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Registered Unemployed: November 2008

At 6,600 persons, registered unemployment in November 2008 decreased by 23 persons when compared to the same month last year.

In Malta, the registered unemployed amounted to 5,869 persons, whereas in Gozo these amounted to 731, as illustrated in Table 3. In the twelve months to November 2008, Malta experienced a decline in unemployment, whereas Gozo has seen a rise (-47 in Malta and 24 in Gozo).

With regard to persons registering for work in the twelve months to November 2008, the number of men increased by 150, whereas the number of women decreased by 173.

Between November 2007 and November 2008, persons who have been registering for work for 53 weeks and over decreased by 197, as featured in Table 6.

This release also provides information on the occupations being sought by the unemployed persons. Among men, occupations related to elementary duties and tradeswork were the most common, whereas women tended to seek jobs which were clerical or service-oriented (see Table 10).

The unemployment rates for November 2008 do not feature in this release since the administrative data on the labour supply for this month are not yet available.

Registered Unemployment Rate: July 2008

In July 2008, the registered unemployment rate stood at 3.9 per cent of the labour supply. On a gender basis, the unemployment rate for men stood at 4.4 per cent, while the unemployment rate for women stood at 2.9 per cent.

The long-term unemployment rate, referring to people who have been registering for work for more than twelve months, stood at 1.4 per cent.

The unemployment rate among older workers (45 and over) was 3.8 per cent while the unemployment rate among young people (under 25) stood at 4.3 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 2006			Average 2007			October 2007			October 2008			November 2007			November 2008		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	6,036	662	6,698	5,322	651	5,973	5,242	642	5,884	4,988	646	5,634	5,201	681	5,882	5,213	687	5,900
Men	4,739	428	5,167	4,183	419	4,602	4,034	426	4,460	4,047	440	4,487	4,017	453	4,470	4,188	457	4,645
Women	1,297	234	1,531	1,139	232	1,371	1,208	216	1,424	941	206	1,147	1,184	228	1,412	1,025	230	1,255
by age distribution																		
Under 20 years of age																		
Total	741	73	814	506	60	566	488	64	552	415	44	459	485	67	552	459	45	504
Men	450	41	491	296	32	328	283	37	320	257	28	285	285	40	325	268	25	293
Women	291	32	323	210	28	238	205	27	232	158	16	174	200	27	227	191	20	211
20 to 24 years of age																		
Total	935	158	1,093	697	142	839	651	130	781	489	130	619	620	138	758	546	134	680
Men	658	94	752	487	91	578	444	87	531	342	93	435	423	93	516	382	93	475
Women	277	64	341	210	51	261	207	43	250	147	37	184	197	45	242	164	41	205
25 to 29 years of age																		
Total	725	106	831	611	100	711	632	95	727	545	90	635	618	101	719	584	96	680
Men	581	67	648	476	63	539	448	62	510	437	61	498	455	70	525	467	67	534
Women	144	39	183	135	37	172	184	33	217	108	29	137	163	31	194	117	29	146
30 to 44 years of age																		
Total	1,843	197	2,040	1,699	196	1,895	1,648	196	1,844	1,654	197	1,851	1,672	205	1,877	1,699	212	1,911
Men	1,553	126	1,679	1,410	121	1,531	1,351	122	1,473	1,406	125	1,531	1,376	123	1,499	1,433	131	1,564
Women	290	71	361	289	75	364	297	74	371	248	72	320	296	82	378	266	81	347
45 years of age and over																		
Total	1,792	128	1,920	1,809	153	1,962	1,823	157	1,980	1,885	185	2,070	1,806	170	1,976	1,925	200	2,125
Men	1,497	100	1,597	1,514	112	1,626	1,508	118	1,626	1,605	133	1,738	1,478	127	1,605	1,638	141	1,779
Women	295	28	323	295	41	336	315	39	354	280	52	332	328	43	371	287	59	346

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

Registered unemployed	Average 2006			Average 2007			October 2007			October 2008			November 2007			November 2008		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	599	29	628	684	29	713	744	31	775	675	42	717	715	26	741	656	44	700
Men	448	19	467	501	19	520	532	18	550	499	27	526	516	16	532	488	19	507
Women	151	10	161	183	10	193	212	13	225	176	15	191	199	10	209	168	25	193
by age distribution																		
Under 20 years of age																		
Total	121	6	127	130	7	137	144	4	148	109	4	113	149	7	156	104	5	109
Men	73	4	77	76	4	80	86	2	88	71	3	74	87	4	91	64	4	68
Women	48	2	50	54	3	57	58	2	60	38	1	39	62	3	65	40	1	41
20 to 24 years of age																		
Total	137	7	144	134	9	143	136	11	147	160	7	167	123	8	131	169	6	175
Men	98	5	103	94	6	100	92	5	97	105	5	110	83	4	87	114	3	117
Women	39	2	41	40	3	43	44	6	50	55	2	57	40	4	44	55	3	58
25 to 29 years of age																		
Total	89	3	92	99	5	104	109	4	113	98	9	107	103	2	105	99	3	102
Men	67	2	69	75	3	78	82	2	84	74	8	82	76	1	77	79	2	81
Women	22	1	23	24	2	26	27	2	29	24	1	25	27	1	28	20	1	21
30 to 44 years of age																		
Total	134	9	143	164	4	168	190	6	196	155	12	167	184	6	190	149	17	166
Men	111	5	116	131	3	134	150	5	155	125	7	132	146	4	150	126	8	134
Women	23	4	27	33	1	34	40	1	41	30	5	35	38	2	40	23	9	32
45 years of age and over																		
Total	118	4	122	157	4	161	165	6	171	153	10	163	156	3	159	135	13	148
Men	99	3	102	125	3	128	122	4	126	124	4	128	124	3	127	105	2	107
Women	19	1	20	32	1	33	43	2	45	29	6	35	32	-	32	30	11	41

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

Registered unemployed	Average 2006			Average 2007			October 2007			October 2008			November 2007			November 2008		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	6,635	691	7,326	6,006	680	6,686	5,986	673	6,659	5,663	688	6,351	5,916	707	6,623	5,869	731	6,600
Men	5,187	447	5,634	4,684	438	5,122	4,566	444	5,010	4,546	467	5,013	4,533	469	5,002	4,676	476	5,152
Women	1,448	244	1,692	1,322	242	1,564	1,420	229	1,649	1,117	221	1,338	1,383	238	1,621	1,193	255	1,448
by age distribution																		
Under 20 years of age																		
Total	862	79	941	636	67	703	632	68	700	524	48	572	634	74	708	563	50	613
Men	523	45	568	372	36	408	369	39	408	328	31	359	372	44	416	332	29	361
Women	339	34	373	264	31	295	263	29	292	196	17	213	262	30	292	231	21	252
20 to 24 years of age																		
Total	1,072	165	1,237	831	151	982	787	141	928	649	137	786	743	146	889	715	140	855
Men	756	99	855	581	97	678	536	92	628	447	98	545	506	97	603	496	96	592
Women	316	66	382	250	54	304	251	49	300	202	39	241	237	49	286	219	44	263
25 to 29 years of age																		
Total	814	109	923	710	105	815	741	99	840	643	99	742	721	103	824	683	99	782
Men	648	69	717	551	66	617	530	64	594	511	69	580	531	71	602	546	69	615
Women	166	40	206	159	39	198	211	35	246	132	30	162	190	32	222	137	30	167
30 to 44 years of age																		
Total	1,977	206	2,183	1,863	200	2,063	1,838	202	2,040	1,809	209	2,018	1,856	211	2,067	1,848	229	2,077
Men	1,664	131	1,795	1,541	124	1,665	1,501	127	1,628	1,531	132	1,663	1,522	127	1,649	1,559	139	1,698
Women	313	75	388	322	76	398	337	75	412	278	77	355	334	84	418	289	90	379
45 years of age and over																		
Total	1,910	132	2,042	1,966	157	2,123	1,988	163	2,151	2,038	195	2,233	1,962	173	2,135	2,060	213	2,273
Men	1,596	103	1,699	1,639	115	1,754	1,630	122	1,752	1,729	137	1,866	1,602	130	1,732	1,743	143	1,886
Women	314	29	343	327	42	369	358	41	399	309	58	367	360	43	403	317	70	387

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

Registered Unemployed	Average		October		November	
	2006	2007	2007	2008	2007	2008
Total	6,698	5,973	5,884	5,634	5,882	5,900
Men	5,167	4,602	4,460	4,487	4,470	4,645
Women	1,531	1,371	1,424	1,147	1,412	1,255
by duration of registration						
Under 20 weeks						
Total	2,582	2,253	2,440	2,383	2,487	2,541
Men	1,779	1,530	1,586	1,822	1,630	1,872
Women	803	723	854	561	857	669
21 to 52 weeks						
Total	1,518	1,211	1,048	1,102	1,022	1,183
Men	1,149	950	847	875	826	961
Women	369	261	201	227	196	222
53 weeks and over						
Total	2,598	2,509	2,396	2,149	2,373	2,176
Men	2,239	2,122	2,027	1,790	2,014	1,812
Women	359	387	369	359	359	364

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

Registered Unemployed	Average		October		November	
	2006	2007	2007	2008	2007	2008
Total	628	713	775	717	741	700
Men	467	520	550	526	532	507
Women	161	193	225	191	209	193
by duration of registration						
Under 20 weeks						
Total	582	657	730	664	700	658
Men	433	477	513	481	500	474
Women	149	180	217	183	200	184
21 weeks and over						
Total	46	56	45	53	41	42
Men	34	43	37	45	32	33
Women	12	13	8	8	9	9

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

Registered Unemployed	Average		October		November	
	2006	2007	2007	2008	2007	2008
Total	7,326	6,686	6,659	6,351	6,623	6,600
Men	5,634	5,122	5,010	5,013	5,002	5,152
Women	1,692	1,564	1,649	1,338	1,621	1,448
by duration of registration						
Under 20 weeks						
Total	3,164	2,910	3,170	3,047	3,187	3,199
Men	2,212	2,007	2,099	2,303	2,130	2,346
Women	952	903	1,071	744	1,057	853
21 to 52 weeks						
Total	1,564	1,267	1,093	1,155	1,063	1,225
Men	1,183	993	884	920	858	994
Women	381	274	209	235	205	231
53 weeks and over						
Total	2,598	2,509	2,396	2,149	2,373	2,176
Men	2,239	2,122	2,027	1,790	2,014	1,812
Women	359	387	369	359	359	364

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

Registered unemployed	Average				October				November			
	2006		2007		2007		2008		2007		2008	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Men	269	77.3	253	79.3	240	77.2	234	78.8	228	77.0	242	79.9
Women	79	22.7	66	20.7	71	22.8	63	21.2	68	23.0	61	20.1
Total	348	100.0	319	100.0	311	100.0	297	100.0	296	100.0	303	100.0

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

Occupation	Average 2006				Average 2007				October 2007				October 2008				November 2007				November 2008			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	131	2.5	39	2.5	117	2.5	33	2.4	116	2.6	38	2.7	140	3.1	34	3.0	117	2.6	36	2.5	153	3.3	40	3.2
Professionals	310	6.0	36	2.4	344	7.5	34	2.5	331	7.4	39	2.7	347	7.7	39	3.4	324	7.2	34	2.4	369	8.0	39	3.1
Technicians and associate professionals	445	8.6	182	11.9	404	8.8	150	10.9	388	8.7	162	11.4	440	9.8	122	10.6	398	8.9	159	11.3	434	9.3	132	10.5
Clerks	470	9.1	558	36.4	411	8.9	504	36.7	392	8.8	506	35.5	393	8.8	406	35.4	383	8.6	490	34.7	416	9.0	446	35.5
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	840	16.3	338	22.1	783	17.0	360	26.3	728	16.3	389	27.3	670	14.9	349	30.4	741	16.6	400	28.3	734	15.8	380	30.3
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	208	4.0	1	0.1	194	4.2	2	0.1	193	4.3	1	0.1	180	4.0	1	0.1	188	4.2	1	0.1	188	4.0	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	991	19.2	77	5.0	743	16.2	8	0.6	709	15.9	8	0.6	720	16.1	6	0.5	710	15.9	7	0.5	736	15.8	8	0.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	861	16.7	147	9.6	747	16.2	127	9.3	731	16.4	139	9.7	727	16.2	93	8.1	747	16.7	138	9.8	738	15.9	104	8.3
Elementary occupations	911	17.6	153	10.0	859	18.7	153	11.2	872	19.6	142	10.0	870	19.4	97	8.5	862	19.3	147	10.4	877	18.9	105	8.4
Total	5,167	100.0	1,531	100.0	4,602	100.0	1,371	100.0	4,460	100.0	1,424	100.0	4,487	100.0	1,147	100.0	4,470	100.0	1,412	100.0	4,645	100.0	1,255	100.0

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

Occupation	Average 2006				Average 2007				October 2007				October 2008				November 2007				November 2008			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	17	3.6	5	3.1	19	3.7	6	3.1	18	3.3	7	3.1	15	2.8	9	4.7	11	2.1	7	3.4	12	2.4	7	3.6
Professionals	14	3.0	5	3.1	21	4.0	4	2.1	20	3.6	6	2.7	30	5.7	6	3.2	17	3.2	5	2.4	26	5.1	4	2.1
Technicians and associate professionals	45	9.6	16	9.9	54	10.4	19	9.8	67	12.2	26	11.5	32	6.1	16	8.4	66	12.4	14	6.7	34	6.7	15	7.8
Clerks	54	11.6	58	36.0	58	11.1	66	34.2	51	9.3	81	36.0	62	11.8	63	33.0	51	9.6	78	37.3	62	12.2	67	34.7
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	89	19.1	35	21.7	95	18.3	50	25.9	93	16.9	49	21.8	93	17.7	44	23.0	90	16.9	49	23.4	82	16.2	59	30.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	10	2.1	-	-	16	3.1	-	-	9	1.6	-	-	26	4.9	-	-	15	2.8	-	-	18	3.6	0	0.0
Craft and related trade workers	100	21.4	8	5.0	88	16.9	-	-	103	18.7	-	-	103	19.6	1	0.5	93	17.5	-	-	100	19.7	0	0.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	68	14.6	17	10.6	84	16.2	25	13.0	98	17.8	32	14.2	72	13.7	26	13.6	99	18.6	26	12.4	76	15.0	15	7.8
Elementary occupations	70	15.0	17	10.6	85	16.3	23	11.9	91	16.6	24	10.7	93	17.7	26	13.6	90	16.9	30	14.4	97	19.1	26	13.5
Total	467	100.0	161	100.0	520	100.0	193	100.0	550	100.0	225	100.0	526	100.0	191	100.0	532	100.0	209	100.0	507	100.0	193	100.0

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

Occupation	Average 2006				Average 2007				October 2007				October 2008				November 2007				November 2008			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers (and supervisors)	148	2.6	44	2.6	136	2.7	39	2.6	134	2.7	45	2.7	155	3.1	43	3.2	128	2.6	43	2.7	165	3.2	47	3.2
Professionals	324	5.8	41	2.4	365	7.1	38	2.4	351	7.0	45	2.7	377	7.5	45	3.4	341	6.8	39	2.4	395	7.7	43	3.0
Technicians and associate professionals	490	8.7	198	11.7	458	9.0	169	10.8	455	9.1	188	11.4	472	9.4	138	10.3	464	9.3	173	10.7	468	9.1	147	10.2
Clerks	524	9.3	616	36.4	469	9.2	570	36.4	443	8.8	587	35.6	455	9.1	469	35.0	434	8.7	568	35.0	478	9.3	513	35.4
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	929	16.5	373	22.0	878	17.1	410	26.2	821	16.4	438	26.5	763	15.2	393	29.4	831	16.6	449	27.7	816	15.8	439	30.3
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	218	3.9	1	0.1	210	4.1	2	0.1	202	4.0	1	0.1	206	4.1	1	0.1	203	4.1	1	0.1	206	4.0	1	0.1
Craft and related trade workers	1,091	19.4	85	5.0	831	16.2	8	0.5	812	16.2	8	0.5	823	16.5	7	0.5	803	16.0	7	0.4	836	16.2	8	0.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	929	16.5	164	9.7	831	16.2	152	9.7	829	16.6	171	10.4	799	15.9	119	8.9	846	16.9	164	10.1	814	15.8	119	8.2
Elementary occupations	981	17.4	170	10.0	944	18.4	176	11.3	963	19.2	166	10.1	963	19.2	123	9.2	952	19.0	177	10.9	974	18.9	131	9.0
Total	5,634	100.0	1,692	100.0	5,122	100.0	1,564	100.0	5,010	100.0	1,649	100.0	5,013	100.0	1,338	100.0	5,002	100.0	1,621	100.0	5,152	100.0	1,448	100.0

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

per cent

Sex	Average		June		July	
	2006	2007 (Revised)	2007 (Revised)	2008	2007 (Revised)	2008
Men	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.4
Women	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.3	2.9
Total	5.0	4.5	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.9

**Table 12. Long-term unemployment rate
(considering only those registering under Part 1)**

per cent

Sex	Average		June		July	
	2006	2007 (Revised)	2007 (Revised)	2008	2007 (Revised)	2008
Men	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.0	1.7
Women	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7
Total	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.4

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

per cent

Sex	Average		June		July	
	2006	2007 (Revised)	2007 (Revised)	2008	2007 (Revised)	2008
Men	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
Women	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.1
Total	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8

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

per cent

Sex	Average		June		July	
	2006	2007 (Revised)	2007 (Revised)	2008	2007 (Revised)	2008
Men	9.3	6.8	6.3	4.5	6.2	4.9
Women	6.5	4.9	4.0	3.2	4.6	3.4
Total	8.1	6.0	5.3	3.9	5.5	4.3

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 gainfully occupied population only is taken into consideration.
 - **The unemployment rate:** is worked out by taking into account the number of registered unemployed persons both under Part 1 and Part 2 as a percentage of the sum of the full-time gainfully occupied population and the total registered unemployed.
 - **Long-term unemployment rate:** refers to those people who have been registering for work for more than twelve months. The long-term unemployment rate is arrived at by working out the percentage of the long-term unemployed under Part 1 within the Labour Force.
 - **Unemployment rate of older workers:** refers to the unemployment rate of persons over 45 years of age. The unemployment rate of older workers is arrived at by taking into account the number of unemployed aged 45+ registering under Part 1 as a percentage of the sum of the full-time gainfully occupied population and registered unemployed within the specific age-bracket.
 - **Unemployment rate of young people:** refers to the unemployment rate of persons aged less than 25. The unemployment rate of young people is arrived at by taking into account the number of unemployed aged less than 25 registering under Part 1 as a percentage of the sum of the full-time gainfully occupied population and registered unemployed within the specific age-bracket.
 - **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.
 - **The Labour Supply:** includes both the registered unemployed and the gainfully occupied population.
4. Average annual data are being presented from the year 2006 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>