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Registered Unemployed: February 2005

During the month of February 2005, there were a total of 8,094 unemployed persons registering under Part 1 and Part 2 of the unemployment register. Of these, 6,419 or 79.3 were men and 1,675 or 20.7 per cent were women. Accordingly, the number of registered unemployed decreased by 86 over the preceding month. On an annual basis, there was a decrease of 736 persons on the unemployment register.

The new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 1,565 in February 2005.

The age distribution of the given statistics indicates that 3,083 or 38.1 per cent of the registered unemployed are under 30 years of age. On the other hand, 2,805 or 34.7 per cent of the registered unemployed are over 45 years of age.

In February 2005, 3,372 or 41.7 per cent of the registered unemployed were registering for work for under 20 weeks.

The statistics on hand indicate that there were 7,388 registered unemployed in Malta in the month under review. On the other hand, there were 706 registered unemployed in Gozo.

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

Unemployment rates for October 2004

The unemployment rate, for October 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 October 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 4.3 per cent during the same month.

The unemployment rate among young people was 8.2 per cent. The rate of unemployment among males who were less than 25 years was 9.5 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			February 2004			February 2005			
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,277	497	6,774	6,895	599	7,494	6,710	680	7,390	7,446	615	8,061	6,721	688	7,409	7,515	609	8,124	6,679	667	7,346	
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	5,983	434	6,417	5,421	455	5,876	
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	1,532	175	1,707	1,258	212	1,470	
by age distribution																											
Under 20 years																											
Total	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	822	78	900	837	97	934	713	96	809	988	104	1,092	741	94	835	1,020	94	1,114	733	86	819	
Men	815	752	742	660	653	476	49	525	497	52	549	457	55	512	590	55	645	476	53	529	617	53	670	457	46	503	
Women	331	312	362	283	374	346	29	375	340	45	385	256	41	297	398	49	447	265	41	306	403	41	444	276	40	316	
20 to 24 years																											
Total	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	907	108	1,015	1,053	139	1,192	986	149	1,135	1,170	142	1,312	987	148	1,135	1,217	144	1,361	970	142	1,112	
Men	844	898	904	724	760	686	83	769	765	84	849	734	99	833	818	82	900	721	95	816	844	82	926	703	89	792	
Women	175	170	190	143	183	221	25	246	288	55	343	252	50	302	352	60	412	266	53	319	373	62	435	267	53	320	
25 to 29 years																											
Total	732	766	815	740	747	753	72	825	830	90	920	821	107	928	895	91	986	815	109	924	887	91	978	822	108	930	
Men	630	687	714	645	639	655	57	712	707	68	775	683	78	761	745	68	813	680	77	757	740	68	808	681	74	755	
Women	102	79	101	95	108	98	15	113	123	22	145	138	29	167	150	23	173	135	32	167	147	23	170	141	34	175	
30 to 44 years																											
Total	2,561	2,754	2,740	2,280	2,268	2,108	156	2,264	2,173	171	2,344	2,154	204	2,358	2,302	171	2,473	2,141	209	2,350	2,306	173	2,479	2,149	201	2,350	
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	1,981	139	2,120	1,852	142	1,994	
Women	278	249	229	193	218	208	20	228	269	34	303	279	58	337	331	33	364	287	64	351	325	34	359	297	59	356	
45 years and over																											
Total	1,691	1,785	1,942	1,753	1,768	1,687	83	1,770	2,002	102	2,104	2,036	124	2,160	2,091	107	2,198	2,037	128	2,165	2,085	107	2,192	2,005	130	2,135	
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	1,801	92	1,893	1,728	104	1,832	
Women	216	197	202	204	224	201	9	210	254	12	266	275	22	297	287	16	303	279	23	302	284	15	299	277	26	303	

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			February 2004			February 2005		
		Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	680	713	29	742	661	20	681	673	40	713	709	24	733	722	49	771	684	22	706	709	39	748
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	496	25	521	559	21	580	525	34	559	539	15	554	515	28	543
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	177	15	192	150	3	153	197	15	212	145	7	152	194	11	205
by age distribution																						
Under 20 years																						
Total	186	184	7	191	120	4	124	185	11	196	132	4	136	205	13	218						
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	118	8	126	89	4	93	127	10	137	80	0	80	115	9	124
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	67	3	70	43	0	43	78	3	81	41	2	43	74	3	77
20 to 24 years																						
Total	143	175	6	181	165	5	170	169	9	178	181	7	188	180	13	193						
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	114	6	120	134	6	140	117	10	127	127	3	130	136	8	144
Women	36	42	-	42	37	0	37	55	3	58	47	1	48	63	3	66	44	2	46	61	1	62
25 to 29 years																						
Total	113	101	2	103	110	3	113	94	9	103	116	4	120	97	10	107						
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	69	3	72	92	4	96	81	4	85	80	6	86	76	3	79
Women	30	14	-	14	19	0	19	25	6	31	24	0	24	16	6	22	22	1	23	16	4	20
30 to 44 years																						
Total	137	150	14	164	158	7	165	132	8	140	170	7	177	137	10	147						
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	119	5	124	143	5	148	117	7	124	154	5	159	115	7	122
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	13	3	16	27	2	29	20	3	23	22	2	24	18	3	21
45 years and over																						
Total	101	103	-	103	108	1	109	93	3	96	110	2	112	103	3	106						
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	76	3	79	101	2	103	83	3	86	98	1	99	73	1	74
Women	9	15	-	15	11	0	11	17	0	17	9	0	9	20	0	20	16	0	16	25	0	25

Table 3. Number of registered unemployed persons under Part 2 of the unemployment register

Registered unemployed	December															
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	428	78.7	345	72.9	479	78.4	477	78.8	515	75.7	572	77.1	554	81.4	521	73.1
Females	116	21.3	128	27.1	132	21.6	128	21.2	165	24.3	170	22.9	127	18.6	192	26.9
Total	544	100.0	473	100.0	611	100.0	605	100.0	680	100.0	742	100.0	681	100.0	713	100.0

Registered unemployed	September				October				November				January				February			
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	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	554	78.5	543	72.6
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	152	21.5	205	27.4
Total	709	100.0	758	100.0	659	100.0	805	100.0	694	100.0	772	100.0	733	100.0	771	100.0	706	100.0	748	100.0

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
Total	7,693	100.0	7,910	100.0	8,306	100.0	7,188	100.0	7,433	100.0	7,516	100.0	8,175	100.0	8,103	100.0

Registered unemployed	September				October				November				January				February			
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	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	6,971	78.9	6,419	79.3
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	1,859	21.1	1,675	20.7
Total	7,942	100.0	8,140	100.0	8,249	100.0	8,172	100.0	8,277	100.0	8,125	100.0	8,794	100.0	8,180	100.0	8,830	100.0	8,094	100.0

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

Registered Unemployed	December								January		February	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,774	7,494	7,390	8,061	7,409	8,124	7,346
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,990	6,362	5,964	6,417	5,876
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,400	1,699	1,445	1,707	1,470
by duration of registration												
Under 20 weeks												
Total	2,291	2,468	2,177	2,031	2,523	2,372	3,152	2,713	3,599	2,707	3,527	2,673
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	1,988	2,562	1,961	2,522	1,905
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	725	1,037	746	1,005	768
21 to 52 weeks												
Total	1,733	1,611	1,638	1,031	1,301	1,376	1,625	1,580	1,737	1,579	1,843	1,617
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,267	1,358	1,242	1,434	1,268
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	313	379	337	409	349
53 weeks and over												
Total	3,125	3,358	3,880	3,521	2,929	3,026	2,717	3,097	2,725	3,123	2,754	3,056
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,735	2,442	2,761	2,461	2,703
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	362	283	362	293	353

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		February	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total	680	742	681	713	733	771	706	748
Men	515	572	554	521	580	559	554	543
Women	165	170	127	192	153	212	152	205
by duration of registration								
Under 20 weeks								
Total	623	688	620	647	689	686	648	699
Men	472	529	507	466	545	496	507	507
Women	151	159	113	181	144	190	141	192
21 weeks and over								
Total	57	54	61	66	44	85	58	49
Men	43	43	47	55	35	63	47	36
Women	14	11	14	11	9	22	11	13

Table 7. Number of disabled persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register

Registered unemployed	December															
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	240	83.0	262	85.1	264	85.4	255	85.6	269	84.1	253	82.7	250	82.5	253	78.6
Females	49	17.0	46	14.9	45	14.6	43	14.4	51	15.9	53	17.3	53	17.5	69	21.4
Total	289	100.0	308	100.0	309	100.0	298	100.0	320	100.0	306	100.0	303	100.0	322	100.0

Registered unemployed	November				January				February			
	2003		2004		2004		2005		2004		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	264	83.0	252	79.0	237	82.9	243	78.4	251	81.0	244	77.2
Females	54	17.0	67	21.0	49	17.1	67	21.6	59	19.0	72	22.8
Total	318	100.0	319	100.0	286	100.0	310	100.0	310	100.0	316	100.0

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
Total	5,665	100.0	918	100.0	5,646	100.0	1,107	100.0	5,602	100.0	1,172	100.0	6,052	100.0	1,442	100.0

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Occupation	December 2004				January 2004				January 2005				February 2004				February 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	92	1.4	20	1.2	79	1.3	10	0.7	103	1.6	17	1.0	87	1.5	13	0.9
Professionals	65	1.1	16	1.1	67	1.1	19	1.1	67	1.1	15	1.0	77	1.2	18	1.1	63	1.1	11	0.7
Technicians and associate professionals	229	3.8	72	5.1	217	3.4	95	5.6	229	3.8	68	4.7	217	3.4	87	5.1	218	3.7	67	4.6
Clerks	356	5.9	349	24.9	464	7.3	433	25.5	354	5.9	366	25.3	463	7.2	439	25.7	340	5.8	378	25.7
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	486	7.6	430	25.2	503	8.6	373	25.4
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	79	1.3	0	0.0	103	1.6	0	0.0	79	1.3	0	0.0	103	1.6	0	0.0	80	1.4	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	970	15.1	57	3.3	871	14.8	76	5.2
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	1,177	18.3	214	12.5	1,052	17.9	147	10.0
Elementary occupations	2,734	45.6	395	28.2	2,809	44.2	445	26.2	2,697	45.2	414	28.7	2,821	44.0	445	26.1	2,662	45.3	405	27.6
Total	5,990	100.0	1,400	100.0	6,362	100.0	1,699	100.0	5,964	100.0	1,445	100.0	6,417	100.0	1,707	100.0	5,876	100.0	1,470	100.0

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

Sex	Dec							Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	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	6.1	6.3	6.3
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
Total	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.6

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

Sex	Dec							Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004			
Males	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0

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

Sex	Dec							Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004			
Males	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.7
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.8
Total	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3

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

Sex	Dec							Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004			
Males	9.6	9.7	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.7	9.9	9.5	8.7	9.3	9.5
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.4
Total	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	7.2	8.5	8.0	7.5	8.0	8.2

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>