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In December, the number of persons registering for work stood at 4,615 compared to 6,287 in the corresponding month last year.

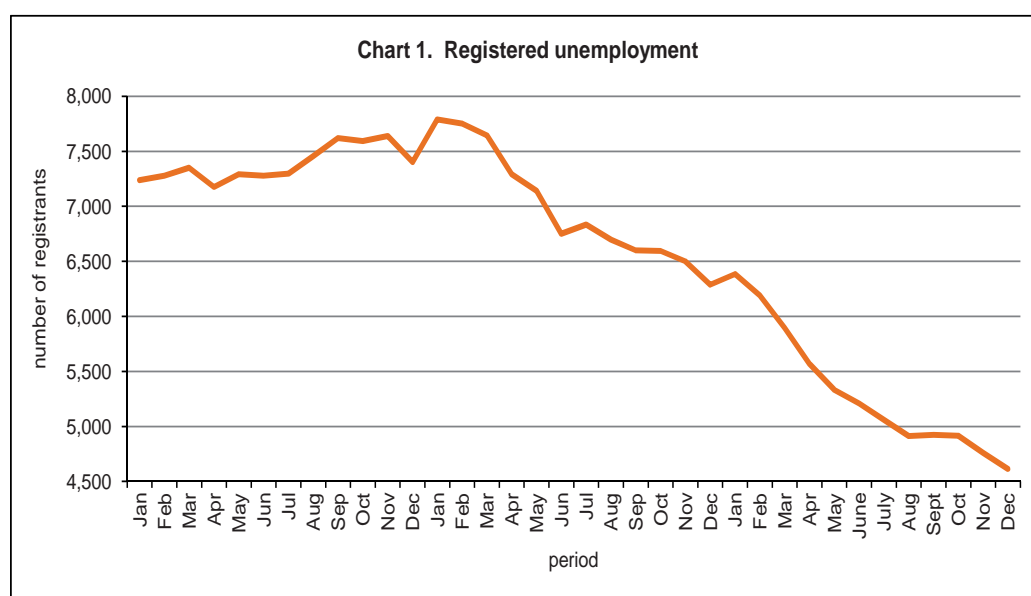
Registered Unemployed: December 2015

Data provided by the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC) for December indicate a decrease of 1,688 persons registering under Part I and an increase of 16 among those registering under Part II of the unemployment register, when compared to December 2014 (Tables 5 and 8). Overall, decreases in registered unemployment were recorded among all age groups (Table 1).

When compared to December 2014, registrants for work decreased irrespective of how long they had been registering. The largest decrease was recorded among persons who had been registering for over one year (Table 2). The number of persons with a disability who were registering for work also decreased by 44, reaching 398. Males accounted for 79.6 per cent of total registrants with a disability (Table 3).

The largest share of males on the unemployment register sought occupations as crafts and related trade workers (17.8 per cent), whereas their female counterparts mostly sought occupations as clerical support workers (28.7 per cent) (Table 4).

The registered unemployment rate in July 2015 stood at 2.9 per cent of the labour supply, (excluding part-time employment), and varied from 3.3 per cent among men to 2.0 per cent among women (Table 11) ■



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Table 1. Persons registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by region, age group and sex

Age group and sex	Annual average 2013			Annual average 2014			November 2014			November 2015			December 2014			December 2015		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	399	33	432	310	28	338	260	39	299	125	18	143	215	39	254	100	18	118
Males	247	19	266	193	17	210	171	25	196	83	14	97	141	30	171	64	14	78
Females	152	14	166	117	11	128	89	14	103	42	4	46	74	9	83	36	4	40
20-24	680	105	785	587	104	691	491	112	603	278	70	348	440	115	555	245	68	313
Males	473	76	549	414	75	489	340	81	421	186	46	232	301	82	383	164	45	209
Females	207	29	236	173	29	202	151	31	182	92	24	116	139	33	172	81	23	104
25-29	637	110	747	596	99	695	546	90	636	320	91	411	498	94	592	321	89	410
Males	480	85	565	444	79	523	406	73	479	241	66	307	381	73	454	244	66	310
Females	157	25	182	152	20	172	140	17	157	79	25	104	117	21	138	77	23	100
30-44	2,102	262	2,364	2,030	271	2,301	1,864	267	2,131	1,284	251	1,535	1,806	270	2,076	1,238	234	1,472
Males	1,690	169	1,859	1,625	177	1,802	1,507	175	1,682	1,053	175	1,228	1,475	181	1,656	1,017	164	1,181
Females	412	93	505	405	94	499	357	92	449	231	76	307	331	89	420	221	70	291
45 and over	2,821	233	3,054	2,735	232	2,967	2,599	233	2,832	2,087	236	2,323	2,563	247	2,810	2,063	239	2,302
Males	2,232	155	2,387	2,135	147	2,282	2,023	144	2,167	1,592	143	1,735	2,003	145	2,148	1,590	142	1,732
Females	589	78	667	600	85	685	576	89	665	495	93	588	560	102	662	473	97	570
Total	6,639	743	7,382	6,258	734	6,992	5,760	741	6,501	4,094	666	4,760	5,522	765	6,287	3,967	648	4,615
Males	5,122	504	5,626	4,811	495	5,306	4,447	498	4,945	3,155	444	3,599	4,301	511	4,812	3,079	431	3,510
Females	1,517	239	1,756	1,447	239	1,686	1,313	243	1,556	939	222	1,161	1,221	254	1,475	888	217	1,105

Table 2. Persons registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by duration of registration and sex

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		November		December	
	2013	2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
Under 21 weeks	2,880	2,510	2,453	1,901	2,293	1,769
Males	2,026	1,729	1,727	1,346	1,629	1,266
Females	854	781	726	555	664	503
21 to 52 weeks	1,571	1,315	1,027	667	1,042	679
Males	1,182	987	741	486	762	495
Females	389	328	286	181	280	184
Over 1 year	2,931	3,167	3,021	2,192	2,952	2,167
Males	2,418	2,590	2,477	1,767	2,421	1,749
Females	513	577	544	425	531	418
Total	7,382	6,992	6,501	4,760	6,287	4,615
Males	5,626	5,306	4,945	3,599	4,812	3,510
Females	1,756	1,686	1,556	1,161	1,475	1,105

Table 3. Persons with a disability registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by type of registration and sex

Registration type and sex	Annual average				November				December			
	2013		2014		2014		2015		2014		2015	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (Part I)	521	100.0	483	100.0	436	100.0	371	100.0	427	100.0	386	100.0
Males	433	83.1	405	83.9	368	84.4	298	80.3	359	84.1	309	80.1
Females	88	16.9	78	16.1	68	15.6	73	19.7	68	15.9	77	19.9
Total (Part II)	12	100.0	10	100.0	13	100.0	10	100.0	15	100.0	12	100.0
Males	11	91.7	7	70.0	9	69.2	8	80.0	11	73.3	8	66.7
Females	1	8.3	3	30.0	4	30.8	2	20.0	4	26.7	4	33.3
Total (Parts I and II)	533	100.0	493	100.0	449	100.0	381	100.0	442	100.0	398	100.0
Males	444	83.3	412	83.6	377	84.0	306	80.3	370	83.7	317	79.6
Females	89	16.7	81	16.4	72	16.0	75	19.7	72	16.3	81	20.4

Table 4. Persons registering for work under Part I and Part II of the unemployment register by sex and main type of occupation sought

Occupation (ISCO 88)	Annual average 2013 (Total)						Annual average 2013 (Part 1)						Annual average 2013 (Part 2)					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Legislators, senior officials, and managers	248	4.4	88	5.0	336	4.6	213	4.0	74	4.6	287	4.2	35	9.7	14	10.1	49	9.8
Professionals	444	7.9	69	3.9	513	6.9	418	7.9	63	3.9	481	7.0	26	7.2	6	4.3	32	6.4
Technicians and associate professionals	651	11.6	233	13.3	884	12.0	592	11.2	208	12.9	800	11.6	59	16.4	25	18.1	84	16.9
Clerks	671	11.9	596	33.9	1,267	17.2	617	11.7	545	33.7	1,162	16.9	54	15.0	51	37.0	105	21.1
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	1,043	18.5	547	31.2	1,590	21.5	988	18.8	516	31.9	1,504	21.8	55	15.3	31	22.5	86	17.3
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	254	4.5	-	-	254	3.4	247	4.7	-	-	247	3.6	7	1.9	-	-	7	1.4
Craft and related trade workers	874	15.5	9	0.5	883	12.0	823	15.6	9	0.6	832	12.1	51	14.2	-	-	51	10.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	720	12.8	98	5.6	818	11.1	675	12.8	92	5.7	767	11.1	45	12.5	6	4.3	51	10.2
Elementary occupations	721	12.8	116	6.6	837	11.3	693	13.2	111	6.9	804	11.7	28	7.8	5	3.6	33	6.6
Total	5,626	100.0	1,756	100.0	7,382	100.0	5,266	100.0	1,618	100.0	6,884	100.0	360	100.0	138	100.0	498	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2014						November 2014						December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	252	4.7	92	5.5	344	4.9	239	4.8	96	6.2	335	5.2	227	4.7	80	5.4	307	4.9
Professionals	697	13.1	182	10.8	879	12.6	667	13.5	173	11.1	840	12.9	650	13.5	163	11.1	813	12.9
Technicians and associate professionals	510	9.6	454	26.9	964	13.8	475	9.6	381	24.5	856	13.2	463	9.6	344	23.3	807	12.8
Clerical support workers	705	13.3	405	24.0	1,110	15.9	685	13.9	378	24.3	1,063	16.4	662	13.8	367	24.9	1,029	16.4
Service workers and sales workers	785	14.8	338	20.0	1,123	16.1	713	14.4	331	21.3	1,044	16.1	666	13.8	328	22.2	994	15.8
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	258	4.9	1	0.1	259	3.7	242	4.9	1	0.1	243	3.7	252	5.2	1	0.1	253	4.0
Crafts and related trade workers	903	17.0	26	1.5	929	13.3	864	17.5	30	1.9	894	13.8	849	17.6	30	2.0	879	14.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	447	8.4	84	5.0	531	7.6	411	8.3	74	4.8	485	7.5	396	8.2	73	4.9	469	7.5
Elementary occupations	749	14.1	104	6.2	853	12.2	649	13.1	92	5.9	741	11.4	647	13.4	89	6.0	736	11.7
Total	5,306	100.0	1,686	100.0	6,992	100.0	4,945	100.0	1,556	100.0	6,501	100.0	4,812	100.0	1,475	100.0	6,287	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	November 2015						December 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	187	5.2	76	6.5	263	5.5	182	5.2	65	5.9	247	5.4
Professionals	532	14.8	123	10.6	655	13.8	522	14.9	120	10.9	642	13.9
Technicians and associate professionals	325	9.0	238	20.5	563	11.8	329	9.4	221	20.0	550	11.9
Clerical support workers	532	14.8	340	29.3	872	18.3	504	14.4	317	28.7	821	17.8
Service workers and sales workers	440	12.2	246	21.2	686	14.4	422	12.0	245	22.2	667	14.5
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	208	5.8	2	0.2	210	4.4	214	6.1	2	0.2	216	4.7
Crafts and related trade workers	642	17.8	27	2.3	669	14.1	623	17.7	30	2.7	653	14.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	265	7.4	51	4.4	316	6.6	255	7.3	49	4.4	304	6.6
Elementary occupations	468	13.0	58	5.0	526	11.1	459	13.1	56	5.1	515	11.2
Total	3,599	100.0	1,161	100.0	4,760	100.0	3,510	100.0	1,105	100.0	4,615	100.0

Table 5. Persons registering for work under Part I of the unemployment register by region, age group and sex

Age group and sex	Annual average 2013			Annual average 2014			November 2014			November 2015			December 2014			December 2015		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	345	32	378	263	25	288	207	38	245	93	17	110	181	37	218	77	16	93
Males	211	17	229	167	15	183	134	25	159	62	13	75	121	29	150	46	12	58
Females	134	14	148	96	9	105	73	13	86	31	4	35	60	8	68	31	4	35
20-24	585	102	688	503	99	603	408	104	512	212	60	272	370	111	481	185	60	245
Males	411	74	485	356	72	429	281	75	356	146	40	186	248	79	327	127	40	167
Females	174	28	202	147	26	174	127	29	156	66	20	86	122	32	154	58	20	78
25-29	575	106	681	537	95	633	477	85	562	266	86	352	440	91	531	261	82	343
Males	435	83	518	404	76	480	361	68	429	206	61	267	344	72	416	197	60	257
Females	140	22	162	133	19	152	116	17	133	60	25	85	96	19	115	64	22	86
30-44	1,960	255	2,215	1,908	262	2,171	1,722	257	1,979	1,167	237	1,404	1,691	261	1,952	1,107	223	1,330
Males	1,582	164	1,747	1,539	173	1,712	1,400	171	1,571	962	166	1,128	1,386	178	1,564	916	155	1,071
Females	377	91	468	369	89	459	322	86	408	205	71	276	305	83	388	191	68	259
45 and over	2,695	229	2,924	2,619	227	2,847	2,489	229	2,718	1,986	225	2,211	2,465	242	2,707	1,967	223	2,190
Males	2,134	153	2,287	2,046	144	2,191	1,942	142	2,084	1,516	133	1,649	1,930	143	2,073	1,526	129	1,655
Females	561	75	636	573	83	656	547	87	634	470	92	562	535	99	634	441	94	535
Total	6,162	726	6,888	5,833	710	6,544	5,303	713	6,016	3,724	625	4,349	5,147	742	5,889	3,597	604	4,201
Males	4,774	493	5,268	4,514	482	4,996	4,118	481	4,599	2,892	413	3,305	4,029	501	4,530	2,812	396	3,208
Females	1,387	232	1,620	1,319	228	1,547	1,185	232	1,417	832	212	1,044	1,118	241	1,359	785	208	993

Table 6. Persons registering for work under Part I of the unemployment register by duration of registration and sex

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		November		December	
	2013	2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
Under 21 weeks	2,420	2,093	2,008	1,504	1,928	1,394
Males	1,695	1,443	1,409	1,065	1,368	994
Females	724	650	599	439	560	400
21 to 52 weeks	1,534	1,283	987	653	1,009	640
Males	1,153	963	713	473	741	465
Females	381	319	274	180	268	175
Over 1 year	2,933	3,167	3,021	2,192	2,952	2,167
Males	2,419	2,589	2,477	1,767	2,421	1,749
Females	514	577	544	425	531	418
Total	6,888	6,544	6,016	4,349	5,889	4,201
Males	5,268	4,996	4,599	3,305	4,530	3,208
Females	1,620	1,547	1,417	1,044	1,359	993

Table 7. Persons registering for work under Part I of the unemployment register by sex and main type of occupation sought

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2014						November 2014						December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	227	4.5	80	5.2	307	4.7	222	4.8	82	5.8	304	5.1	209	4.6	70	5.2	279	4.7
Professionals	664	13.3	168	10.9	832	12.7	625	13.6	157	11.1	782	13.0	614	13.6	153	11.3	767	13.0
Technicians and associate professionals	466	9.3	415	26.8	881	13.5	428	9.3	346	24.4	774	12.9	417	9.2	314	23.1	731	12.4
Clerical support workers	647	12.9	369	23.8	1,016	15.5	621	13.5	344	24.3	965	16.0	615	13.6	341	25.1	956	16.2
Service workers and sales workers	739	14.8	318	20.5	1,057	16.2	646	14.0	313	22.1	959	15.9	622	13.7	308	22.7	930	15.8
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	252	5.0	1	0.1	253	3.9	235	5.1	1	0.1	236	3.9	245	5.4	1	0.1	246	4.2
Crafts and related trade workers	860	17.2	24	1.6	884	13.5	813	17.7	28	2.0	841	14.0	812	17.9	27	2.0	839	14.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	422	8.4	76	4.9	498	7.6	384	8.3	63	4.4	447	7.4	371	8.2	63	4.6	434	7.4
Elementary occupations	720	14.4	96	6.2	816	12.5	625	13.6	83	5.9	708	11.8	625	13.8	82	6.0	707	12.0
Total	4,997	100.0	1,547	100.0	6,544	100.0	4,599	100.0	1,417	100.0	6,016	100.0	4,530	100.0	1,359	100.0	5,889	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	November 2015						December 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	167	5.1	65	6.2	232	5.3	156	4.9	52	5.2	208	5.0
Professionals	492	14.9	114	10.9	606	13.9	479	14.9	109	11.0	588	14.0
Technicians and associate professionals	299	9.0	211	20.2	510	11.7	298	9.3	200	20.1	498	11.9
Clerical support workers	493	14.9	309	29.6	802	18.4	469	14.6	284	28.6	753	17.9
Service workers and sales workers	400	12.1	222	21.3	622	14.3	382	11.9	226	22.8	608	14.5
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	191	5.8	2	0.2	193	4.4	193	6.0	2	0.2	195	4.6
Crafts and related trade workers	581	17.6	25	2.4	606	13.9	567	17.7	26	2.6	593	14.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	242	7.3	46	4.4	288	6.6	233	7.3	46	4.6	279	6.6
Elementary occupations	440	13.3	50	4.8	490	11.3	431	13.4	48	4.8	479	11.4
Total	3,305	100.0	1,044	100.0	4,349	100.0	3,208	100.0	993	100.0	4,201	100.0

Table 8. Persons registering for work under Part II of the unemployment register by region, age group and sex

Age group and sex	Annual average 2013			Annual average 2014			November 2014			November 2015			December 2014			December 2015		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	54	1	55	47	2	49	53	1	54	32	1	33	34	2	36	23	2	25
Males	36	1	37	26	1	27	37	-	37	21	1	22	20	1	21	18	2	20
Females	18	-	18	21	1	22	16	1	17	11	-	11	14	1	15	5	-	5
20-24	94	4	98	83	5	88	83	8	91	66	10	76	70	4	74	60	8	68
Males	62	3	65	57	3	60	59	6	65	40	6	46	53	3	56	37	5	42
Females	32	1	33	26	2	28	24	2	26	26	4	30	17	1	18	23	3	26
25-29	62	3	65	58	4	62	69	5	74	54	5	59	58	3	61	60	7	67
Males	45	1	46	39	3	42	45	5	50	35	5	40	37	1	38	47	6	53
Females	17	2	19	19	1	20	24	-	24	19	-	19	21	2	23	13	1	14
30-44	142	7	149	122	8	130	142	10	152	117	14	131	115	9	124	131	11	142
Males	107	5	112	86	4	90	107	4	111	91	9	100	89	3	92	101	9	110
Females	35	2	37	36	4	40	35	6	41	26	5	31	26	6	32	30	2	32
45 and over	126	5	131	115	4	119	110	4	114	101	11	112	98	5	103	96	16	112
Males	98	2	100	88	2	90	81	2	83	76	10	86	73	2	75	64	13	77
Females	28	3	31	27	2	29	29	2	31	25	1	26	25	3	28	32	3	35
Total	478	20	498	425	23	448	457	28	485	370	41	411	375	23	398	370	44	414
Males	348	12	360	296	13	309	329	17	346	263	31	294	272	10	282	267	35	302
Females	130	8	138	129	10	139	128	11	139	107	10	117	103	13	116	103	9	112

Table 9. Persons registering for work under Part II of the unemployment register by duration of registration and sex

Duration of registration and sex	Annual average		November		December	
	2013	2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
Under 21 weeks	461	417	445	397	365	375
Males	331	286	318	281	261	272
Females	130	131	127	116	104	103
21 to 52 weeks	37	31	40	14	33	39
Males	29	23	28	13	21	30
Females	8	8	12	1	12	9
Total	498	448	485	411	398	414
Males	360	309	346	294	282	302
Females	138	139	139	117	116	112

Table 10. Persons registering for work under Part II of the unemployment register by sex and main type of occupation sought

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2014						November 2014						December 2014					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	25	8.1	12	8.6	37	8.3	17	4.9	14	10.1	31	6.4	18	6.4	10	8.6	28	7.0
Professionals	33	10.7	14	10.1	47	10.5	42	12.1	16	11.5	58	12.0	36	12.8	10	8.6	46	11.6
Technicians and associate professionals	44	14.2	39	28.1	83	18.5	47	13.6	35	25.2	82	16.9	46	16.3	30	25.9	76	19.1
Clerical support workers	58	18.8	36	25.9	94	21.0	64	18.5	34	24.5	98	20.2	47	16.7	26	22.4	73	18.3
Service workers and sales workers	46	14.9	20	14.4	66	14.7	67	19.4	18	12.9	85	17.5	44	15.6	20	17.2	64	16.1
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	6	1.9	-	-	6	1.3	7	2.0	-	-	7	1.4	7	2.5	-	-	7	1.8
Crafts and related trade workers	43	13.9	2	1.4	45	10.0	51	14.7	2	1.4	53	10.9	37	13.1	3	2.6	40	10.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	25	8.1	8	5.8	33	7.4	27	7.8	11	7.9	38	7.8	25	8.9	10	8.6	35	8.8
Elementary occupations	29	9.4	8	5.8	37	8.3	24	6.9	9	6.5	33	6.8	22	7.8	7	6.0	29	7.3
Total	309	100.0	139	100.0	448	100.0	346	100.0	139	100.0	485	100.0	282	100.0	116	100.0	398	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	November 2015						December 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	20	6.8	11	9.4	31	7.5	26	8.6	13	11.6	39	9.4
Professionals	40	13.6	9	7.7	49	11.9	43	14.2	11	9.8	54	13.0
Technicians and associate professionals	26	8.8	27	23.1	53	12.9	31	10.3	21	18.8	52	12.6
Clerical support workers	39	13.3	31	26.5	70	17.0	35	11.6	33	29.5	68	16.4
Service workers and sales workers	40	13.6	24	20.5	64	15.6	40	13.2	19	17.0	59	14.3
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	17	5.8	-	-	17	4.1	21	7.0	-	-	21	5.1
Crafts and related trade workers	61	20.7	2	1.7	63	15.3	56	18.5	4	3.6	60	14.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	23	7.8	5	4.3	28	6.8	22	7.3	3	2.7	25	6.0
Elementary occupations	28	9.5	8	6.8	36	8.8	28	9.3	8	7.1	36	8.7
Total	294	100.0	117	100.0	411	100.0	302	100.0	112	100.0	414	100.0

Table 11. Registered unemployment (Part I and Part II) rate by sex

Sex	Annual average		June		July	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
Males	5.2	4.8	4.7	3.5	4.7	3.3
Females	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.0
Total	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.9

Table 12. Registered unemployment (Part I) rate by age group and sex

Sex	Annual average		June		July	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
under 25						
Males	6.2	5.4	4.9	3.0	5.0	2.7
Females	3.8	3.2	2.7	1.8	2.9	1.8
Total	5.2	4.4	3.9	2.5	4.1	2.3
45 and over						
Males	5.5	5.2	5.1	4.0	5.0	3.8
Females	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.6
Total	5.2	4.9	4.8	3.9	4.7	3.8

Table 13. Long-term registered unemployment (Part I) rate by sex

Sex	Annual average		June		July	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
Males	2.3	2.4	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.7
Females	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7
Total	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.8	1.3

Methodological Notes

1. This news release provides data on the number of persons registering for work with the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC).

The National Statistics Office publishes, on a quarterly basis, another set of statistics on unemployment based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS). When compiling LFS statistics, the NSO adopts the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition, an internationally agreed definition on unemployment. This definition has also been adopted by Eurostat and is used by all EU Member States. More details regarding the methodology used for the compilation of unemployment statistics from the LFS may be found in quarterly LFS news releases.

Since ETC records and LFS results measure two different facets of unemployment, these are not comparable. Users are therefore cautioned that these two sets of statistics should not be used interchangeably.

2. The monthly unemployment rates from August 2015 onwards do not feature in this release since administrative data on the labour supply from this month onwards are not yet available.
3. 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.

4. Definitions:

- **Registered 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 are not taken into account in this computation.

The rate is worked out by taking into account the number of registered unemployed persons both under Part I and Part II as a percentage of the sum of the full-time gainfully occupied population and the total registered unemployed.

- **Long-term registered 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 number of the long-term unemployed under Part I as a percentage of the labour force.
 - **Part I of the unemployment register:** those registering under Part I are either new job seekers who have left school, or re-entrants into the labour market, or individuals who have been made redundant by their former employers.
 - **Part II of the unemployment register:** those registering under Part II are either workers who have been dismissed from work due to disciplinary action, left work out 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/Labour Force:** for the purpose of this release, the labour supply is the sum of the registered unemployed and the full-time gainfully occupied population (excluding part-time employment).
5. Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.
 6. The data on unemployment levels is final and not normally subject to revision.
 7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>

Classification: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/classificationdetails.aspx?id=ISCO 2008>