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## Labour Force Survey

October - December 2004

The Labour Force Survey is an enquiry which is carried out on using a random sample of 2,500 private households. The criteria used for this survey match international methodologies used by ILO as outlined in the notes accompanying this release. Prior to 2004 the survey was mainly carried out on a quarterly basis with a specific reference week representing the whole quarter. In this respect, figures for December 2003 reflect the above methodology. Since the beginning of 2004, NSO has started to carry out the survey on an ongoing basis. The objective is to have a continuous assessment of labour market trends given that the reference weeks are evenly spread throughout the 13 weeks of the quarter. In view of the above, the methodology in the labour force survey is in a transitional stage. Statistics in December 2003 and October - December 2004 are not comparable on a like-with-like basis. All data contained within this release refers to persons 15 years and over.

### Labour Status

Table 1 illustrates persons by labour status for persons aged 15 years and over. For the labour status, the population is divided into 3 categories namely, employed, unemployed and inactive. Between October and December 2004, the 46.1 per cent were employed, 3.5 per cent were unemployed and 50.4 per cent were inactive

For last quarter of 2004, out of every 100 persons between the age of 15 and 64 years, 58 were estimated to be either working or unemployed (activity rate). In terms of employment, 54 persons out of every 100 between the same age group were employed during the same period (employment rate).

### The Employed Population

Between October and December 2004, the number of employed reached 148,102 persons, of these 69.4 per cent were males. The average age of employed males was 40 years, whereas that for females was 35 years.

For the last quarter, shifts in employment can be noticed in the distribution by economic activity as illustrated in tables 7 and 8. The majority or 18.9 per cent were employed in the manufacturing. With regards to occupations, the most common categories were service workers and shop and sales workers, crafts and related trade workers and technicians and associate professionals and together they made up 43.4 per cent of the total employed.

Table 9 and 13 illustrates the average gross annual salary for employees which was estimated to be Lm5,007. Best paid employees worked in the category of legislators senior officials and managers and in fact their average gross annual salary amounted to Lm8,438.

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During the last quarter 2004, 86.1 per cent were employees. The remaining employed are distributed amongst own account workers, self employed with employees and family workers as shown in Table 15.

Table 17 presents the distribution of employed persons by economic sector. For the last quarter 2004, the private sector employed 98,275 persons or 66.4 per cent of the employed population. Government departments and ministries employed 31,464 persons or 21.2 per cent of the total employed persons.

### **The Unemployed Population**

The unemployment rate for the fourth quarter 2004 stood at 6.9 per cent. The total number of unemployed was estimated to be 11,036 persons. The mean age of unemployed males was 32 years whereas that for females was 29 years.

In terms of the duration of unemployment, it is observed that approximately 41 per cent of the unemployed have been seeking employment for less than 6 months or for more than a year ■

**Table 1. Labour status**

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October - December 2004</b>						
Employed	102,801	65.3	45,301	27.7	148,102	46.1
Unemployed	6,297	4.0	4,739	2.9	11,036	3.5
Inactive	48,311	30.7	113,552	69.4	161,863	50.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,409</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>163,592</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>321,001</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>December 2003</b>						
Employed	101,159	64.3	45,883	28.1	147,042	45.8
Unemployed	8,502	5.4	4,094	2.5	12,596	4.0
Inactive	47,766	30.3	113,210	69.4	160,976	50.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,427</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>163,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>320,614</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2. Distribution of the labour force**

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October - December 2004</b>						
Employed	102,801	94.2	45,301	90.5	148,102	93.1
Unemployed	6,297	5.8	4,739	9.5	11,036	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,098</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50,040</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>159,138</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>December 2003</b>						
Employed	101,159	92.2	45,883	91.8	147,042	92.1
Unemployed	8,502	7.8	4,094	8.2	12,596	7.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,661</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,977</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>159,638</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3. Activity rate**

	Males	Females	Total
<b>Dec 2003</b>	79.5	36.7	58.3
<b>Oct - Dec 2004</b>	78.9	37.0	58.1

**Table 4. Employment rate**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dec 2003</b>	73.3	33.7	53.7
<b>Oct - Dec 2004</b>	74.3	33.5	54.0

**Table 5. Unemployment rate**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dec 2003</b>	7.8	8.2	7.9
<b>Oct - Dec 2004</b>	5.8	9.5	6.9

**Table 6. Age distribution of total employed persons**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Sex</b>				<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Males</b>		<b>Females</b>			
	<b>No</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>October - December 2004</b>						
15-24	15,450	15.0	12,530	27.6	27,980	18.9
25-34	24,132	23.5	13,861	30.6	37,993	25.7
35-44	26,389	25.6	7,968	17.6	34,357	23.2
45-54	25,372	24.7	8,414	18.6	33,786	22.8
55-64	10,255	10.0	2,389	5.3	12,644	8.5
65+	1,203 <sup>u</sup>	1.2	139 <sup>u</sup>	0.3	1,342 <sup>u</sup>	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>148,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>December 2003</b>						
15-24	14,471	14.3	13,298	29.0	27,769	18.9
25-34	23,985	23.7	12,931	28.2	36,916	25.1
35-44	23,494	23.2	8,520	18.6	32,014	21.8
45-54	27,683	27.4	7,593	16.5	35,276	24.0
55-64	10,620	10.5	3,045	6.6	13,665	9.3
65+	906 <sup>u</sup>	0.9	496 <sup>u</sup>	1.1	1,402 <sup>u</sup>	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>147,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 7. Total employed persons classified by economic activity in October - December 2004**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1,833 <sup>u</sup>	1.8	203 <sup>u</sup>	0.4	2,036	1.4
Fishing	494 <sup>u</sup>	0.5	-	-	494 <sup>u</sup>	0.3
Mining and quarrying	992 <sup>u</sup>	1.0	-	-	992 <sup>u</sup>	0.7
Manufacturing	20,203	19.7	7,829	17.3	28,032	18.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,734	2.6	214 <sup>u</sup>	0.5	2,948	2.0
Construction	11,170	10.9	276 <sup>u</sup>	0.6	11,446	7.7
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	15,909	15.5	5,667	12.5	21,576	14.6
Hotels and restaurants	8,361	8.1	4,824	10.7	13,185	8.9
Transport, storage and communication	8,840	8.6	2,147	4.7	10,987	7.4
Financial intermediation	2,633	2.5	1,462 <sup>u</sup>	3.2	4,095	2.8
Real estate, renting and business activities	6,045	5.9	2,483	5.5	8,528	5.8
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	11,356	11.0	3,903	8.6	15,259	10.3
Education	4,040	3.9	8,024	17.7	12,064	8.1
Health and social work	5,008	4.9	6,069	13.4	11,077	7.5
Other community, social and personal service activities	2,944	2.9	1,807 <sup>u</sup>	4.0	4,751	3.2
Private households with employed persons	-	-	161 <sup>u</sup>	0.4	161 <sup>u</sup>	0.1
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	239 <sup>u</sup>	0.2	232 <sup>u</sup>	0.5	471 <sup>u</sup>	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>148,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 8. Total employed persons classified by economic activity in December 2003**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	2,303	2.3	185 <sup>u</sup>	0.4	2,488	1.7
Fishing	560 <sup>u</sup>	0.6	-	-	560 <sup>u</sup>	0.4
Mining and quarrying	956 <sup>u</sup>	0.9	79 <sup>u</sup>	0.2	1,035 <sup>u</sup>	0.7
Manufacturing	20,639	20.4	7,478	16.3	28,117	19.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	3,818	3.8	298 <sup>u</sup>	0.6	4,116	2.8
Construction	10,826	10.7	388 <sup>u</sup>	0.8	11,214	7.6
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	14,330	14.2	7,820	17.0	22,150	15.1
Hotels and restaurants	7,397	7.3	4,443	9.7	11,840	8.1
Transport, storage and communication	8,661	8.6	2,648	5.8	11,309	7.7
Financial intermediation	2,670	2.6	2,649	5.8	5,319	3.6
Real estate, renting and business activities	5,153	5.1	2,140	4.7	7,293	4.9
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	9,818	9.8	3,340	7.3	13,158	9.0
Education	4,095	4.0	6,753	14.7	10,848	7.4
Health and social work	5,071	5.0	5,440	11.9	10,511	7.1
Other community, social and personal service activities	4,862	4.7	1,668 <sup>u</sup>	3.6	6,530	4.4
Private households with employed persons	-	-	417 <sup>u</sup>	0.9	417 <sup>u</sup>	0.3
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	-	-	137 <sup>u</sup>	0.3	137 <sup>u</sup>	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>147,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 9. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity in October - December 2004**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1,266 <sup>u</sup>	4,414.49 <sup>u</sup>	55 <sup>u</sup>	6,305.00 <sup>u</sup>	1,321 <sup>u</sup>	4,493.21 <sup>u</sup>
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining and quarrying	756 <sup>u</sup>	5,628.01 <sup>u</sup>	-	-	756 <sup>u</sup>	5,628.01 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing	17,616	5,069.17	7,615	4,026.40	25,231	4,754.45
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,734	5,166.30	214 <sup>u</sup>	4,613.08 <sup>u</sup>	2,948	5,126.14
Construction	8,428	4,597.41	276 <sup>u</sup>	4,790.68 <sup>u</sup>	8,704	4,603.54
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	10,339	4,454.31	4,326	4,136.94	14,665	4,360.69
Hotels and restaurants	7,557	4,708.24	4,604	3,402.62	12,161	4,213.95
Transport, storage and communication	7,630	5,984.45	2,053	4,768.86	9,683	5,726.72
Financial intermediation	2,493	8,149.67	1,462 <sup>u</sup>	5,242.84 <sup>u</sup>	3,955	7,075.14
Real estate, renting and business activities	3,856	6,188.99	2,217	4,190.60	6,073	5,459.46
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	11,268	5,536.94	3,758	4,800.66	15,026	5,352.80
Education	3,975	6,515.04	8,024	5,102.30	11,999	5,570.31
Health and social work	4,782	5,730.92	5,919	4,548.57	10,701	5,076.93
Other community, social and personal service activities	2,314	4,719.26	1,368 <sup>u</sup>	4,594.03 <sup>u</sup>	3,682	4,672.73
Private households with employed persons	-	-	161 <sup>u</sup>	2,776.02 <sup>u</sup>	161 <sup>u</sup>	2,776.02 <sup>u</sup>
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	239 <sup>u</sup>	4,031.99 <sup>u</sup>	232 <sup>u</sup>	5,667.56 <sup>u</sup>	471 <sup>u</sup>	4,837.62 <sup>u</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,253</b>	<b>5,290.92</b>	<b>42,284</b>	<b>4,436.11</b>	<b>127,537</b>	<b>5,007.52</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 10. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity in December 2003**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1,197 <sup>u</sup>	4,619.68 <sup>u</sup>	185 <sup>u</sup>	3,067.02 <sup>u</sup>	1,382 <sup>u</sup>	4,411.83 <sup>u</sup>
Fishing	64 <sup>u</sup>	5,200.00 <sup>u</sup>	-	-	64 <sup>u</sup>	5,200.00 <sup>u</sup>
Mining and quarrying	726 <sup>u</sup>	5,139.82 <sup>u</sup>	79 <sup>u</sup>	7,800.00 <sup>u</sup>	805 <sup>u</sup>	5,400.88 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing	19,093	4,929.08	7,354	4,106.73	26,447	4,700.41
Electricity, gas and water supply	3,818	5,487.68	298 <sup>u</sup>	4,113.69 <sup>u</sup>	4,116	5,388.21
Construction	7,896	4,427.82	309 <sup>u</sup>	3,668.03 <sup>u</sup>	8,205	4,399.21
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	8,212	4,831.13	6,416	3,846.07	14,628	4,399.07
Hotels and restaurants	6,802	4,888.89	4,150	3,888.35	10,952	4,509.76
Transport, storage and communication	7,812	6,348.72	2,432	5,161.69	10,244	6,066.91
Financial intermediation	2,670	7,540.43	2,649	5,839.37	5,319	6,693.26
Real estate, renting and business activities	3,457	5,457.22	1,440 <sup>u</sup>	4,387.40 <sup>u</sup>	4,897	5,142.64
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	9,621	5,771.99	3,340	4,571.85	12,961	5,462.15
Education	4,023	5,670.92	6,683	4,879.20	10,706	5,176.70
Health and social work	4,769	5,756.57	5,298	4,989.31	10,067	5,352.78
Other community, social and personal service activities	3,646	4,708.78	1,007 <sup>u</sup>	4,218.50 <sup>u</sup>	4,653	4,602.24
Private households with employed persons	-	-	349 <sup>u</sup>	3,850.55 <sup>u</sup>	349 <sup>u</sup>	3,850.55 <sup>u</sup>
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	-	-	137 <sup>u</sup>	6,270.07 <sup>u</sup>	137 <sup>u</sup>	6,270.07 <sup>u</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,806</b>	<b>5,299.22</b>	<b>42,126</b>	<b>4,502.17</b>	<b>125,932</b>	<b>5,032.60</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 11. Main occupation of total employed persons in October - December 2004**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Armed Forces	1,641 <sup>u</sup>	1.6	-	-	1,641 <sup>u</sup>	1.1
Legislators, senior officials and managers	10,642	10.3	2,225	4.9	12,867	8.7
Professionals	9,532	9.3	7,034	15.5	16,566	11.2
Technicians and associate professionals	12,418	12.1	8,392	18.5	20,810	14.1
Clerks	8,416	8.2	7,696	17.0	16,112	10.9
Service workers and shop and sales workers	13,284	12.9	8,707	19.2	21,991	14.8
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	1,866 <sup>u</sup>	1.8	148 <sup>u</sup>	0.3	2,014	1.4
Craft and related trades workers	20,759	20.2	647 <sup>u</sup>	1.5	21,406	14.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	10,370	10.1	5,421	12.0	15,791	10.6
Elementary occupations	13,873	13.5	5,031	11.1	18,904	12.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>148,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 12. Main occupation of total employed persons in December 2003**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Armed Forces	1,368 <sup>u</sup>	1.4	-	-	1,368 <sup>u</sup>	0.9
Legislators, senior officials and managers	11,248	11.1	2,536	5.5	13,784	9.4
Professionals	8,002	7.9	6,769	14.8	14,771	10.1
Technicians and associate professionals	13,741	13.6	6,957	15.2	20,698	14.1
Clerks	7,523	7.4	9,563	20.8	17,086	11.6
Service workers and shop and sales workers	12,475	12.3	10,401	22.7	22,876	15.6
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	2,427	2.4	62 <sup>u</sup>	0.1	2,489	1.7
Craft and related trades workers	18,879	18.7	733 <sup>u</sup>	1.6	19,612	13.3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	11,245	11.1	4,546	9.9	15,791	10.7
Elementary occupations	14,251	14.1	4,316	9.4	18,567	12.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>147,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 13. Average gross annual salary for employees by main occupation in October - December 2004**

Occupation	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Armed Forces	1,641 <sup>u</sup>	5,210.35 <sup>u</sup>	-	-	1,641 <sup>u</sup>	5,210.35 <sup>u</sup>
Legislators, senior officials and managers	6,336	8,777.47	1,548 <sup>u</sup>	7,050.33 <sup>u</sup>	7,884	8,438.35
Professionals	7,865	7,154.61	6,635	5,965.07	14,500	6,610.29
Technicians and associate professionals	11,597	5,707.42	8,089	4,962.83	19,686	5,401.47
Clerks	8,341	4,753.09	7,590	4,093.13	15,931	4,438.66
Service workers and shop and sales workers	10,640	4,530.79	7,592	3,596.25	18,232	4,141.64
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	805 <sup>u</sup>	4,149.01 <sup>u</sup>	-	-	805 <sup>u</sup>	4,149.01 <sup>u</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	15,469	4,743.56	433 <sup>u</sup>	3,795.88 <sup>u</sup>	15,902	4,717.76
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	9,315	4,370.99	5,366	3,866.88	14,681	4,186.73
Elementary occupations	13,244	4,466.61	5,031	3,215.49	18,275	4,122.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,253</b>	<b>5,290.92</b>	<b>42,284</b>	<b>4,436.11</b>	<b>127,537</b>	<b>5,007.52</b>

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**Table 14. Average gross annual salary for employees by main occupation in December 2003**

Occupation	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Armed Forces	1,368 <sup>u</sup>	4,906.02 <sup>u</sup>	-	-	1,368 <sup>u</sup>	4,906.02 <sup>u</sup>
Legislators, senior officials and managers	6,021	8,027.07	1,500 <sup>u</sup>	6,741.60 <sup>u</sup>	7,521	7,770.70
Professionals	7,056	6,531.31	6,206	6,255.25	13,262	6,402.13
Technicians and associate professionals	12,655	5,920.71	6,700	4,936.37	19,355	5,579.97
Clerks	7,239	4,984.17	9,484	4,408.92	16,723	4,657.93
Service workers and shop and sales workers	10,100	5,051.70	8,974	3,563.53	19,074	4,351.54
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	825 <sup>u</sup>	4,130.14 <sup>u</sup>	62 <sup>u</sup>	3,200.00 <sup>u</sup>	887 <sup>u</sup>	4,065.12 <sup>u</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	14,341	4,853.78	406 <sup>u</sup>	4,472.04 <sup>u</sup>	14,747	4,843.27
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	10,479	4,553.93	4,546	3,912.91	15,025	4,359.98
Elementary occupations	13,722	4,388.14	4,248	3,308.99	17,970	4,133.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,806</b>	<b>5,299.22</b>	<b>42,126</b>	<b>4,502.17</b>	<b>125,932</b>	<b>5,032.60</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

Note: Data for the two reference periods depicted are not comparable on a like-with-like basis



**Table 15. Professional status of main occupation for total employed persons**

Professional status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October - December 2004</b>						
Self-employed without employees	11,508	11.2	1,936 <sup>u</sup>	4.3	13,444	9.1
Self-employed with employees	6,040	5.9	891 <sup>u</sup>	2.0	6,931	4.7
Employee	85,253	82.9	42,284	93.3	127,537	86.1
Family worker	-	-	190 <sup>u</sup>	0.4	190 <sup>u</sup>	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>148,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>December 2003</b>						
Self-employed without employees	11,353	11.2	2,896	6.3	14,249	9.7
Self-employed with employees	6,000	5.9	787 <sup>u</sup>	1.7	6,787	4.6
Employee	83,806	82.9	42,126	91.8	125,932	85.6
Family worker	-	-	74 <sup>u</sup>	0.2	74 <sup>u</sup>	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>147,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

Note: Data for the two reference periods depicted are not comparable on a like-with-like basis

**Table 16. Type of employment (main occupation)**

Type of Employment	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October - December 2004</b>						
Full-time job	98,900	96.2	35,904	79.3	134,804	91.0
Full-time with reduced hours job	329 <sup>u</sup>	0.3	1,190 <sup>u</sup>	2.6	1,519 <sup>u</sup>	1.0
Part-time job	3,572	3.5	8,207	18.1	11,779	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>148,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>December 2003</b>						
Full-time job	97,190	96.1	36,560	79.7	133,750	91.0
Full-time with reduced hours job	740 <sup>u</sup>	0.7	1,623 <sup>u</sup>	3.5	2,363	1.6
Part-time job	3,229	3.2	7,700	16.8	10,929	7.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>147,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

Note: Data for the two reference periods depicted are not comparable on a like-with-like basis

**Table 17. Total employed persons classified by economic sector**

Economic Sector	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October - December 2004</b>						
Private	68,869	67.0	29,406	64.9	98,275	66.4
Public majority	4,947	4.8	1,638 <sup>u</sup>	3.6	6,585	4.4
Independent statutory bodies	9,536	9.3	2,242	5.0	11,778	8.0
Government departments and ministries	19,449	18.9	12,015	26.5	31,464	21.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>148,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>December 2003</b>						
Private	66,503	65.7	32,084	69.9	98,587	67.1
Public majority	4,670	4.6	1,125 <sup>u</sup>	2.5	5,795	3.9
Independent statutory bodies	9,181	9.1	1,972	4.3	11,153	7.6
Government departments and ministries	20,805	20.6	10,702	23.3	31,507	21.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>147,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 18. Unemployed persons classified by age groups**

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October - December 2004</b>						
15-24	2,507	39.8	2,414	50.9	4,921	44.6
25-34	1,047 <sup>u</sup>	16.6	818 <sup>u</sup>	17.3	1,865 <sup>u</sup>	16.9
35-44	1,575 <sup>u</sup>	25.0	735 <sup>u</sup>	15.5	2,310	20.9
45-54	1,114 <sup>u</sup>	17.7	699 <sup>u</sup>	14.8	1,813 <sup>u</sup>	16.4
55-64	54 <sup>u</sup>	0.9	73 <sup>u</sup>	1.5	127 <sup>u</sup>	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,297</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,739</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,036</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>December 2003</b>						
15-24	3,072	36.1	2,597	63.4	5,669	45.0
25-34	2,146	25.2	542 <sup>u</sup>	13.2	2,688	21.3
35-44	1,755 <sup>u</sup>	20.7	359 <sup>u</sup>	8.8	2,114	16.8
45-54	1,265 <sup>u</sup>	14.9	596 <sup>u</sup>	14.6	1,861	14.8
55-64	264 <sup>u</sup>	3.1	-	-	264 <sup>u</sup>	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 19. Duration of job search of unemployed persons**

Duration	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October - December 2004</b>						
Less than 5 months	1,918 <sup>u</sup>	30.4	2,655	56.0	4,573	41.4
6 - 11 months	943 <sup>u</sup>	15.0	895 <sup>u</sup>	18.9	1,838 <sup>u</sup>	16.7
12 + months	3,436	54.6	1,189	25.1	4,625	41.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,297</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,739</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,036</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>December 2003</b>						
Less than 5 months	2,607	30.7	1,309 <sup>u</sup>	32.0	3,916	31.1
6 - 11 months	1,263 <sup>u</sup>	14.8	1,203 <sup>u</sup>	29.4	2,466	19.6
12 + months	4,632	54.5	1,582 <sup>u</sup>	38.6	6,214	49.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

Note: Data for the two reference periods depicted are not comparable on a like-with-like basis

## Methodological Notes

Absolute changes between one survey and another must be treated with caution since minor changes (ie, less than 1,800 persons) might be the result of sampling error.

The LFS is designed to satisfy the concepts and definitions as outlined by Eurostat, which is the EU Statistical Agency. This allows the comparability of the results with other EU member states and countries following ILO definitions of employment and unemployment. Occupations are classified according to the ISCO classification (International Standard Classification of Occupations) whilst the economic activity is classified according to the NACE classification (Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes).

**ECONOMIC SECTOR:** In the LFS this is defined separately from the industry sector (NACE) in which a person works. These include: the Private sector and the Public sector (sub-divided into; Public Majority, e.g. AirMalta Co. Ltd., Interprint Ltd., Sea Malta Co. Ltd., etc.; Independent Statutory bodies, e.g. Broadcasting Authority, Local Councils, Malta Maritime Authority, etc.; and Government Departments and Ministries).

**EMPLOYEE:** The distinction between employees and self-employed is based on the respondent's own judgement as stated during the interview.

**EMPLOYMENT:** This comprises all persons above 15 years of age who, during the reference week, were in one of the following categories:

**paid employment:** includes those who during the reference week worked for at least one hour for a wage or salary, in cash or in kind.

**were employees but were not at work and were:** on paid or sick leave, did not work due to bad weather, were undergoing training or education, did not work due to a labour dispute, were absent from work for a period of less than 6 months, were absent from work for a period of less than 6 months, were absent from work for a period of more than 6 months and were still receiving some type of payment whilst being absent from work.

**self-employed:** a person who runs a trade or business, rather than working as an employee for someone else. A person is self-employed if s/he is a sole proprietor or a partner working in a business.

**unpaid family workers:** refers to people who worked without pay in a family business or farm. Excluded from this definition are housewives.

**FULL-TIME/PART-TIME WORK:** The classification of full-time/part-time work is based on the respondent's own judgement as stated during the interview.

**INACTIVE PERSONS:** All persons who are not classified as employed or unemployed are defined as inactive.

**LABOUR FORCE:** This comprises persons in employment and unemployed persons.

**RATES:** The above groups are used to derive the following measures;

**Activity rates** – represent the labour force (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).

**Employment rates** – represent persons in employment (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).

**Unemployment rates** – represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force.

**REFERENCE WEEK** - The week to which the collected data relate.

**SALARY:** The gross income from salaries, wages, benefits and allowances.

**UNEMPLOYMENT:** This comprises all persons above 15 years of age who, during the reference week, satisfied the following criteria:

**without work**

**actively seeking work during the previous 4 weeks**, e.g. includes contacting the ETC, applied directly with an employer, contacting a private employment agency, inserting or answering to an advert in a newspaper.

**currently available for work** – available to start work within 2 weeks of the reference week.