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In December, the number of persons registered as unemployed stood at 7,401, compared to 6,811 in the corresponding month in 2012.

Registered Unemployed: December 2013

Data provided by the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC) for December indicate an increase of 665 persons registering under Part 1 and a drop of 75 among those registering under Part 2, when compared to the corresponding month in 2012.

Between December 2012 and December 2013 registered unemployment in Malta rose to 6,672, while that in Gozo went up to 729. The number of registrants under the age of 25 accounted for 15.9 per cent of the total. Of these, 789 or 67.2 per cent, were males. During the same period, the number of unemployed aged 45 and over stood at 3,100, equivalent to 41.9 per cent of the total registered unemployed persons in December 2013.

When compared to December 2012, an increase of 582 persons was recorded among registrants whose duration of unemployment exceeded one year. On the other hand, the number of persons who had been registering for less than 21 weeks declined.

The number of registrants with disability totalled 526 during the month under review; 440 were males and 86 were females.

The largest share of unemployed men were seeking occupations in services, crafts and related jobs, whereas women mostly sought clerical and technical and associated professional occupations.

Registered unemployment rate: August 2013

Excluding part-time employment, the registered unemployment rate in August 2013 stood at 4.5 per cent of the labour supply, and varied from 5.3 per cent among men to 3.1 per cent among women. The registered unemployment rate among persons aged 45 and over stood at 5.2 per cent, while that for persons under 25 was 5.1 per cent. The long-term unemployment rate stood at 1.8 per cent ■

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Table 1. Distribution of persons registering for employment under Part 1 of the unemployment register by sex and age group

Age group and sex	Annual average 2011			Annual average 2012			November 2012			November 2013			December 2012			December 2013		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	5,229	663	5,892	5,509	660	6,169	5,767	684	6,451	6,393	756	7,149	5,608	683	6,291	6,241	715	6,956
Males	4,218	445	4,663	4,349	440	4,789	4,510	462	4,972	4,934	516	5,450	4,415	463	4,878	4,829	486	5,315
Females	1,011	218	1,229	1,160	220	1,380	1,257	222	1,479	1,459	240	1,699	1,193	220	1,413	1,412	229	1,641
Under 20	364	43	407	358	37	395	373	36	409	370	30	400	324	33	357	339	31	370
Males	232	27	259	226	22	248	227	19	246	231	17	248	206	16	222	207	15	222
Females	132	16	148	132	15	147	146	17	163	139	13	152	118	17	135	132	16	148
20-24	523	102	625	526	99	625	582	106	688	611	106	717	529	107	636	581	90	671
Males	368	73	441	368	69	437	399	73	472	426	76	502	361	75	436	407	66	473
Females	155	29	184	158	30	188	183	33	216	185	30	215	168	32	200	174	24	198
25-29	513	91	604	525	94	619	550	95	645	575	111	686	524	96	620	572	98	670
Males	414	60	474	397	68	465	401	75	476	442	89	531	392	73	465	438	80	518
Females	99	31	130	128	26	154	149	20	169	133	22	155	132	23	155	134	18	152
30-44	1,643	215	1,858	1,705	217	1,922	1,782	232	2,014	2,052	270	2,322	1,752	229	1,981	2,008	255	2,263
Males	1,377	133	1,510	1,407	138	1,545	1,464	152	1,616	1,642	173	1,815	1,446	153	1,599	1,614	166	1,780
Females	266	82	348	298	79	377	318	80	398	410	97	507	306	76	382	394	89	483
45 and over	2,186	212	2,398	2,395	213	2,608	2,480	215	2,695	2,785	239	3,024	2,479	218	2,697	2,741	241	2,982
Males	1,827	152	1,979	1,951	143	2,094	2,019	143	2,162	2,193	161	2,354	2,010	146	2,156	2,163	159	2,322
Females	359	60	419	444	70	514	461	72	533	592	78	670	469	72	541	578	82	660

Table 2. Distribution of persons registering for employment under Part 2 of the unemployment register by sex and age group

Age group and sex	Annual average 2011			Annual average 2012			November 2012			November 2013			December 2012			December 2013		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	637	41	678	628	42	670	622	25	647	473	17	490	490	30	520	431	14	445
Males	492	24	516	489	25	514	475	16	491	352	10	362	385	16	401	313	9	322
Females	145	17	162	139	17	156	147	9	156	121	7	128	105	14	119	118	5	123
Under 20	88	6	94	80	2	82	86	1	87	52	-	52	59	1	60	38	1	39
Males	60	4	64	54	1	55	59	-	59	36	-	36	44	-	44	22	1	23
Females	28	2	30	26	1	27	27	1	28	16	-	16	15	1	16	16	-	16
20-24	124	7	131	118	6	124	130	6	136	97	6	103	90	4	94	91	3	94
Males	81	5	86	85	3	88	101	5	106	71	5	76	65	2	67	69	2	71
Females	43	2	45	33	3	36	29	1	30	26	1	27	25	2	27	22	1	23
25-29	83	6	89	74	6	80	74	3	77	70	3	73	55	3	58	66	3	69
Males	61	3	64	56	3	59	59	2	61	51	-	51	46	2	48	43	1	44
Females	22	3	25	18	3	21	15	1	16	19	3	22	9	1	10	23	2	25
30-44	170	13	183	165	15	180	180	8	188	138	4	142	149	10	159	122	3	125
Males	142	7	149	127	10	137	129	6	135	104	3	107	113	8	121	91	3	94
Females	28	6	34	38	5	43	51	2	53	34	1	35	36	2	38	31	-	31
45 and over	172	9	181	191	13	204	152	7	159	116	4	120	137	12	149	114	4	118
Males	148	5	153	167	8	175	127	3	130	90	2	92	117	4	121	88	2	90
Females	24	4	28	24	5	29	25	4	29	26	2	28	20	8	28	26	2	28

Table 3. Distribution of persons registering for employment (Part 1 and Part 2) by sex and age group

Age group and sex	Annual average 2011			Annual average 2012			November 2012			November 2013			December 2012			December 2013		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Total	5,866	704	6,570	6,137	702	6,839	6,389	709	7,098	6,866	773	7,639	6,098	713	6,811	6,672	729	7,401
Males	4,710	469	5,179	4,838	465	5,303	4,985	478	5,463	5,286	526	5,812	4,800	479	5,279	5,142	495	5,637
Females	1,156	235	1,391	1,299	237	1,536	1,404	231	1,635	1,580	247	1,827	1,298	234	1,532	1,530	234	1,764
Under 20	452	49	501	438	39	477	459	37	496	422	30	452	383	34	417	377	32	409
Males	292	31	323	280	23	303	286	19	305	267	17	284	250	16	266	229	16	245
Females	160	18	178	158	16	174	173	18	191	155	13	168	133	18	151	148	16	164
20-24	647	109	756	644	105	749	712	112	824	708	112	820	619	111	730	672	93	765
Males	449	78	527	453	72	525	500	78	578	497	81	578	426	77	503	476	68	544
Females	198	31	229	191	33	224	212	34	246	211	31	242	193	34	227	196	25	221
25-29	596	97	693	599	100	699	624	98	722	645	114	759	579	99	678	638	101	739
Males	475	63	538	453	71	524	460	77	537	493	89	582	438	75	513	481	81	562
Females	121	34	155	146	29	175	164	21	185	152	25	177	141	24	165	157	20	177
30-44	1,813	228	2,041	1,870	232	2,102	1,962	240	2,202	2,190	274	2,464	1,901	239	2,140	2,130	258	2,388
Males	1,519	140	1,659	1,534	148	1,682	1,593	158	1,751	1,746	176	1,922	1,559	161	1,720	1,705	169	1,874
Females	294	88	382	336	84	420	369	82	451	444	98	542	342	78	420	425	89	514
45 and over	2,358	221	2,579	2,586	226	2,812	2,632	222	2,854	2,901	243	3,144	2,616	230	2,846	2,855	245	3,100
Males	1,975	157	2,132	2,118	151	2,269	2,146	146	2,292	2,283	163	2,446	2,127	150	2,277	2,251	161	2,412
Females	383	64	447	468	75	543	486	76	562	618	80	698	489	80	569	604	84	688

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

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		November		December	
	2011	2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
Total	5,892	6,169	6,451	7,149	6,291	6,956
Males	4,663	4,789	4,972	5,450	4,878	5,315
Females	1,229	1,380	1,479	1,699	1,413	1,641
Under 21 weeks	2,320	2,345	2,481	2,504	2,308	2,305
Males	1,712	1,675	1,752	1,738	1,660	1,594
Females	608	670	729	766	648	711
21 to 52 weeks	1,266	1,407	1,366	1,471	1,397	1,483
Males	1,004	1,091	1,060	1,097	1,071	1,111
Females	262	316	306	374	326	372
Over 1 year	2,306	2,417	2,604	3,174	2,586	3,168
Males	1,947	2,023	2,160	2,615	2,147	2,610
Females	359	394	444	559	439	558

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

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		November		December	
	2011	2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
Total	678	670	647	490	520	445
Males	516	514	491	362	401	322
Females	162	156	156	128	119	123
Under 21 weeks	621	614	593	465	466	413
Males	469	470	454	346	357	296
Females	152	144	139	119	109	117
21 to 52 weeks	57	56	54	25	54	32
Males	47	44	37	16	44	26
Females	10	12	17	9	10	6

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

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		November		December	
	2011	2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
Total	6,570	6,839	7,098	7,639	6,811	7,401
Males	5,179	5,303	5,463	5,812	5,279	5,637
Females	1,391	1,536	1,635	1,827	1,532	1,764
Under 21 weeks	2,941	2,959	3,074	2,969	2,774	2,718
Males	2,181	2,145	2,206	2,084	2,017	1,890
Females	760	814	868	885	757	828
21 to 52 weeks	1,323	1,463	1,420	1,496	1,451	1,515
Males	1,051	1,135	1,097	1,113	1,115	1,137
Females	272	328	323	383	336	378
Over 1 year	2,306	2,417	2,604	3,174	2,586	3,168
Males	1,947	2,023	2,160	2,615	2,147	2,610
Females	359	394	444	559	439	558

Table 7. Number of persons with disability registering under Part 1 and 2 of the unemployment register by sex

Registration type and sex	Annual average				November				December			
	2011		2012		2012		2013		2012		2013	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (Part 1 and 2)	434	100.0	503	100.0	529	100.0	533	100.0	514	100.0	526	100.0
Males	364	83.9	418	83.1	439	83.0	448	84.1	428	83.3	440	83.7
Females	70	16.1	85	16.9	90	17.0	85	15.9	86	16.7	86	16.3
Total (Part 1)	410	100.0	484	100.0	506	100.0	527	100.0	489	100.0	521	100.0
Males	343	83.7	402	83.1	421	83.2	442	83.9	407	83.2	435	83.5
Females	67	16.3	82	16.9	85	16.8	85	16.1	82	16.8	86	16.5
Total (Part 2)	24	100.0	19	100.0	23	100.0	6	100.0	25	100.0	5	100.0
Males	21	87.5	16	84.2	18	78.3	6	100.0	21	84.0	5	100.0
Females	3	12.5	3	15.8	5	21.7	-	-	4	16.0	-	-

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

Occupation (ISCO 88)	Annual average 2011						Annual average 2012						November 2012						December 2012					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers	163	3.5	44	3.6	207	3.5	173	3.6	53	3.8	226	3.7	190	3.8	62	4.2	252	3.9	196	4.0	59	4.2	255	4.1
Professionals	361	7.7	44	3.6	405	6.9	392	8.2	52	3.8	444	7.2	419	8.4	61	4.1	480	7.4	397	8.1	60	4.2	457	7.3
Technicians and associate professionals	541	11.6	146	11.9	687	11.7	534	11.2	177	12.8	711	11.5	541	10.9	192	13.0	733	11.4	533	10.9	179	12.7	712	11.3
Clerks	507	10.9	423	34.4	930	15.8	572	11.9	482	34.9	1,054	17.1	604	12.1	525	35.5	1,129	17.5	599	12.3	493	34.9	1,092	17.4
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	851	18.3	417	33.9	1,268	21.5	895	18.7	435	31.5	1,330	21.6	913	18.4	456	30.8	1,369	21.2	908	18.6	445	31.5	1,353	21.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	220	4.7	-	-	220	3.7	223	4.7	1	0.1	224	3.6	226	4.5	-	-	226	3.5	221	4.5	-	-	221	3.5
Craft and related trade workers	780	16.7	4	0.3	784	13.3	748	15.6	4	0.3	752	12.2	776	15.6	5	0.3	781	12.1	756	15.5	4	0.3	760	12.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	629	13.5	73	5.9	702	11.9	619	12.9	79	5.7	698	11.3	644	13.0	81	5.5	725	11.2	627	12.9	77	5.4	704	11.2
Elementary occupations	611	13.1	78	6.4	689	11.7	633	13.2	97	7.0	730	11.8	659	13.3	97	6.6	756	11.7	641	13.1	96	6.8	737	11.7
Total	4,663	100.0	1,229	100.0	5,892	100.0	4,789	100.0	1,380	100.0	6,169	100.0	4,972	100.0	1,479	100.0	6,451	100.0	4,878	100.0	1,413	100.0	6,291	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	November 2013						December 2013					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	249	4.6	87	5.1	336	4.7	239	4.5	85	5.2	324	4.7
Professionals	757	13.9	193	11.4	950	13.3	731	13.8	187	11.4	918	13.2
Technicians and associate professionals	501	9.2	491	28.9	992	13.9	478	9.0	467	28.4	945	13.6
Clerks and support workers	633	11.6	380	22.4	1,013	14.2	626	11.8	356	21.7	982	14.1
Service workers and sales workers	841	15.4	318	18.7	1,159	16.2	820	15.4	315	19.2	1,135	16.3
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	249	4.6	1	0.1	250	3.5	253	4.8	1	0.1	254	3.7
Crafts and related trade workers	917	16.8	15	0.9	932	13.0	906	17.0	18	1.1	924	13.3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	458	8.4	88	5.2	546	7.6	443	8.3	84	5.1	527	7.6
Elementary occupations	845	15.5	126	7.4	971	13.6	819	15.4	128	7.8	947	13.6
Total	5,450	100.0	1,699	100.0	7,149	100.0	5,315	100.0	1,641	100.0	6,956	100.0

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

Occupation (ISCO 88)	Annual average 2011						Annual average 2012						November 2012						December 2012					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers	27	5.2	6	3.7	33	4.9	39	7.6	11	7.1	50	7.5	43	8.8	12	7.7	55	8.5	29	7.2	9	7.6	38	7.3
Professionals	34	6.6	7	4.3	41	6.0	32	6.2	6	3.8	38	5.7	30	6.1	8	5.1	38	5.9	23	5.7	5	4.2	28	5.4
Technicians and associate professionals	71	13.8	19	11.7	90	13.3	71	13.8	26	16.7	97	14.5	73	14.9	30	19.2	103	15.9	63	15.7	17	14.3	80	15.4
Clerks	59	11.4	60	37.1	119	17.6	84	16.3	55	35.3	139	20.7	72	14.7	57	36.5	129	19.9	61	15.2	39	32.8	100	19.2
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	83	16.1	48	29.6	131	19.3	75	14.6	41	26.3	116	17.3	70	14.3	33	21.2	103	15.9	67	16.7	31	26.1	98	18.8
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	15	2.9	-	-	15	2.2	13	2.5	-	-	13	1.9	11	2.2	-	-	11	1.7	12	3.0	-	-	12	2.3
Craft and related trade workers	94	18.2	1	0.6	95	14.0	74	14.4	1	0.6	75	11.2	78	15.9	1	0.6	79	12.2	56	14.0	1	0.8	57	11.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	76	14.7	10	6.2	86	12.7	74	14.4	8	5.1	82	12.2	69	14.1	8	5.1	77	11.9	50	12.5	7	5.9	57	11.0
Elementary occupations	57	11.1	11	6.8	68	10.0	52	10.1	8	5.1	60	9.0	45	9.2	7	4.5	52	8.0	40	10.0	10	8.4	50	9.6
Total	516	100.0	162	100.0	678	100.0	514	100.0	156	100.0	670	100.0	491	100.0	156	100.0	647	100.0	401	100.0	119	100.0	520	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	November 2013						December 2013					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	30	8.3	9	7.0	39	8.0	30	9.3	15	12.2	45	10.1
Professionals	36	9.9	13	10.2	49	10.0	38	11.8	9	7.3	47	10.6
Technicians and associate professionals	44	12.2	44	34.4	88	18.0	38	11.8	39	31.7	77	17.3
Clerks and support workers	71	19.6	33	25.8	104	21.2	61	19.0	36	29.3	97	21.8
Service workers and sales workers	52	14.4	20	15.6	72	14.7	39	12.1	15	12.2	54	12.1
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	8	2.2	-	-	8	1.6	11	3.4	0	0.0	11	2.5
Crafts and related trade workers	56	15.5	4	3.1	60	12.2	46	14.3	1	0.8	47	10.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	32	8.8	2	1.6	34	6.9	29	9.0	3	2.4	32	7.2
Elementary occupations	33	9.1	3	2.3	36	7.3	30	9.3	5	4.1	35	7.9
Total	362	100.0	128	100.0	490	100.0	322	100.0	123	100.0	445	100.0

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

Occupation (ISCO 88)	Annual average 2011						Annual average 2012						November 2012						December 2012					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers	190	3.7	50	3.6	240	3.7	212	4.0	64	4.2	276	4.0	233	4.3	74	4.5	307	4.3	225	4.3	68	4.4	293	4.3
Professionals	395	7.6	51	3.7	446	6.8	424	8.0	58	3.8	482	7.0	449	8.2	69	4.2	518	7.3	420	8.0	65	4.2	485	7.1
Technicians and associate professionals	612	11.8	165	11.9	777	11.8	605	11.4	203	13.2	808	11.8	614	11.2	222	13.6	836	11.8	596	11.3	196	12.8	792	11.6
Clerks	566	10.9	483	34.7	1,049	16.0	656	12.4	537	35.0	1,193	17.4	676	12.4	582	35.6	1,258	17.7	660	12.5	532	34.7	1,192	17.5
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	934	18.0	465	33.4	1,399	21.3	970	18.3	476	31.0	1,446	21.1	983	18.0	489	29.9	1,472	20.7	975	18.5	476	31.1	1,451	21.3
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	235	4.6	-	-	235	3.6	236	4.5	1	0.1	237	3.5	237	4.3	-	-	237	3.3	233	4.4	-	-	233	3.4
Craft and related trade workers	874	16.9	5	0.3	879	13.4	822	15.5	5	0.3	827	12.1	854	15.6	6	0.4	860	12.1	812	15.4	5	0.3	817	12.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	705	13.6	83	6.0	788	12.0	693	13.1	87	5.7	780	11.4	713	13.1	89	5.4	802	11.3	677	12.8	84	5.5	761	11.2
Elementary occupations	668	12.9	89	6.4	757	11.5	685	12.9	105	6.8	790	11.6	704	12.9	104	6.4	808	11.4	681	12.9	106	6.9	787	11.6
Total	5,179	100.0	1,391	100.0	6,570	100.0	5,303	100.0	1,536	100.0	6,839	100.0	5,463	100.0	1,635	100.0	7,098	100.0	5,279	100.0	1,532	100.0	6,811	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	November 2013						December 2013					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	279	4.8	96	5.3	375	4.9	269	4.8	100	5.7	369	5.0
Professionals	793	13.6	206	11.3	999	13.1	769	13.6	196	11.1	965	13.0
Technicians and associate professionals	545	9.4	535	29.3	1,080	14.1	516	9.2	506	28.7	1,022	13.8
Clerks and support workers	704	12.1	413	22.6	1,117	14.6	687	12.2	392	22.2	1,079	14.6
Service workers and sales workers	893	15.4	338	18.5	1,231	16.1	859	15.2	330	18.7	1,189	16.1
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	257	4.4	1	0.1	258	3.4	264	4.7	1	0.1	265	3.6
Crafts and related trade workers	973	16.7	19	1.0	992	13.0	952	16.9	19	1.1	971	13.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	490	8.4	90	4.9	580	7.6	472	8.4	87	4.9	559	7.6
Elementary occupations	878	15.1	129	7.1	1,007	13.2	849	15.1	133	7.5	982	13.3
Total	5,812	100.0	1,827	100.0	7,639	100.0	5,637	100.0	1,764	100.0	7,401	100.0

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

Sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2011	2012 revised	2012	2013	2012 revised	2013
Males	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.3
Females	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.1
Total	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.5

%

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

Sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2011	2012 revised	2012	2013	2012 revised	2013
Males	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.3
Females	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9
Total	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.8

%

Table 13. Unemployment rate of persons aged under 25 (considering only those registering under Part 1) by sex

Sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2011	2012 revised	2012	2013	2012 revised	2013
Males	5.9	5.9	5.2	5.8	5.3	6.2
Females	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.8
Total	4.9	4.9	4.5	5.0	4.6	5.1

%

Table 14. Unemployment rate of persons aged 45+ (considering only those registering under Part 1) by sex

Sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2011	2012 revised	2012	2013	2012 revised	2013
Males	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.2	5.5
Females	3.2	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.2
Total	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.9	5.2

%

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. The monthly unemployment rates from September to December 2013 do not feature in this release since the administrative data on the labour supply for these months are not yet available.
4. As from this release, ISCO 08 is being used to classify occupations sought by the unemployed. This new classification was applied by ETC for data relating to October 2013 onwards.
5. Definitions:
 - **Unemployment rates:** in computing the unemployment rates for the purpose of this release, only the full-time gainfully occupied population is taken into consideration. Persons employed on a part-time basis were not taken into account in this computation.
 - The **registered 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 calculated by working out the percentage of the long-term unemployed under Part 1 within the labour force.
 - **Unemployment rate of persons aged 45+:** refers to the unemployment rate of persons aged 45 and over. The unemployment rate 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 persons aged under 25:** refers to the unemployment rate of persons aged less than 25. The unemployment rate 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, or re-entrants into the labour market, or 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 full-time gainfully occupied population.