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Registered Unemployed: July 2006

The number of registered unemployed remained steady at just under 7,100 in July 2006. The unemployment rate for March 2006, at 5.3 per cent, eased slightly from the same month last year.

This news release provides an overview of registered unemployed for the month of July 2006. The source of all data contained within this release is the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC).

For the month under review, the number of registered unemployed stood at 7,080. This implies that there was hardly any change in the number of registered unemployed compared to the same month of last year.

As Tables 1 and 2 illustrate, the majority of those registering under Part 1 and Part 2 were males between 30 and 44 years. The 20 to 24 year category accounted for the majority of female registrations under Part 1 and 2 followed by the 30 to 44 age bracket. During July 2006, Gozo accounted for 9.8 per cent of total registrations (refer to Table 3).

Tables 4 and 5 illustrate the duration of unemployment for registrants. A year-on-year comparison indicates that the number of persons registering for less than 20 weeks has increased amongst Part 1 registrants and decreased amongst the Part 2 registered unemployed. The same trend can also be observed when comparing June 2005 with June 2006.

This release also provides information on the occupations being sought by the unemployed. Amongst males, occupations related to crafts, plant and machine operators and elementary duties were the most common, whereas females tended to seek jobs which were clerical or service-oriented (see Table 10).

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

Unemployment rates for March 2006

In March 2006, the unemployment rate stood at 5.3 per cent of the labour supply, compared to 5.5 per cent in the same month last year. On a gender basis, the male unemployment rate stood at 5.8 per cent, whilst the female unemployment rate stood at 4.1 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 3.9 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			June 2005			June 2006			July 2005			July 2006		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	6,103	616	6,719	5,654	564	6,218	5,985	616	6,601	5,717	610	6,327	5,880	669	6,549
Men	4,903	417	5,320	4,567	393	4,960	4,749	405	5,154	4,528	409	4,937	4,610	428	5,038
Women	1,200	199	1,399	1,087	171	1,258	1,236	211	1,447	1,189	201	1,390	1,270	241	1,511
by age distribution															
Under 20 years															
Total	669	85	754	535	75	610	642	57	699	617	88	705	700	82	782
Men	386	45	431	304	43	347	403	33	436	322	49	371	423	46	469
Women	283	40	323	231	32	263	239	24	263	295	39	334	277	36	313
20 to 24 years															
Total	901	132	1,033	813	118	931	920	141	1,061	846	141	987	906	167	1,073
Men	651	82	733	602	78	680	659	85	744	601	87	688	624	99	723
Women	250	50	300	211	40	251	261	56	317	245	54	299	282	68	350
25 to 29 years															
Total	755	104	859	727	97	824	719	109	828	723	106	829	688	105	793
Men	620	72	692	595	66	661	579	70	649	593	72	665	559	69	628
Women	135	32	167	132	31	163	140	39	179	130	34	164	129	36	165
30 to 44 years															
Total	1,950	181	2,131	1,854	165	2,019	1,894	186	2,080	1,832	168	2,000	1,801	187	1,988
Men	1,686	126	1,812	1,598	120	1,718	1,607	119	1,726	1,581	117	1,698	1,522	117	1,639
Women	264	55	319	256	45	301	287	67	354	251	51	302	279	70	349
45 years and over															
Total	1,828	114	1,942	1,725	109	1,834	1,810	123	1,933	1,699	107	1,806	1,785	128	1,913
Men	1,560	92	1,652	1,468	86	1,554	1,501	98	1,599	1,431	84	1,515	1,482	97	1,579
Women	268	22	290	257	23	280	309	25	334	268	23	291	303	31	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			June 2005			June 2006			July 2005			July 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	672	40	712	442	18	460	725	39	764	505	26	531		
Men	560	500	25	525	495	20	515	521	24	545	499	30	529	517	27	544	343	15	358	541	22	563	363	18	381		
Women	166	165	6	171	164	6	170	157	11	168	185	16	201	155	13	168	99	3	102	184	17	201	142	8	150		
by age distribution																											
Under 20 years																											
Total	186	178	5	183	154	6	160	148	7	155	172	11	183	143	4	147	79	3	82	161	5	166	83	3	86		
Men	123	106	2	108	98	4	102	93	5	98	110	7	117	98	4	102	56	3	59	110	4	114	44	3	47		
Women	63	72	3	75	56	2	58	55	2	57	62	4	66	45	-	45	23	-	23	51	1	52	39	-	39		
20 to 24 years																											
Total	163	170	7	177	174	6	180	170	7	177	182	12	194	185	13	198	101	5	106	212	12	224	118	8	126		
Men	121	128	6	134	124	5	129	121	5	126	127	9	136	130	10	140	71	5	76	144	6	150	77	6	83		
Women	42	42	1	43	50	1	51	49	2	51	55	3	58	55	3	58	30	-	30	68	6	74	41	2	43		
25 to 29 years																											
Total	112	85	5	90	94	4	98	95	9	104	89	6	95	78	4	82	66	1	67	92	5	97	80	2	82		
Men	86	68	4	72	76	3	79	75	5	80	71	4	75	66	4	70	47	1	48	74	4	78	57	1	58		
Women	26	17	1	18	18	1	19	20	4	24	18	2	20	12	-	12	19	-	19	18	1	19	23	1	24		
30 to 44 years																											
Total	155	138	9	147	140	8	148	158	9	167	143	11	154	166	10	176	101	8	109	154	11	165	125	11	136		
Men	131	116	8	124	116	6	122	140	6	146	114	7	121	138	6	144	87	5	92	128	6	134	99	6	105		
Women	24	22	1	23	24	2	26	18	3	21	29	4	33	28	4	32	14	3	17	26	5	31	26	5	31		
45 years and over																											
Total	110	94	5	99	97	2	99	107	3	110	98	6	104	100	9	109	95	1	96	106	6	112	99	2	101		
Men	99	82	5	87	81	2	83	92	3	95	77	3	80	85	3	88	82	1	83	85	2	87	86	2	88		
Women	11	12	-	12	16	-	16	15	-	15	21	3	24	15	6	21	13	-	13	21	4	25	13	-	13		

Table 3. Age distribution of persons registering for employment (Part 1 & Part 2)

Registered unemployed	Average 2002			Average 2003			Average 2004			Average 2005			June 2005			June 2006			July 2005			July 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	7,077	498	7,575	7,242	577	7,819	7,620	634	8,254	6,787	662	7,449	6,326	604	6,930	6,427	634	7,061	6,442	649	7,091	6,385	695	7,080
Men	5,778	415	6,193	5,818	432	6,250	6,146	451	6,597	5,402	447	5,849	5,084	420	5,504	5,092	420	5,512	5,069	431	5,500	4,973	446	5,419
Women	1,299	83	1,382	1,424	145	1,569	1,474	183	1,657	1,385	215	1,600	1,242	184	1,426	1,335	214	1,549	1,373	218	1,591	1,412	249	1,661
by age distribution																								
Under 20 years																								
Total	1,090	81	1,171	1,012	104	1,116	967	90	1,057	841	96	937	678	79	757	721	60	781	778	93	871	783	85	868
Men	646	51	697	606	60	666	595	54	649	496	52	548	402	47	449	459	36	495	432	53	485	467	49	516
Women	444	30	474	406	44	450	372	36	408	345	44	389	276	32	308	262	24	286	346	40	386	316	36	352
20 to 24 years																								
Total	1,054	98	1,152	1,172	126	1,298	1,226	145	1,371	1,083	144	1,227	998	131	1,129	1,021	146	1,167	1,058	153	1,211	1,024	175	1,199
Men	807	81	888	857	87	944	886	89	975	778	91	869	732	88	820	730	90	820	745	93	838	701	105	806
Women	247	17	264	315	39	354	340	56	396	305	53	358	266	43	309	291	56	347	313	60	373	323	70	393
25 to 29 years																								
Total	829	73	902	896	82	978	924	105	1,029	844	110	954	805	101	906	785	110	895	815	111	926	768	107	875
Men	712	62	774	765	64	829	772	75	847	691	76	767	661	70	731	626	71	697	667	76	743	616	70	686
Women	117	11	128	131	18	149	152	30	182	153	34	187	144	31	175	159	39	198	148	35	183	152	37	189
30 to 44 years																								
Total	2,291	162	2,453	2,296	171	2,467	2,356	181	2,537	2,093	192	2,285	2,020	175	2,195	1,995	194	2,189	1,986	179	2,165	1,926	198	2,124
Men	2,032	145	2,177	1,991	138	2,129	2,042	138	2,180	1,800	133	1,933	1,736	126	1,862	1,694	124	1,818	1,709	123	1,832	1,621	123	1,744
Women	259	17	276	305	33	338	314	43	357	293	59	352	284	49	333	301	70	371	277	56	333	305	75	380
45 years and over																								
Total	1,813	84	1,897	1,866	94	1,960	2,147	113	2,260	1,926	120	2,046	1,825	118	1,943	1,905	124	2,029	1,805	113	1,918	1,884	130	2,014
Men	1,581	76	1,657	1,599	83	1,682	1,851	95	1,946	1,637	95	1,732	1,553	89	1,642	1,583	99	1,682	1,516	86	1,602	1,568	99	1,667
Women	232	8	240	267	11	278	296	18	314	289	25	314	272	29	301	322	25	347	289	27	316	316	31	347

Table 4. Number of registered unemployed persons under Part 1 by duration of registration

Registered Unemployed	Average						June		July	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	6,890	6,377	6,879	7,134	7,541	6,719	6,218	6,601	6,327	6,549
Men	5,921	5,399	5,668	5,735	6,052	5,320	4,960	5,154	4,937	5,038
Women	969	978	1,211	1,399	1,489	1,399	1,258	1,447	1,390	1,511
by duration of registration										
Under 20 weeks										
Total	1,877	2,066	2,421	2,753	2,903	2,466	2,042	2,249	2,221	2,370
Men	1,412	1,547	1,747	1,945	2,091	1,723	1,437	1,584	1,472	1,609
Women	465	519	674	808	812	743	605	665	749	761
21 to 52 weeks										
Total	1,345	1,240	1,471	1,465	1,813	1,438	1,428	1,732	1,380	1,608
Men	1,131	1,022	1,183	1,150	1,451	1,122	1,120	1,305	1,084	1,221
Women	214	218	288	315	362	316	308	427	296	387
53 weeks and over										
Total	3,668	3,071	2,987	2,916	2,825	2,815	2,748	2,620	2,726	2,571
Men	3,378	2,830	2,738	2,640	2,510	2,475	2,403	2,265	2,381	2,208
Women	290	241	249	276	315	340	345	355	345	363

Table 5. Number of registered unemployed persons under Part 2 by duration of registration

Registered Unemployed	Average					June		July		
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006	
Total	726	696	685	713	730	712	460	764	531	
Men	560	525	515	545	529	544	358	563	381	
Women	166	171	170	168	201	168	102	201	150	
by duration of registration										
Under 20 weeks										
Total	662	649	586	655	669	667	421	714	503	
Men	505	486	439	497	484	504	327	525	360	
Women	157	163	147	158	185	163	94	189	143	
21 weeks and over										
Total	64	47	99	58	61	45	39	50	28	
Men	55	39	76	48	45	40	31	38	21	
Women	9	8	23	10	16	5	8	12	7	

Table 6. Number of registered unemployed persons by duration of registration (Part 1 & Part 2)

Registered Unemployed	Average					June		July	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	7,103	7,575	7,819	8,254	7,449	6,930	7,061	7,091	7,080
Men	5,959	6,193	6,250	6,597	5,849	5,504	5,512	5,500	5,419
Women	1,144	1,382	1,569	1,657	1,600	1,426	1,549	1,591	1,661
by duration of registration									
Under 20 weeks									
Total	2,728	3,070	3,339	3,558	3,135	2,709	2,670	2,935	2,873
Men	2,052	2,233	2,384	2,588	2,207	1,941	1,911	1,997	1,969
Women	676	837	955	970	928	768	759	938	904
21 to 52 weeks									
Total	1,304	1,518	1,564	1,871	1,499	1,473	1,771	1,430	1,636
Men	1,077	1,222	1,226	1,499	1,167	1,160	1,336	1,122	1,242
Women	227	296	338	372	332	313	435	308	394
53 weeks and over									
Total	3,071	2,987	2,916	2,825	2,815	2,748	2,620	2,726	2,571
Men	2,830	2,738	2,640	2,510	2,475	2,403	2,265	2,381	2,208
Women	241	249	276	315	340	345	355	345	363

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

Registered unemployed	Average												June				July			
	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	244	75.8	283	78.0	254	75.8	275	77.0
Females	44	14.4	48	15.5	58	17.7	54	17.7	61	20.1	77	23.5	78	24.2	80	22.0	81	24.2	82	23.0
Total	305	100.0	310	100.0	327	100.0	305	100.0	303	100.0	328	100.0	322	100.0	363	100.0	335	100.0	357	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				June 2005				June 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	125	2.5	28	2.2	123	2.4	33	2.3
Professionals	68	1.1	18	1.3	155	2.9	25	1.8	175	3.5	19	1.5	281	5.5	34	2.3
Technicians and associate professionals	217	3.6	77	5.2	310	5.8	106	7.6	350	7.1	124	9.9	445	8.6	161	11.1
Clerks	408	6.7	387	25.9	388	7.3	461	32.9	399	8.1	458	36.4	463	9.0	523	36.1
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	457	7.6	383	25.7	648	12.2	334	23.9	732	14.8	320	25.4	802	15.6	325	22.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	99	1.6	1	0.1	141	2.7	1	0.1	190	3.8	1	0.1	213	4.1	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.7	55	3.7	973	18.3	102	7.3	1,057	21.3	108	8.6	1,010	19.6	79	5.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,101	18.2	158	10.6	922	17.3	104	7.4	914	18.4	77	6.1	877	17.0	132	9.1
Elementary occupations	2,721	45.0	396	26.5	1,672	31.4	234	16.7	1,018	20.5	123	9.8	940	18.2	159	11.0
Total	6,052	100.0	1,489	100.0	5,320	100.0	1,399	100.0	4,960	100.0	1,258	100.0	5,154	100.0	1,447	100.0

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

Occupation	July 2005				July 2006			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	133	2.7	46	3.3	125	2.5	36	2.4
Professionals	191	3.9	35	2.5	304	6.0	33	2.2
Technicians and associate professionals	358	7.3	140	10.1	437	8.7	178	11.8
Clerks	427	8.6	531	38.2	460	9.1	577	38.2
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	724	14.7	322	23.2	764	15.2	307	20.3
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	184	3.7	1	0.0	206	4.1	1	0.0
Craft and related trade workers	1,056	21.4	105	7.6	984	19.5	72	4.8
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	860	17.4	81	5.8	859	17.1	145	9.6
Elementary occupations	1,004	20.3	129	9.3	899	17.8	162	10.7
Total	4,937	100.0	1,390	100.0	5,038	100.0	1,511	100.0

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Table 9. Occupation being sought by persons registering under Part 2 of the unemployment register

Occupation	July 2005				July 2006			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	18	3.2	10	5.0	16	4.2	6	4.0
Professionals	14	2.5	8	4.0	11	2.9	2	1.3
Technicians and associate professionals	42	7.5	23	11.4	24	6.3	8	5.3
Clerks	50	8.9	65	32.3	46	12.1	61	40.7
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	88	15.6	56	27.9	60	15.8	33	22.0
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	12	2.1	0	0.0	4	1.0	0	0.0
Craft and related trade workers	158	28.1	11	5.5	87	22.8	3	2.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	79	14.0	11	5.5	67	17.6	22	14.7
Elementary occupations	102	18.1	17	8.4	66	17.3	15	10.0
Total	563	100.0	201	100.0	381	100.0	150	100.0

Table 10. Occupation being sought by persons registering on the unemployment register (Part 1 & Part 2)

Occupation	July 2005				July 2006			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	151	2.7	56	3.5	141	2.6	42	2.5
Professionals	205	3.7	43	2.7	315	5.8	35	2.1
Technicians and associate professionals	400	7.3	163	10.2	461	8.5	186	11.2
Clerks	477	8.7	596	37.5	506	9.3	638	38.4
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	812	14.8	378	23.7	824	15.2	340	20.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	196	3.5	1	0.1	210	3.9	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	1,214	22.1	116	7.3	1,071	19.8	75	4.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	939	17.1	92	5.8	926	17.1	167	10.0
Elementary occupations	1,106	20.1	146	9.2	965	17.8	177	10.7
Total	5,500	100.0	1,591	100.0	5,419	100.0	1,661	100.0

Table 11. Unemployment rate (considering both those registering under Part 1 & 2)

Sex	Average					Feb		Mar	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2005	2006
Males	6.1	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.4	6.2	5.7	6.2	5.8
Females	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.1
Total	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.3

Table 12. Long-term unemployment rate

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

**Table 13. Unemployment rate of older workers 45 +
(considering only those registering under Part 1)**

Sex	Average					Feb		Mar	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2005	2006
Males	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.7	4.0	4.6	4.1
Females	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.3
Total	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.4	3.8	4.3	3.9

**Table 14. Unemployment rate of people aged less than 25
(considering only those registering under Part 1)**

Sex	Average					Feb		Mar	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2005	2006
Males	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.2	9.8	9.4	10.5	9.5	10.6
Females	3.2	3.8	5.1	5.9	6.4	6.2	7.3	6.0	7.1
Total	6.1	6.3	7.0	7.8	8.4	8.0	9.1	8.0	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>