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REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED: MAY 2026

The unemployed persons, registered at the District Labour Offices on the last day of May 2026, reached 7.936 persons. Based on the seasonally adjusted data which reflect the trend of unemployment, the number of registered unemployed for May 2026 decreased to 10.476 persons, in comparison to 10.516 in the previous month. (Table 1)

In comparison with May 2025, an increase of 558 persons or 7,6% was recorded. This increase is mainly attributed to the sectors of accommodation and food service activities, administrative and support service activities, transportation and professional, scientific and technical activities. (Table 2)

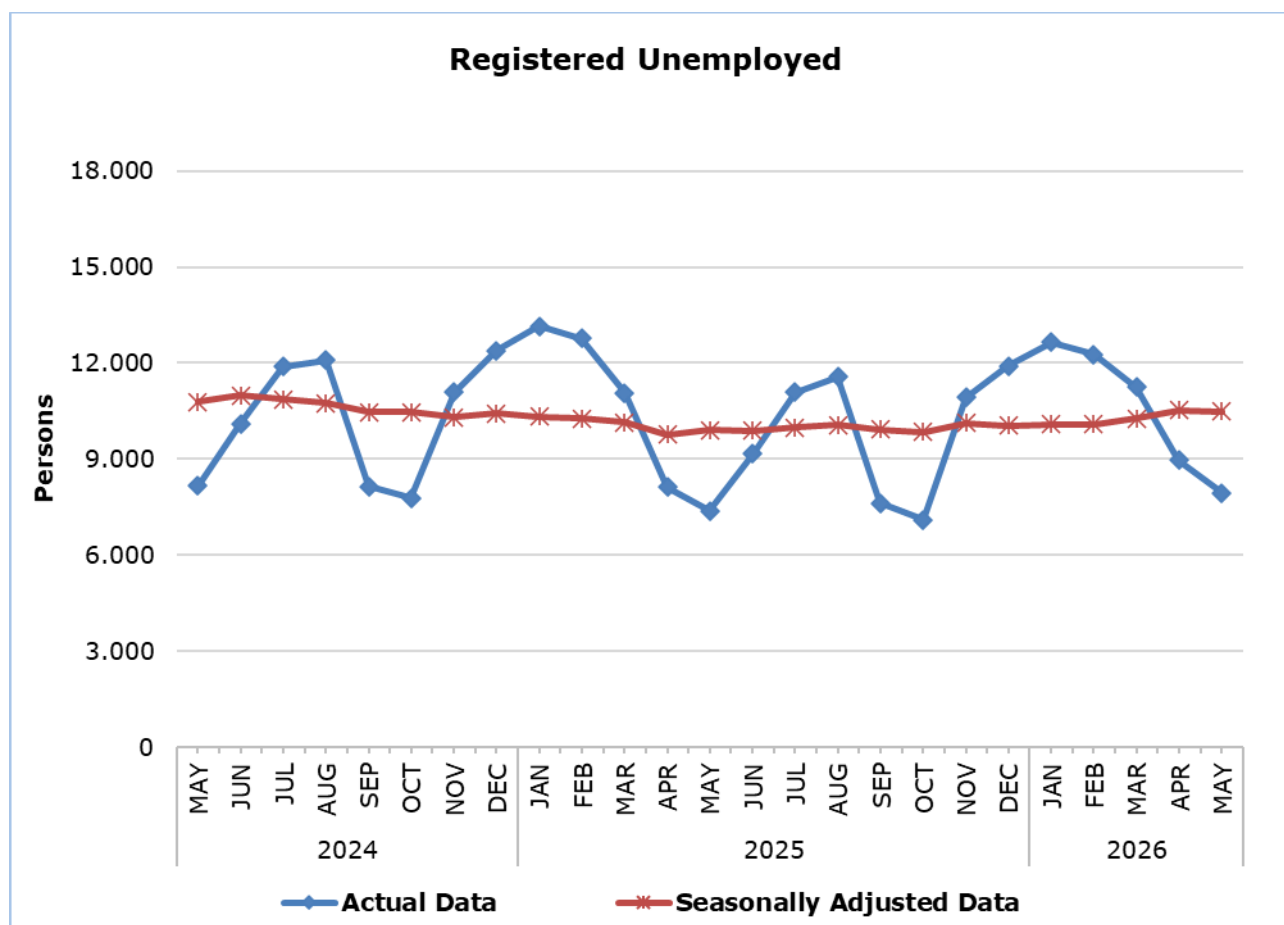


Table 1

Month and Year	Registered Unemployed – Actual Data	Registered Unemployed – Seasonally Adjusted Data
<u>2026</u>		
May	7.936	10.476
April	8.962	10.516
March	11.243	10.257
February	12.273	10.085
January	12.650	10.089
<u>2025</u>		
December	11.901	10.042
November	10.924	10.125
October	7.099	9.839
September	7.624	9.920
August	11.556	10.061
July	11.088	9.983
June	9.153	9.892
May	7.378	9.894
April	8.118	9.764
March	11.073	10.143
February	12.761	10.264
January	13.147	10.315
<u>2024</u>		
December	12.382	10.416
November	11.087	10.305
October	7.781	10.473
September	8.142	10.474
August	12.079	10.754
July	11.877	10.862
June	10.112	10.975
May	8.159	10.785
April	9.343	11.134

Table 2

Nace Rev. 2	Economic Activity	Registered Unemployed (actual data)		
		May 2025	April 2026	May 2026
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	52	46	41
B	Mining and Quarrying	4	8	8
C	Manufacturing	458	474	479
D	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply	5	4	4
E	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	27	15	15
F	Construction	426	374	366
G	Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	1.400	1.489	1.380
H	Transportation and Storage	264	453	323
I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities	934	1.986	1.177
J	Information and Communication	416	427	455
K	Financial and Insurance Activities	405	392	405
L	Real Estate Activities	100	127	122
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	754	816	812
N	Administrative and Support Service Activities	337	519	431
O	Public Administration and Defense, Compulsory Social Security	658	557	706
P	Education	263	253	290
Q	Human Health and Social Work Activities	230	301	278
R	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	147	203	175
S	Other Service Activities	184	245	196
T	Activities of Households	9	11	9
U	Activities of Extra-territorial Organizations and Bodies	8	10	10
	Newcomers	297	252	254
	Total	7.378	8.962	7.936

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).

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