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Registered Unemployed: February 2006

As at the end of February 2006, there were a total of 7,669 persons registering for work with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC). Of these, 7,038 were registering for work under Part 1, and 631 were registered under Part 2. The number of registered unemployed decreased by 28 over the preceding month. On the other hand, when one compares the figures for February 2005 and February 2006, the number of registered unemployed dropped by 425 persons.

Of the total unemployed, the unemployment in Malta reached 6,950 persons, whilst unemployment in Gozo stood at 719 persons.

During February 2006 the number of new registrants under Part 1 of the unemployment register amounted to 282 persons.

Tables 1 and 2 give indications on the age distribution of the registrants as at the end of February 2006, where 2,451 persons (32.0 per cent) were under the age of 24 years. Further analysis of the age variable indicates that, in February 2006, there were 1,962 persons (25.6 per cent) aged 45 and over registering for work.

Tables 5 and 6 show the duration of unemployment for registrants under Part 1 and Part 2 respectively. Among the total number of unemployed, 3,579 or 46.7 per cent had been looking for a job for less than 20 weeks, while a further 2,647 persons (34.5 per cent) had been looking for a job for more than a year.

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

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

Unemployment rates for October 2005

In October 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 7.4 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	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			January 2005			January 2006			February 2005			February 2006		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	6,103	616	6,719	6,721	688	7,409	6,329	681	7,010	6,679	667	7,346	6,355	683	7,038
Men	4,903	417	5,320	5,489	475	5,964	4,979	445	5,424	5,421	455	5,876	4,970	441	5,411
Women	1,200	199	1,399	1,232	213	1,445	1,350	236	1,586	1,258	212	1,470	1,385	242	1,627
by age distribution															
Under 20 years															
Total	669	85	754	741	94	835	827	83	910	733	86	819	826	81	907
Men	386	45	431	476	53	529	505	42	547	457	46	503	517	41	558
Women	283	40	323	265	41	306	322	41	363	276	40	316	309	40	349
20 to 24 years															
Total	901	132	1,033	987	148	1,135	1,016	151	1,167	970	142	1,112	1,066	161	1,227
Men	651	82	733	721	95	816	722	92	814	703	89	792	746	95	841
Women	250	50	300	266	53	319	294	59	353	267	53	320	320	66	386
25 to 29 years															
Total	755	104	859	815	109	924	784	121	905	822	108	930	802	111	913
Men	620	72	692	680	77	757	631	76	707	681	74	755	639	69	708
Women	135	32	167	135	32	167	153	45	198	141	34	175	163	42	205
30 to 44 years															
Total	1,950	181	2,131	2,141	209	2,350	1,898	202	2,100	2,149	201	2,350	1,921	204	2,125
Men	1,686	126	1,812	1,854	145	1,999	1,609	134	1,743	1,852	142	1,994	1,615	136	1,751
Women	264	55	319	287	64	351	289	68	357	297	59	356	306	68	374
45 years and over															
Total	1,828	114	1,942	2,037	128	2,165	1,804	124	1,928	2,005	130	2,135	1,740	126	1,866
Men	1,560	92	1,652	1,758	105	1,863	1,512	101	1,613	1,728	104	1,832	1,453	100	1,553
Women	268	22	290	279	23	302	292	23	315	277	26	303	287	26	313

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			January 2005			January 2006			February 2005			February 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	722	49	771	648	41	689	709	39	748	595	36	631
Men	560	500	25	525	495	20	515	521	24	545	499	30	529	525	34	559	466	26	492	515	28	543	434	22	456
Women	166	165	6	171	164	6	170	157	11	168	185	16	201	197	15	212	182	15	197	194	11	205	161	14	175
by age distribution																									
Under 20 years																									
Total	186	178	5	183	154	6	160	148	7	155	172	11	183	205	13	218	194	9	203	189	12	201	158	7	165
Men	123	106	2	108	98	4	102	93	5	98	110	7	117	127	10	137	114	5	119	115	9	124	98	3	101
Women	63	72	3	75	56	2	58	55	2	57	62	4	66	78	3	81	80	4	84	74	3	77	60	4	64
20 to 24 years																									
Total	163	170	7	177	174	6	180	170	7	177	182	12	194	180	13	193	142	13	155	197	9	206	142	10	152
Men	121	128	6	134	124	5	129	121	5	126	127	9	136	117	10	127	105	10	115	136	8	144	104	8	112
Women	42	42	1	43	50	1	51	49	2	51	55	3	58	63	3	66	37	3	40	61	1	62	38	2	40
25 to 29 years																									
Total	112	85	5	90	94	4	98	95	9	104	89	6	95	97	10	107	88	2	90	92	7	99	76	3	79
Men	86	68	4	72	76	3	79	75	5	80	71	4	75	81	4	85	65	1	66	76	3	79	56	2	58
Women	26	17	1	18	18	1	19	20	4	24	18	2	20	16	6	22	23	1	24	16	4	20	20	1	21
30 to 44 years																									
Total	155	138	9	147	140	8	148	158	9	167	143	11	154	137	10	147	138	12	150	133	10	143	129	10	139
Men	131	116	8	124	116	6	122	140	6	146	114	7	121	117	7	124	111	7	118	115	7	122	104	5	109
Women	24	22	1	23	24	2	26	18	3	21	29	4	33	20	3	23	27	5	32	18	3	21	25	5	30
45 years and over																									
Total	110	94	5	99	97	2	99	107	3	110	98	6	104	103	3	106	86	5	91	98	1	99	90	6	96
Men	99	82	5	87	81	2	83	92	3	95	77	3	80	83	3	86	71	3	74	73	1	74	72	4	76
Women	11	12	0	12	16	0	16	15	0	15	21	3	24	20	-	20	15	2	17	25	0	25	18	2	20

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

Registered unemployed	Average												January				February			
	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	559	72.5	492	71.4	543	72.6	456	72.3
Females	147	24.2	166	22.9	171	24.6	171	24.9	168	23.6	201	27.5	212	27.5	197	28.6	205	27.4	175	27.7
Total	608	100.0	726	100.0	696	100.0	686	100.0	713	100.0	730	100.0	771	100.0	689	100.0	748	100.0	631	100.0

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

Registered unemployed	Average												January				February			
	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	6,523	79.7	5,916	76.8	6,419	79.3	5,867	76.5
Females	1,116	14.9	1,144	16.1	1,382	18.2	1,570	20.1	1,657	20.1	1,600	21.5	1,657	20.3	1,783	23.2	1,675	20.7	1,802	23.5
Total	7,498	100.0	7,103	100.0	7,575	100.0	7,820	100.0	8,254	100.0	7,449	100.0	8,180	100.0	7,699	100.0	8,094	100.0	7,669	100.0

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

Registered Unemployed	Average						January		February	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	6,890	6,377	6,879	7,134	7,541	6,719	7,409	7,010	7,346	7,038
Men	5,921	5,399	5,668	5,735	6,052	5,320	5,964	5,424	5,876	5,411
Women	969	978	1,211	1,399	1,489	1,399	1,445	1,586	1,470	1,627
by duration of registration										
Under 20 weeks										
Total	1,877	2,066	2,421	2,753	2,903	2,466	2,707	3,021	2,673	2,999
Men	1,412	1,547	1,747	1,945	2,091	1,723	1,961	2,081	1,905	2,056
Women	465	519	674	808	812	743	746	940	768	943
21 to 52 weeks										
Total	1,345	1,240	1,471	1,465	1,813	1,438	1,579	1,353	1,617	1,392
Men	1,131	1,022	1,183	1,150	1,451	1,122	1,242	1,032	1,268	1,038
Women	214	218	288	315	362	316	337	321	349	354
53 weeks and over										
Total	3,668	3,071	2,987	2,916	2,825	2,815	3,123	2,636	3,056	2,647
Men	3,378	2,830	2,738	2,640	2,510	2,475	2,761	2,311	2,703	2,317
Women	290	241	249	276	315	340	362	325	353	330

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

Registered Unemployed	Average					January		February		
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006	
Total	726	696	685	713	730	771	689	748	631	
Men	560	525	515	545	529	559	492	543	456	
Women	166	171	170	168	201	212	197	205	175	
by duration of registration										
Under 20 weeks										
Total	662	649	586	655	669	686	638	699	580	
Men	505	486	439	497	484	496	459	507	423	
Women	157	163	147	158	185	190	179	192	157	
21 weeks and over										
Total	64	47	99	58	61	85	51	49	51	
Men	55	39	76	48	45	63	33	36	33	
Women	9	8	23	10	16	22	18	13	18	

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

Registered unemployed	Average												January				February			
	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	243	78.4	253	76.4	244	77.2	261	76.3
Females	44	14.4	48	15.5	58	17.7	54	17.7	61	20.1	77	23.5	67	21.6	78	23.6	72	22.8	81	23.7
Total	305	100.0	310	100.0	327	100.0	305	100.0	303	100.0	328	100.0	310	100.0	331	100.0	316	100.0	342	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

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Occupation	Average 2004				Average 2005				January 2005				January 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	79	1.3	10	0.7	140	2.6	42	2.6
Professionals	68	1.1	18	1.3	155	2.9	25	1.8	67	1.1	15	1.0	275	5.1	36	2.2
Technicians and associate professionals	217	3.6	77	5.2	310	5.8	106	7.6	229	3.9	68	4.7	431	7.9	155	9.8
Clerks	408	6.7	387	25.9	388	7.3	461	32.9	354	5.9	366	25.3	476	8.8	616	38.8
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	457	7.6	383	25.7	648	12.2	334	23.9	518	8.7	372	25.8	928	17.1	353	22.3
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	99	1.6	1	0.1	141	2.7	1	0.1	79	1.3	0	0.0	204	3.7	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	890	14.7	55	3.7	973	18.3	102	7.3	875	14.7	58	4.0	1,116	20.6	120	7.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,101	18.2	158	10.6	922	17.3	104	7.4	1,066	17.9	142	9.8	893	16.5	142	9.0
Elementary occupations	2,721	45.0	396	26.5	1,672	31.4	234	16.7	2,697	45.2	414	28.7	961	17.7	121	7.6
Total	6,052	100.0	1,489	100.0	5,320	100.0	1,399	100.0	5,964	100.0	1,445	100.0	5,424	100.0	1,586	100.0

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

Occupation	February 2005				February 2006			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	87	1.5	13	0.9	135	2.5	43	2.7
Professionals	63	1.1	11	0.7	272	5.0	33	2.0
Technicians and associate professionals	218	3.7	67	4.5	433	8.0	162	10.0
Clerks	340	5.8	378	25.7	475	8.8	616	37.9
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	503	8.5	373	25.4	951	17.6	362	22.2
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	80	1.4	0	0.0	201	3.7	2	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	871	14.8	76	5.2	1,114	20.6	116	7.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1,052	17.9	147	10.0	877	16.2	157	9.6
Elementary occupations	2,662	45.3	405	27.6	953	17.6	136	8.4
Total	5,876	100.0	1,470	100.0	5,411	100.0	1,627	100.0

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

Sex	Average					Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005				
Males	6.1	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4
Females	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7
Total	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9

Table10. Long-term unemployment rate

Sex	Average					Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005				
Males	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Females	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8

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

Sex	Average					Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005				
Males	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9
Females	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6
Total	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7

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

Sex	Average					Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005				
Males	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.2	9.8	7.5	7.6	7.6	8.0	8.2
Females	3.2	3.8	5.1	5.9	6.4	5.0	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.3
Total	6.1	6.3	7.0	7.8	8.4	6.4	6.9	7.0	7.3	7.4

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>