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Registered Unemployed: June 2006

As at the end of June 2006, there were a total of 7,061 persons registering for work with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC). Of these, 6,601 were registering for work under Part 1, and 460 were registered under Part 2. The number of registered unemployed dropped by 86 over the preceding month. On the other hand, when one compares the figures for June 2005 and June 2006, the number of registered unemployed increased by 131 persons.

In the twelve months up to June 2006, those persons registering for work under Part 1 have increased by 383 persons. On the other hand, those registering for work under Part 2 have decreased by 252 persons over the same period.

Persons registering for work in Malta amounted to 6,427 persons, whilst those registering for work in Gozo stood at 634 persons.

During June 2006, the number of new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 171 persons.

Tables 5 and 6 show the duration of unemployment for registrants under Part 1 and Part 2 respectively. On a year-on-year basis and upon focusing on the segment of those persons whose duration of registration was under 20 weeks, the available data indicate an increase of 207 persons on Part 1 and a decrease of 246 persons on Part 2. In addition, Table 5 indicates a decrease of 128 persons among the segment of the long-term unemployed (53 weeks & over).

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

The unemployment rates for June 2006 are not available since the data on the labour supply for this month have not yet been published ■

Unemployment rates for February 2006

In February 2006, the unemployment rate stood at 5.3 per cent of the labour supply. On a gender basis, the male unemployment rate stood at 5.7, whilst the female unemployment rate stood at 4.2 per cent.

The long-term unemployment rate stood at 1.8 per cent.

The unemployment rate among older people (45 years of age and over) added up to 3.8 per cent. On the other hand, the unemployment rate among young people (under 25 years of age) stood at 9.1 per cent.

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**Table 1. Age distribution of persons registering for employment under Part 1
of the unemployment register ...**

Registered unemployed	Average 2000			Average 2001			Average 2002			Average 2003			Average 2004		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	6,453	437	6,890	5,967	410	6,377	6,412	467	6,879	6,583	551	7,134	6,942	599	7,541
Men	5,555	366	5,921	5,040	359	5,399	5,278	390	5,668	5,323	412	5,735	5,625	427	6,052
Women	898	71	969	927	51	978	1,134	77	1,211	1,260	139	1,399	1,317	172	1,489
by age distribution															
Under 20 years															
Total	913	45	958	884	47	931	912	76	988	858	98	956	819	83	902
Men	630	28	658	577	33	610	540	49	589	508	56	564	502	49	551
Women	283	17	300	307	14	321	372	27	399	350	42	392	317	34	351
20 to 24 years															
Total	810	81	891	806	74	880	884	91	975	998	120	1,118	1,056	138	1,194
Men	674	64	738	652	65	717	679	75	754	733	82	815	765	84	849
Women	136	17	153	154	9	163	205	16	221	265	38	303	291	54	345
25 to 29 years															
Total	727	62	789	646	61	707	744	68	812	802	78	880	829	96	925
Men	642	52	694	562	53	615	644	58	702	689	61	750	697	70	767
Women	85	10	95	84	8	92	100	10	110	113	17	130	132	26	158
30 to 44 years															
Total	2,265	159	2,424	2,001	148	2,149	2,153	153	2,306	2,156	163	2,319	2,198	172	2,370
Men	2,068	143	2,211	1,816	135	1,951	1,916	137	2,053	1,875	132	2,007	1,902	132	2,034
Women	197	16	213	185	13	198	237	16	253	281	31	312	296	40	336
45 years and over															
Total	1,738	90	1,828	1,630	80	1,710	1,719	79	1,798	1,769	92	1,861	2,040	110	2,150
Men	1,541	79	1,620	1,433	73	1,506	1,499	71	1,570	1,518	81	1,599	1,759	92	1,851
Women	197	11	208	197	7	204	220	8	228	251	11	262	281	18	299

... Table 1. Age distribution of persons registering for employment under Part 1 of the unemployment register

Registered unemployed	Average 2005			May 2005			May 2006			June 2005			June 2006		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	6,103	616	6,719	5,996	575	6,571	6,041	610	6,651	5,654	564	6,218	5,985	616	6,601
Men	4,903	417	5,320	4,850	406	5,256	4,777	398	5,175	4,567	393	4,960	4,749	405	5,154
Women	1,200	199	1,399	1,146	169	1,315	1,264	212	1,476	1,087	171	1,258	1,236	211	1,447
by age distribution															
Under 20 years															
Total	669	85	754	609	77	686	693	60	753	535	75	610	642	57	699
Men	386	45	431	348	42	390	433	36	469	304	43	347	403	33	436
Women	283	40	323	261	35	296	260	24	284	231	32	263	239	24	263
20 to 24 years															
Total	901	132	1,033	860	124	984	951	138	1,089	813	118	931	920	141	1,061
Men	651	82	733	636	83	719	683	84	767	602	78	680	659	85	744
Women	250	50	300	224	41	265	268	54	322	211	40	251	261	56	317
25 to 29 years															
Total	755	104	859	742	92	834	742	101	843	727	97	824	719	109	828
Men	620	72	692	609	64	673	587	66	653	595	66	661	579	70	649
Women	135	32	167	133	28	161	155	35	190	132	31	163	140	39	179
30 to 44 years															
Total	1,950	181	2,131	1,941	167	2,108	1,890	192	2,082	1,854	165	2,019	1,894	186	2,080
Men	1,686	126	1,812	1,686	122	1,808	1,600	119	1,719	1,598	120	1,718	1,607	119	1,726
Women	264	55	319	255	45	300	290	73	363	256	45	301	287	67	354
45 years and over															
Total	1,828	114	1,942	1,844	115	1,959	1,765	119	1,884	1,725	109	1,834	1,810	123	1,933
Men	1,560	92	1,652	1,571	95	1,666	1,474	93	1,567	1,468	86	1,554	1,501	98	1,599
Women	268	22	290	273	20	293	291	26	317	257	23	280	309	25	334

Table 2. Age distribution of persons registering for employment under Part 2 of the unemployment register

Registered unemployed	Average 2001	Average 2002			Average 2003			Average 2004			Average 2005			May 2005			May 2006			June 2005			June 2006		
		Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	726	665	31	696	659	26	685	678	35	713	684	46	730	635	39	674	472	24	496	672	40	712	442	18	460
Men	560	500	25	525	495	20	515	521	24	545	499	30	529	492	24	516	363	15	378	517	27	544	343	15	358
Women	166	165	6	171	164	6	170	157	11	168	185	16	201	143	15	158	109	9	118	155	13	168	99	3	102
by age distribution																									
Under 20 years																									
Total	186	178	5	183	154	6	160	148	7	155	172	11	183	142	6	148	100	2	102	143	4	147	79	3	82
Men	123	106	2	108	98	4	102	93	5	98	110	7	117	103	4	107	71	1	72	98	4	102	56	3	59
Women	63	72	3	75	56	2	58	55	2	57	62	4	66	39	2	41	29	1	30	45	0	45	23	0	23
20 to 24 years																									
Total	163	170	7	177	174	6	180	170	7	177	182	12	194	168	8	176	104	4	108	185	13	198	101	5	106
Men	121	128	6	134	124	5	129	121	5	126	127	9	136	118	6	124	81	2	83	130	10	140	71	5	76
Women	42	42	1	43	50	1	51	49	2	51	55	3	58	50	2	52	23	2	25	55	3	58	30	0	30
25 to 29 years																									
Total	112	85	5	90	94	4	98	95	9	104	89	6	95	85	6	91	77	4	81	78	4	82	66	1	67
Men	86	68	4	72	76	3	79	75	5	80	71	4	75	74	5	79	45	2	47	66	4	70	47	1	48
Women	26	17	1	18	18	1	19	20	4	24	18	2	20	11	1	12	32	2	34	12	0	12	19	0	19
30 to 44 years																									
Total	155	138	9	147	140	8	148	158	9	167	143	11	154	140	11	151	95	12	107	166	10	176	101	8	109
Men	131	116	8	124	116	6	122	140	6	146	114	7	121	114	7	121	84	8	92	138	6	144	87	5	92
Women	24	22	1	23	24	2	26	18	3	21	29	4	33	26	4	30	11	4	15	28	4	32	14	3	17
45 years and over																									
Total	110	94	5	99	97	2	99	107	3	110	98	6	104	100	8	108	96	2	98	100	9	109	95	1	96
Men	99	82	5	87	81	2	83	92	3	95	77	3	80	83	2	85	82	2	84	85	3	88	82	1	83
Women	11	12	0	12	16	0	16	15	0	15	21	3	24	17	6	23	14	0	14	15	6	21	13	0	13

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

Registered unemployed	Average												May				June			
	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2005		2006		2005		2006	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	461	75.8	560	77.1	525	75.4	515	75.1	545	76.4	529	72.5	516	76.6	378	76.2	544	76.4	358	77.8
Females	147	24.2	166	22.9	171	24.6	170	24.8	168	23.6	201	27.5	158	23.4	118	23.8	168	23.6	102	22.2
Total	608	100.0	726	100.0	696	100.0	685	99.9	713	100.0	730	100.0	674	100.0	496	100.0	712	100.0	460	100.0

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Table 4. Total number of registered unemployed persons (Part 1 and Part 2)

Registered unemployed	Average												May				June			
	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2005		2006		2005		2006	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	6,382	85.1	5,959	83.9	6,193	81.8	6,250	79.9	6,597	79.9	5,849	78.5	5,772	79.7	5,553	77.7	5,504	79.4	5,512	78.1
Females	1,116	14.9	1,144	16.1	1,382	18.2	1,569	20.1	1,657	20.1	1,600	21.5	1,473	20.3	1,594	22.3	1,426	20.6	1,549	21.9
Total	7,498	100.0	7,103	100.0	7,575	100.0	7,819	100.0	8,254	100.0	7,449	100.0	7,245	100.0	7,147	100.0	6,930	100.0	7,061	100.0

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

Registered Unemployed	Average						May		June	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	6,890	6,377	6,879	7,134	7,541	6,719	6,571	6,651	6,218	6,601
Men	5,921	5,399	5,668	5,735	6,052	5,320	5,256	5,175	4,960	5,154
Women	969	978	1,211	1,399	1,489	1,399	1,315	1,476	1,258	1,447
by duration of registration										
Under 20 weeks										
Total	1,877	2,066	2,421	2,753	2,903	2,466	2,240	2,442	2,042	2,249
Men	1,412	1,547	1,747	1,945	2,091	1,723	1,589	1,704	1,437	1,584
Women	465	519	674	808	812	743	651	738	605	665
21 to 52 weeks										
Total	1,345	1,240	1,471	1,465	1,813	1,438	1,467	1,602	1,428	1,732
Men	1,131	1,022	1,183	1,150	1,451	1,122	1,144	1,215	1,120	1,305
Women	214	218	288	315	362	316	323	387	308	427
53 weeks and over										
Total	3,668	3,071	2,987	2,916	2,825	2,815	2,864	2,607	2,748	2,620
Men	3,378	2,830	2,738	2,640	2,510	2,475	2,523	2,256	2,403	2,265
Women	290	241	249	276	315	340	341	351	345	355

Table 6. Number of registered unemployed persons under Part 2 by duration of registration

Registered Unemployed	Average					May		June		
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006	
Total	726	696	685	713	730	674	496	712	460	
Men	560	525	515	545	529	516	378	544	358	
Women	166	171	170	168	201	158	118	168	102	
by duration of registration										
Under 20 weeks										
Total	662	649	586	655	669	643	440	667	421	
Men	505	486	439	497	484	493	338	504	327	
Women	157	163	147	158	185	150	102	163	94	
21 weeks and over										
Total	64	47	99	58	61	31	56	45	39	
Men	55	39	76	48	45	23	40	40	31	
Women	9	8	23	10	16	8	16	5	8	

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

Registered unemployed	Average												May				June			
	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2005		2006		2005		2006	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	261	85.6	262	84.5	269	82.3	251	82.3	242	79.9	251	76.5	254	76.7	269	78.4	244	75.8	283	78.0
Females	44	14.4	48	15.5	58	17.7	54	17.7	61	20.1	77	23.5	77	23.3	74	21.6	78	24.2	80	22.0
Total	305	100.0	310	100.0	327	100.0	305	100.0	303	100.0	328	100.0	331	100.0	343	100.0	322	100.0	363	100.0

Table 8. Occupation being sought by persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register ...

Occupation	Average 2000				Average 2001				Average 2002				Average 2003			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	86	1.4	8	0.8	78	1.5	5	0.5	80	1.4	8	0.7	77	1.4	14	1.0
Professionals	30	0.5	10	1.0	33	0.6	6	0.6	33	0.6	7	0.5	43	0.7	17	1.2
Technicians and associate professionals	156	2.6	37	3.8	156	2.9	38	3.9	189	3.4	52	4.3	189	3.3	75	5.3
Clerks	336	5.7	275	28.4	342	6.3	288	29.4	368	6.5	377	31.2	393	6.9	390	27.9
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	516	8.7	263	27.2	393	7.3	272	27.8	437	7.7	323	26.7	437	7.6	345	24.7
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	98	1.7	0	0.0	88	1.6	1	0.1	92	1.6	0	0.0	96	1.7	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	797	13.5	26	2.7	691	12.8	28	2.9	756	13.3	28	2.3	798	13.9	37	2.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,129	19.1	85	8.8	1,049	19.4	81	8.3	1,084	19.1	101	8.3	1,108	19.3	156	11.2
Elementary occupations	2,773	46.8	265	27.3	2,569	47.6	259	26.5	2,629	46.4	315	26.0	2,594	45.2	364	26.0
Total	5,921	100.0	969	100.0	5,399	100.0	978	100.0	5,668	100.0	1,211	100.0	5,735	100.0	1,399	100.0

Occupation	Average 2004				Average 2005				May 2005				May 2006			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	91	1.5	14	1.0	111	2.1	32	2.3	66	1.3	13	1.0	121	2.3	29	2.0
Professionals	68	1.1	18	1.3	155	2.9	25	1.8	70	1.3	10	0.8	272	5.3	28	1.9
Technicians and associate professionals	217	3.6	77	5.2	310	5.8	106	7.6	193	3.7	65	4.9	448	8.7	144	9.8
Clerks	408	6.7	387	25.9	388	7.3	461	32.9	299	5.7	336	25.6	454	8.8	534	36.2
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	457	7.6	383	25.7	648	12.2	334	23.9	423	8.0	321	24.4	825	16.0	350	23.7
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	99	1.6	1	0.1	141	2.7	1	0.1	72	1.4	0	0.0	199	3.8	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.7	55	3.7	973	18.3	102	7.3	725	13.8	77	5.8	1,037	20.0	93	6.3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,101	18.2	158	10.6	922	17.3	104	7.4	902	17.1	126	9.6	887	17.1	146	9.9
Elementary occupations	2,721	45.0	396	26.5	1,672	31.4	234	16.7	2,506	47.7	367	27.9	932	18.0	151	10.2
Total	6,052	100.0	1,489	100.0	5,320	100.0	1,399	100.0	5,256	100.0	1,315	100.0	5,175	100.0	1,476	100.0

... Table 8. Occupation being sought by persons registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register

Occupation	June 2005				June 2006			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	125	2.5	28	2.2	123	2.4	33	2.3
Professionals	175	3.5	19	1.5	281	5.5	34	2.3
Technicians and associate professionals	350	7.1	124	9.9	445	8.6	161	11.1
Clerks	399	8.1	458	36.4	463	9.0	523	36.1
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	732	14.8	320	25.4	802	15.6	325	22.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	190	3.8	1	0.1	213	4.1	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	1,057	21.3	108	8.6	1,010	19.6	79	5.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	914	18.4	77	6.1	877	17.0	132	9.1
Elementary occupations	1,018	20.5	123	9.8	940	18.2	159	11.0
Total	4,960	100.0	1,258	100.0	5,154	100.0	1,447	100.0

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

Sex	Average					Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005			2006	
Males	6.1	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.4	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.7
Females	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.2
Total	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.7	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.3

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

Sex	Average					Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005			2006	
Males	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
Females	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8

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

Sex	Average					Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005			2006	
Males	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0
Females	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.1
Total	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8

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

Sex	Average					Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005			2006	
Males	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.2	9.8	8.2	8.6	9.2	10.2	10.5
Females	3.2	3.8	5.1	5.9	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	7.0	7.3
Total	6.1	6.3	7.0	7.8	8.4	7.4	7.6	8.1	8.8	9.1

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. Average annual data is being presented from the year 2000 onwards.
5. These statistics are published and disseminated by the NSO and can also be found on the NSO website <http://www.nso.gov.mt>