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## Labour market

### Registered Unemployed: January 2005

During the month of January 2005, there were a total of 8,180 unemployed persons registering under Part 1 and Part 2 of the unemployment register. Of these, 6,523 or 79.7 were men and 1,657 or 20.3 per cent were women. Accordingly, the number of registered unemployed increased by 77 over the preceding month. On an annual basis, there was a decrease of 614 persons on the unemployment register.

The new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 1,741 in January 2005.

The age distribution of the given statistics indicates that 3412 or 41.7 per cent of the registered unemployed are under 30 years of age. On the other hand, 2,271 or 27.8 per cent of the registered unemployed are over 45 years of age.

In January 2005, 3,393 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 737 registered unemployed in Gozo in the month under review. On the other hand, there were 7,443 registered unemployed in Malta.

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

### Unemployment rates for September 2004

The unemployment rate, for September 2004, 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 September 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 4.4 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people was 8.0 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 9.3 per cent, while that of females was 6.4 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 |            |              | December 2003 |            |              | December 2004 |            |              | January 2004 |            |              | January 2005 |            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                            | 1997         | 1998         | 1999         | 2000         | 2001         | 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>6,277</b>  | <b>497</b> | <b>6,774</b> | <b>6,895</b>  | <b>599</b> | <b>7,494</b> | <b>6,710</b>  | <b>680</b> | <b>7,390</b> | <b>7,446</b> | <b>615</b> | <b>8,061</b> | <b>6,721</b> | <b>688</b> | <b>7,409</b> |
| Men                        | 6,047        | 6,430        | 6,611        | 5,665        | 5,646        | 5,203         | 399        | 5,602        | 5,621         | 431        | 6,052        | 5,510         | 480        | 5,990        | 5,928        | 434        | 6,362        | 5,489        | 475        | 5,964        |
| Women                      | 1,102        | 1,007        | 1,084        | 918          | 1,107        | 1,074         | 98         | 1,172        | 1,274         | 168        | 1,442        | 1,200         | 200        | 1,400        | 1,518        | 181        | 1,699        | 1,232        | 213        | 1,445        |
| <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>822</b>    | <b>78</b>  | <b>900</b>   | <b>837</b>    | <b>97</b>  | <b>934</b>   | <b>713</b>    | <b>96</b>  | <b>809</b>   | <b>988</b>   | <b>104</b> | <b>1,092</b> | <b>741</b>   | <b>94</b>  | <b>835</b>   |
| Men                        | 815          | 752          | 742          | 660          | 653          | 476           | 49         | 525          | 497           | 52         | 549          | 457           | 55         | 512          | 590          | 55         | 645          | 476          | 53         | 529          |
| Women                      | 331          | 312          | 362          | 283          | 374          | 346           | 29         | 375          | 340           | 45         | 385          | 256           | 41         | 297          | 398          | 49         | 447          | 265          | 41         | 306          |
| <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>907</b>    | <b>108</b> | <b>1,015</b> | <b>1,053</b>  | <b>139</b> | <b>1,192</b> | <b>986</b>    | <b>149</b> | <b>1,135</b> | <b>1,170</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>1,312</b> | <b>987</b>   | <b>148</b> | <b>1,135</b> |
| Men                        | 844          | 898          | 904          | 724          | 760          | 686           | 83         | 769          | 765           | 84         | 849          | 734           | 99         | 833          | 818          | 82         | 900          | 721          | 95         | 816          |
| Women                      | 175          | 170          | 190          | 143          | 183          | 221           | 25         | 246          | 288           | 55         | 343          | 252           | 50         | 302          | 352          | 60         | 412          | 266          | 53         | 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>753</b>    | <b>72</b>  | <b>825</b>   | <b>830</b>    | <b>90</b>  | <b>920</b>   | <b>821</b>    | <b>107</b> | <b>928</b>   | <b>895</b>   | <b>91</b>  | <b>986</b>   | <b>815</b>   | <b>109</b> | <b>924</b>   |
| Men                        | 630          | 687          | 714          | 645          | 639          | 655           | 57         | 712          | 707           | 68         | 775          | 683           | 78         | 761          | 745          | 68         | 813          | 680          | 77         | 757          |
| Women                      | 102          | 79           | 101          | 95           | 108          | 98            | 15         | 113          | 123           | 22         | 145          | 138           | 29         | 167          | 150          | 23         | 173          | 135          | 32         | 167          |
| <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>2,108</b>  | <b>156</b> | <b>2,264</b> | <b>2,173</b>  | <b>171</b> | <b>2,344</b> | <b>2,154</b>  | <b>204</b> | <b>2,358</b> | <b>2,302</b> | <b>171</b> | <b>2,473</b> | <b>2,141</b> | <b>209</b> | <b>2,350</b> |
| Men                        | 2,283        | 2,505        | 2,511        | 2,087        | 2,050        | 1,900         | 136        | 2,036        | 1,904         | 137        | 2,041        | 1,875         | 146        | 2,021        | 1,971        | 138        | 2,109        | 1,854        | 145        | 1,999        |
| Women                      | 278          | 249          | 229          | 193          | 218          | 208           | 20         | 228          | 269           | 34         | 303          | 279           | 58         | 337          | 331          | 33         | 364          | 287          | 64         | 351          |
| <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>1,687</b>  | <b>83</b>  | <b>1,770</b> | <b>2,002</b>  | <b>102</b> | <b>2,104</b> | <b>2,036</b>  | <b>124</b> | <b>2,160</b> | <b>2,091</b> | <b>107</b> | <b>2,198</b> | <b>2,037</b> | <b>128</b> | <b>2,165</b> |
| Men                        | 1,475        | 1,588        | 1,740        | 1,549        | 1,544        | 1,486         | 74         | 1,560        | 1,748         | 90         | 1,838        | 1,761         | 102        | 1,863        | 1,804        | 91         | 1,895        | 1,758        | 105        | 1,863        |
| Women                      | 216          | 197          | 202          | 204          | 224          | 201           | 9          | 210          | 254           | 12         | 266          | 275           | 22         | 297          | 287          | 16         | 303          | 279          | 23         | 302          |

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 |           |            | January 2004 |           |            | January 2005 |           |            |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
|                            |               | 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>709</b>   | <b>24</b> | <b>733</b> | <b>722</b>   | <b>49</b> | <b>771</b> |
| Men                        | 515           | 548           | 24        | 572        | 537           | 17        | 554        | 496           | 25        | 521        | 559          | 21        | 580        | 525          | 34        | 559        |
| Women                      | 165           | 165           | 5         | 170        | 124           | 3         | 127        | 177           | 15        | 192        | 150          | 3         | 153        | 197          | 15        | 212        |
| <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>132</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>136</b> | <b>205</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>218</b> |
| Men                        | 119           | 115           | 4         | 119        | 83            | 3         | 86         | 118           | 8         | 126        | 89           | 4         | 93         | 127          | 10        | 137        |
| Women                      | 67            | 69            | 3         | 72         | 37            | 1         | 38         | 67            | 3         | 70         | 43           | 0         | 43         | 78           | 3         | 81         |
| <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>181</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>188</b> | <b>180</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>193</b> |
| Men                        | 107           | 133           | 6         | 139        | 128           | 5         | 133        | 114           | 6         | 120        | 134          | 6         | 140        | 117          | 10        | 127        |
| Women                      | 36            | 42            | -         | 42         | 37            | 0         | 37         | 55            | 3         | 58         | 47           | 1         | 48         | 63           | 3         | 66         |
| <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>116</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>120</b> | <b>97</b>    | <b>10</b> | <b>107</b> |
| Men                        | 83            | 87            | 2         | 89         | 91            | 3         | 94         | 69            | 3         | 72         | 92           | 4         | 96         | 81           | 4         | 85         |
| Women                      | 30            | 14            | -         | 14         | 19            | 0         | 19         | 25            | 6         | 31         | 24           | 0         | 24         | 16           | 6         | 22         |
| <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>170</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>177</b> | <b>137</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>147</b> |
| Men                        | 114           | 125           | 12        | 137        | 138           | 5         | 143        | 119           | 5         | 124        | 143          | 5         | 148        | 117          | 7         | 124        |
| Women                      | 23            | 25            | 2         | 27         | 20            | 2         | 22         | 13            | 3         | 16         | 27           | 2         | 29         | 20           | 3         | 23         |
| <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>110</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>112</b> | <b>103</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>106</b> |
| Men                        | 92            | 88            | -         | 88         | 97            | 1         | 98         | 76            | 3         | 79         | 101          | 2         | 103        | 83           | 3         | 86         |
| Women                      | 9             | 15            | -         | 15         | 11            | 0         | 11         | 17            | 0         | 17         | 9            | 0         | 9          | 20           | 0         | 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 | September  |              |            |              | October    |              |            |              | November   |              |            |              | January    |              |            |              |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                       | 2003       |              | 2004       |              | 2003       |              | 2004       |              | 2003       |              | 2004       |              | 2004       |              | 2005       |              |
|                       | No         | %            | No         | %            | No         | %            | No         | %            | No         | %            | No         | %            | No         | %            | No         | %            |
| Males                 | 518        | 73.1         | 572        | 75.5         | 506        | 76.8         | 574        | 71.3         | 541        | 0.8          | 555        | 0.7          | 580        | 79.1         | 559        | 72.5         |
| Females               | 191        | 26.9         | 186        | 24.5         | 153        | 23.2         | 231        | 28.7         | 153        | 0.2          | 217        | 0.3          | 153        | 20.9         | 212        | 27.5         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>709</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>758</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>659</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>805</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>694</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>772</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>733</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>771</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 | September    |              |              |              | October      |              |              |              | November     |              |              |              | January      |              |              |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                       | 2003         |              | 2004         |              | 2003         |              | 2004         |              | 2003         |              | 2004         |              | 2004         |              | 2005         |              |
|                       | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            |
| Males                 | 6,265        | 78.9         | 6,505        | 79.9         | 6,523        | 79.1         | 6,518        | 79.8         | 6,544        | 79.1         | 6,488        | 79.9         | 6,942        | 78.9         | 6,523        | 79.7         |
| Females               | 1,677        | 21.1         | 1,635        | 20.1         | 1,726        | 20.9         | 1,654        | 20.2         | 1,733        | 20.9         | 1,637        | 20.1         | 1,852        | 21.1         | 1,657        | 20.3         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>7,942</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>8,140</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>8,249</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>8,172</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>8,277</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>8,125</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>8,794</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>8,180</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

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

| Registered Unemployed              | December     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | January      |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                    | 1997         | 1998         | 1999         | 2000         | 2001         | 2002         | 2003         | 2004         | 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>8,061</b> | <b>7,409</b> |
| Men                                | 6,047        | 6,430        | 6,611        | 5,665        | 5,646        | 5,602        | 6,052        | 5,990        | 6,362        | 5,964        |
| Women                              | 1,102        | 1,007        | 1,084        | 918          | 1,107        | 1,172        | 1,442        | 1,400        | 1,699        | 1,445        |
| <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>3,599</b> | <b>2,707</b> |
| Men                                | 1,783        | 1,942        | 1,656        | 1,574        | 1,890        | 1,726        | 2,315        | 1,988        | 2,562        | 1,961        |
| Women                              | 508          | 526          | 521          | 457          | 633          | 646          | 837          | 725          | 1,037        | 746          |
| <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>1,737</b> | <b>1,579</b> |
| Men                                | 1,456        | 1,384        | 1,373        | 851          | 1,057        | 1,105        | 1,298        | 1,267        | 1,358        | 1,242        |
| Women                              | 277          | 227          | 265          | 180          | 244          | 271          | 327          | 313          | 379          | 337          |
| <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>2,725</b> | <b>3,123</b> |
| Men                                | 2,808        | 3,104        | 3,582        | 3,240        | 2,699        | 2,771        | 2,439        | 2,735        | 2,442        | 2,761        |
| Women                              | 317          | 254          | 298          | 281          | 230          | 255          | 278          | 362          | 283          | 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   |            |            |            | January    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                    | 2001       | 2002       | 2003       | 2004       | 2004       | 2005       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>680</b> | <b>742</b> | <b>681</b> | <b>713</b> | <b>733</b> | <b>771</b> |
| Men                                | 515        | 572        | 554        | 521        | 580        | 559        |
| Women                              | 165        | 170        | 127        | 192        | 153        | 212        |
| <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>689</b> | <b>686</b> |
| Men                                | 472        | 529        | 507        | 466        | 545        | 496        |
| Women                              | 151        | 159        | 113        | 181        | 144        | 190        |
| <b>21 weeks and over</b>           |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>57</b>  | <b>54</b>  | <b>61</b>  | <b>66</b>  | <b>44</b>  | <b>85</b>  |
| Men                                | 43         | 43         | 47         | 55         | 35         | 63         |
| Women                              | 14         | 11         | 14         | 11         | 9          | 22         |

**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 | November   |              |            |              | January    |              |            |              |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                       | 2003       |              | 2004       |              | 2004       |              | 2005       |              |
|                       | No         | %            | No         | %            | No         | %            | No         | %            |
| Males                 | 264        | 83.0         | 252        | 79.0         | 237        | 82.9         | 243        | 78.4         |
| Females               | 54         | 17.0         | 67         | 21.0         | 49         | 17.1         | 67         | 21.6         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>318</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>319</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>286</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>310</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 |              |              |              | January 2004 |              |              |              | January 2005 |              |              |              |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Males         |              | Females      |              | Males        |              | Females      |              | Males        |              | Females      |              |
|   | No            | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            | No           | %            |
| Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors) | 81            | 1.4          | 11           | 0.8          | 92           | 1.4          | 20           | 1.2          | 79           | 1.3          | 10           | 0.7          |
| Professionals   | 65            | 1.1          | 16           | 1.1          | 67           | 1.1          | 19           | 1.1          | 67           | 1.1          | 15           | 1.0          |
| Technicians and associate professionals                       | 229           | 3.8          | 72           | 5.1          | 217          | 3.4          | 95           | 5.6          | 229          | 3.8          | 68           | 4.7          |
| Clerks  | 356           | 5.9          | 349          | 24.9         | 464          | 7.3          | 433          | 25.5         | 354          | 5.9          | 366          | 25.3         |
| Service workers and shop and market sales workers             | 491           | 8.2          | 367          | 26.2         | 472          | 7.4          | 426          | 25.1         | 518          | 8.7          | 372          | 25.7         |
| Skilled agricultural and fishery workers                      | 79            | 1.3          | 0            | 0.0          | 103          | 1.6          | 0            | 0.0          | 79           | 1.3          | 0            | 0.0          |
| Craft and related trade workers                               | 890           | 14.9         | 57           | 4.1          | 950          | 14.9         | 48           | 2.8          | 875          | 14.7         | 58           | 4.0          |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers                    | 1,065         | 17.8         | 133          | 9.5          | 1,188        | 18.7         | 213          | 12.5         | 1,066        | 17.9         | 142          | 9.8          |
| Elementary occupations  | 2,734         | 45.6         | 395          | 28.2         | 2,809        | 44.2         | 445          | 26.2         | 2,697        | 45.2         | 414          | 28.7         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5,990</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>1,400</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>6,362</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>1,699</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>5,964</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>1,445</b> | <b>100.0</b> |



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

| Sex          | Dec        |            |            |            |            |            |            | May        | Jun        | Jul        | Aug        | Sep        |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|              | 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        | 6.3        |
| Females      | 3.3        | 3.0        | 3.1        | 2.6        | 3.1        | 3.3        | 3.8        | 3.7        | 3.6        | 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>5.5</b> | <b>5.6</b> | <b>5.4</b> | <b>5.6</b> |

**Table10. Long-term unemployment rate**

| Sex          | Dec        |            |            |            |            |            |            | May        | Jun        | Jul        | Aug        | Sep        |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|              | 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        | 2.5        |
| Females      | 0.9        | 0.7        | 0.8        | 0.7        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.7        | 0.7        | 0.7        | 0.7        | 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>2.0</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>2.0</b> |

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

| Sex          | Dec        |            |            |            |            |            |            | May        | Jun        | Jul        | Aug        | Sep        |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|              | 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        | 4.7        |
| Females      | 2.8        | 2.5        | 2.4        | 2.3        | 2.4        | 2.2        | 2.7        | 3.0        | 3.1        | 3.2        | 3.1        | 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>4.4</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>4.3</b> | <b>4.4</b> |

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

| Sex          | Dec        |            |            |            |            |            |            | May        | Jun        | Jul        | Aug        | Sep        |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|              | 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        | 9.3        |
| Females      | 3.7        | 3.6        | 4.2        | 3.3        | 4.4        | 5.3        | 6.6        | 5.9        | 5.2        | 6.0        | 6.0        | 6.4        |
| <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>8.1</b> | <b>7.4</b> | <b>8.0</b> | <b>7.5</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>