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REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED: **DECEMBER 2025**

The unemployed persons, registered at the District Labour Offices on the last day of December 2025, reached 11.901 persons. Based on the seasonally adjusted data which reflect the trend of unemployment, the number of registered unemployed for December 2025 decreased to 9.916 persons, in comparison to 10.013 in the previous month. (Table 1)

In comparison with December 2024, a decrease of 481 persons or 3,9% was recorded. This decrease is mainly attributed to the sectors of construction, accommodation and food service activities, trade, manufacturing, as well as to the decrease recorded for newcomers in the labour market. (Table 2)
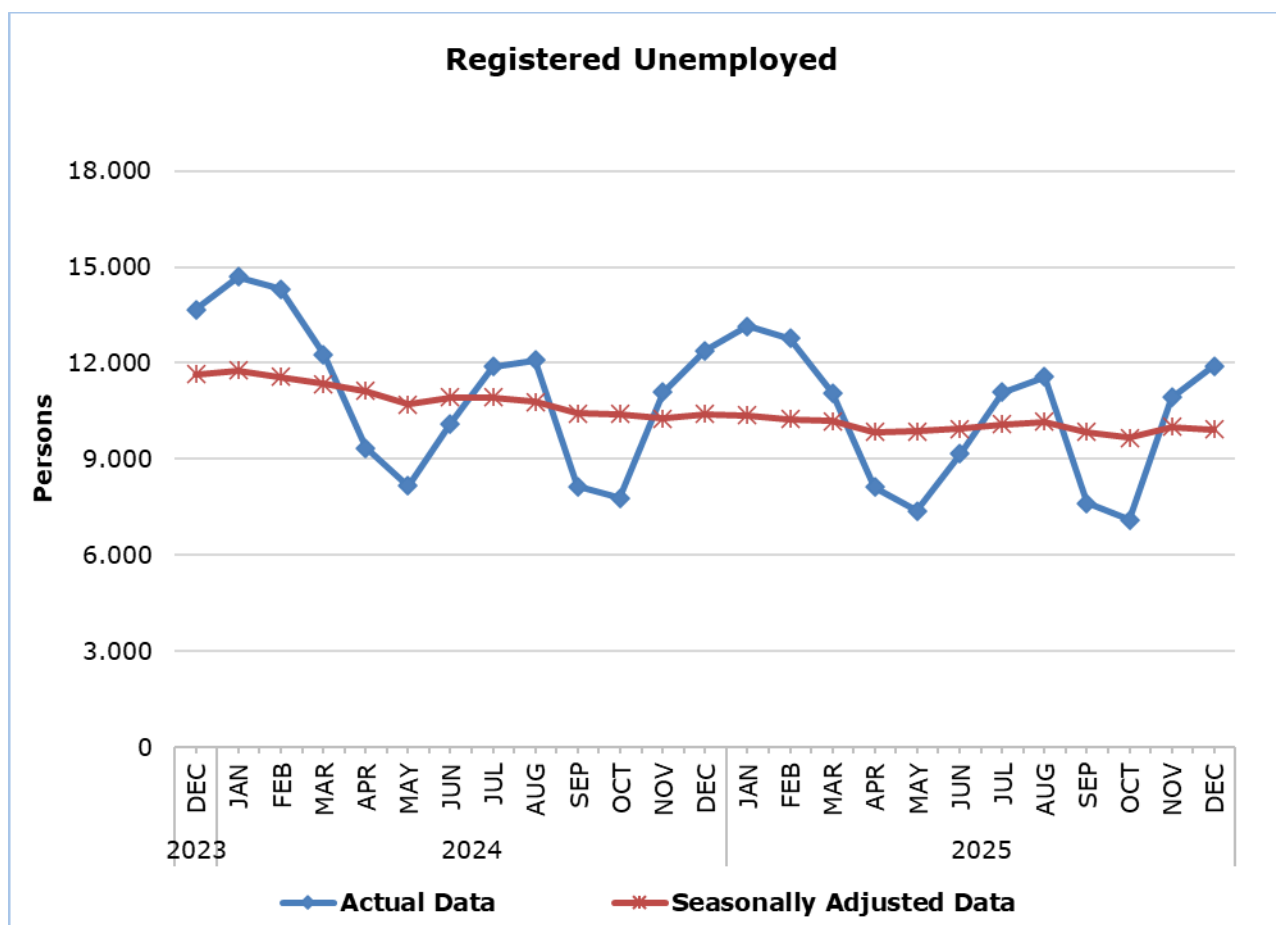
Table 1

Month and Year	Registered Unemployed – Actual Data	Registered Unemployed – Seasonally Adjusted Data
2025		
December	**11.901**	**9.916**
November	10.924	10.013
October	7.099	9.672
September	7.624	9.836
August	11.556	10.165
July	11.088	10.077
June	9.153	9.948
May	7.378	9.867
April	8.118	9.852
March	11.073	10.184
February	12.761	10.243
January	13.147	10.356
2024		
December	12.382	10.402
November	11.087	10.267
October	7.781	10.405
September	8.142	10.430
August	12.079	10.791
July	11.877	10.923
June	10.112	10.920
May	8.159	10.714
April	9.343	11.132
March	12.277	11.351
February	14.304	11.575
January	14.699	11.763
2023		
December	13.670	11.649
November	12.662	11.755

Table 2

Nace Rev. 2	Economic Activity	Registered Unemployed (actual data)		
		December 2024	November 2025	December 2025
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	42	36	40
B	Mining and Quarrying	9	9	12
C	Manufacturing	559	458	474
D	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply	3	7	6
E	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	25	18	17
F	Construction	533	411	387
G	Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	1.753	1.569	1.651
H	Transportation and Storage	670	611	671
I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities	4.439	3.642	4.303
J	Information and Communication	384	399	402
K	Financial and Insurance Activities	388	370	365
L	Real Estate Activities	128	100	104
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	694	813	787
N	Administrative and Support Service Activities	542	543	584
O	Public Administration and Defense, Compulsory Social Security	726	594	739
P	Education	258	265	260
Q	Human Health and Social Work Activities	260	285	283
R	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	280	263	268
S	Other Service Activities	300	253	271
T	Activities of Households	10	10	10
U	Activities of Extra-territorial Organizations and Bodies	6	12	13
	Newcomers	373	256	254
	Total	**12.382**	**10.924**	**11.901**

METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Registered Unemployed
The number of registered unemployed concerns the persons aged 15 years and over who apply at the District and Local Labour Offices of the Department of Labour to seek employment and are registered as unemployed. These persons have to be able and available for work and must be actively looking for a job. The monthly number of registered unemployed concerns the persons who during the last day of the month have an active application for seeking employment.

The number of registered unemployed does not include self-employed or persons who seek part-time employment, nor persons who seek employment in certain areas or for a specific employer.

Seasonally Adjusted Data
Seasonal adjustment is a statistical technique that removes the seasonal component of a time series, making more visible the underlying trend in the change of a characteristic. CYSTAT uses the JDemetra+ 2.2.2 software which was developed by Eurostat. Seasonally adjusted series are produced by the TRAMO&SEATS algorithm. It should be noted that due to seasonal adjustment the whole series with the monthly estimates is recalculated every time a new month is added in time series. As a result, estimations for the previous months are often revised. In March 2020 a readjustment of the applied model was implemented.

Methodological Changes
According to information provided by the Department of Labour, from Tuesday June 15, 2021, the automatic renewal of registrations was terminated and the online platform of the Public Employment Service was activated to allow the registration of a new job application, its renewal, as well as a job vacancy registration. This settlement may affect the comparison of the monthly unemployment data recorded through this procedure with the data recorded from the previous procedures.

Classification System
Registered unemployed by economic activity are published based on the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community, Rev. 2 (NACE Rev. 2).

For more information:
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