</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>104</b>
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	69	3	72	66	9	75	74	4	78	75	4	79	76	4	80
Women	30	14	-	14	19	0	19	25	6	31	18	4	22	18	1	19	23	5	28	24	0	24
<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>159</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>164</b>
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	119	5	124	145	7	152	128	6	134	146	6	152	117	7	124
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	13	3	16	14	5	19	26	5	31	18	2	20	36	4	40
<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>111</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>110</b>
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	76	3	79	97	2	99	85	2	87	103	2	105	87	3	90
Women	9	15	-	15	11	0	11	17	0	17	14	0	14	21	4	25	16	0	16	16	4	20

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	March				April				May				June				July				August			
	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	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	589	76.8	562	73.1
Females	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	178	23.2	207	26.9
<b>Total</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>	<b>767</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>769</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	March				April				May				June				July				August			
	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	6,678	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	6,346	79.8	5,571	77.6
Females	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	1,607	20.2	1,606	22.4
<b>Total</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>	<b>7,953</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,177</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Registered Unemployed	December								July		August	
	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>7,466</b>	<b>6,327</b>	<b>7,186</b>	<b>6,408</b>
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,990	6,001	4,937	5,757	5,009
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,400	1,465	1,390	1,429	1,399
<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>2,725</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,403</b>
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	1,988	1,941	1,472	1,829	1,604
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	725	784	749	771	799
<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>1,943</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>1,331</b>
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,267	1,570	1,084	1,407	1,062
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	313	373	296	325	269
<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>2,798</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>2,854</b>	<b>2,674</b>
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,735	2,490	2,381	2,521	2,343
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	362	308	345	333	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				July		August	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>769</b>
Men	515	572	554	521	530	563	589	562
Women	165	170	127	192	135	201	178	207
<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>607</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>721</b>
Men	472	529	507	466	481	525	532	527
Women	151	159	113	181	126	189	168	194
<b>21 weeks and over</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>48</b>
Men	43	43	47	55	49	38	57	35
Women	14	11	14	11	9	12	10	13

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	July				August			
	2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	233	78.5	254	75.8	240	77.7	254	76.7
Females	64	21.5	81	24.2	69	22.3	77	23.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>331</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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	December 2004				July 2004				July 2005				August 2004				August 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	96	1.6	16	1.1	133	2.7	46	3.3	99	1.7	18	1.3	131	2.6	61	4.4
Professionals	65	1.1	16	1.1	76	1.3	21	1.4	191	3.9	35	2.5	74	1.3	22	1.5	212	4.2	43	3.1
Technicians and associate professionals	229	3.8	72	5.1	211	3.5	83	5.7	358	7.3	140	10.1	215	3.7	85	5.9	393	7.8	138	9.9
Clerks	356	5.9	349	24.9	428	7.1	384	26.2	427	8.6	531	38.2	389	6.8	383	26.8	425	8.5	535	38.2
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	491	8.2	367	26.2	428	7.1	366	25.0	724	14.7	322	23.2	412	7.2	358	25.1	729	14.6	315	22.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	79	1.3	0	0.0	105	1.7	2	0.1	184	3.7	1	0.1	107	1.9	1	0.1	182	3.6	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.9	57	4.1	863	14.4	56	3.8	1,056	21.4	105	7.6	819	14.2	60	4.2	1,061	21.2	119	8.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,065	17.8	133	9.5	1,077	17.9	140	9.6	860	17.4	81	5.8	1,023	17.8	134	9.4	862	17.2	68	4.9
Elementary occupations	2,734	45.6	395	28.2	2,717	45.3	397	27.1	1,004	20.3	129	9.3	2,619	45.5	368	25.8	1,014	20.2	119	8.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,400</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>	<b>5,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

Sex	Dec								Jan	Feb
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Males	6.3	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0
<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>	<b>5.6</b>

**Table10. Long-term unemployment rate**

Sex	Dec								Jan	Feb
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Males	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.6
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
<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>	<b>2.1</b>

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

Sex	Dec								Jan	Feb
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Males	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.7
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.1
<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>	<b>4.4</b>

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

Sex	Dec								Jan	Feb
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	9.9	9.0	9.7	9.4
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	5.6	6.0	6.2
<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>	<b>8.0</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>