

In February, the number of persons registering for work stood at 4,511 compared to 6,190 in the corresponding month last year.

Registered Unemployed: February 2016

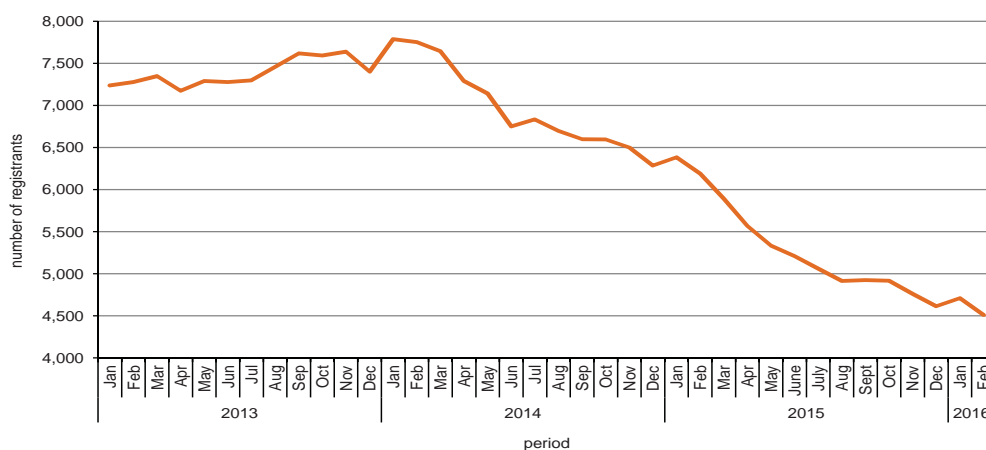
Data provided by the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC) for February indicate a decrease of 1,588 persons registering under Part I and a decrease of 91 among those registering under Part II of the unemployment register, when compared to February 2015 (Tables 5 and 8). Overall, decreases in registered unemployment were recorded among all age groups (Table 1).

When compared to February 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 42 to 381. Males accounted for 79.3 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 (17.5 per cent), whereas their female counterparts mostly sought occupations as clerical support workers (28.8 per cent) (Table 4).

The registered unemployment rate in September 2015 stood at 2.5 per cent of the labour supply, (excluding part-time employment), and varied from 2.9 per cent among men to 1.7 per cent among women (Table 11) ■

Chart 1. Registered unemployment



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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			January 2015			January 2016			February 2015			February 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	256	39	295	137	20	157	232	39	271	120	19	139
Males	193	15	208	119	18	137	178	27	205	89	17	106	158	27	185	73	16	89
Females	116	9	125	60	7	67	78	12	90	48	3	51	74	12	86	47	3	50
20-24	584	102	686	332	87	419	483	111	594	247	83	330	429	100	529	239	76	315
Males	412	74	486	226	59	285	338	79	417	162	58	220	300	63	363	165	54	219
Females	172	28	200	106	28	134	145	32	177	85	25	110	129	37	166	74	22	96
25-29	593	97	690	391	90	481	499	96	595	318	87	405	514	94	608	304	88	392
Males	442	78	520	287	68	355	371	74	445	241	63	304	382	74	456	231	64	295
Females	151	19	170	104	22	126	128	22	150	77	24	101	132	20	152	73	24	97
30-44	2,029	269	2,298	1,457	255	1,712	1,801	284	2,085	1,245	254	1,499	1,733	283	2,016	1,178	259	1,437
Males	1,624	176	1,800	1,184	176	1,360	1,457	187	1,644	1,026	176	1,202	1,425	188	1,613	961	181	1,142
Females	405	93	498	273	79	352	344	97	441	219	78	297	308	95	403	217	78	295
45 and over	2,733	231	2,964	2,250	229	2,479	2,564	251	2,815	2,075	244	2,319	2,508	258	2,766	1,992	236	2,228
Males	2,134	146	2,280	1,703	138	1,841	1,983	146	2,129	1,587	143	1,730	1,926	148	2,074	1,519	144	1,663
Females	599	85	684	547	91	638	581	105	686	488	101	589	582	110	692	473	92	565
Total	6,248	723	6,971	4,609	686	5,295	5,603	781	6,384	4,022	688	4,710	5,416	774	6,190	3,833	678	4,511
Males	4,805	489	5,294	3,519	459	3,978	4,327	513	4,840	3,105	457	3,562	4,191	500	4,691	2,949	459	3,408
Females	1,443	234	1,677	1,090	227	1,317	1,276	268	1,544	917	231	1,148	1,225	274	1,499	884	219	1,103

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		January		February	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	2,497	1,941	2,483	1,890	2,366	1,766
Males	1,722	1,355	1,767	1,349	1,684	1,245
Females	775	586	716	541	682	521
21 to 52 weeks	1,311	906	1,021	673	1,048	687
Males	985	650	729	483	752	500
Females	326	256	292	190	296	187
Over 1 year	3,163	2,448	2,880	2,147	2,776	2,058
Males	2,587	1,973	2,344	1,730	2,255	1,663
Females	576	475	536	417	521	395
Total	6,971	5,295	6,384	4,710	6,190	4,511
Males	5,294	3,978	4,840	3,562	4,691	3,408
Females	1,677	1,317	1,544	1,148	1,499	1,103

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				January				February			
	2014		2015		2015		2016		2015		2016	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (Part I)	483	100.0	386	100.0	539	100.0	380	100.0	410	100.0	373	100.0
Males	405	83.9	309	80.1	447	82.9	301	79.2	334	81.5	296	79.4
Females	78	16.1	77	19.9	92	17.1	79	20.8	76	18.5	77	20.6
Total (Part II)	10	100.0	12	100.0	8	100.0	11	100.0	13	100.0	8	100.0
Males	7	70.0	8	66.7	8	100.0	7	63.6	11	84.6	6	75.0
Females	3	30.0	4	33.3	-	-	4	36.4	2	15.4	2	25.0
Total (Parts I and II)	493	100.0	398	100.0	547	100.0	391	100.0	423	100.0	381	100.0
Males	412	83.6	317	79.6	455	83.2	308	78.8	345	81.6	302	79.3
Females	81	16.4	81	20.4	92	16.8	83	21.2	78	18.4	79	20.7

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 88)	Annual average 2015						January 2015						February 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	245	5.1	88	5.7	333	5.2	240	5.1	83	5.5	323	5.2
Professionals	543	13.7	145	11.0	688	13.0	650	13.4	157	10.2	807	12.6	626	13.3	155	10.3	781	12.6
Technicians and associate professionals	377	9.5	292	22.2	669	12.6	478	9.9	369	23.9	847	13.3	466	9.9	349	23.3	815	13.2
Clerical support workers	585	14.7	356	27.0	941	17.8	697	14.4	385	24.9	1,082	16.9	681	14.5	373	24.9	1,054	17.0
Service workers and sales workers	520	13.1	292	22.2	812	15.3	678	14.0	352	22.8	1,030	16.1	662	14.1	343	22.9	1,005	16.2
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	222	5.6	1	0.1	223	4.2	253	5.2	1	0.1	254	4.0	240	5.1	1	0.1	241	3.9
Crafts and related trade workers	710	17.8	30	2.3	740	14.0	848	17.5	32	2.1	880	13.8	813	17.3	38	2.5	851	13.7
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	299	7.5	57	4.3	356	6.7	377	7.8	69	4.5	446	7.0	368	7.8	69	4.6	437	7.1
Elementary occupations	515	12.9	67	5.1	582	11.0	614	12.7	91	5.9	705	11.0	595	12.7	88	5.9	683	11.0
Total	3,978	100.0	1,317	100.0	5,295	100.0	4,840	100.0	1,544	100.0	6,384	100.0	4,691	100.0	1,499	100.0	6,190	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 88)	January 2016						February 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	189	5.3	79	6.9	268	5.7	176	5.2	78	7.1	254	5.6
Professionals	510	14.3	123	10.7	633	13.4	486	14.3	126	11.4	612	13.6
Technicians and associate professionals	349	9.8	232	20.2	581	12.3	326	9.6	211	19.1	537	11.9
Clerical support workers	518	14.5	334	29.1	852	18.1	512	15.0	318	28.8	830	18.4
Service workers and sales workers	449	12.6	244	21.3	693	14.7	419	12.3	241	21.8	660	14.6
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	217	6.1	1	0.1	218	4.6	214	6.3	1	0.1	215	4.8
Crafts and related trade workers	630	17.7	34	3.0	664	14.1	597	17.5	30	2.7	627	13.9
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	251	7.0	43	3.7	294	6.2	247	7.2	45	4.1	292	6.5
Elementary occupations	449	12.6	58	5.1	507	10.8	431	12.6	53	4.8	484	10.7
Total	3,562	100.0	1,148	100.0	4,710	100.0	3,408	100.0	1,103	100.0	4,511	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			January 2015			January 2016			February 2015			February 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	203	38	241	99	19	118	189	36	225	87	18	105
Males	167	15	182	94	17	111	143	27	170	61	16	77	130	25	155	55	16	71
Females	96	9	105	46	7	53	60	11	71	38	3	41	59	11	70	32	2	34
20-24	503	98	601	256	80	336	389	107	496	184	75	259	334	96	430	179	73	252
Males	356	72	428	173	54	227	270	76	346	115	53	168	230	59	289	120	52	172
Females	147	26	173	83	26	109	119	31	150	69	22	91	104	37	141	59	21	80
25-29	537	95	632	334	86	420	444	95	539	270	84	354	453	91	544	258	88	346
Males	404	76	480	248	64	312	334	73	407	200	62	262	340	72	412	195	64	259
Females	133	19	152	86	22	108	110	22	132	70	22	92	113	19	132	63	24	87
30-44	1,908	262	2,170	1,332	243	1,575	1,671	274	1,945	1,131	246	1,377	1,613	278	1,891	1,059	251	1,310
Males	1,539	173	1,712	1,087	167	1,254	1,362	184	1,546	937	168	1,105	1,327	187	1,514	872	173	1,045
Females	369	89	458	245	76	321	309	90	399	194	78	272	286	91	377	187	78	265
45 and over	2,619	227	2,846	2,141	220	2,361	2,463	247	2,710	1,989	232	2,221	2,412	253	2,665	1,921	233	2,154
Males	2,046	144	2,190	1,620	131	1,751	1,903	144	2,047	1,531	134	1,665	1,854	146	2,000	1,471	142	1,613
Females	573	83	656	521	89	610	560	103	663	458	98	556	558	107	665	450	91	541
Total	5,830	706	6,536	4,203	653	4,856	5,170	761	5,931	3,673	656	4,329	5,001	754	5,755	3,504	663	4,167
Males	4,512	480	4,992	3,222	433	3,655	4,012	504	4,516	2,844	433	3,277	3,881	489	4,370	2,713	447	3,160
Females	1,318	226	1,544	981	220	1,201	1,158	257	1,415	829	223	1,052	1,120	265	1,385	791	216	1,007

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		January		February	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	2,091	1,528	2,057	1,543	1,964	1,430
Males	1,442	1,053	1,459	1,088	1,385	1,001
Females	649	475	598	455	579	429
21 to 52 weeks	1,282	880	994	639	1,015	679
Males	963	629	713	459	730	496
Females	319	251	281	180	285	183
Over 1 year	3,163	2,448	2,880	2,147	2,776	2,058
Males	2,587	1,973	2,344	1,730	2,255	1,663
Females	576	475	536	417	521	395
Total	6,536	4,856	5,931	4,329	5,755	4,167
Males	4,992	3,655	4,516	3,277	4,370	3,160
Females	1,544	1,201	1,415	1,052	1,385	1,007

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						January 2015						February 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	216	4.8	75	5.3	291	4.9	219	5.0	70	5.1	289	5.0
Professionals	502	13.7	129	10.7	631	13.0	612	13.6	143	10.1	755	12.7	581	13.3	140	10.1	721	12.5
Technicians and associate professionals	337	9.2	265	22.0	602	12.4	417	9.2	332	23.5	749	12.6	411	9.4	324	23.4	735	12.8
Clerical support workers	540	14.8	329	27.4	869	17.9	649	14.4	356	25.2	1,005	16.9	634	14.5	349	25.2	983	17.1
Service workers and sales workers	473	12.9	270	22.4	743	15.3	624	13.8	328	23.2	952	16.1	613	14.0	320	23.1	933	16.2
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	211	5.8	1	0.1	212	4.4	248	5.5	1	0.1	249	4.2	236	5.4	1	0.1	237	4.1
Crafts and related trade workers	645	17.6	28	2.3	673	13.8	802	17.8	29	2.0	831	14.0	757	17.3	34	2.5	791	13.7
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	276	7.5	54	4.5	330	6.8	355	7.9	66	4.7	421	7.1	345	7.9	66	4.8	411	7.1
Elementary occupations	489	13.4	61	5.1	550	11.3	593	13.1	85	6.0	678	11.4	574	13.1	81	5.8	655	11.4
Total	3,655	100.0	1,201	100.0	4,856	100.0	4,516	100.0	1,415	100.0	5,931	100.0	4,370	100.0	1,385	100.0	5,755	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	January 2016						February 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	168	5.1	68	6.5	236	5.5	156	4.9	66	6.6	222	5.3
Professionals	473	14.4	115	10.9	588	13.6	453	14.3	113	11.2	566	13.6
Technicians and associate professionals	309	9.4	208	19.8	517	11.9	294	9.3	193	19.2	487	11.7
Clerical support workers	482	14.7	309	29.4	791	18.3	475	15.0	288	28.6	763	18.3
Service workers and sales workers	413	12.6	220	20.9	633	14.6	390	12.3	223	22.1	613	14.7
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	200	6.1	1	0.1	201	4.6	203	6.4	1	0.1	204	4.9
Crafts and related trade workers	580	17.7	34	3.2	614	14.2	554	17.5	30	3.0	584	14.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	225	6.9	43	4.1	268	6.2	227	7.2	43	4.3	270	6.5
Elementary occupations	427	13.0	54	5.1	481	11.1	408	12.9	50	5.0	458	11.0
Total	3,277	100.0	1,052	100.0	4,329	100.0	3,160	100.0	1,007	100.0	4,167	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			January 2015			January 2016			February 2015			February 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	53	1	54	38	1	39	43	3	46	33	1	34
Males	26	-	26	25	1	26	35	-	35	28	1	29	28	2	30	18	-	18
Females	20	-	20	14	-	14	18	1	19	10	-	10	15	1	16	15	1	16
20-24	81	4	85	76	7	83	94	4	98	63	8	71	95	4	99	60	3	63
Males	56	2	58	53	5	58	68	3	71	47	5	52	70	4	74	45	2	47
Females	25	2	27	23	2	25	26	1	27	16	3	19	25	-	25	15	1	16
25-29	56	2	58	57	4	61	55	1	56	48	3	51	61	3	64	46	-	46
Males	38	2	40	39	4	43	37	1	38	41	1	42	42	2	44	36	-	36
Females	18	-	18	18	-	18	18	-	18	7	2	9	19	1	20	10	-	10
30-44	121	7	128	125	12	137	130	10	140	114	8	122	120	5	125	119	8	127
Males	85	3	88	97	9	106	95	3	98	89	8	97	98	1	99	89	8	97
Females	36	4	40	28	3	31	35	7	42	25	-	25	22	4	26	30	-	30
45 and over	114	4	118	109	9	118	101	4	105	86	12	98	96	5	101	71	3	74
Males	88	2	90	83	7	90	80	2	82	56	9	65	72	2	74	48	2	50
Females	26	2	28	26	2	28	21	2	23	30	3	33	24	3	27	23	1	24
Total	418	17	435	406	33	439	433	20	453	349	32	381	415	20	435	329	15	344
Males	293	9	302	297	26	323	315	9	324	261	24	285	310	11	321	236	12	248
Females	125	8	133	109	7	116	118	11	129	88	8	96	105	9	114	93	3	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		January		February	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	406	413	426	347	402	336
Males	280	302	308	261	299	244
Females	126	111	118	86	103	92
21 to 52 weeks	29	26	27	34	33	8
Males	22	21	16	24	22	4
Females	7	5	11	10	11	4
Total	435	439	453	381	435	344
Males	302	323	324	285	321	248
Females	133	116	129	96	114	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						January 2015						February 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	29	9.0	13	10.1	42	9.3	21	6.5	13	11.4	34	7.8
Professionals	41	12.7	16	13.8	57	13.0	38	11.7	14	10.9	52	11.5	45	14.0	15	13.2	60	13.8
Technicians and associate professionals	40	12.4	27	23.3	67	15.3	61	18.8	37	28.7	98	21.6	55	17.1	25	21.9	80	18.4
Clerical support workers	45	13.9	27	23.3	72	16.4	48	14.8	29	22.5	77	17.0	47	14.6	24	21.1	71	16.3
Service workers and sales workers	47	14.6	22	19.0	69	15.7	54	16.7	24	18.6	78	17.2	49	15.3	23	20.2	72	16.6
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	11	3.4	-	-	11	2.5	5	1.5	-	-	5	1.1	4	1.2	-	-	4	0.9
Crafts and related trade workers	65	20.1	2	1.7	67	15.3	46	14.2	3	2.3	49	10.8	56	17.4	4	3.5	60	13.8
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	23	7.1	3	2.6	26	5.9	22	6.8	3	2.3	25	5.5	23	7.2	3	2.6	26	6.0
Elementary occupations	26	8.0	6	5.2	32	7.3	21	6.5	6	4.7	27	6.0	21	6.5	7	6.1	28	6.4
Total	323	100.0	116	100.0	439	100.0	324	100.0	129	100.0	453	100.0	321	100.0	114	100.0	435	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	January 2016						February 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	21	7.4	11	11.5	32	8.4	20	8.1	12	12.5	32	9.3
Professionals	37	13.0	8	8.3	45	11.8	33	13.3	13	13.5	46	13.4
Technicians and associate professionals	40	14.0	24	25.0	64	16.8	32	12.9	18	18.8	50	14.5
Clerical support workers	36	12.6	25	26.0	61	16.0	37	14.9	30	31.3	67	19.5
Service workers and sales workers	36	12.6	24	25.0	60	15.7	29	11.7	18	18.8	47	13.7
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	17	6.0	-	-	17	4.5	11	4.4	-	-	11	3.2
Crafts and related trade workers	50	17.5	-	-	50	13.1	43	17.3	-	-	43	12.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	26	9.1	-	-	26	6.8	20	8.1	2	2.1	22	6.4
Elementary occupations	22	7.7	4	4.2	26	6.8	23	9.3	3	3.1	26	7.6
Total	285	100.0	96	100.0	381	100.0	248	100.0	96	100.0	344	100.0

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

Sex	Annual average		August		September	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
Males	5.2	4.8	4.6	3.2	4.5	2.9
Females	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.0	2.6	1.7
Total	4.5	4.1	3.9	2.8	3.8	2.5

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

Sex	Annual average		August		September	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
under 25						
Males	6.2	5.4	5.0	2.5	4.9	2.6
Females	3.8	3.2	2.8	1.6	2.6	1.6
Total	5.2	4.4	4.0	2.1	3.9	2.1
45 and over						
Males	5.5	5.2	4.9	3.7	4.9	3.8
Females	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.4
Total	5.2	4.9	4.7	3.6	4.6	3.7

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

Sex	Annual average		August		September	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
Males	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.6	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 the release published on 23 February 2016, 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 October 2015 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