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Registered Unemployed: December 2005

As at the end of December 2005, there were a total of 7,379 persons registering for work with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC). Of these, 6,696 were registering for work under Part 1, and 683 were registered under Part 2. The number of registered unemployed went up by 186 over the preceding month. On the other hand, when one compares the figures for December 2005 and December 2004, the number of registered unemployed dropped by 724 persons.

Of the total unemployed, the unemployment in Malta reached 6,665 persons, whilst unemployment in Gozo stood at 714 persons.

In the month under review, the new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 287.

Table 1 and 2 give indications on the age distribution of the registrants as at the end of December 2005, where 2,237 persons (30.3 per cent) were under the age of 24 years. Further analysis of the age variable indicate that, in December 2005, there were 1,954 persons (26.5 per cent) aged 45 and over registering for work.

Tables 5 and 6 show the duration of unemployed for registrants under Part 1 and Part 2 respectively. Amongst the total number of unemployed, 3,333 or 45.2 per cent had been looking for a job for less than 20 weeks, whilst a further 2,659 person (36.0 per cent) had been looking for a job for more than a year.

In terms of occupation, the most common type of occupations sought by men relate to trades and elementary work. On the other hand, women tend to go more for clerical, service and sales occupations.

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

Unemployment rates for August 2005

In August 2005, the unemployment rate stood at 4.9 per cent of the labour supply. On a gender basis, the male unemployment rate stood at 5.4, while the female rate stood at 3.7 per cent.

The long-term unemployment rate stood at 1.8 per cent

The unemployment rate among older people and young people stood at 3.7 per cent and 7.0 per cent respectively.

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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			November 2004			November 2005			December 2005		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,774	7,494	6,710	680	7,390	6,689	664	7,353	5,876	573	6,449	6,034	662	6,696
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,510	480	5,990	5,472	461	5,933	4,681	378	5,059	4,788	428	5,216
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,200	200	1,400	1,217	203	1,420	1,195	195	1,390	1,246	234	1,480
by age distribution																			
Under 20 years																			
Total	1,146	1,064	1,104	943	1,027	900	934	713	96	809	771	93	864	722	81	803	726	87	813
Men	815	752	742	660	653	525	549	457	55	512	488	52	540	412	39	451	431	45	476
Women	331	312	362	283	374	375	385	256	41	297	283	41	324	310	42	352	295	42	337
20 to 24 years																			
Total	1,019	1,068	1,094	867	943	1,015	1,192	986	149	1,135	1,023	141	1,164	871	118	989	927	145	1,072
Men	844	898	904	724	760	769	849	734	99	833	763	87	850	624	64	688	648	84	732
Women	175	170	190	143	183	246	343	252	50	302	260	54	314	247	54	301	279	61	340
25 to 29 years																			
Total	732	766	815	740	747	825	920	821	107	928	776	112	888	722	103	825	743	116	859
Men	630	687	714	645	639	712	775	683	78	761	655	82	737	589	72	661	607	76	683
Women	102	79	101	95	108	113	145	138	29	167	121	30	151	133	31	164	136	40	176
30 to 44 years																			
Total	2,561	2,754	2,740	2,280	2,268	2,264	2,344	2,154	204	2,358	2,129	197	2,326	1,844	170	2,014	1,893	197	2,090
Men	2,283	2,505	2,511	2,087	2,050	2,036	2,041	1,875	146	2,021	1,842	140	1,982	1,599	119	1,718	1,621	128	1,749
Women	278	249	229	193	218	228	303	279	58	337	287	57	344	245	51	296	272	69	341
45 years and over																			
Total	1,691	1,785	1,942	1,753	1,768	1,770	2,104	2,036	124	2,160	1,990	121	2,111	1,717	101	1,818	1,745	117	1,862
Men	1,475	1,588	1,740	1,549	1,544	1,560	1,838	1,761	102	1,863	1,724	100	1,824	1,457	84	1,541	1,481	95	1,576
Women	216	197	202	204	224	210	266	275	22	297	266	21	287	260	17	277	264	22	286

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			November 2004			November 2005			December 2005		
		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	727	45	772	685	59	744	631	52	683
Men	515	548	24	572	537	17	554	496	25	521	526	29	555	478	37	515	464	35	499
Women	165	165	5	170	124	3	127	177	15	192	201	16	217	207	22	229	167	17	184
by age distribution																			
Under 20 years																			
Total	186	184	7	191	120	4	124	185	11	196	215	13	228	196	23	219	178	17	195
Men	119	115	4	119	83	3	86	118	8	126	128	10	138	114	13	127	118	9	127
Women	67	69	3	72	37	1	38	67	3	70	87	3	90	82	10	92	60	8	68
20 to 24 years																			
Total	143	175	6	181	165	5	170	169	9	178	174	11	185	192	15	207	145	12	157
Men	107	133	6	139	128	5	133	114	6	120	116	7	123	141	11	152	110	10	120
Women	36	42	-	42	37	0	37	55	3	58	58	4	62	51	4	55	35	2	37
25 to 29 years																			
Total	113	101	2	103	110	3	113	94	9	103	91	7	98	89	2	91	85	4	89
Men	83	87	2	89	91	3	94	69	3	72	69	2	71	68	1	69	63	3	66
Women	30	14	-	14	19	0	19	25	6	31	22	5	27	21	1	22	22	1	23
30 to 44 years																			
Total	137	150	14	164	158	7	165	132	8	140	145	7	152	131	12	143	139	11	150
Men	114	125	12	137	138	5	143	119	5	124	132	5	137	95	7	102	102	7	109
Women	23	25	2	27	20	2	22	13	3	16	13	2	15	36	5	41	37	4	41
45 years and over																			
Total	101	103	-	103	108	1	109	93	3	96	102	7	109	77	7	84	84	8	92
Men	92	88	-	88	97	1	98	76	3	79	81	5	86	60	5	65	71	6	77
Women	9	15	-	15	11	0	11	17	0	17	21	2	23	17	2	19	13	2	15

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

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Registered unemployed	July				August				September				October				November				December	
	2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	530	79.7	563	73.7	572	75.5	497	70.8	572	75.5	497	70.8	574	71.3	526	69.3	555	71.9	515	69.2	499	73.1
Females	135	20.3	201	26.3	186	24.5	205	29.2	186	24.5	205	29.2	231	28.7	233	30.7	217	28.1	229	30.8	184	26.9
Total	665	100.0	764	100.0	758	100.0	702	100.0	758	100.0	702	100.0	805	100.0	759	100.0	772	100.0	744	100.0	683	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

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Registered unemployed	July				August				September				October				November				December	
	2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2004		2005		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	6,531	80.3	5,500	77.6	6,346	79.8	5,571	77.6	6,505	79.9	5,571	77.3	6,518	79.8	5,517	77.5	6,488	79.9	5,574	77.5	5,715	77.5
Females	1,600	19.7	1,591	22.4	1,607	20.2	1,606	22.4	1,635	20.1	1,639	22.7	1,654	20.2	1,604	22.5	1,637	20.1	1,619	22.5	1,664	22.5
Total	8,131	100.0	7,091	100.0	7,953	100.0	7,177	100.0	8,140	100.0	7,210	100.0	8,172	100.0	7,121	100.0	8,125	100.0	7,193	100.0	7,379	100.0

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

Registered Unemployed	December								November		December
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2005
Total	7,149	7,437	7,695	6,583	6,753	6,774	7,494	7,390	7,353	6,449	6,696
Men	6,047	6,430	6,611	5,665	5,646	5,602	6,052	5,990	5,933	5,059	5,216
Women	1,102	1,007	1,084	918	1,107	1,172	1,442	1,400	1,420	1,390	1,480
by duration of registration											
Under 20 weeks											
Total	2,291	2,468	2,177	2,031	2,523	2,372	3,152	2,713	2,861	2,639	2,724
Men	1,783	1,942	1,656	1,574	1,890	1,726	2,315	1,988	2,066	1,845	1,891
Women	508	526	521	457	633	646	837	725	795	794	833
21 to 52 weeks											
Total	1,733	1,611	1,638	1,031	1,301	1,376	1,625	1,580	1,464	1,194	1,313
Men	1,456	1,384	1,373	851	1,057	1,105	1,298	1,267	1,185	917	993
Women	277	227	265	180	244	271	327	313	279	277	320
53 weeks and over											
Total	3,125	3,358	3,880	3,521	2,929	3,026	2,717	3,097	3,028	2,616	2,659
Men	2,808	3,104	3,582	3,240	2,699	2,771	2,439	2,735	2,682	2,297	2,332
Women	317	254	298	281	230	255	278	362	346	319	327

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				November		December
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2005
Total	680	742	681	713	772	744	683
Men	515	572	554	521	555	515	499
Women	165	170	127	192	217	229	184
by duration of registration							
Under 20 weeks							
Total	623	688	620	647	732	696	609
Men	472	529	507	466	520	477	444
Women	151	159	113	181	212	219	165
21 weeks and over							
Total	57	54	61	66	40	48	74
Men	43	43	47	55	35	38	55
Women	14	11	14	11	5	10	19

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				December	
	2004		2005		2005	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	252	79.0	253	74.2	264	75.0
Females	67	21.0	88	25.8	88	25.0
Total	319	100.0	341	100.0	352	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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	December 2004				November 2004				November 2005				December 2005			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	81	1.4	11	0.8	81	1.4	13	0.9	131	2.6	43	3.1	150	2.9	43	2.9
Professionals	65	1.1	16	1.1	67	1.1	21	1.5	236	4.7	37	2.7	255	4.9	39	2.7
Technicians and associate professionals	229	3.8	72	5.1	233	3.9	74	5.2	396	7.8	126	9.1	402	7.7	145	9.8
Clerks	356	5.9	349	24.9	354	6.0	367	25.8	443	8.8	547	39.4	449	8.6	582	39.3
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	491	8.2	367	26.2	492	8.3	373	26.3	823	16.3	309	22.2	874	16.8	320	21.6
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	79	1.3	0	0.0	75	1.3	0	0.0	189	3.7	1	0.1	190	3.6	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.9	57	4.1	867	14.6	59	4.2	1,093	21.6	138	9.9	1,105	21.1	119	8.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,065	17.8	133	9.5	1,038	17.5	128	9.0	806	15.9	80	5.8	839	16.1	117	7.9
Elementary occupations	2,734	45.6	395	28.2	2,726	45.9	385	27.1	942	18.6	109	7.8	952	18.3	114	7.7
Total	5,990	100.0	1,400	100.0	5,933	100.0	1,420	100.0	5,059	100.0	1,390	100.0	5,216	100.0	1,480	100.0

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

Sex	Dec								Jun	Jul	Aug
	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	5.6	5.6	5.4
Females	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.0	3.4	3.7
Total	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.6	4.8	4.9	4.9

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

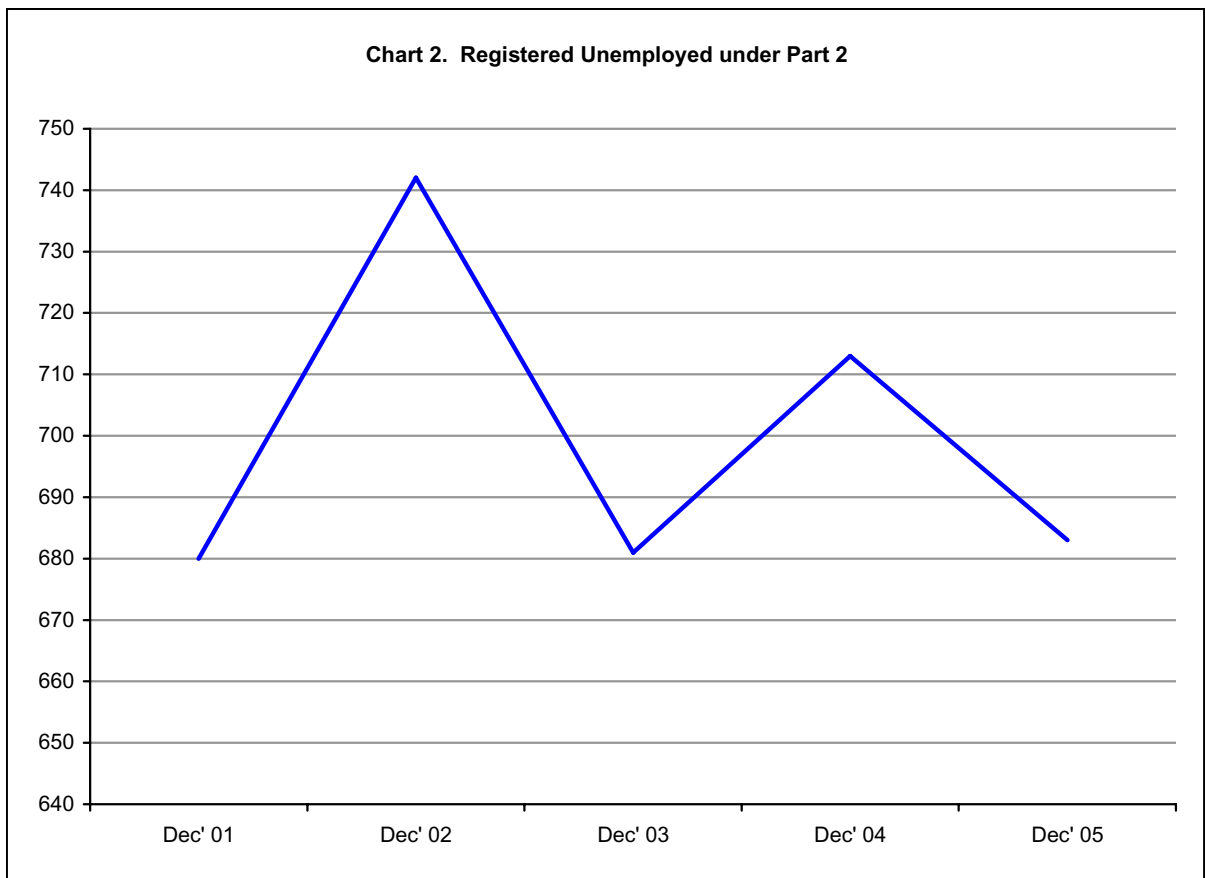
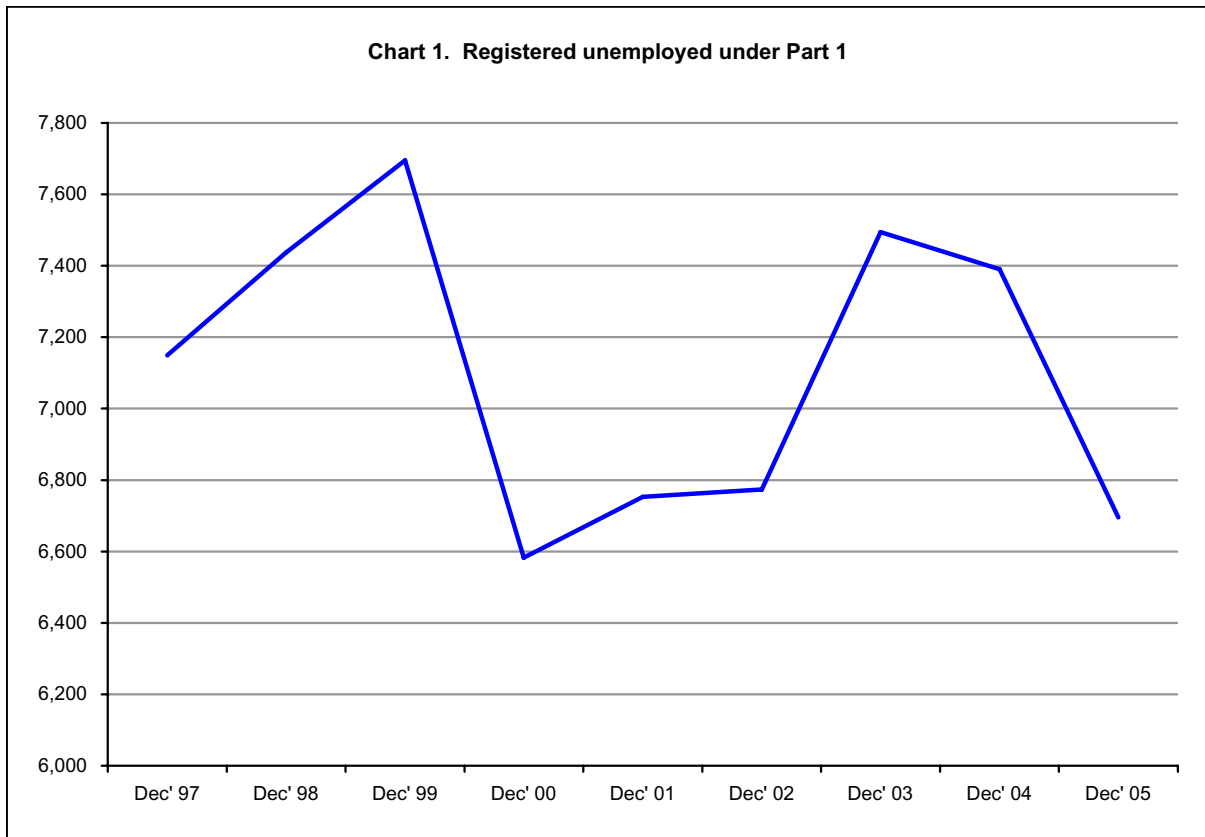
Sex	Dec								Jun	Jul	Aug
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		
Males	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
Females	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Total	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8

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

Sex	Dec								Jun	Jul	Aug
	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	4.0	3.9	4.0
Females	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.9
Total	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.7

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

Sex	Dec								Jun	Jul	Aug
	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	7.5	7.6	7.6
Females	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.4	5.3	6.6	5.6	5.0	5.9	6.1
Total	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	7.2	8.5	7.6	6.4	6.9	7.0



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>