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In April, the number of persons registering for work stood at 3,751 compared to 5,568 in the corresponding month last year.

Registered Unemployed: April 2016

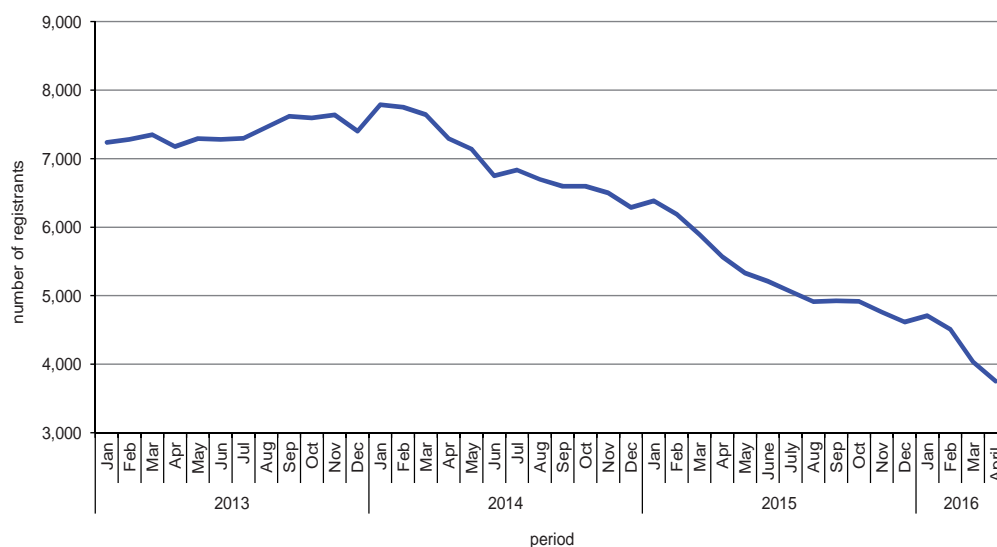
Data provided by the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC) for April indicate a decrease of 1,735 persons registering under Part I and a decrease of 82 among those registering under Part II of the unemployment register, when compared to April 2015 (Tables 5 and 8). Overall, decreases in registered unemployment were recorded among all age groups (Table 1).

When compared to April 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 61 to 358. Males accounted for 76.5 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 (17.0 per cent) and also clerical support workers (17.0 per cent), whereas their female counterparts mostly sought occupations as clerical support workers (30.2 per cent) (Table 4).

The registered unemployment rate in November 2015 stood at 2.7 per cent of the labour supply, (excluding part-time employment), and varied from 3.2 per cent among men to 1.8 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			March 2015			March 2016			April 2015			April 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	206	35	241	103	20	123	198	34	232	88	22	110
Males	193	15	208	119	18	137	147	22	169	68	17	85	127	23	150	57	18	75
Females	116	9	125	60	7	67	59	13	72	35	3	38	71	11	82	31	4	35
20-24	584	102	686	332	87	419	376	104	480	205	60	265	334	97	431	186	57	243
Males	412	74	486	226	59	285	254	71	325	142	38	180	227	70	297	128	35	163
Females	172	28	200	106	28	134	122	33	155	63	22	85	107	27	134	58	22	80
25-29	593	97	690	391	90	481	484	100	584	293	70	363	435	98	533	267	71	338
Males	442	78	520	287	68	355	357	76	433	220	46	266	316	75	391	198	43	241
Females	151	19	170	104	22	126	127	24	151	73	24	97	119	23	142	69	28	97
30-44	2,029	269	2,298	1,457	255	1,712	1,626	283	1,909	1,079	212	1,291	1,551	273	1,824	1,002	205	1,207
Males	1,624	176	1,800	1,184	176	1,360	1,340	189	1,529	864	138	1,002	1,241	186	1,427	821	129	950
Females	405	93	498	273	79	352	286	94	380	215	74	289	310	87	397	181	76	257
45 and over	2,733	231	2,964	2,250	229	2,479	2,422	258	2,680	1,793	198	1,991	2,311	237	2,548	1,661	192	1,853
Males	2,134	146	2,280	1,703	138	1,841	1,846	149	1,995	1,346	114	1,460	1,747	143	1,890	1,232	112	1,344
Females	599	85	684	547	91	638	576	109	685	447	84	531	564	94	658	429	80	509
Total	6,248	723	6,971	4,609	686	5,295	5,114	780	5,894	3,473	560	4,033	4,829	739	5,568	3,204	547	3,751
Males	4,805	489	5,294	3,519	459	3,978	3,944	507	4,451	2,640	353	2,993	3,658	497	4,155	2,436	337	2,773
Females	1,443	234	1,677	1,090	227	1,317	1,170	273	1,443	833	207	1,040	1,171	242	1,413	768	210	978

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		March		April	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	2,497	1,941	2,201	1,615	1,943	1,478
Males	1,722	1,355	1,545	1,119	1,321	1,017
Females	775	586	656	496	622	461
21 to 52 weeks	1,311	906	1,024	752	1,029	766
Males	985	650	743	567	746	579
Females	326	256	281	185	283	187
Over 1 year	3,163	2,448	2,669	1,666	2,596	1,507
Males	2,587	1,973	2,163	1,307	2,088	1,177
Females	576	475	506	359	508	330
Total	6,971	5,295	5,894	4,033	5,568	3,751
Males	5,294	3,978	4,451	2,993	4,155	2,773
Females	1,677	1,317	1,443	1,040	1,413	978

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				March				April			
	2014		2015		2015		2016		2015		2016	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (Part I)	483	100.0	386	100.0	405	100.0	345	100.0	406	100.0	347	100.0
Males	405	83.9	309	80.1	327	80.7	266	77.1	331	81.5	267	76.9
Females	78	16.1	77	19.9	78	19.3	79	22.9	75	18.5	80	23.1
Total (Part II)	10	100.0	12	100.0	15	100.0	11	100.0	13	100.0	11	100.0
Males	7	70.0	8	66.7	11	73.3	8	72.7	10	76.9	7	63.6
Females	3	30.0	4	33.3	4	26.7	3	27.3	3	23.1	4	36.4
Total (Parts I and II)	493	100.0	398	100.0	420	100.0	356	100.0	419	100.0	358	100.0
Males	412	83.6	317	79.6	338	80.5	274	77.0	341	81.4	274	76.5
Females	81	16.4	81	20.4	82	19.5	82	23.0	78	18.6	84	23.5

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						March 2015						April 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	239	5.4	77	5.3	316	5.4	208	5.0	87	6.2	295	5.3
Professionals	543	13.7	145	11.0	688	13.0	583	13.1	149	10.3	732	12.4	536	12.9	146	10.3	682	12.2
Technicians and associate professionals	377	9.5	292	22.2	669	12.6	444	10.0	332	23.0	776	13.2	408	9.8	312	22.1	720	12.9
Clerical support workers	585	14.7	356	27.0	941	17.8	649	14.6	370	25.6	1,019	17.3	610	14.7	377	26.7	987	17.7
Service workers and sales workers	520	13.1	292	22.2	812	15.3	612	13.7	335	23.2	947	16.1	574	13.8	315	22.3	889	16.0
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	222	5.6	1	0.1	223	4.2	246	5.5	1	0.1	247	4.2	237	5.7	2	0.1	239	4.3
Crafts and related trade workers	710	17.8	30	2.3	740	14.0	768	17.3	36	2.5	804	13.6	731	17.6	37	2.6	768	13.8
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	299	7.5	57	4.3	356	6.7	341	7.7	62	4.3	403	6.8	316	7.6	62	4.4	378	6.8
Elementary occupations	515	12.9	67	5.1	582	11.0	569	12.8	81	5.6	650	11.0	535	12.9	75	5.3	610	11.0
Total	3,978	100.0	1,317	100.0	5,295	100.0	4,451	100.0	1,443	100.0	5,894	100.0	4,155	100.0	1,413	100.0	5,568	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	March 2016						April 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	183	6.1	72	6.9	255	6.3	162	5.8	58	5.9	220	5.9
Professionals	447	14.9	122	11.7	569	14.1	425	15.3	113	11.6	538	14.3
Technicians and associate professionals	294	9.8	208	20.0	502	12.4	265	9.6	198	20.2	463	12.3
Clerical support workers	491	16.4	312	30.0	803	19.9	471	17.0	295	30.2	766	20.4
Service workers and sales workers	355	11.9	223	21.4	578	14.3	336	12.1	226	23.1	562	15.0
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	162	5.4	1	0.1	163	4.0	156	5.6	2	0.2	158	4.2
Crafts and related trade workers	520	17.4	22	2.1	542	13.4	472	17.0	18	1.8	490	13.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	215	7.2	38	3.7	253	6.3	196	7.1	35	3.6	231	6.2
Elementary occupations	326	10.9	42	4.0	368	9.1	290	10.5	33	3.4	323	8.6
Total	2,993	100.0	1,040	100.0	4,033	100.0	2,773	100.0	978	100.0	3,751	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			March 2015			March 2016			April 2015			April 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	173	29	202	73	19	92	159	33	192	65	22	87
Males	167	15	182	94	17	111	123	18	141	51	16	67	105	22	127	42	18	60
Females	96	9	105	46	7	53	50	11	61	22	3	25	54	11	65	23	4	27
20-24	503	98	601	256	80	336	302	93	395	156	59	215	269	89	358	140	56	196
Males	356	72	428	173	54	227	196	61	257	107	37	144	180	62	242	92	34	126
Females	147	26	173	83	26	109	106	32	138	49	22	71	89	27	116	48	22	70
25-29	537	95	632	334	86	420	436	96	532	248	68	316	394	93	487	220	69	289
Males	404	76	480	248	64	312	324	73	397	185	44	229	287	71	358	168	41	209
Females	133	19	152	86	22	108	112	23	135	63	24	87	107	22	129	52	28	80
30-44	1,908	262	2,170	1,332	243	1,575	1,493	277	1,770	955	204	1,159	1,438	267	1,705	889	198	1,087
Males	1,539	173	1,712	1,087	167	1,254	1,235	186	1,421	774	133	907	1,156	182	1,338	724	125	849
Females	369	89	458	245	76	321	258	91	349	181	71	252	282	85	367	165	73	238
45 and over	2,619	227	2,846	2,141	220	2,361	2,294	253	2,547	1,711	195	1,906	2,191	233	2,424	1,585	187	1,772
Males	2,046	144	2,190	1,620	131	1,751	1,747	147	1,894	1,286	113	1,399	1,652	141	1,793	1,177	109	1,286
Females	573	83	656	521	89	610	547	106	653	425	82	507	539	92	631	408	78	486
Total	5,830	706	6,536	4,203	653	4,856	4,698	748	5,446	3,143	545	3,688	4,451	715	5,166	2,899	532	3,431
Males	4,512	480	4,992	3,222	433	3,655	3,625	485	4,110	2,403	343	2,746	3,380	478	3,858	2,203	327	2,530
Females	1,318	226	1,544	981	220	1,201	1,073	263	1,336	740	202	942	1,071	237	1,308	696	205	901

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		March		April	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	2,091	1,528	1,777	1,284	1,565	1,175
Males	1,442	1,053	1,224	880	1,044	789
Females	649	475	553	404	521	386
21 to 52 weeks	1,282	880	1,000	738	1,005	749
Males	963	629	723	559	726	564
Females	319	251	277	179	279	185
Over 1 year	3,163	2,448	2,669	1,666	2,596	1,507
Males	2,587	1,973	2,163	1,307	2,088	1,177
Females	576	475	506	359	508	330
Total	6,536	4,856	5,446	3,688	5,166	3,431
Males	4,992	3,655	4,110	2,746	3,858	2,530
Females	1,544	1,201	1,336	942	1,308	901

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						March 2015						April 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	5.1	65	4.9	274	5.0	184	4.8	71	5.4	255	4.9
Professionals	502	13.7	129	10.7	631	13.0	538	13.1	131	9.8	669	12.3	502	13.0	130	9.9	632	12.2
Technicians and associate professionals	337	9.2	265	22.0	602	12.4	393	9.6	302	22.6	695	12.8	371	9.6	291	22.2	662	12.8
Clerical support workers	540	14.8	329	27.4	869	17.9	605	14.7	351	26.3	956	17.6	567	14.7	354	27.1	921	17.8
Service workers and sales workers	473	12.9	270	22.4	743	15.3	562	13.7	315	23.6	877	16.1	527	13.7	295	22.6	822	15.9
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	211	5.8	1	0.1	212	4.4	235	5.7	1	0.1	236	4.3	232	6.0	2	0.2	234	4.5
Crafts and related trade workers	645	17.6	28	2.3	673	13.8	708	17.2	34	2.5	742	13.6	674	17.5	34	2.6	708	13.7
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	276	7.5	54	4.5	330	6.8	318	7.7	60	4.5	378	6.9	286	7.4	58	4.4	344	6.7
Elementary occupations	489	13.4	61	5.1	550	11.3	542	13.2	77	5.8	619	11.4	515	13.3	73	5.6	588	11.4
Total	3,655	100.0	1,201	100.0	4,856	100.0	4,110	100.0	1,336	100.0	5,446	100.0	3,858	100.0	1,308	100.0	5,166	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	March 2016						April 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	156	5.7	58	6.2	214	5.8	141	5.6	52	5.8	193	5.6
Professionals	413	15.0	110	11.7	523	14.2	394	15.6	110	12.2	504	14.7
Technicians and associate professionals	266	9.7	184	19.5	450	12.2	236	9.3	180	20.0	416	12.1
Clerical support workers	455	16.6	289	30.7	744	20.2	430	17.0	270	30.0	700	20.4
Service workers and sales workers	323	11.8	205	21.8	528	14.3	305	12.1	208	23.1	513	15.0
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	149	5.4	1	0.1	150	4.1	144	5.7	2	0.2	146	4.3
Crafts and related trade workers	482	17.6	22	2.3	504	13.7	435	17.2	17	1.9	452	13.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	197	7.2	34	3.6	231	6.3	177	7.0	29	3.2	206	6.0
Elementary occupations	305	11.1	39	4.1	344	9.3	268	10.6	33	3.7	301	8.8
Total	2,746	100.0	942	100.0	3,688	100.0	2,530	100.0	901	100.0	3,431	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			March 2015			March 2016			April 2015			April 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	33	6	39	30	1	31	39	1	40	23	-	23
Males	26	-	26	25	1	26	24	4	28	17	1	18	22	1	23	15	-	15
Females	20	-	20	14	-	14	9	2	11	13	-	13	17	-	17	8	-	8
20-24	81	4	85	76	7	83	74	11	85	49	1	50	65	8	73	46	1	47
Males	56	2	58	53	5	58	58	10	68	35	1	36	47	8	55	36	1	37
Females	25	2	27	23	2	25	16	1	17	14	-	14	18	-	18	10	-	10
25-29	56	2	58	57	4	61	48	4	52	45	2	47	41	5	46	47	2	49
Males	38	2	40	39	4	43	33	3	36	35	2	37	29	4	33	30	2	32
Females	18	-	18	18	-	18	15	1	16	10	-	10	12	1	13	17	-	17
30-44	121	7	128	125	12	137	133	6	139	124	8	132	113	6	119	113	7	120
Males	85	3	88	97	9	106	105	3	108	90	5	95	85	4	89	97	4	101
Females	36	4	40	28	3	31	28	3	31	34	3	37	28	2	30	16	3	19
45 and over	114	4	118	109	9	118	128	5	133	82	3	85	120	4	124	76	5	81
Males	88	2	90	83	7	90	99	2	101	60	1	61	95	2	97	55	3	58
Females	26	2	28	26	2	28	29	3	32	22	2	24	25	2	27	21	2	23
Total	418	17	435	406	33	439	416	32	448	330	15	345	378	24	402	305	15	320
Males	293	9	302	297	26	323	319	22	341	237	10	247	278	19	297	233	10	243
Females	125	8	133	109	7	116	97	10	107	93	5	98	100	5	105	72	5	77

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		March		April	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	406	413	424	331	378	303
Males	280	302	321	239	277	228
Females	126	111	103	92	101	75
21 to 52 weeks	29	26	24	14	24	17
Males	22	21	20	8	20	15
Females	7	5	4	6	4	2
Total	435	439	448	345	402	320
Males	302	323	341	247	297	243
Females	133	116	107	98	105	77

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						March 2015						April 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	30	8.8	12	11.2	42	9.4	24	8.1	16	15.2	40	10.0
Professionals	41	12.7	16	13.8	57	13.0	45	13.2	18	16.8	63	14.1	34	11.4	16	15.2	50	12.4
Technicians and associate professionals	40	12.4	27	23.3	67	15.3	51	15.0	30	28.0	81	18.1	37	12.5	21	20.0	58	14.4
Clerical support workers	45	13.9	27	23.3	72	16.4	44	12.9	19	17.8	63	14.1	43	14.5	23	21.9	66	16.4
Service workers and sales workers	47	14.6	22	19.0	69	15.7	50	14.7	20	18.7	70	15.6	47	15.8	20	19.0	67	16.7
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	11	3.4	-	-	11	2.5	11	3.2	-	-	11	2.5	5	1.7	-	-	5	1.2
Crafts and related trade workers	65	20.1	2	1.7	67	15.3	60	17.6	2	1.9	62	13.8	57	19.2	3	2.9	60	14.9
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	23	7.1	3	2.6	26	5.9	23	6.7	2	1.9	25	5.6	30	10.1	4	3.8	34	8.5
Elementary occupations	26	8.0	6	5.2	32	7.3	27	7.9	4	3.7	31	6.9	20	6.7	2	1.9	22	5.5
Total	323	100.0	116	100.0	439	100.0	341	100.0	107	100.0	448	100.0	297	100.0	105	100.0	402	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	March 2016						April 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	27	10.9	14	14.3	41	11.9	21	8.6	6	7.8	27	8.4
Professionals	34	13.8	12	12.2	46	13.3	31	12.8	3	3.9	34	10.6
Technicians and associate professionals	28	11.3	24	24.5	52	15.1	29	11.9	18	23.4	47	14.7
Clerical support workers	36	14.6	23	23.5	59	17.1	41	16.9	25	32.5	66	20.6
Service workers and sales workers	32	13.0	18	18.4	50	14.5	31	12.8	18	23.4	49	15.3
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	13	5.3	-	-	13	3.8	12	4.9	-	-	12	3.8
Crafts and related trade workers	38	15.4	-	-	38	11.0	37	15.2	1	1.3	38	11.9
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	18	7.3	4	4.1	22	6.4	19	7.8	6	7.8	25	7.8
Elementary occupations	21	8.5	3	3.1	24	7.0	22	9.1	-	-	22	6.9
Total	247	100.0	98	100.0	345	100.0	243	100.0	77	100.0	320	100.0

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

Sex	Annual average		October		November	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
Males	5.2	4.8	4.5	3.3	4.5	3.2
Females	3.1	2.8	2.6	1.9	2.5	1.8
Total	4.5	4.1	3.8	2.8	3.8	2.7

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

Sex	Annual average		October		November	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
under 25						
Males	6.2	5.4	4.6	2.7	4.6	2.4
Females	3.8	3.2	2.8	1.6	2.8	1.4
Total	5.2	4.4	3.8	2.2	3.8	1.9
45 and over						
Males	5.5	5.2	4.9	3.8	4.9	3.8
Females	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.2
Total	5.2	4.9	4.6	3.7	4.6	3.6

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

Sex	Annual average		October		November	
	2013	2014 revised	2014	2015	2014 revised	2015
Males	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.6	2.2	1.6
Females	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.6
Total	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.2

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 December 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>