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REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED: **DECEMBER 2019**

The unemployed persons, registered at the District Labour Offices on the last day of December 2019, reached 25.285 persons. Based on the seasonally adjusted data that show the trend of unemployment, the number of registered unemployed for December 2019 decreased to 20.140 persons in comparison to 20.631 in the previous month. (Table 1)

In comparison with December 2018, a decrease of 4.515 persons or 15,2% was recorded, attributed mainly to the sectors of public administration (a decrease of 1.026), trade (a decrease of 646), construction (a decrease of 611), accommodation and food service activities (a decrease of 288), transportation and storage (a decrease of 258), manufacturing (a decrease of 254) and to newcomers in the labour market (a decrease of 875). (Table 2)
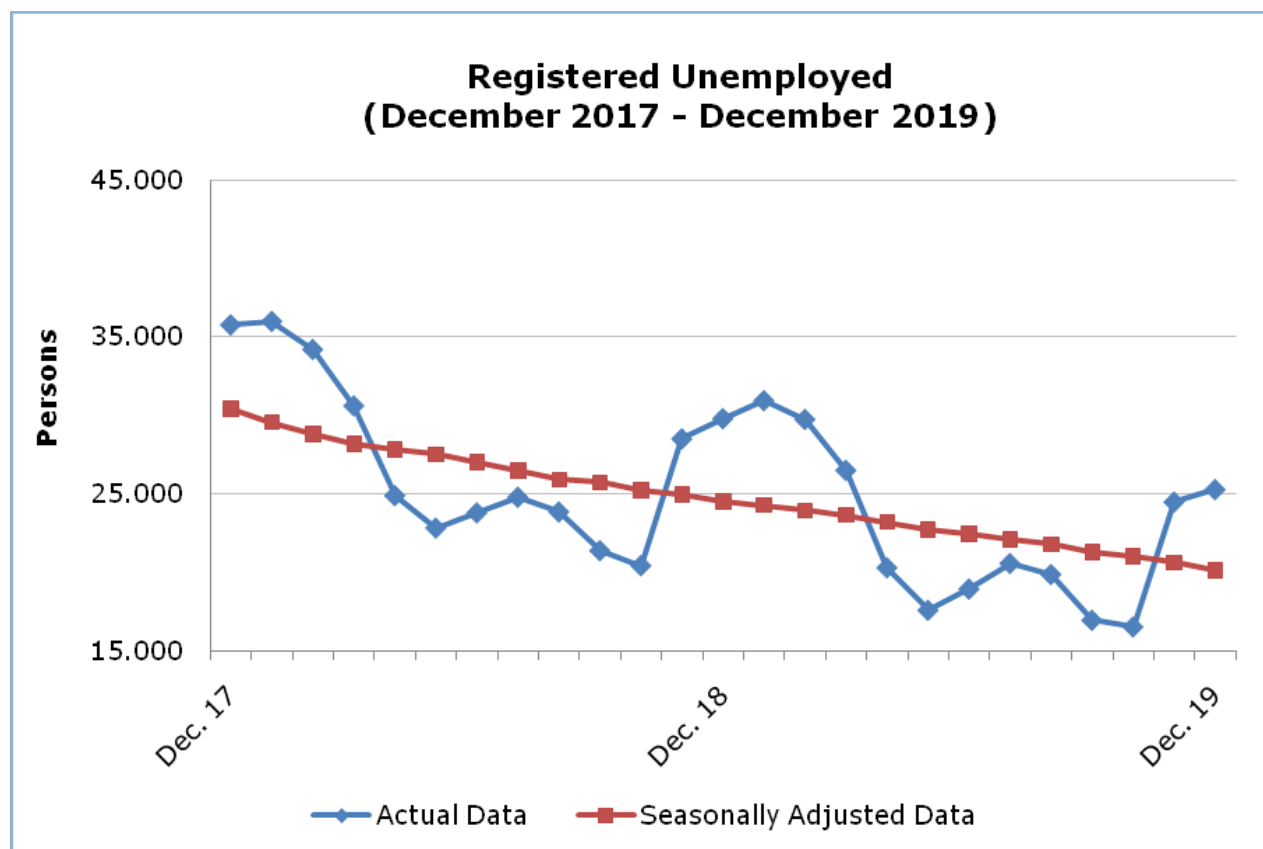
Table 1

Month and Year	Registered Unemployed – Actual Data	Registered Unemployed – Seasonally Adjusted Data
2019		
December	**25.285**	**20.140**
November	24.495	20.631
October	16.544	21.032
September	16.968	21.295
August	19.883	21.809
July	20.582	22.118
June	18.960	22.446
May	17.607	22.741
April	20.315	23.199
March	26.508	23.659
February	29.751	23.959
January	30.951	24.290
2018		
December	29.800	24.512
November	28.514	24.983
October	20.447	25.221
September	21.399	25.739
August	23.866	25.928
July	24.803	26.482
June	23.808	27.023
May	22.839	27.536
April	24.903	27.831
March	30.616	28.207
February	34.204	28.827
January	35.989	29.566
2017		
December	35.771	30.431

Table 2

Nace Rev.2	Economic Activity	Registered Unemployed (actual data)		
		December 2018	November 2019	December 2019
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	146	128	116
B	Mining and Quarrying	50	37	29
C	Manufacturing	1.624	1.424	1.370
D	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply	11	13	12
E	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	95	78	75
F	Construction	1.766	1.217	1.155
G	Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	4.615	4.072	3.969
H	Transportation and Storage	1.448	1.125	1.190
I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities	9.578	8.292	9.290
J	Information and Communication	460	403	411
K	Financial and Insurance Activities	1.398	1.352	1.306
L	Real Estate Activities	235	219	238
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	990	961	933
N	Administrative and Support Service Activities	1.107	944	1.002
O	Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security	2.095	922	1.069
P	Education	550	536	511
Q	Human Health and Social Work Activities	376	343	341
R	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	528	511	496
S	Other Service Activities	526	455	464
T	Activities of Households	49	48	45
U	Activities of Extra-territorial Organizations and Bodies	28	13	13
	Newcomers	2.125	1.402	1.250
	Total	**29.800**	**24.495**	**25.285**

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Definitions

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 one. 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 included self-employed or persons who seek part-time employment as well as 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 Demetra 2.04 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.

Classification System

Registered unemployed by economic activity are published based on the classification system NACE Rev. 2.

Further information:
Statistical Service (CYSTAT) Website, subtheme Unemployment

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