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## Labour market

### Registered Unemployed: September 2005

At the end of September 2005, there were a total of 7,210 unemployed persons registering for work under Part 1 and Part 2 of the unemployment register. Of these, 5,571 or 77.3 per cent were men and 1,639 or 22.7 per cent were women. Accordingly, the number of registered unemployed increased by 33 over the preceding month. On an annual basis, there was a drop of 930 persons on the unemployment register.

The new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 358 in September 2005.

The age distribution of the given statistics indicates that, among those registering for work as at the end of September 2005, there were 3,053 persons (42.3 per cent) that were under 30 years of age. Further analysis of the age variable indicate that, in September 2005, there were 1,963 persons (27.2 per cent) aged 45 and over registering for work.

In the month under review, there were 3,150 persons (43.7 per cent) who have been registering for work for under 20 weeks. In addition to this, there were 2,701 people (37.5 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 September 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 September 2005 are not available since the data on the labour supply for this month has not yet been published ■

### Unemployment rates for March 2005

The unemployment rate, for March 2005, stood at 5.5 per cent of the labour supply. The rate for men was 6.2 per cent whereas that of women was 3.9 per cent.

In March 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 4.3 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 9.5 per cent, while that of young women 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			August 2004			August 2005			September 2004			September 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>6,639</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>7,186</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>6,408</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>7,382</b>	<b>5,913</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>6,508</b>
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,510	480	5,990	5,365	392	5,757	4,652	357	5,009	5,533	400	5,933	4,681	393	5,074
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,200	200	1,400	1,274	155	1,429	1,211	188	1,399	1,287	162	1,449	1,232	202	1,434
<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>721</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>749</b>
Men	815	752	742	660	653	525	549	457	55	512	413	41	454	324	42	366	454	46	500	351	43	394
Women	331	312	362	283	374	375	385	256	41	297	308	23	331	290	36	326	312	32	344	313	42	355
<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>994</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1,016</b>
Men	844	898	904	724	760	769	849	734	99	833	717	77	794	619	74	693	740	76	816	622	75	697
Women	175	170	190	143	183	246	343	252	50	302	277	47	324	268	52	320	294	50	344	267	52	319
<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>786</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>838</b>
Men	630	687	714	645	639	712	775	683	78	761	665	69	734	595	65	660	689	70	759	600	70	670
Women	102	79	101	95	108	113	145	138	29	167	121	27	148	129	30	159	124	24	148	138	30	168
<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>2,122</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2,284</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>2,038</b>
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	2,036	2,041	1,875	146	2,021	1,844	120	1,964	1,633	101	1,734	1,892	121	2,013	1,616	117	1,733
Women	278	249	229	193	218	228	303	279	58	337	278	42	320	256	50	306	277	38	315	248	57	305
<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>2,016</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1,867</b>
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,560	1,838	1,761	102	1,863	1,726	85	1,811	1,481	75	1,556	1,758	87	1,845	1,492	88	1,580
Women	216	197	202	204	224	210	266	275	22	297	290	16	306	268	20	288	280	18	298	266	21	287

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			August 2004			August 2005			September 2004			September 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>733</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>702</b>
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	496	25	521	567	22	589	536	26	562	547	25	572	464	33	497
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	177	15	192	166	12	178	193	14	207	166	20	186	189	16	205
<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>168</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>176</b>
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	118	8	126	110	5	115	122	4	126	115	6	121	103	4	107
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	67	3	70	58	2	60	60	2	62	79	6	85	65	4	69
<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>184</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>177</b>
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	114	6	120	133	5	138	134	8	142	129	6	135	113	11	124
Women	36	42	-	42	37	0	37	55	3	58	51	3	54	57	4	61	43	6	49	47	6	53
<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>98</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>97</b>
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	69	3	72	75	4	79	76	4	80	75	3	78	72	6	78
Women	30	14	-	14	19	0	19	25	6	31	23	5	28	24	0	24	19	6	25	19	0	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>164</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>156</b>
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	119	5	124	146	6	152	117	7	124	142	6	148	108	10	118
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	13	3	16	18	2	20	36	4	40	13	2	15	35	3	38
<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>119</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>96</b>
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	76	3	79	103	2	105	87	3	90	86	4	90	68	2	70
Women	9	15	-	15	11	0	11	17	0	17	16	0	16	16	4	20	12	0	12	23	3	26

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>

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Registered unemployed	April				May				June				July				August				September			
	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	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	572	75.5	497	70.8
Females	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	186	24.5	205	29.2
<b>Total</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>	<b>758</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>702</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	April				May				June				July				August				September			
	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	6,675	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	6,505	79.9	5,571	77.3
Females	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	1,635	20.1	1,639	22.7
<b>Total</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>	<b>8,140</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Registered Unemployed	December								August		September	
	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>7,186</b>	<b>6,408</b>	<b>7,382</b>	<b>6,508</b>
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,990	5,757	5,009	5,933	5,074
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,400	1,429	1,399	1,449	1,434
<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>2,600</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>2,501</b>
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	1,988	1,829	1,604	1,957	1,687
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	725	771	799	798	814
<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>1,732</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,306</b>
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,267	1,407	1,062	1,399	1,028
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	313	325	269	315	278
<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>2,854</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>2,913</b>	<b>2,701</b>
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,735	2,521	2,343	2,577	2,359
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	362	333	331	336	342

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				August		September	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>702</b>
Men	515	572	554	521	589	562	572	497
Women	165	170	127	192	178	207	186	205
<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>700</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>649</b>
Men	472	529	507	466	532	527	507	460
Women	151	159	113	181	168	194	174	189
<b>21 weeks and over</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>53</b>
Men	43	43	47	55	57	35	65	37
Women	14	11	14	11	10	13	12	16

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	August				September			
	2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	240	77.7	254	76.7	243	77.4	256	75.1
Females	69	22.3	77	23.3	71	22.6	85	24.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>341</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				August 2004				August 2005				September 2004				September 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	99	1.7	18	1.3	131	2.6	61	4.4	90	1.5	15	1.0	133	2.6	56	3.9
Professionals	65	1.1	16	1.1	74	1.3	22	1.5	212	4.2	43	3.1	75	1.3	25	1.7	221	4.4	42	2.9
Technicians and associate professionals	229	3.8	72	5.1	215	3.7	85	5.9	393	7.8	138	9.9	236	4.0	86	5.9	392	7.7	137	9.6
Clerks	356	5.9	349	24.9	389	6.8	383	26.8	425	8.5	535	38.2	385	6.5	408	28.2	428	8.4	559	39.0
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	491	8.2	367	26.2	412	7.2	358	25.1	729	14.6	315	22.5	437	7.4	366	25.3	747	14.7	328	22.9
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	79	1.3	0	0.0	107	1.9	1	0.1	182	3.6	1	0.1	113	1.9	0	0.0	182	3.6	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.9	57	4.1	819	14.2	60	4.2	1,061	21.2	119	8.5	871	14.7	60	4.1	1,103	21.7	130	9.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,065	17.8	133	9.5	1,023	17.8	134	9.4	862	17.2	68	4.9	1,080	18.2	130	9.0	861	17.0	64	4.5
Elementary occupations	2,734	45.6	395	28.2	2,619	45.5	368	25.8	1,014	20.2	119	8.5	2,646	44.6	359	24.8	1,007	19.8	117	8.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,400</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>	<b>5,933</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,074</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

Sex	Dec								Jan	Feb	Mar
	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	6.2
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	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>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.5</b>

**Table10. Long-term unemployment rate**

Sex	Dec								Jan	Feb	Mar
	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	2.6
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	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>	<b>2.1</b>

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

Sex	Dec								Jan	Feb	Mar
	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	4.6
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.1	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>	<b>4.3</b>

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

Sex	Dec								Jan	Feb	Mar
	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	9.5
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	5.6	6.0	6.2	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>	<b>8.0</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>