

In June, the number of persons registering for work stood at 3,441 compared to 5,209 in the corresponding month last year.

Registered Unemployed: June 2016

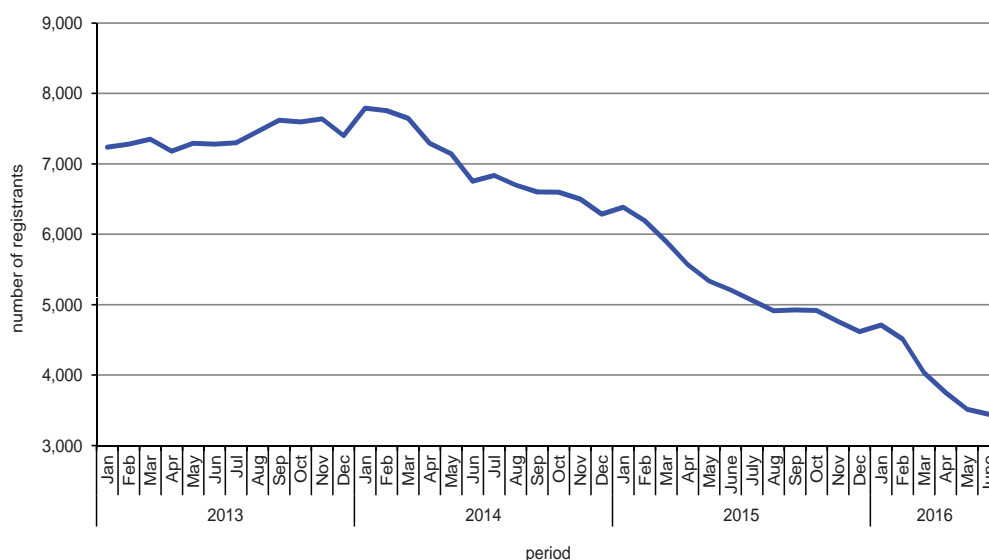
Data provided by Jobsplus for June indicate a decrease of 1,625 persons registering under Part I and a decrease of 143 among those registering under Part II of the unemployment register, when compared to June 2015 (Tables 5 and 8). Overall, decreases in registered unemployment were recorded among all age groups (Table 1).

When compared to June 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 56 to 353. Males accounted for 77.1 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) whereas their female counterparts mostly sought occupations as clerical support workers (32.3 per cent) (Table 4).

The registered unemployment rate in January 2016 stood at 2.6 per cent of the labour supply (excluding part-time employment), and varied from 3.2 per cent among men to 1.7 per cent among women (Table 11). The rate in February 2016 stood at 2.5 per cent of the labour supply and varied from 3.0 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			May 2015			May 2016			June 2015			June 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	192	34	226	85	15	100	165	25	190	74	13	87
Males	193	15	208	119	18	137	123	25	148	56	12	68	104	18	122	43	11	54
Females	116	9	125	60	7	67	69	9	78	29	3	32	61	7	68	31	2	33
20-24	584	102	686	332	87	419	340	94	434	167	50	217	318	94	412	176	45	221
Males	412	74	486	226	59	285	232	65	297	114	31	145	222	68	290	121	28	149
Females	172	28	200	106	28	134	108	29	137	53	19	72	96	26	122	55	17	72
25-29	593	97	690	391	90	481	385	95	480	223	67	290	377	91	468	222	64	286
Males	442	78	520	287	68	355	276	74	350	173	38	211	270	69	339	165	40	205
Females	151	19	170	104	22	126	109	21	130	50	29	79	107	22	129	57	24	81
30-44	2,029	269	2,298	1,457	255	1,712	1,426	260	1,686	952	194	1,146	1,436	255	1,691	930	194	1,124
Males	1,624	176	1,800	1,184	176	1,360	1,143	181	1,324	768	119	887	1,160	177	1,337	746	121	867
Females	405	93	498	273	79	352	283	79	362	184	75	259	276	78	354	184	73	257
45 and over	2,733	231	2,964	2,250	229	2,479	2,286	221	2,507	1,569	189	1,758	2,223	225	2,448	1,529	194	1,723
Males	2,134	146	2,280	1,703	138	1,841	1,715	138	1,853	1,167	103	1,270	1,655	141	1,796	1,137	107	1,244
Females	599	85	684	547	91	638	571	83	654	402	86	488	568	84	652	392	87	479
Total	6,248	723	6,971	4,609	686	5,295	4,629	704	5,333	2,996	515	3,511	4,519	690	5,209	2,931	510	3,441
Males	4,805	489	5,294	3,519	459	3,978	3,489	483	3,972	2,278	303	2,581	3,411	473	3,884	2,212	307	2,519
Females	1,443	234	1,677	1,090	227	1,317	1,140	221	1,361	718	212	930	1,108	217	1,325	719	203	922

**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		May		June	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	2,497	1,941	1,801	1,361	1,765	1,378
Males	1,722	1,355	1,225	936	1,209	926
Females	775	586	576	425	556	452
21 to 52 weeks	1,311	906	1,034	702	1,021	674
Males	985	650	743	518	733	509
Females	326	256	291	184	288	165
Over 1 year	3,163	2,448	2,498	1,448	2,423	1,389
Males	2,587	1,973	2,004	1,127	1,942	1,084
Females	576	475	494	321	481	305
Total	6,971	5,295	5,333	3,511	5,209	3,441
Males	5,294	3,978	3,972	2,581	3,884	2,519
Females	1,677	1,317	1,361	930	1,325	922

**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				May				June			
	2014		2015		2015		2016		2015		2016	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (Part I)	483	100.0	386	100.0	387	100.0	344	100.0	395	100.0	347	100.0
Males	405	83.9	309	80.1	310	80.1	263	76.5	315	79.7	269	77.5
Females	78	16.1	77	19.9	77	19.9	81	23.5	80	20.3	78	22.5
Total (Part II)	10	100.0	12	100.0	9	100.0	5	100.0	14	100.0	6	100.0
Males	7	70.0	8	66.7	8	88.9	3	60.0	11	78.6	3	50.0
Females	3	30.0	4	33.3	1	11.1	2	40.0	3	21.4	3	50.0
Total (Parts I and II)	493	100.0	398	100.0	396	100.0	349	100.0	409	100.0	353	100.0
Males	412	83.6	317	79.6	318	80.3	266	76.2	326	79.7	272	77.1
Females	81	16.4	81	20.4	78	19.7	83	23.8	83	20.3	81	22.9

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						May 2015						June 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	211	5.3	81	6.0	292	5.5	192	4.9	74	5.6	266	5.1
Professionals	543	13.7	145	11.0	688	13.0	522	13.1	135	9.9	657	12.3	524	13.5	141	10.6	665	12.8
Technicians and associate professionals	377	9.5	292	22.2	669	12.6	373	9.4	302	22.2	675	12.7	353	9.1	290	21.9	643	12.3
Clerical support workers	585	14.7	356	27.0	941	17.8	583	14.7	375	27.6	958	18.0	575	14.8	372	28.1	947	18.2
Service workers and sales workers	520	13.1	292	22.2	812	15.3	530	13.3	302	22.2	832	15.6	503	13.0	294	22.2	797	15.3
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	222	5.6	1	0.1	223	4.2	225	5.7	2	0.1	227	4.3	226	5.8	2	0.2	228	4.4
Crafts and related trade workers	710	17.8	30	2.3	740	14.0	723	18.2	33	2.4	756	14.2	723	18.6	32	2.4	755	14.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	299	7.5	57	4.3	356	6.7	288	7.3	59	4.3	347	6.5	279	7.2	60	4.5	339	6.5
Elementary occupations	515	12.9	67	5.1	582	11.0	517	13.0	72	5.3	589	11.0	509	13.1	60	4.5	569	10.9
Total	3,978	100.0	1,317	100.0	5,295	100.0	3,972	100.0	1,361	100.0	5,333	100.0	3,884	100.0	1,325	100.0	5,209	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	May 2016						June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	149	5.8	53	5.7	202	5.8	126	5.0	50	5.4	176	5.1
Professionals	407	15.8	114	12.3	521	14.8	387	15.4	106	11.5	493	14.3
Technicians and associate professionals	242	9.4	177	19.0	419	11.9	258	10.2	173	18.8	431	12.5
Clerical support workers	428	16.6	280	30.1	708	20.2	420	16.7	298	32.3	718	20.9
Service workers and sales workers	312	12.1	218	23.4	530	15.1	320	12.7	212	23.0	532	15.5
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	140	5.4	1	0.1	141	4.0	142	5.6	1	0.1	143	4.2
Crafts and related trade workers	458	17.7	19	2.0	477	13.6	429	17.0	18	2.0	447	13.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	187	7.2	37	4.0	224	6.4	180	7.1	40	4.3	220	6.4
Elementary occupations	258	10.0	31	3.3	289	8.2	257	10.2	24	2.6	281	8.2
Total	2,581	100.0	930	100.0	3,511	100.0	2,519	100.0	922	100.0	3,441	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			May 2015			May 2016			June 2015			June 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	152	31	183	60	15	75	134	22	156	52	13	65
Males	167	15	182	94	17	111	95	22	117	39	12	51	88	16	104	33	11	44
Females	96	9	105	46	7	53	57	9	66	21	3	24	46	6	52	19	2	21
20-24	503	98	601	256	80	336	268	90	358	120	48	168	244	89	333	127	42	169
Males	356	72	428	173	54	227	178	61	239	80	29	109	166	63	229	90	25	115
Females	147	26	173	83	26	109	90	29	119	40	19	59	78	26	104	37	17	54
25-29	537	95	632	334	86	420	333	91	424	181	67	248	317	88	405	177	64	241
Males	404	76	480	248	64	312	240	70	310	142	38	180	231	66	297	134	40	174
Females	133	19	152	86	22	108	93	21	114	39	29	68	86	22	108	43	24	67
30-44	1,908	262	2,170	1,332	243	1,575	1,318	253	1,571	844	186	1,030	1,305	243	1,548	832	187	1,019
Males	1,539	173	1,712	1,087	167	1,254	1,059	175	1,234	681	114	795	1,050	168	1,218	668	117	785
Females	369	89	458	245	76	321	259	78	337	163	72	235	255	75	330	164	70	234
45 and over	2,619	227	2,846	2,141	220	2,361	2,161	219	2,380	1,492	180	1,672	2,101	219	2,320	1,462	181	1,643
Males	2,046	144	2,190	1,620	131	1,751	1,618	136	1,754	1,111	99	1,210	1,561	138	1,699	1,089	101	1,190
Females	573	83	656	521	89	610	543	83	626	381	81	462	540	81	621	373	80	453
Total	5,830	706	6,536	4,203	653	4,856	4,232	684	4,916	2,697	496	3,193	4,101	661	4,762	2,650	487	3,137
Males	4,512	480	4,992	3,222	433	3,655	3,190	464	3,654	2,053	292	2,345	3,096	451	3,547	2,014	294	2,308
Females	1,318	226	1,544	981	220	1,201	1,042	220	1,262	644	204	848	1,005	210	1,215	636	193	829

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		May		June	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	2,091	1,528	1,407	1,064	1,339	1,087
Males	1,442	1,053	926	719	892	727
Females	649	475	481	345	447	360
21 to 52 weeks	1,282	880	1,011	681	1,000	661
Males	963	629	724	499	713	497
Females	319	251	287	182	287	164
Over 1 year	3,163	2,448	2,498	1,448	2,423	1,389
Males	2,587	1,973	2,004	1,127	1,942	1,084
Females	576	475	494	321	481	305
Total	6,536	4,856	4,916	3,193	4,762	3,137
Males	4,992	3,655	3,654	2,345	3,547	2,308
Females	1,544	1,201	1,262	848	1,215	829

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						May 2015						June 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	185	5.1	67	5.3	252	5.1	164	4.6	63	5.2	227	4.8
Professionals	502	13.7	129	10.7	631	13.0	482	13.2	118	9.4	600	12.2	477	13.4	120	9.9	597	12.5
Technicians and associate professionals	337	9.2	265	22.0	602	12.4	340	9.3	282	22.3	622	12.7	320	9.0	265	21.8	585	12.3
Clerical support workers	540	14.8	329	27.4	869	17.9	540	14.8	352	27.9	892	18.1	530	14.9	345	28.4	875	18.4
Service workers and sales workers	473	12.9	270	22.4	743	15.3	484	13.2	285	22.6	769	15.6	457	12.9	278	22.9	735	15.4
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	211	5.8	1	0.1	212	4.4	214	5.9	2	0.2	216	4.4	215	6.1	2	0.2	217	4.6
Crafts and related trade workers	645	17.6	28	2.3	673	13.8	649	17.8	30	2.4	679	13.8	640	18.0	29	2.4	669	14.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	276	7.5	54	4.5	330	6.8	267	7.3	55	4.4	322	6.6	259	7.3	55	4.5	314	6.6
Elementary occupations	489	13.4	61	5.1	550	11.3	493	13.5	71	5.6	564	11.5	485	13.7	58	4.8	543	11.4
Total	3,655	100.0	1,201	100.0	4,856	100.0	3,654	100.0	1,262	100.0	4,916	100.0	3,547	100.0	1,215	100.0	4,762	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	May 2016						June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	129	5.5	48	5.7	177	5.5	107	4.6	44	5.3	151	4.8
Professionals	371	15.8	105	12.4	476	14.9	357	15.5	100	12.1	457	14.6
Technicians and associate professionals	212	9.0	162	19.1	374	11.7	227	9.8	158	19.1	385	12.3
Clerical support workers	382	16.3	254	30.0	636	19.9	383	16.6	262	31.6	645	20.6
Service workers and sales workers	289	12.3	204	24.1	493	15.4	296	12.8	195	23.5	491	15.7
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	131	5.6	1	0.1	132	4.1	131	5.7	1	0.1	132	4.2
Crafts and related trade workers	420	17.9	16	1.9	436	13.7	400	17.3	15	1.8	415	13.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	170	7.2	29	3.4	199	6.2	165	7.1	31	3.7	196	6.2
Elementary occupations	241	10.3	29	3.4	270	8.5	242	10.5	23	2.8	265	8.4
Total	2,345	100.0	848	100.0	3,193	100.0	2,308	100.0	829	100.0	3,137	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			May 2015			May 2016			June 2015			June 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	40	3	43	25	-	25	31	3	34	22	-	22
Males	26	-	26	25	1	26	28	3	31	17	-	17	16	2	18	10	-	10
Females	20	-	20	14	-	14	12	-	12	8	-	8	15	1	16	12	-	12
20-24	81	4	85	76	7	83	72	4	76	47	2	49	74	5	79	49	3	52
Males	56	2	58	53	5	58	54	4	58	34	2	36	56	5	61	31	3	34
Females	25	2	27	23	2	25	18	-	18	13	-	13	18	-	18	18	-	18
25-29	56	2	58	57	4	61	52	4	56	42	-	42	60	3	63	45	-	45
Males	38	2	40	39	4	43	36	4	40	31	-	31	39	3	42	31	-	31
Females	18	-	18	18	-	18	16	-	16	11	-	11	21	-	21	14	-	14
30-44	121	7	128	125	12	137	108	7	115	108	8	116	131	12	143	98	7	105
Males	85	3	88	97	9	106	84	6	90	87	5	92	110	9	119	78	4	82
Females	36	4	40	28	3	31	24	1	25	21	3	24	21	3	24	20	3	23
45 and over	114	4	118	109	9	118	125	2	127	77	9	86	122	6	128	67	13	80
Males	88	2	90	83	7	90	97	2	99	56	4	60	94	3	97	48	6	54
Females	26	2	28	26	2	28	28	-	28	21	5	26	28	3	31	19	7	26
Total	418	17	435	406	33	439	397	20	417	299	19	318	418	29	447	281	23	304
Males	293	9	302	297	26	323	299	19	318	225	11	236	315	22	337	198	13	211
Females	125	8	133	109	7	116	98	1	99	74	8	82	103	7	110	83	10	93

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		May		June	
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2015	2016
Under 21 weeks	406	413	394	297	426	291
Males	280	302	299	217	317	199
Females	126	111	95	80	109	92
21 to 52 weeks	29	26	23	21	21	13
Males	22	21	19	19	20	12
Females	7	5	4	2	1	1
Total	435	439	417	318	447	304
Males	302	323	318	236	337	211
Females	133	116	99	82	110	93

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						May 2015						June 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	26	8.2	14	14.1	40	9.6	28	8.3	11	10.0	39	8.7
Professionals	41	12.7	16	13.8	57	13.0	40	12.6	17	17.2	57	13.7	47	13.9	21	19.1	68	15.2
Technicians and associate professionals	40	12.4	27	23.3	67	15.3	33	10.4	20	20.2	53	12.7	33	9.8	25	22.7	58	13.0
Clerical support workers	45	13.9	27	23.3	72	16.4	43	13.5	23	23.2	66	15.8	45	13.4	27	24.5	72	16.1
Service workers and sales workers	47	14.6	22	19.0	69	15.7	46	14.5	17	17.2	63	15.1	46	13.6	16	14.5	62	13.9
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	11	3.4	-	-	11	2.5	11	3.5	-	-	11	2.6	11	3.3	-	-	11	2.5
Crafts and related trade workers	65	20.1	2	1.7	67	15.3	74	23.3	3	3.0	77	18.5	83	24.6	3	2.7	86	19.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	23	7.1	3	2.6	26	5.9	21	6.6	4	4.0	25	6.0	20	5.9	5	4.5	25	5.6
Elementary occupations	26	8.0	6	5.2	32	7.3	24	7.5	1	1.0	25	6.0	24	7.1	2	1.8	26	5.8
Total	323	100.0	116	100.0	439	100.0	318	100.0	99	100.0	417	100.0	337	100.0	110	100.0	447	100.0

Occupation (ISCO 08)	May 2016						June 2016					
	Males		Females		Total		Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers	20	8.5	5	6.1	25	7.9	19	9.0	6	6.5	25	8.2
Professionals	36	15.3	9	11.0	45	14.2	30	14.2	6	6.5	36	11.8
Technicians and associate professionals	30	12.7	15	18.3	45	14.2	31	14.7	15	16.1	46	15.1
Clerical support workers	46	19.5	26	31.7	72	22.6	37	17.5	36	38.7	73	24.0
Service workers and sales workers	23	9.7	14	17.1	37	11.6	24	11.4	17	18.3	41	13.5
Skilled agricultural, fishery and forestry workers	9	3.8	-	-	9	2.8	11	5.2	-	-	11	3.6
Crafts and related trade workers	38	16.1	3	3.7	41	12.9	29	13.7	3	3.2	32	10.5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	17	7.2	8	9.8	25	7.9	15	7.1	9	9.7	24	7.9
Elementary occupations	17	7.2	2	2.4	19	6.0	15	7.1	1	1.1	16	5.3
Total	236	100.0	82	100.0	318	100.0	211	100.0	93	100.0	304	100.0

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

Sex	Annual average		January		February	
	2014	2015 revised	2015 revised	2016	2015 revised	2016
Males	4.8	3.5	4.3	3.2	4.2	3.0
Females	2.8	2.1	2.5	1.7	2.4	1.7
Total	4.1	3.0	3.7	2.6	3.5	2.5

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

Sex	Annual average		January		February	
	2014	2015 revised	2015 revised	2016	2015 revised	2016
under 25						
Males	5.4	3.1	4.6	2.3	4.0	2.3
Females	3.2	1.9	2.5	1.5	2.4	1.3
Total	4.4	2.5	3.7	1.9	3.3	1.8
45 and over						
Males	5.2	4.1	4.8	3.9	4.7	3.7
Females	4.1	3.6	4.0	3.2	4.0	3.1
Total	4.9	3.9	4.6	3.7	4.5	3.5

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

Sex	Annual average		January		February	
	2014	2015 revised	2015 revised	2016	2015 revised	2016
Males	2.4	1.8	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.5
Females	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.6
Total	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.6	1.1

Methodological Notes

1. This news release provides data on the number of persons registering for work with Jobsplus.

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 Jobsplus 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 March 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 rate:** refers to 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.
- In computing the registered 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.
- Registered unemployment rates are not comparable with LFS unemployment rates due to different sources of data collection. While LFS rates are based on sample survey estimates, registered unemployment rates are based on Jobsplus data (registered unemployment data and registered full time gainfully occupied).
- **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>