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In January, the number of persons registering for work stood at 2,675, increasing by 984 when compared to the corresponding month in 2020.

Registered Unemployment: January 2021

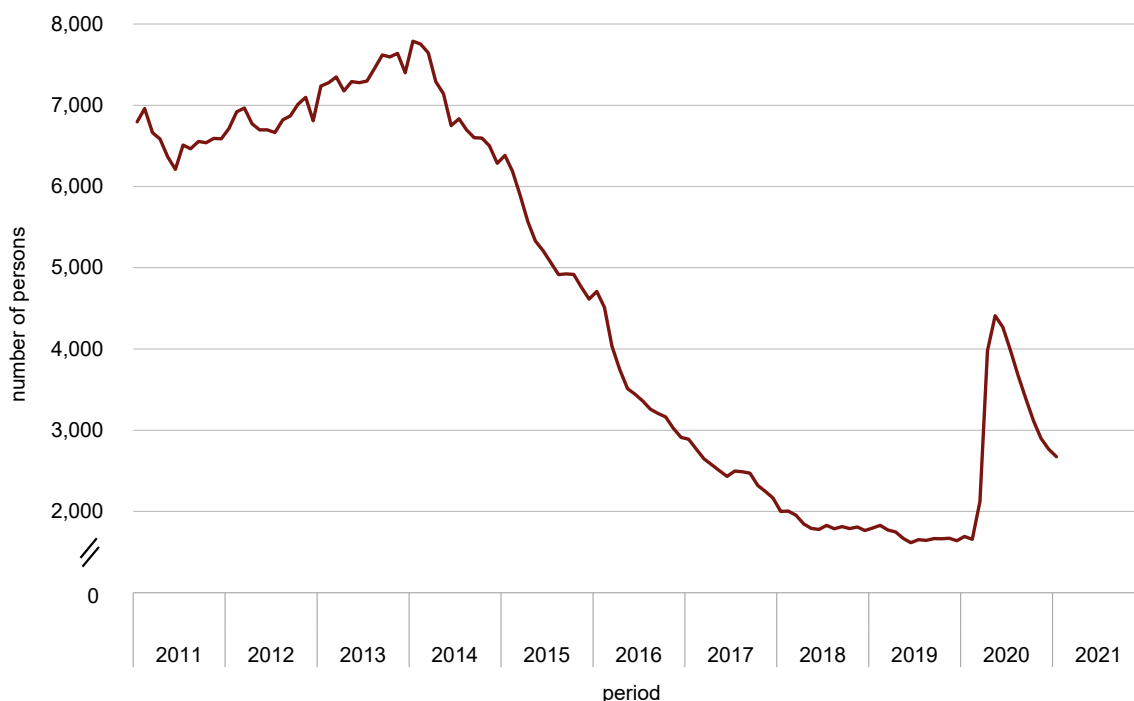
Data provided by Jobsplus for January 2021 indicate a year-on-year increase of 904 persons registering under Part I and an additional 80 persons registering under Part II of the unemployment register (Tables 5 and 8). Registered unemployment levels increased across all age groups (Table 1).

Those registering for work for less than 21 weeks and those registering between 21 and 52 weeks, increased when compared to January 2020 levels. The largest increase was recorded among persons who had been registering between 21 and 52 weeks. On the other hand, those who had been registering for work for more than one year, decreased when compared to the same month in 2020 (Table 2).

The number of persons with a disability who were registering for work increased by 20 when compared to the previous year, reaching 251. Males accounted for 72.5 per cent of total registrants with a disability (Table 3).

The largest share of males and females on the unemployment register sought occupations as clerical support workers, with 21.3 per cent and 39.5 per cent respectively (Table 4) ■

Chart 1. Registered unemployment



Note: Data for reference years 2011-2020 is on an annual basis; data for reference year 2021 is for January only.

Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in the context of the COVID-19 situation.

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

| Age group and sex | Annual average 2019 | | | Annual average 2020 | | | December 2019 | | | December 2020 | | | January 2020 | | | January 2021 | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total |
| Under 20 | 81 | 5 | 86 | 150 | 11 | 161 | 80 | 7 | 87 | 142 | 12 | 154 | 89 | 12 | 101 | 144 | 16 | 160 |
| Males | 53 | 2 | 55 | 91 | 7 | 98 | 53 | 4 | 57 | 96 | 9 | 105 | 49 | 8 | 57 | 100 | 14 | 114 |
| Females | 28 | 3 | 31 | 59 | 4 | 63 | 27 | 3 | 30 | 46 | 3 | 49 | 40 | 4 | 44 | 44 | 2 | 46 |
| 20-24 | 100 | 15 | 115 | 299 | 31 | 330 | 109 | 23 | 132 | 232 | 32 | 264 | 113 | 26 | 139 | 213 | 34 | 247 |
| Males | 67 | 11 | 78 | 183 | 20 | 203 | 74 | 20 | 94 | 144 | 21 | 165 | 78 | 21 | 99 | 134 | 19 | 153 |
| Females | 33 | 4 | 37 | 116 | 11 | 127 | 35 | 3 | 38 | 88 | 11 | 99 | 35 | 5 | 40 | 79 | 15 | 94 |
| 25-29 | 101 | 10 | 111 | 329 | 20 | 349 | 98 | 9 | 107 | 254 | 13 | 267 | 114 | 12 | 126 | 233 | 12 | 245 |
| Males | 66 | 6 | 72 | 189 | 11 | 200 | 69 | 8 | 77 | 163 | 10 | 173 | 83 | 8 | 91 | 146 | 8 | 154 |
| Females | 35 | 4 | 39 | 140 | 9 | 149 | 29 | 1 | 30 | 91 | 3 | 94 | 31 | 4 | 35 | 87 | 4 | 91 |
| 30-44 | 471 | 51 | 522 | 971 | 70 | 1041 | 437 | 50 | 487 | 845 | 56 | 901 | 442 | 47 | 489 | 806 | 57 | 863 |
| Males | 350 | 35 | 385 | 610 | 46 | 656 | 317 | 35 | 352 | 544 | 39 | 583 | 317 | 35 | 352 | 526 | 38 | 564 |
| Females | 121 | 16 | 137 | 361 | 24 | 385 | 120 | 15 | 135 | 301 | 17 | 318 | 125 | 12 | 137 | 280 | 19 | 299 |
| 45 and over | 780 | 86 | 866 | 1,190 | 89 | 1,279 | 752 | 77 | 829 | 1,110 | 69 | 1,179 | 759 | 77 | 836 | 1,087 | 73 | 1,160 |
| Males | 547 | 50 | 597 | 785 | 48 | 833 | 533 | 46 | 579 | 731 | 37 | 768 | 537 | 45 | 582 | 724 | 36 | 760 |
| Females | 233 | 36 | 269 | 405 | 41 | 446 | 219 | 31 | 250 | 379 | 32 | 411 | 222 | 32 | 254 | 363 | 37 | 400 |
| Total | 1,533 | 167 | 1,700 | 2,939 | 221 | 3,160 | 1,476 | 166 | 1,642 | 2,583 | 182 | 2,765 | 1,517 | 174 | 1,691 | 2,483 | 192 | 2,675 |
| Males | 1,083 | 104 | 1,187 | 1,858 | 132 | 1,990 | 1,046 | 113 | 1,159 | 1,678 | 116 | 1,794 | 1,064 | 117 | 1,181 | 1,630 | 115 | 1,745 |
| Females | 450 | 63 | 513 | 1,081 | 89 | 1,170 | 430 | 53 | 483 | 905 | 66 | 971 | 453 | 57 | 510 | 853 | 77 | 930 |

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

| Duration of registration and sex | Annual average | | December | | January | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Under 21 weeks | 698 | 1,925 | 721 | 1,272 | 795 | 1,245 |
| Males | 467 | 1,144 | 496 | 795 | 532 | 783 |
| Females | 231 | 781 | 225 | 477 | 263 | 462 |
| 21 to 52 weeks | 262 | 632 | 261 | 899 | 253 | 841 |
| Males | 192 | 405 | 184 | 559 | 179 | 528 |
| Females | 70 | 227 | 77 | 340 | 74 | 313 |
| Over 1 year | 740 | 603 | 660 | 594 | 643 | 589 |
| Males | 528 | 441 | 479 | 440 | 470 | 434 |
| Females | 212 | 162 | 181 | 154 | 173 | 155 |
| Total | 1,700 | 3,160 | 1,642 | 2,765 | 1,691 | 2,675 |
| Males | 1,187 | 1,990 | 1,159 | 1,794 | 1,181 | 1,745 |
| Females | 513 | 1,170 | 483 | 971 | 510 | 930 |

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

| Registration type and sex | Annual average | | | | December | | | | January | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2020 | | 2021 | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Total (Part I) | 212 | 100.0 | 237 | 100.0 | 218 | 100.0 | 244 | 100.0 | 221 | 100.0 | 243 | 100.0 |
| Males | 147 | 69.3 | 165 | 69.6 | 154 | 70.6 | 175 | 71.7 | 155 | 70.1 | 174 | 71.6 |
| Females | 65 | 30.7 | 72 | 30.4 | 64 | 29.4 | 69 | 28.3 | 66 | 29.9 | 69 | 28.4 |
| Total (Part II) | 9 | 100.0 | 13 | 100.0 | 8 | 100.0 | 10 | 100.0 | 10 | 100.0 | 8 | 100.0 |
| Males | 7 | 77.8 | 11 | 84.6 | 7 | 87.5 | 9 | 90.0 | 9 | 90.0 | 8 | 100.0 |
| Females | 2 | 22.2 | 2 | 15.4 | 1 | 12.5 | 1 | 10.0 | 1 | 10.0 | - | - |
| Total (Parts I and II) | 221 | 100.0 | 250 | 100.0 | 226 | 100.0 | 254 | 100.0 | 231 | 100.0 | 251 | 100.0 |
| Males | 154 | 69.7 | 176 | 70.4 | 161 | 71.2 | 184 | 72.4 | 164 | 71.0 | 182 | 72.5 |
| Females | 67 | 30.3 | 74 | 29.6 | 65 | 28.8 | 70 | 27.6 | 67 | 29.0 | 69 | 27.5 |

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

| Occupation (ISCO 08) | Annual average 2019 | | | | | | December 2019 | | | | | | January 2020 | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Managers | 69 | 5.8 | 26 | 5.1 | 95 | 5.6 | 69 | 6.0 | 25 | 5.2 | 94 | 5.7 | 69 | 5.8 | 34 | 6.7 | 103 | 6.1 |
| Professionals | 130 | 11.0 | 40 | 7.8 | 170 | 10.0 | 122 | 10.5 | 33 | 6.8 | 155 | 9.4 | 124 | 10.5 | 31 | 6.1 | 155 | 9.2 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 151 | 12.7 | 88 | 17.2 | 239 | 14.1 | 143 | 12.3 | 78 | 16.1 | 221 | 13.5 | 148 | 12.5 | 77 | 15.1 | 225 | 13.3 |
| Clerical support workers | 221 | 18.6 | 200 | 39.0 | 421 | 24.8 | 228 | 19.7 | 192 | 39.8 | 420 | 25.6 | 246 | 20.8 | 200 | 39.2 | 446 | 26.4 |
| Service and sales workers | 169 | 14.2 | 102 | 19.9 | 271 | 15.9 | 165 | 14.2 | 96 | 19.9 | 261 | 15.9 | 163 | 13.8 | 103 | 20.2 | 266 | 15.7 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 46 | 3.9 | 2 | 0.4 | 48 | 2.8 | 41 | 3.5 | 1 | 0.2 | 42 | 2.6 | 44 | 3.7 | 1 | 0.2 | 45 | 2.7 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 171 | 14.4 | 6 | 1.2 | 177 | 10.4 | 156 | 13.5 | 8 | 1.7 | 164 | 10.0 | 166 | 14.1 | 8 | 1.6 | 174 | 10.3 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 95 | 8.0 | 29 | 5.7 | 124 | 7.3 | 106 | 9.1 | 29 | 6.0 | 135 | 8.2 | 96 | 8.1 | 32 | 6.3 | 128 | 7.6 |
| Elementary occupations | 135 | 11.4 | 20 | 3.9 | 155 | 9.1 | 129 | 11.1 | 21 | 4.3 | 150 | 9.1 | 125 | 10.6 | 24 | 4.7 | 149 | 8.8 |
| Total | 1,187 | 100.0 | 513 | 100.0 | 1,700 | 100.0 | 1,159 | 100.0 | 483 | 100.0 | 1,642 | 100.0 | 1,181 | 100.0 | 510 | 100.0 | 1,691 | 100.0 |

| Occupation (ISCO 08) | Annual average 2020 | | | | | | December 2020 | | | | | | January 2021 | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Managers | 183 | 9.2 | 103 | 8.8 | 286 | 9.1 | 182 | 10.1 | 95 | 9.8 | 277 | 10.0 | 173 | 9.9 | 80 | 8.6 | 253 | 9.5 |
| Professionals | 212 | 10.7 | 93 | 7.9 | 305 | 9.7 | 186 | 10.4 | 67 | 6.9 | 253 | 9.2 | 162 | 9.3 | 70 | 7.5 | 232 | 8.7 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 341 | 17.1 | 231 | 19.7 | 572 | 18.1 | 304 | 16.9 | 190 | 19.6 | 494 | 17.9 | 318 | 18.2 | 181 | 19.5 | 499 | 18.7 |
| Clerical support workers | 410 | 20.6 | 418 | 35.7 | 828 | 26.2 | 387 | 21.6 | 368 | 37.9 | 755 | 27.3 | 371 | 21.3 | 367 | 39.5 | 738 | 27.6 |
| Service and sales workers | 254 | 12.8 | 223 | 19.1 | 477 | 15.1 | 241 | 13.4 | 178 | 18.3 | 419 | 15.2 | 238 | 13.6 | 166 | 17.8 | 404 | 15.1 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 53 | 2.7 | 1 | 0.1 | 54 | 1.7 | 56 | 3.1 | 1 | 0.1 | 57 | 2.1 | 54 | 3.1 | 1 | 0.1 | 55 | 2.1 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 200 | 10.1 | 11 | 0.9 | 211 | 6.7 | 157 | 8.8 | 11 | 1.1 | 168 | 6.1 | 152 | 8.7 | 7 | 0.8 | 159 | 5.9 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 149 | 7.5 | 48 | 4.1 | 197 | 6.2 | 130 | 7.2 | 40 | 4.1 | 170 | 6.1 | 131 | 7.5 | 37 | 4.0 | 168 | 6.3 |
| Elementary occupations | 188 | 9.4 | 42 | 3.6 | 230 | 7.3 | 151 | 8.4 | 21 | 2.2 | 172 | 6.2 | 146 | 8.4 | 21 | 2.3 | 167 | 6.2 |
| Total | 1,990 | 100.0 | 1,170 | 100.0 | 3,160 | 100.0 | 1,794 | 100.0 | 971 | 100.0 | 2,765 | 100.0 | 1,745 | 100.0 | 930 | 100.0 | 2,675 | 100.0 |

Note: Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

| Age group and sex | Annual average 2019 | | | Annual average 2020 | | | December 2019 | | | December 2020 | | | January 2020 | | | January 2021 | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total |
| Under 20 | 71 | 5 | 76 | 139 | 11 | 150 | 73 | 7 | 80 | 133 | 12 | 145 | 76 | 11 | 87 | 132 | 14 | 146 |
| Males | 47 | 2 | 49 | 85 | 7 | 92 | 48 | 4 | 52 | 90 | 9 | 99 | 45 | 7 | 52 | 91 | 12 | 103 |
| Females | 24 | 3 | 27 | 54 | 4 | 58 | 25 | 3 | 28 | 43 | 3 | 46 | 31 | 4 | 35 | 41 | 2 | 43 |
| 20-24 | 83 | 12 | 95 | 266 | 28 | 294 | 96 | 18 | 114 | 202 | 30 | 232 | 98 | 20 | 118 | 182 | 30 | 212 |
| Males | 56 | 9 | 65 | 160 | 17 | 177 | 64 | 17 | 81 | 124 | 19 | 143 | 66 | 16 | 82 | 115 | 17 | 132 |
| Females | 27 | 3 | 30 | 106 | 11 | 117 | 32 | 1 | 33 | 78 | 11 | 89 | 32 | 4 | 36 | 67 | 13 | 80 |
| 25-29 | 86 | 9 | 95 | 293 | 18 | 311 | 83 | 8 | 91 | 224 | 13 | 237 | 92 | 12 | 104 | 202 | 10 | 212 |
| Males | 55 | 6 | 61 | 166 | 10 | 176 | 56 | 7 | 63 | 141 | 10 | 151 | 66 | 8 | 74 | 127 | 7 | 134 |
| Females | 31 | 3 | 34 | 127 | 8 | 135 | 27 | 1 | 28 | 83 | 3 | 86 | 26 | 4 | 30 | 75 | 3 | 78 |
| 30-44 | 416 | 47 | 463 | 873 | 65 | 938 | 389 | 48 | 437 | 754 | 52 | 806 | 391 | 43 | 434 | 718 | 53 | 771 |
| Males | 309 | 32 | 341 | 544 | 43 | 587 | 283 | 34 | 317 | 487 | 35 | 522 | 283 | 32 | 315 | 469 | 35 | 504 |
| Females | 107 | 15 | 122 | 329 | 22 | 351 | 106 | 14 | 120 | 267 | 17 | 284 | 108 | 11 | 119 | 249 | 18 | 267 |
| 45 and over | 729 | 84 | 813 | 1,103 | 84 | 1,187 | 700 | 74 | 774 | 1,036 | 61 | 1,097 | 695 | 71 | 766 | 1,005 | 67 | 1,072 |
| Males | 510 | 49 | 559 | 723 | 44 | 767 | 490 | 45 | 535 | 681 | 31 | 712 | 488 | 42 | 530 | 665 | 34 | 699 |
| Females | 219 | 35 | 254 | 380 | 40 | 420 | 210 | 29 | 239 | 355 | 30 | 385 | 207 | 29 | 236 | 340 | 33 | 373 |
| Total | 1,385 | 157 | 1,542 | 2,674 | 206 | 2,880 | 1,341 | 155 | 1,496 | 2,349 | 168 | 2,517 | 1,352 | 157 | 1,509 | 2,239 | 174 | 2,413 |
| Males | 977 | 98 | 1,075 | 1,678 | 121 | 1,799 | 941 | 107 | 1,048 | 1,523 | 104 | 1,627 | 948 | 105 | 1,053 | 1,467 | 105 | 1,572 |
| Females | 408 | 59 | 467 | 996 | 85 | 1,081 | 400 | 48 | 448 | 826 | 64 | 890 | 404 | 52 | 456 | 772 | 69 | 841 |

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

| Duration of registration and sex | Annual average | | December | | January | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Under 21 weeks | 550 | 1,664 | 587 | 1,042 | 620 | 997 |
| Males | 363 | 967 | 395 | 636 | 410 | 617 |
| Females | 187 | 697 | 192 | 406 | 210 | 380 |
| 21 to 52 weeks | 252 | 613 | 249 | 881 | 246 | 827 |
| Males | 184 | 391 | 174 | 551 | 173 | 521 |
| Females | 68 | 222 | 75 | 330 | 73 | 306 |
| Over 1 year | 740 | 603 | 660 | 594 | 643 | 589 |
| Males | 528 | 441 | 479 | 440 | 470 | 434 |
| Females | 212 | 162 | 181 | 154 | 173 | 155 |
| Total | 1,542 | 2,880 | 1,496 | 2,517 | 1,509 | 2,413 |
| Males | 1,075 | 1,799 | 1,048 | 1,627 | 1,053 | 1,572 |
| Females | 467 | 1,081 | 448 | 890 | 456 | 841 |

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

| Occupation (ISCO 08) | Annual average 2019 | | | | | | December 2019 | | | | | | January 2020 | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Managers | 61 | 5.7 | 24 | 5.1 | 85 | 5.5 | 60 | 5.7 | 23 | 5.1 | 83 | 5.5 | 57 | 5.4 | 27 | 5.9 | 84 | 5.6 |
| Professionals | 121 | 11.3 | 37 | 7.9 | 158 | 10.2 | 116 | 11.1 | 30 | 6.7 | 146 | 9.8 | 118 | 11.2 | 30 | 6.6 | 148 | 9.8 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 135 | 12.6 | 80 | 17.1 | 215 | 13.9 | 125 | 11.9 | 74 | 16.5 | 199 | 13.3 | 128 | 12.2 | 68 | 14.9 | 196 | 13.0 |
| Clerical support workers | 199 | 18.5 | 178 | 38.1 | 377 | 24.4 | 208 | 19.8 | 174 | 38.8 | 382 | 25.5 | 214 | 20.3 | 178 | 39.0 | 392 | 26.0 |
| Service and sales workers | 155 | 14.4 | 94 | 20.1 | 249 | 16.1 | 147 | 14.0 | 89 | 19.9 | 236 | 15.8 | 147 | 14.0 | 91 | 20.0 | 238 | 15.8 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 42 | 3.9 | 2 | 0.4 | 44 | 2.9 | 39 | 3.7 | 1 | 0.2 | 40 | 2.7 | 39 | 3.7 | 1 | 0.2 | 40 | 2.7 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 154 | 14.3 | 6 | 1.3 | 160 | 10.4 | 140 | 13.4 | 7 | 1.6 | 147 | 9.8 | 145 | 13.8 | 8 | 1.8 | 153 | 10.1 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 85 | 7.9 | 27 | 5.8 | 112 | 7.3 | 91 | 8.7 | 29 | 6.5 | 120 | 8.0 | 90 | 8.5 | 30 | 6.6 | 120 | 8.0 |
| Elementary occupations | 123 | 11.4 | 19 | 4.1 | 142 | 9.2 | 122 | 11.6 | 21 | 4.7 | 143 | 9.6 | 115 | 10.9 | 23 | 5.0 | 138 | 9.1 |
| Total | 1,075 | 100.0 | 467 | 100.0 | 1,542 | 100.0 | 1,048 | 100.0 | 448 | 100.0 | 1,496 | 100.0 | 1,053 | 100.0 | 456 | 100.0 | 1,509 | 100.0 |

| Occupation (ISCO 08) | Annual average 2020 | | | | | | December 2020 | | | | | | January 2021 | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Managers | 164 | 9.1 | 95 | 8.8 | 259 | 9.0 | 161 | 9.9 | 83 | 9.3 | 244 | 9.7 | 146 | 9.3 | 71 | 8.4 | 217 | 9.0 |
| Professionals | 197 | 11.0 | 87 | 8.0 | 284 | 9.9 | 175 | 10.8 | 64 | 7.2 | 239 | 9.5 | 150 | 9.5 | 63 | 7.5 | 213 | 8.8 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 304 | 16.9 | 212 | 19.6 | 516 | 17.9 | 280 | 17.2 | 176 | 19.8 | 456 | 18.1 | 287 | 18.3 | 168 | 20.0 | 455 | 18.9 |
| Clerical support workers | 370 | 20.6 | 386 | 35.7 | 756 | 26.3 | 340 | 20.9 | 334 | 37.5 | 674 | 26.8 | 327 | 20.8 | 327 | 38.9 | 654 | 27.1 |
| Service and sales workers | 227 | 12.6 | 204 | 18.9 | 431 | 15.0 | 221 | 13.6 | 164 | 18.4 | 385 | 15.3 | 218 | 13.9 | 151 | 18.0 | 369 | 15.3 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 48 | 2.7 | 1 | 0.1 | 49 | 1.7 | 48 | 3.0 | 1 | 0.1 | 49 | 1.9 | 50 | 3.2 | 1 | 0.1 | 51 | 2.1 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 179 | 9.9 | 11 | 1.0 | 190 | 6.6 | 141 | 8.7 | 11 | 1.2 | 152 | 6.0 | 135 | 8.6 | 7 | 0.8 | 142 | 5.9 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 138 | 7.7 | 46 | 4.3 | 184 | 6.4 | 119 | 7.3 | 37 | 4.2 | 156 | 6.2 | 121 | 7.7 | 33 | 3.9 | 154 | 6.4 |
| Elementary occupations | 172 | 9.6 | 39 | 3.6 | 211 | 7.3 | 142 | 8.7 | 20 | 2.2 | 162 | 6.4 | 138 | 8.8 | 20 | 2.4 | 158 | 6.5 |
| Total | 1,799 | 100.0 | 1,081 | 100.0 | 2,880 | 100.0 | 1,627 | 100.0 | 890 | 100.0 | 2,517 | 100.0 | 1,572 | 100.0 | 841 | 100.0 | 2,413 | 100.0 |

Note: Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

| Age group and sex | Annual average 2019 | | | Annual average 2020 | | | December 2019 | | | December 2020 | | | January 2020 | | | January 2021 | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total | Malta | Gozo | Total |
| Under 20 | 10 | - | 10 | 11 | - | 11 | 7 | - | 7 | 9 | - | 9 | 13 | 1 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| Males | 6 | - | 6 | 6 | - | 6 | 5 | - | 5 | 6 | - | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 11 |
| Females | 4 | - | 4 | 5 | - | 5 | 2 | - | 2 | 3 | - | 3 | 9 | - | 9 | 3 | - | 3 |
| 20-24 | 17 | 3 | 20 | 33 | 3 | 36 | 13 | 5 | 18 | 30 | 2 | 32 | 15 | 6 | 21 | 31 | 4 | 35 |
| Males | 11 | 2 | 13 | 23 | 3 | 26 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 20 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 19 | 2 | 21 |
| Females | 6 | 1 | 7 | 10 | - | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | - | 10 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| 25-29 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 36 | 2 | 38 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 30 | - | 30 | 22 | - | 22 | 31 | 2 | 33 |
| Males | 11 | - | 11 | 23 | 1 | 24 | 13 | 1 | 14 | 22 | - | 22 | 17 | - | 17 | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| Females | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 14 | 2 | - | 2 | 8 | - | 8 | 5 | - | 5 | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| 30-44 | 55 | 4 | 59 | 98 | 5 | 103 | 48 | 2 | 50 | 91 | 4 | 95 | 51 | 4 | 55 | 88 | 4 | 92 |
| Males | 41 | 3 | 44 | 66 | 3 | 69 | 34 | 1 | 35 | 57 | 4 | 61 | 34 | 3 | 37 | 57 | 3 | 60 |
| Females | 14 | 1 | 15 | 32 | 2 | 34 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 34 | - | 34 | 17 | 1 | 18 | 31 | 1 | 32 |
| 45 and over | 51 | 2 | 53 | 87 | 5 | 92 | 52 | 3 | 55 | 74 | 8 | 82 | 64 | 6 | 70 | 82 | 6 | 88 |
| Males | 37 | 1 | 38 | 62 | 4 | 66 | 43 | 1 | 44 | 50 | 6 | 56 | 49 | 3 | 52 | 59 | 2 | 61 |
| Females | 14 | 1 | 15 | 25 | 1 | 26 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 24 | 2 | 26 | 15 | 3 | 18 | 23 | 4 | 27 |
| Total | 148 | 10 | 158 | 265 | 15 | 280 | 135 | 11 | 146 | 234 | 14 | 248 | 165 | 17 | 182 | 244 | 18 | 262 |
| Males | 106 | 6 | 112 | 180 | 11 | 191 | 105 | 6 | 111 | 155 | 12 | 167 | 116 | 12 | 128 | 163 | 10 | 173 |
| Females | 42 | 4 | 46 | 85 | 4 | 89 | 30 | 5 | 35 | 79 | 2 | 81 | 49 | 5 | 54 | 81 | 8 | 89 |

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

| Duration of registration and sex | Annual average | | December | | January | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Under 21 weeks | 148 | 261 | 134 | 230 | 175 | 248 |
| Males | 104 | 177 | 101 | 159 | 122 | 166 |
| Females | 44 | 84 | 33 | 71 | 53 | 82 |
| 21 to 52 weeks | 10 | 19 | 12 | 18 | 7 | 14 |
| Males | 8 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| Females | 2 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7 |
| Total | 158 | 280 | 146 | 248 | 182 | 262 |
| Males | 112 | 191 | 111 | 167 | 128 | 173 |
| Females | 46 | 89 | 35 | 81 | 54 | 89 |

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

| Occupation (ISCO 08) | Annual average 2019 | | | | | | December 2019 | | | | | | January 2020 | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Managers | 8 | 7.1 | 2 | 4.3 | 10 | 6.3 | 9 | 8.1 | 2 | 5.7 | 11 | 7.5 | 12 | 9.4 | 7 | 13.0 | 19 | 10.4 |
| Professionals | 9 | 8.0 | 3 | 6.5 | 12 | 7.6 | 6 | 5.4 | 3 | 8.6 | 9 | 6.2 | 6 | 4.7 | 1 | 1.9 | 7 | 3.8 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 16 | 14.3 | 8 | 17.4 | 24 | 15.2 | 18 | 16.2 | 4 | 11.4 | 22 | 15.1 | 20 | 15.6 | 9 | 16.7 | 29 | 15.9 |
| Clerical support workers | 22 | 19.6 | 22 | 47.8 | 44 | 27.8 | 20 | 18.0 | 18 | 51.4 | 38 | 26.0 | 32 | 25.0 | 22 | 40.7 | 54 | 29.7 |
| Service and sales workers | 14 | 12.5 | 8 | 17.4 | 22 | 13.9 | 18 | 16.2 | 7 | 20.0 | 25 | 17.1 | 16 | 12.5 | 12 | 22.2 | 28 | 15.4 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 4 | 3.6 | - | - | 4 | 2.5 | 2 | 1.8 | - | - | 2 | 1.4 | 5 | 3.9 | - | - | 5 | 2.7 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 17 | 15.2 | - | - | 17 | 10.8 | 16 | 14.4 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 17 | 11.6 | 21 | 16.4 | - | - | 21 | 11.5 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 10 | 8.9 | 2 | 4.3 | 12 | 7.6 | 15 | 13.5 | - | - | 15 | 10.3 | 6 | 4.7 | 2 | 3.7 | 8 | 4.4 |
| Elementary occupations | 12 | 10.7 | 1 | 2.2 | 13 | 8.2 | 7 | 6.3 | - | - | 7 | 4.8 | 10 | 7.8 | 1 | 1.9 | 11 | 6.0 |
| Total | 112 | 100.0 | 46 | 100.0 | 158 | 100.0 | 111 | 100.0 | 35 | 100.0 | 146 | 100.0 | 128 | 100.0 | 54 | 100.0 | 182 | 100.0 |

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|--|---------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | | Males | | Females | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Managers | 19 | 9.9 | 8 | 9.0 | 27 | 9.6 | 21 | 12.6 | 12 | 14.8 | 33 | 13.3 | 27 | 15.6 | 9 | 10.1 | 36 | 13.7 |
| Professionals | 15 | 7.9 | 6 | 6.7 | 21 | 7.5 | 11 | 6.6 | 3 | 3.7 | 14 | 5.6 | 12 | 6.9 | 7 | 7.9 | 19 | 7.3 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 37 | 19.4 | 19 | 21.3 | 56 | 20.0 | 24 | 14.4 | 14 | 17.3 | 38 | 15.3 | 31 | 17.9 | 13 | 14.6 | 44 | 16.8 |
| Clerical support workers | 40 | 20.9 | 32 | 36.0 | 72 | 25.7 | 47 | 28.1 | 34 | 42.0 | 81 | 32.7 | 44 | 25.4 | 40 | 44.9 | 84 | 32.1 |
| Service and sales workers | 27 | 14.1 | 19 | 21.3 | 46 | 16.4 | 20 | 12.0 | 14 | 17.3 | 34 | 13.7 | 20 | 11.6 | 15 | 16.9 | 35 | 13.4 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 5 | 2.6 | - | - | 5 | 1.8 | 8 | 4.8 | - | - | 8 | 3.2 | 4 | 2.3 | - | - | 4 | 1.5 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 21 | 11.0 | - | - | 21 | 7.5 | 16 | 9.6 | - | - | 16 | 6.5 | 17 | 9.8 | - | - | 17 | 6.5 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 11 | 5.8 | 2 | 2.2 | 13 | 4.6 | 11 | 6.6 | 3 | 3.7 | 14 | 5.6 | 10 | 5.8 | 4 | 4.5 | 14 | 5.3 |
| Elementary occupations | 16 | 8.4 | 3 | 3.4 | 19 | 6.8 | 9 | 5.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 10 | 4.0 | 8 | 4.6 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 9 | 3.4 |
| Total | 191 | 100.0 | 89 | 100.0 | 280 | 100.0 | 167 | 100.0 | 81 | 100.0 | 248 | 100.0 | 173 | 100.0 | 89 | 100.0 | 262 | 100.0 |

Note: Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.

Methodological Notes

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

The National Statistics Office publishes another set of statistics regarding unemployment based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) on a quarterly basis. 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, the resulting figures 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. This approach may give rise to differences resulting from rounding.
3. Registered monthly unemployment rates will no longer be published on the official version of this release. These rates are found in the excel version of this news release:
https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C2/Labour_Market_Statistics/Pages/Registered-Unemployment.aspx
In April 2019, NSO introduced a new set of EU-harmonised indicators on monthly unemployment based on the European Labour Force Survey (EC 577/1998).
4. The monthly unemployment rates from October 2020 do not feature in this release since administrative data on the labour supply from this month onwards are not yet available.
5. ISCO 08 is being used to classify occupations sought by the registered unemployed. For more information on "Structure of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08)":
<https://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/isco/isco08/>

6. **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, 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 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).

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: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/concepts.aspx>

Classification: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/classificationdetails.aspx?id=ISCO%202008>

9. References to this News Release are to be cited appropriately.

10. A detailed news release calendar is available at:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx