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In January, the number of persons registering for work stood at 4,710 compared to 6,384 in the corresponding month last year.

Registered Unemployed: January 2016

Data provided by the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC) for January indicate a decrease of 1,602 persons registering under Part I and a decrease of 72 among those registering under Part II of the unemployment register, when compared to January 2015 (Tables 5 and 8). Overall, decreases in registered unemployment were recorded among all age groups (Table 1).

When compared to January last year, 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 156 to 391. Males accounted for 78.8 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 (17.7 per cent), whereas their female counterparts mostly sought occupations as clerical support workers (29.1 per cent) (Table 4).

The registered unemployment rate in August 2015 stood at 2.8 per cent of the labour supply, (excluding part-time employment), and varied from 3.2 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 2014			Annual average 2015			December 2014			December 2015			January 2015			January 2016		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	309	24	333	179	25	204	215	39	254	100	18	118	256	39	295	137	20	157
Males	193	15	208	119	18	137	141	30	171	64	14	78	178	27	205	89	17	106
Females	116	9	125	60	7	67	74	9	83	36	4	40	78	12	90	48	3	51
20-24	584	102	686	332	87	419	440	115	555	245	68	313	483	111	594	247	83	330
Males	412	74	486	226	59	285	301	82	383	164	45	209	338	79	417	162	58	220
Females	172	28	200	106	28	134	139	33	172	81	23	104	145	32	177	85	25	110
25-29	593	97	690	391	90	481	498	94	592	321	89	410	499	96	595	318	87	405
Males	442	78	520	287	68	355	381	73	454	244	66	310	371	74	445	241	63	304
Females	151	19	170	104	22	126	117	21	138	77	23	100	128	22	150	77	24	101
30-44	2,029	269	2,298	1,457	255	1,712	1,806	270	2,076	1,238	234	1,472	1,801	284	2,085	1,245	254	1,499
Males	1,624	176	1,800	1,184	176	1,360	1,475	181	1,656	1,017	164	1,181	1,457	187	1,644	1,026	176	1,202
Females	405	93	498	273	79	352	331	89	420	221	70	291	344	97	441	219	78	297
45 and over	2,733	231	2,964	2,250	229	2,479	2,563	247	2,810	2,063	239	2,302	2,564	251	2,815	2,075	244	2,319
Males	2,134	146	2,280	1,703	138	1,841	2,003	145	2,148	1,590	142	1,732	1,983	146	2,129	1,587	143	1,730
Females	599	85	684	547	91	638	560	102	662	473	97	570	581	105	686	488	101	589
Total	6,248	723	6,971	4,613	689	5,295	5,522	765	6,287	3,967	648	4,615	5,603	781	6,384	4,022	688	4,710
Males	4,805	489	5,294	3,520	460	3,978	4,301	511	4,812	3,079	431	3,510	4,327	513	4,840	3,105	457	3,562
Females	1,443	234	1,677	1,093	229	1,317	1,221	254	1,475	888	217	1,105	1,276	268	1,544	917	231	1,148

**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		December		January	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	2,506	1,950	2,293	1,769	2,483	1,890
Males	1,722	1,355	1,629	1,266	1,767	1,349
Females	775	586	664	503	716	541
21 to 52 weeks	1,311	906	1,042	679	1,021	673
Males	985	650	762	495	729	483
Females	326	256	280	184	292	190
Over 1 year	3,163	2,448	2,952	2,167	2,880	2,147
Males	2,587	1,973	2,421	1,749	2,344	1,730
Females	576	475	531	418	536	417
Total	6,979	5,303	6,287	4,615	6,384	4,710
Males	5,294	3,978	4,812	3,510	4,840	3,562
Females	1,677	1,317	1,475	1,105	1,544	1,148

**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				December				January			
	2014		2015		2014		2015		2015		2016	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (Part I)	483	100.0	386	100.0	427	100.0	386	100.0	539	100.0	380	100.0
Males	405	83.9	309	80.1	359	84.1	309	80.1	447	82.9	301	79.2
Females	78	16.1	77	19.9	68	15.9	77	19.9	92	17.1	79	20.8
Total (Part II)	10	100.0	12	100.0	15	100.0	12	100.0	8	100.0	11	100.0
Males	7	70.0	8	66.7	11	73.3	8	66.7	8	100.0	7	63.6
Females	3	30.0	4	33.3	4	26.7	4	33.3	-	-	4	36.4
Total (Parts I and II)	493	100.0	398	100.0	442	100.0	398	100.0	547	100.0	391	100.0
Males	412	83.6	317	79.6	370	83.7	317	79.6	455	83.2	308	78.8
Females	81	16.4	81	20.4	72	16.3	81	20.4	92	16.8	83	21.2

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 2014						Annual average 2014 (Part 1)						Annual average 2014 (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	251	4.7	92	5.5	343	4.9	227	4.5	80	5.2	307	4.7	24	7.9	12	9.0	36	8.3
Professionals	695	13.1	181	10.8	876	12.6	663	13.3	168	10.9	831	12.7	32	10.6	13	9.8	45	10.3
Technicians and associate professionals	509	9.6	451	26.9	960	13.8	466	9.3	414	26.8	880	13.5	43	14.2	37	27.8	80	18.4
Clerks	703	13.3	402	24.0	1,105	15.9	646	12.9	368	23.8	1,014	15.5	57	18.9	34	25.6	91	20.9
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	783	14.8	336	20.0	1,119	16.1	738	14.8	317	20.5	1,055	16.1	45	14.9	19	14.3	64	14.7
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	258	4.9	1	0.1	259	3.7	252	5.0	1	0.1	253	3.9	6	2.0	-	-	6	1.4
Craft and related trade workers	901	17.0	26	1.6	927	13.3	859	17.2	24	1.6	883	13.5	42	13.9	2	1.5	44	10.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	447	8.4	84	5.0	531	7.6	422	8.5	76	4.9	498	7.6	25	8.3	8	6.0	33	7.6
Elementary occupations	747	14.1	104	6.2	851	12.2	719	14.4	96	6.2	815	12.5	28	9.3	8	6.0	36	8.3
Total	5,294	100.0	1,677	100.0	6,971	100.0	4,992	100.0	1,544	100.0	6,536	100.0	302	100.0	133	100.0	435	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	Annual average 2015						December 2014						January 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	207	5.2	77	5.8	284	5.4	227	4.7	80	5.4	307	4.9	245	5.1	88	5.7	333	5.2
Professionals	543	13.7	145	11.0	688	13.0	650	13.5	163	11.1	813	12.9	650	13.4	157	10.2	807	12.6
Technicians and associate professionals	377	9.5	292	22.2	669	12.6	463	9.6	344	23.3	807	12.8	478	9.9	369	23.9	847	13.3
Clerical support workers	585	14.7	356	27.0	941	17.8	662	13.8	367	24.9	1,029	16.4	697	14.4	385	24.9	1,082	16.9
Service workers and sales workers	520	13.1	292	22.2	812	15.3	666	13.8	328	22.2	994	15.8	678	14.0	352	22.8	1,030	16.1
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	222	5.6	1	0.1	223	4.2	252	5.2	1	0.1	253	4.0	253	5.2	1	0.1	254	4.0
Crafts and related trade workers	710	17.8	30	2.3	740	14.0	849	17.6	30	2.0	879	14.0	848	17.5	32	2.1	880	13.8
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	299	7.5	57	4.3	356	6.7	396	8.2	73	4.9	469	7.5	377	7.8	69	4.5	446	7.0
Elementary occupations	515	12.9	67	5.1	582	11.0	647	13.4	89	6.0	736	11.7	614	12.7	91	5.9	705	11.0
Total	3,978	100.0	1,317	100.0	5,295	100.0	4,812	100.0	1,475	100.0	6,287	100.0	4,840	100.0	1,544	100.0	6,384	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	December 2015						January 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	182	5.2	65	5.9	247	5.4	189	5.3	79	6.9	268	5.7
Professionals	522	14.9	120	10.9	642	13.9	510	14.3	123	10.7	633	13.4
Technicians and associate professionals	329	9.4	221	20.0	550	11.9	349	9.8	232	20.2	581	12.3
Clerical support workers	504	14.4	317	28.7	821	17.8	518	14.5	334	29.1	852	18.1
Service workers and sales workers	422	12.0	245	22.2	667	14.5	449	12.6	244	21.3	693	14.7
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	214	6.1	2	0.2	216	4.7	217	6.1	1	0.1	218	4.6
Crafts and related trade workers	623	17.7	30	2.7	653	14.1	630	17.7	34	3.0	664	14.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	255	7.3	49	4.4	304	6.6	251	7.0	43	3.7	294	6.2
Elementary occupations	459	13.1	56	5.1	515	11.2	449	12.6	58	5.1	507	10.8
Total	3,510	100.0	1,105	100.0	4,615	100.0	3,562	100.0	1,148	100.0	4,710	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 2014			Annual average 2015			December 2014			December 2015			January 2015			January 2016		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	263	24	287	140	24	164	181	37	218	77	16	93	203	38	241	99	19	118
Males	167	15	182	94	17	111	121	29	150	46	12	58	143	27	170	61	16	77
Females	96	9	105	46	7	53	60	8	68	31	4	35	60	11	71	38	3	41
20-24	503	98	601	256	80	336	370	111	481	185	60	245	389	107	496	184	75	259
Males	356	72	428	173	54	227	248	79	327	127	40	167	270	76	346	115	53	168
Females	147	26	173	83	26	109	122	32	154	58	20	78	119	31	150	69	22	91
25-29	537	95	632	334	86	420	440	91	531	261	82	343	444	95	539	270	84	354
Males	404	76	480	248	64	312	344	72	416	197	60	257	334	73	407	200	62	262
Females	133	19	152	86	22	108	96	19	115	64	22	86	110	22	132	70	22	92
30-44	1,908	262	2,170	1,332	243	1,575	1,691	261	1,952	1,107	223	1,330	1,671	274	1,945	1,131	246	1,377
Males	1,539	173	1,712	1,087	167	1,254	1,386	178	1,564	916	155	1,071	1,362	184	1,546	937	168	1,105
Females	369	89	458	245	76	321	305	83	388	191	68	259	309	90	399	194	78	272
45 and over	2,619	227	2,846	2,141	220	2,361	2,465	242	2,707	1,967	223	2,190	2,463	247	2,710	1,989	232	2,221
Males	2,046	144	2,190	1,620	131	1,751	1,930	143	2,073	1,526	129	1,655	1,903	144	2,047	1,531	134	1,665
Females	573	83	656	521	89	610	535	99	634	441	94	535	560	103	663	458	98	556
Total	5,830	706	6,536	4,207	656	4,856	5,147	742	5,889	3,597	604	4,201	5,170	761	5,931	3,673	656	4,329
Males	4,512	480	4,992	3,223	434	3,655	4,029	501	4,530	2,812	396	3,208	4,012	504	4,516	2,844	433	3,277
Females	1,318	226	1,544	984	222	1,201	1,118	241	1,359	785	208	993	1,158	257	1,415	829	223	1,052

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		December		January	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	2,091	1,528	1,928	1,394	2,057	1,543
Males	1,442	1,053	1,368	994	1,459	1,088
Females	649	475	560	400	598	455
21 to 52 weeks	1,282	880	1,009	640	994	639
Males	963	629	741	465	713	459
Females	319	251	268	175	281	180
Over 1 year	3,163	2,448	2,952	2,167	2,880	2,147
Males	2,587	1,973	2,421	1,749	2,344	1,730
Females	576	475	531	418	536	417
Total	6,544	4,864	5,889	4,201	5,931	4,329
Males	4,992	3,655	4,530	3,208	4,516	3,277
Females	1,544	1,201	1,359	993	1,415	1,052

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 2015						December 2014						January 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	182	5.0	64	5.3	246	5.1	209	4.6	70	5.2	279	4.7	216	4.8	75	5.3	291	4.9
Professionals	502	13.7	129	10.7	631	13.0	614	13.6	153	11.3	767	13.0	612	13.6	143	10.1	755	12.7
Technicians and associate professionals	337	9.2	265	22.0	602	12.4	417	9.2	314	23.1	731	12.4	417	9.2	332	23.5	749	12.6
Clerical support workers	540	14.8	329	27.4	869	17.9	615	13.6	341	25.1	956	16.2	649	14.4	356	25.2	1,005	16.9
Service workers and sales workers	473	12.9	270	22.4	743	15.3	622	13.7	308	22.7	930	15.8	624	13.8	328	23.2	952	16.1
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	211	5.8	1	0.1	212	4.4	245	5.4	1	0.1	246	4.2	248	5.5	1	0.1	249	4.2
Crafts and related trade workers	645	17.6	28	2.3	673	13.8	812	17.9	27	2.0	839	14.2	802	17.8	29	2.0	831	14.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	276	7.5	54	4.5	330	6.8	371	8.2	63	4.6	434	7.4	355	7.9	66	4.7	421	7.1
Elementary occupations	489	13.4	61	5.1	550	11.3	625	13.8	82	6.0	707	12.0	593	13.1	85	6.0	678	11.4
Total	3,655	100.0	1,201	100.0	4,856	100.0	4,530	100.0	1,359	100.0	5,889	100.0	4,516	100.0	1,415	100.0	5,931	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	December 2015						January 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	156	4.9	52	5.2	208	5.0	168	5.1	68	6.5	236	5.5
Professionals	479	14.9	109	11.0	588	14.0	473	14.4	115	10.9	588	13.6
Technicians and associate professionals	298	9.3	200	20.1	498	11.9	309	9.4	208	19.8	517	11.9
Clerical support workers	469	14.6	284	28.6	753	17.9	482	14.7	309	29.4	791	18.3
Service workers and sales workers	382	11.9	226	22.8	608	14.5	413	12.6	220	20.9	633	14.6
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	193	6.0	2	0.2	195	4.6	200	6.1	1	0.1	201	4.6
Crafts and related trade workers	567	17.7	26	2.6	593	14.1	580	17.7	34	3.2	614	14.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	233	7.3	46	4.6	279	6.6	225	6.9	43	4.1	268	6.2
Elementary occupations	431	13.4	48	4.8	479	11.4	427	13.0	54	5.1	481	11.1
Total	3,208	100.0	993	100.0	4,201	100.0	3,277	100.0	1,052	100.0	4,329	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 2014			Annual average 2015			December 2014			December 2015			January 2015			January 2016		
	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total	Malta	Gozo	Total
Under 20	46	-	46	39	1	40	34	2	36	23	2	25	53	1	54	38	1	39
Males	26	-	26	25	1	26	20	1	21	18	2	20	35	-	35	28	1	29
Females	20	-	20	14	-	14	14	1	15	5	-	5	18	1	19	10	-	10
20-24	81	4	85	76	7	83	70	4	74	60	8	68	94	4	98	63	8	71
Males	56	2	58	53	5	58	53	3	56	37	5	42	68	3	71	47	5	52
Females	25	2	27	23	2	25	17	1	18	23	3	26	26	1	27	16	3	19
25-29	56	2	58	57	4	61	58	3	61	60	7	67	55	1	56	48	3	51
Males	38	2	40	39	4	43	37	1	38	47	6	53	37	1	38	41	1	42
Females	18	-	18	18	-	18	21	2	23	13	1	14	18	-	18	7	2	9
30-44	121	7	128	125	12	137	115	9	124	131	11	142	130	10	140	114	8	122
Males	85	3	88	97	9	106	89	3	92	101	9	110	95	3	98	89	8	97
Females	36	4	40	28	3	31	26	6	32	30	2	32	35	7	42	25	-	25
45 and over	114	4	118	109	9	118	98	5	103	96	16	112	101	4	105	86	12	98
Males	88	2	90	83	7	90	73	2	75	64	13	77	80	2	82	56	9	65
Females	26	2	28	26	2	28	25	3	28	32	3	35	21	2	23	30	3	33
Total	418	17	435	406	33	439	375	23	398	370	44	414	433	20	453	349	32	381
Males	293	9	302	297	26	323	272	10	282	267	35	302	315	9	324	261	24	285
Females	125	8	133	109	7	116	103	13	116	103	9	112	118	11	129	88	8	96

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		December		January	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	415	422	365	375	426	347
Males	280	302	261	272	308	261
Females	126	111	104	103	118	86
21 to 52 weeks	29	26	33	39	27	34
Males	22	21	21	30	16	24
Females	7	5	12	9	11	10
Total	435	439	398	414	453	381
Males	302	323	282	302	324	285
Females	133	116	116	112	129	96

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 2015						December 2014						January 2015					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	25	7.7	13	11.2	38	8.7	18	6.4	10	8.6	28	7.0	29	9.0	13	10.1	42	9.3
Professionals	41	12.7	16	13.8	57	13.0	36	12.8	10	8.6	46	11.6	38	11.7	14	10.9	52	11.5
Technicians and associate professionals	40	12.4	27	23.3	67	15.3	46	16.3	30	25.9	76	19.1	61	18.8	37	28.7	98	21.6
Clerical support workers	45	13.9	27	23.3	72	16.4	47	16.7	26	22.4	73	18.3	48	14.8	29	22.5	77	17.0
Service workers and sales workers	47	14.6	22	19.0	69	15.7	44	15.6	20	17.2	64	16.1	54	16.7	24	18.6	78	17.2
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	11	3.4	-	-	11	2.5	7	2.5	-	-	7	1.8	5	1.5	-	-	5	1.1
Crafts and related trade workers	65	20.1	2	1.7	67	15.3	37	13.1	3	2.6	40	10.1	46	14.2	3	2.3	49	10.8
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	23	7.1	3	2.6	26	5.9	25	8.9	10	8.6	35	8.8	22	6.8	3	2.3	25	5.5
Elementary occupations	26	8.0	6	5.2	32	7.3	22	7.8	7	6.0	29	7.3	21	6.5	6	4.7	27	6.0
Total	323	100.0	116	100.0	439	100.0	282	100.0	116	100.0	398	100.0	324	100.0	129	100.0	453	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	December 2015						January 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	26	8.6	13	11.6	39	9.4	21	7.4	11	11.5	32	8.4
Professionals	43	14.2	11	9.8	54	13.0	37	13.0	8	8.3	45	11.8
Technicians and associate professionals	31	10.3	21	18.8	52	12.6	40	14.0	24	25.0	64	16.8
Clerical support workers	35	11.6	33	29.5	68	16.4	36	12.6	25	26.0	61	16.0
Service workers and sales workers	40	13.2	19	17.0	59	14.3	36	12.6	24	25.0	60	15.7
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	21	7.0	-	-	21	5.1	17	6.0	-	-	17	4.5
Crafts and related trade workers	56	18.5	4	3.6	60	14.5	50	17.5	-	-	50	13.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	22	7.3	3	2.7	25	6.0	26	9.1	-	-	26	6.8
Elementary occupations	28	9.3	8	7.1	36	8.7	22	7.7	4	4.2	26	6.8
Total	302	100.0	112	100.0	414	100.0	285	100.0	96	100.0	381	100.0

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

Sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
Males	5.2	4.8	4.7	3.3	4.6	3.2
Females	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.0	2.7	2.0
Total	4.5	4.1	4.0	2.9	3.9	2.8

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

Sex	Annual average		July		August	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
under 25						
Males	6.2	5.4	5.0	2.7	5.0	2.5
Females	3.8	3.2	2.9	1.8	2.8	1.6
Total	5.2	4.4	4.1	2.3	4.0	2.1
45 and over						
Males	5.5	5.2	5.0	3.8	4.9	3.7
Females	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.5
Total	5.2	4.9	4.7	3.8	4.7	3.6

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

Sex	Annual average		June		August	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
Males	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.7	2.3	1.6
Females	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7
Total	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.3	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. As from this release annual average results are being worked out using a custom made application which takes into consideration more data points to work out the mean for the year. As a consequence there are slight differences between the average levels using the previous editions of this news release and the average being displayed in this edition for the same time period.
3. The monthly unemployment rates from January 2016 onwards do not feature in this release since administrative data on the labour supply from this month onwards are not yet available.
4. ISCO 08 is being used to classify occupations sought by the unemployed.

5. 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).

6. Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.
7. The data on unemployment levels is final and not normally subject to revision.
8. 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>