

# Unemployment

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## UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

January and February 1996

**Eurostat estimates that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate in the European Union (fifteen Member States) for the month of February 1996 was 11.0%, representing an increase of +0.1% since January 1996 and +0.2% since February 1995.**

Since December 1995, a noticeable rise in unemployment has taken place in Germany (for men, but not for women) and also in Portugal (more significant in this case for women than men); meanwhile unemployment has fallen in Finland while in the other Member States it has remained virtually unchanged.

The climbing rate for the European Union over the last six months is to be attributed to increasing male unemployment (rising by +0.1% each month); the unemployment rate for women in the same period has hovered just above 12.5%.

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These figures may therefore differ from those generally used in the Member States, which usually reflect national legislation and administrative procedures, and which for this reason are less comparable between Member States.

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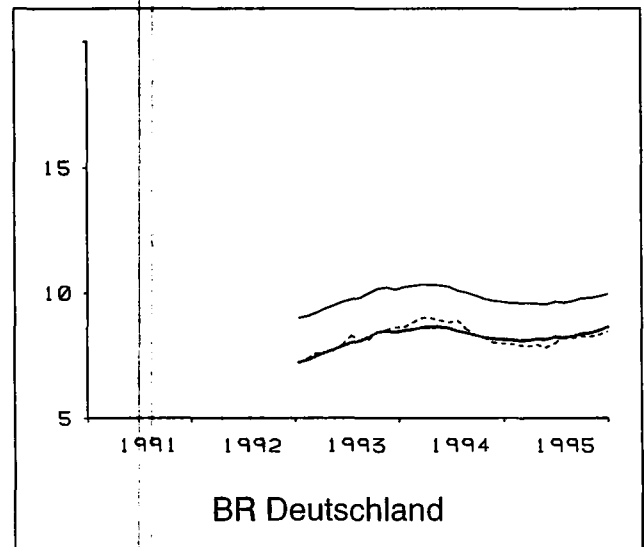
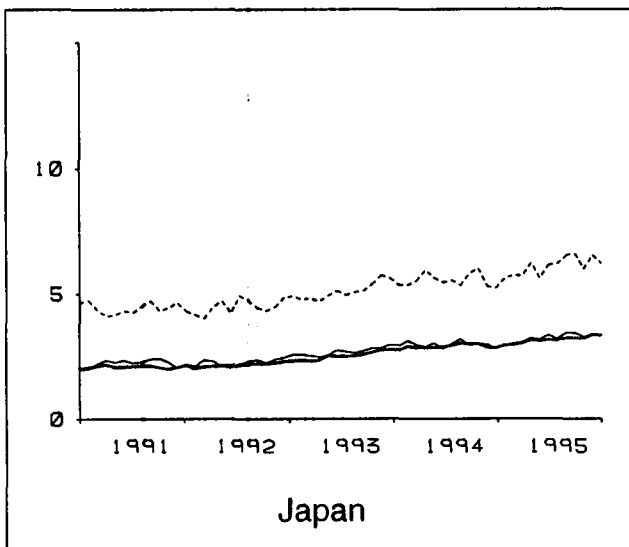
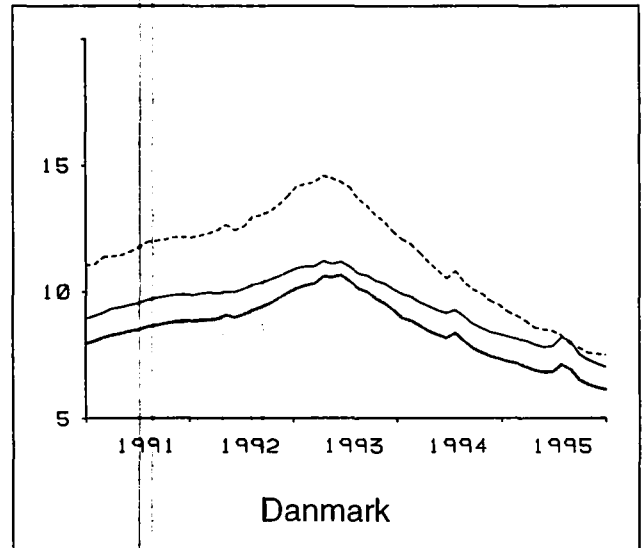
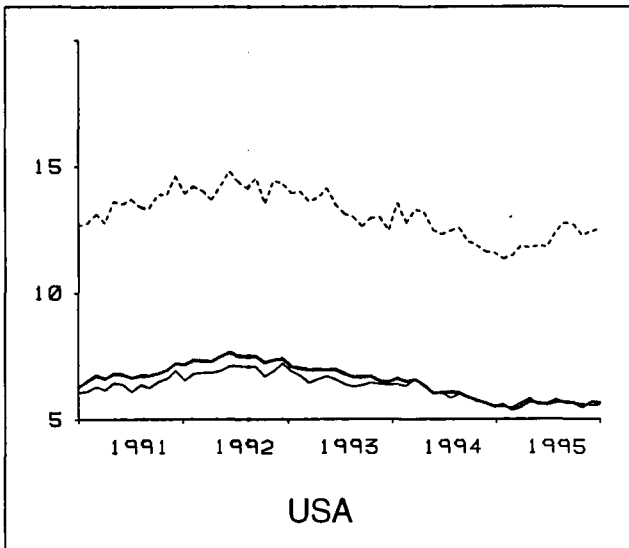
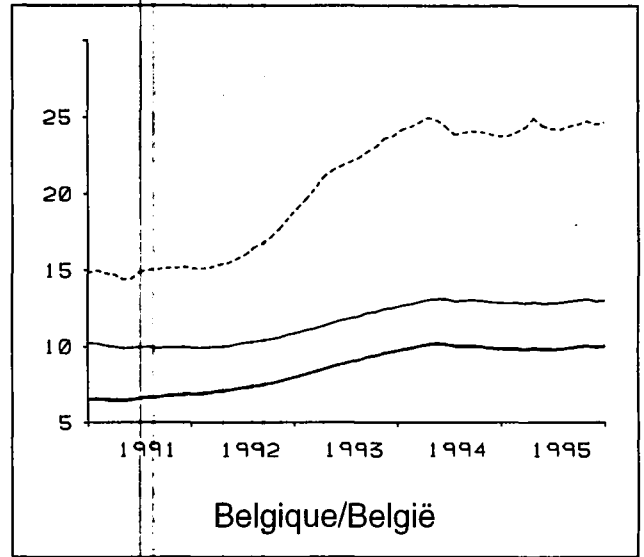
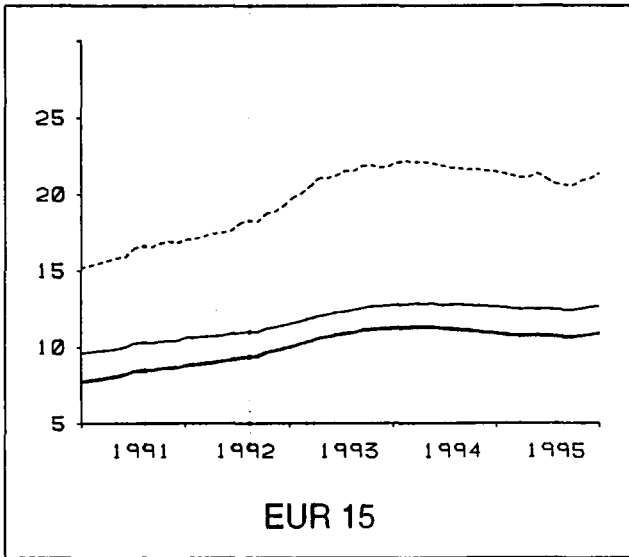
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**Signs and abbreviations :**

Eur-15	All Member States of the European Union
T	Total
F	Females
< 25	Persons aged under 25
:	Data not available

# Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted (%)

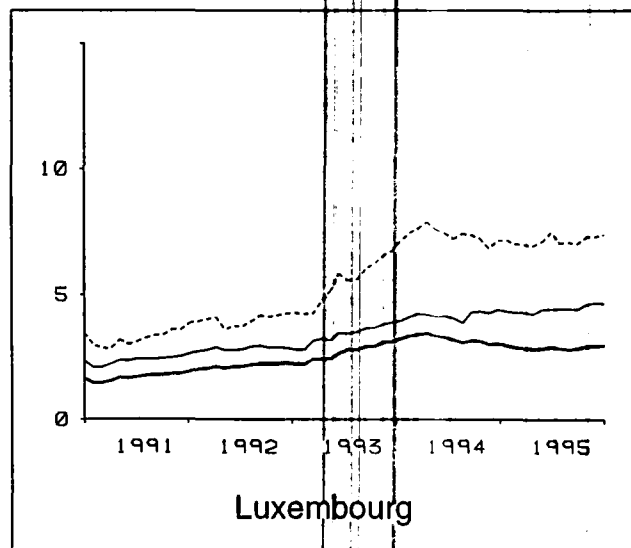
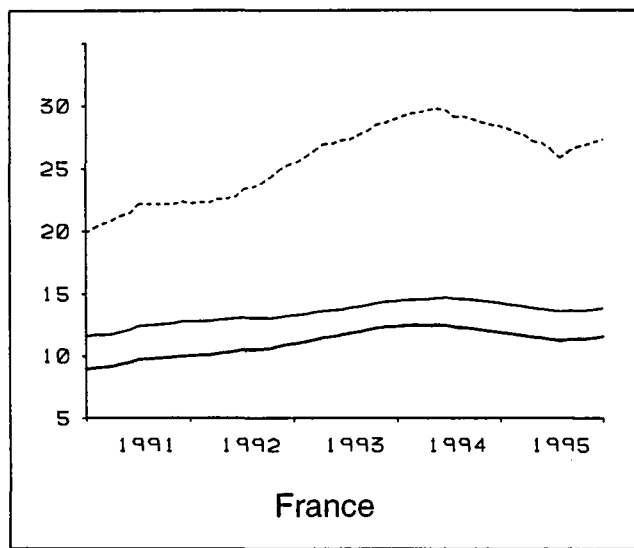
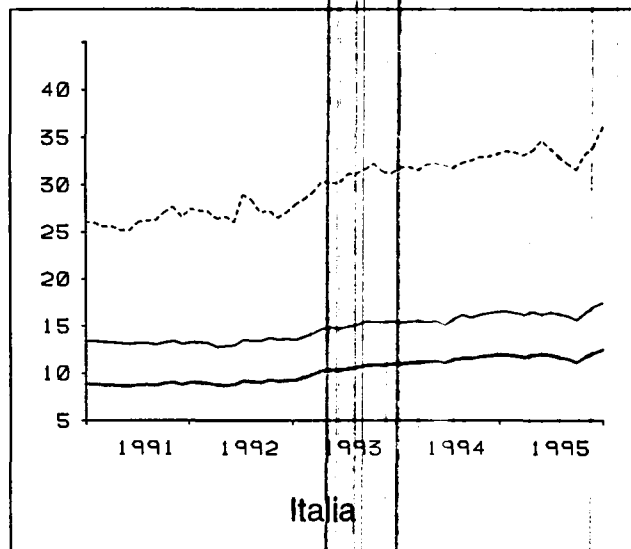
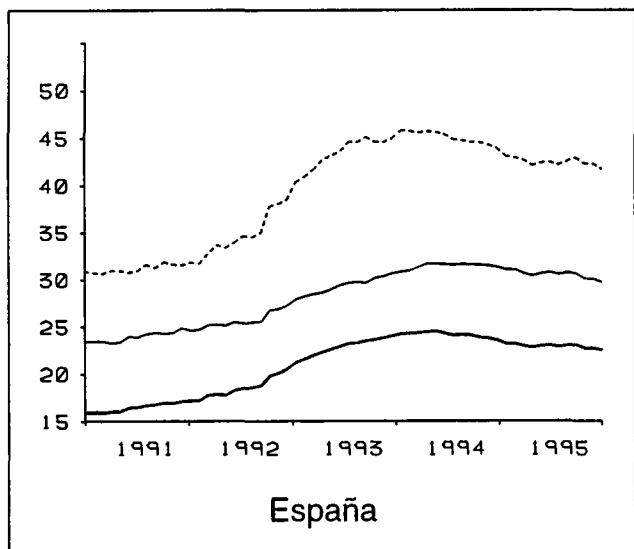
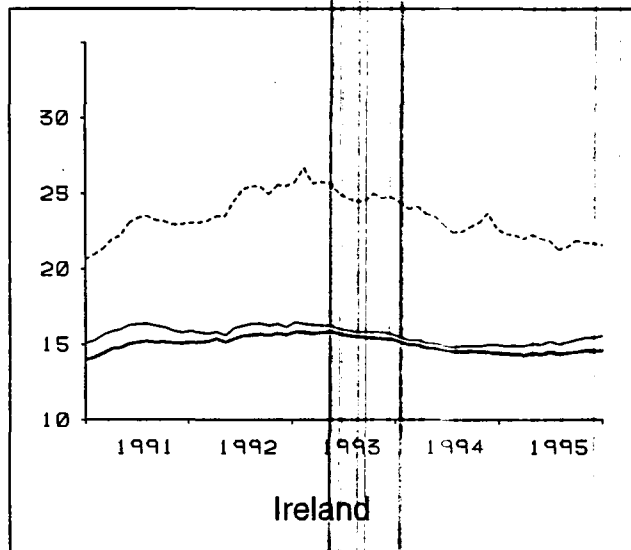
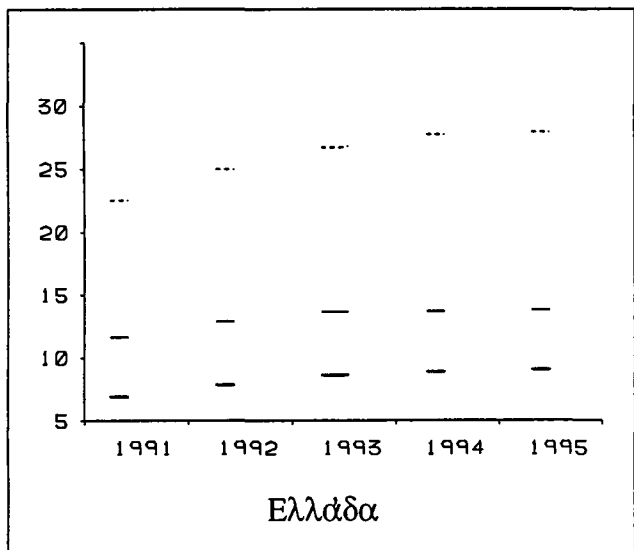


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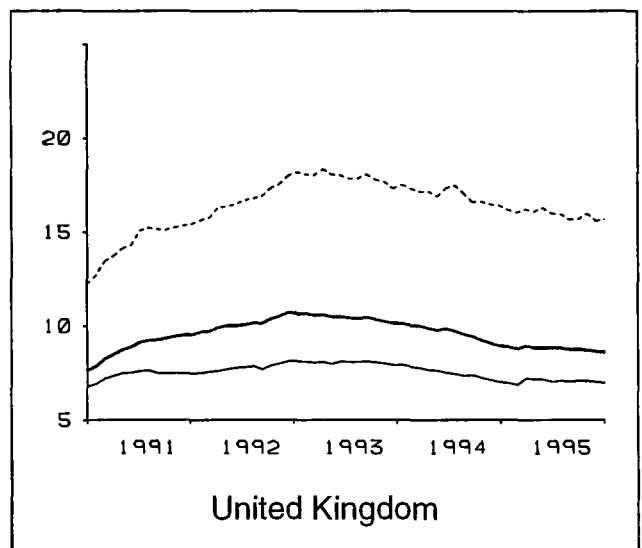
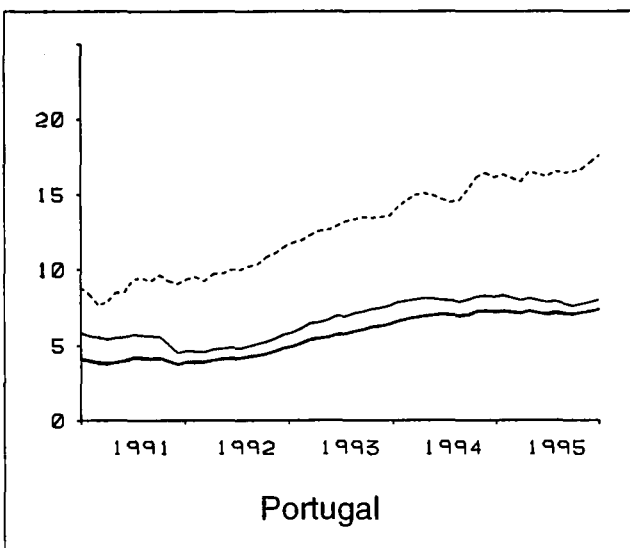
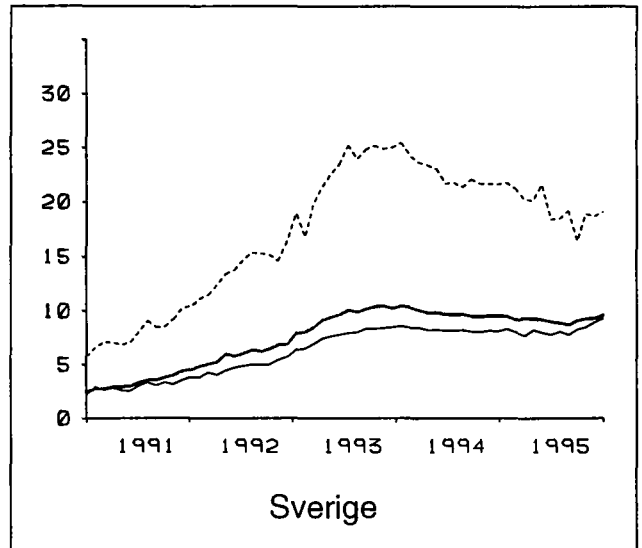
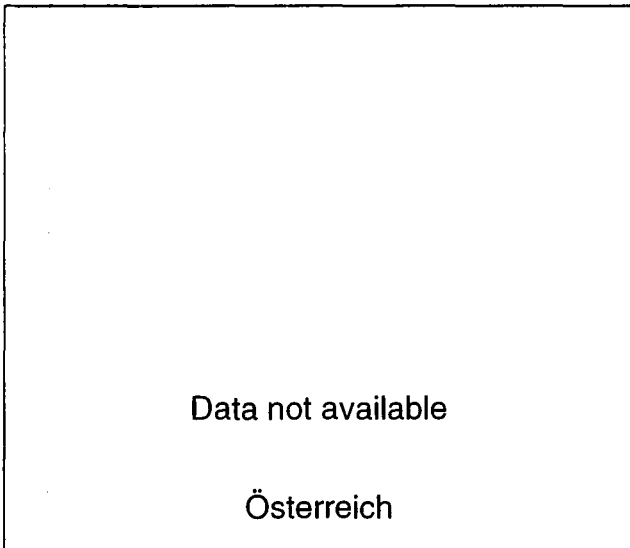
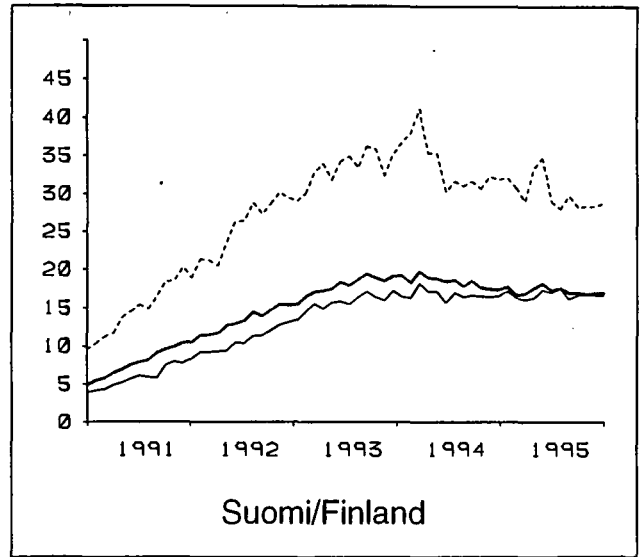
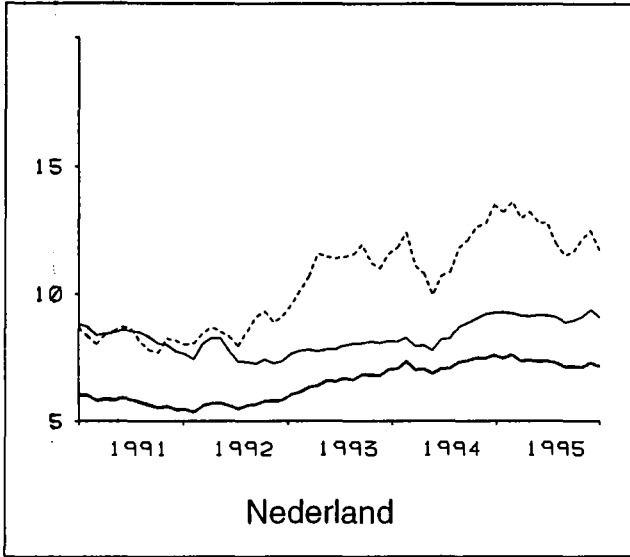
- - - Under 25 years

— Females

## Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted (%)



# Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted (%)



Total



Under 25 years



Females



9 Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted

(%)

	EUR 15	Belgique/ België	Danmark	Deutschland	Ελλάδα	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Österreich	Portugal	Suomi/ Finland	Sverige	United Kingdom	USA	Japan
<b>Total</b>																		
<b>Males and females</b>																		
1994.02	11.3	9.9	8.8	8.5	:	24.3	12.5	15.0	11.1	3.3	7.4	:	6.7	18.2	10.3	10.0	6.5	2.9
1995.02	10.8	9.8	7.2	8.1	:	23.1	11.7	14.3	11.8	2.9	7.6	:	7.2	16.8	9.2	8.8	5.4	3.0
1995.10	10.7	10.1	6.3	8.4	:	22.7	11.4	14.6	11.7	2.9	7.1	:	7.2	16.8	9.2	8.7	5.5	3.2
1995.11	10.8	10.0	6.2	8.5	:	22.7	11.4	14.6	12.1	2.9	7.3	:	7.3	16.9	9.3	8.6	5.7	3.4
1995.12	10.9	10.0	6.1	8.6	:	22.5	11.6	14.6	12.5	2.9	7.2	:	7.4	16.9	9.6	8.6	5.6	3.3
1996.01	10.9	10.1	6.2	8.7	:	22.6	11.6	14.6	12.4	2.9	7.2	:	7.5	16.5	9.3	8.6	5.7	3.5
1996.02	11.0	10.0	:	9.0	:	22.6	11.6	14.6	:	3.0	:	:	7.7	16.3	9.7	8.6	:	:
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.02	10.2	7.9	8.0	7.3	:	20.3	10.8	14.8	8.5	2.9	6.7	:	5.7	20.0	12.0	11.7	6.6	2.7
1995.02	9.5	7.7	6.4	7.0	:	18.3	9.7	14.0	9.1	2.1	6.5	:	6.4	17.1	10.2	10.3	5.3	2.9
1995.10	9.4	7.9	5.5	7.4	:	18.0	9.5	14.1	9.0	2.0	5.7	:	6.7	16.8	9.9	10.0	5.4	3.2
1995.11	9.5	7.8	5.4	7.5	:	18.0	9.6	14.0	9.2	2.0	5.8	:	6.8	17.1	9.7	9.9	5.8	3.4
1995.12	9.6	7.9	5.4	7.7	:	18.0	9.7	14.0	9.5	2.0	5.8	:	6.9	17.2	9.9	9.9	5.7	3.4
1996.01	9.7	7.9	5.5	7.9	:	18.2	9.7	14.0	9.3	2.0	5.9	:	6.9	16.8	9.8	9.9	5.7	3.4
1996.02	9.8	7.8	:	8.2	:	18.2	9.7	14.0	:	2.1	:	:	7.1	16.6	9.9	9.9	:	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.02	12.8	12.8	9.8	10.3	:	30.9	14.5	15.2	15.4	4.1	8.3	:	7.9	16.3	8.4	7.8	6.3	3.1
1995.02	12.5	12.8	8.1	9.6	:	31.1	14.0	14.9	16.3	4.3	9.2	:	8.1	16.3	8.0	6.8	5.5	3.0
1995.10	12.5	13.1	7.3	9.8	:	30.1	13.6	15.4	16.4	4.6	9.1	:	7.7	16.8	8.5	7.1	5.6	3.3
1995.11	12.6	13.0	7.1	9.9	:	30.0	13.7	15.4	17.0	4.7	9.4	:	7.8	16.6	8.9	7.0	5.5	3.3
1995.12	12.7	13.0	7.0	10.0	:	29.7	13.8	15.5	17.4	4.6	9.1	:	8.0	16.6	9.3	6.9	5.6	3.3
1996.01	12.6	13.1	7.0	9.9	:	29.7	13.8	15.6	17.4	4.6	9.0	:	8.1	16.2	8.6	6.9	5.7	3.5
1996.02	12.7	13.0	:	9.9	:	29.7	13.8	15.7	:	4.7	:	:	8.4	16.1	9.5	6.9	:	:
<b>Under 25 years</b>																		
<b>Males and females</b>																		
1994.02	22.2	24.4	11.9	8.8	:	45.7	29.4	24.0	31.8	7.4	12.4	:	14.6	37.9	24.3	17.3	12.7	5.3
1995.02	21.2	24.0	9.0	7.9	:	42.9	27.8	22.2	33.4	7.0	13.6	:	16.1	30.8	21.2	16.1	11.5	5.7
1995.10	20.9	24.7	7.6	8.2	:	42.3	26.8	21.7	33.2	7.3	12.1	:	16.7	28.4	18.9	16.0	12.3	6.0
1995.11	21.0	24.5	7.5	8.3	:	42.3	27.1	21.7	34.0	7.3	12.5	:	17.2	28.3	18.7	15.6	12.4	6.5
1995.12	21.4	24.6	7.5	8.4	:	41.7	27.3	21.6	36.2	7.4	11.7	:	17.6	28.8	19.0	15.7	12.5	6.2
1996.01	21.1	24.7	7.6	8.6	:	41.7	27.0	21.7	34.9	7.4	11.1	:	17.9	28.1	19.3	15.6	12.8	7.0
1996.02	21.2	24.8	:	8.8	:	41.8	27.1	21.7	:	7.6	:	:	18.4	26.4	20.8	15.7	:	:

# Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted

(%)

	EUR 15	Belgique/ België	Danmark	Deutschland	Ελλάδα	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Österreich	Portugal	Suomi/ Finland	Sverige	United Kingdom	USA	Japan
<b>Under 25 years</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.02	21.9	23.1	11.7	9.0	:	42.6	27.2	25.9	28.3	7.5	15.2	:	12.5	42.7	27.4	20.0	13.5	5.5
1995.02	20.1	21.9	8.9	8.1	:	37.5	23.9	23.9	29.6	6.5	12.6	:	15.0	33.0	22.9	18.4	11.7	5.8
1995.10	19.6	22.6	7.5	8.7	:	36.5	23.1	23.4	29.0	6.6	12.0	:	15.9	29.7	18.5	17.8	12.9	6.6
1995.11	19.7	22.5	7.4	8.8	:	36.7	23.3	23.3	30.0	6.5	11.5	:	16.4	29.5	19.0	17.4	13.2	6.7
1995.12	19.9	22.6	7.5	9.0	:	36.3	23.6	23.3	31.2	6.7	10.9	:	17.0	30.5	18.6	17.4	12.9	6.2
1996.01	19.8	22.6	7.7	9.3	:	36.4	23.3	23.3	30.1	6.6	10.7	:	17.4	30.3	20.1	17.3	12.9	6.7
1996.02	20.0	22.7	:	9.8	:	36.5	23.4	23.1	:	6.9	:	:	17.9	27.3	21.0	17.4	:	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.02	22.5	25.8	12.1	8.6	:	49.5	31.6	21.6	36.3	7.4	9.4	:	17.1	32.5	20.9	14.0	11.9	5.2
1995.02	22.6	26.4	9.1	7.7	:	49.4	31.9	20.3	38.1	7.6	14.7	:	17.5	28.4	19.4	13.2	11.2	5.7
1995.10	22.4	27.2	7.7	7.8	:	49.0	30.7	19.7	38.3	8.0	12.3	:	17.7	26.7	19.2	13.8	11.5	5.3
1995.11	22.5	26.9	7.6	7.8	:	48.8	31.0	19.8	38.9	8.1	13.5	:	18.1	27.0	18.3	13.4	11.6	6.3
1995.12	23.0	27.0	7.5	7.8	:	48.2	31.2	19.6	42.1	8.2	12.5	:	18.3	26.7	19.5	13.6	12.1	6.2
1996.01	22.6	27.1	7.5	7.7	:	48.1	30.9	19.8	40.7	8.4	11.5	:	18.6	25.6	18.4	13.6	12.8	7.4
1996.02	22.6	27.2	:	7.7	:	48.0	30.9	20.0	:	8.5	:	:	19.0	25.4	20.6	13.7	:	:
<b>25 years and over</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.02	8.4	6.1	7.2	7.0	:	16.1	8.9	12.5	5.6	2.3	5.1	:	4.5	17.1	9.9	10.1	5.3	2.4
1995.02	7.9	6.1	5.8	6.8	:	14.8	8.2	12.0	6.1	1.6	5.4	:	4.9	15.4	8.5	8.7	4.0	2.5
1995.10	7.9	6.3	5.1	7.2	:	14.8	8.0	12.2	6.1	1.5	4.6	:	5.1	15.2	8.8	8.5	4.0	2.7
1995.11	8.0	6.2	5.0	7.3	:	14.8	8.0	12.2	6.2	1.5	4.8	:	5.1	15.7	8.5	8.5	4.4	2.9
1995.12	8.1	6.2	4.9	7.5	:	14.8	8.1	12.1	6.3	1.5	4.9	:	5.0	15.6	8.8	8.5	4.4	3.0
1996.01	8.1	6.3	5.0	7.7	:	15.0	8.2	12.2	6.4	1.5	5.1	:	5.1	15.2	8.6	8.5	4.3	3.0
1996.02	8.2	6.2	:	8.0	:	15.0	8.2	12.2	:	1.5	:	:	5.2	15.3	8.5	8.5	:	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.02	10.9	10.8	9.3	10.6	:	25.7	12.1	13.1	11.1	3.4	8.0	:	6.2	14.3	6.7	6.5	5.2	2.7
1995.02	10.7	11.0	7.9	9.9	:	26.2	11.7	13.2	11.9	3.6	7.8	:	6.5	15.0	6.4	5.5	4.3	2.5
1995.10	10.7	11.2	7.2	10.1	:	25.2	11.4	14.0	11.9	3.9	8.3	:	6.0	15.7	7.1	5.7	4.4	2.9
1995.11	10.8	11.0	7.0	10.2	:	25.2	11.5	14.1	12.6	4.0	8.3	:	6.1	15.5	7.7	5.7	4.4	2.8
1995.12	10.7	11.1	6.9	10.3	:	25.0	11.6	14.2	12.1	4.0	8.2	:	6.2	15.5	7.9	5.6	4.3	2.7
1996.01	10.8	11.1	6.8	10.3	:	25.0	11.6	14.2	12.6	3.9	8.3	:	6.3	15.2	7.3	5.5	4.4	2.8
1996.02	10.8	11.0	:	10.3	:	25.1	11.6	14.3	:	3.9	:	:	6.6	15.0	8.0	5.5	:	:

∞ Unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted

(%)

	EUR 15	Belgique/ België	Danmark	Deutschland	Ελλάδα	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Österreich	Portugal	Suomi/ Finland	Sverige	United Kingdom	USA	Japan
<b>Total Males and females</b>																		
1994.02	11.6	9.9	9.4	9.2	:	24.7	12.8	15.2	11.3	3.6	7.6	:	7.0	19.5	10.7	10.2	7.1	3.0
1995.02	11.1	9.9	7.6	8.7	:	23.5	12.0	14.5	12.1	3.1	7.9	:	7.4	17.9	9.5	8.9	5.9	3.1
1995.10	10.7	10.3	6.2	8.1	:	22.7	11.7	14.3	11.8	3.0	7.2	:	7.2	16.5	9.1	8.6	5.2	3.2
1995.11	10.8	10.1	6.0	8.2	:	22.9	11.8	14.3	12.0	3.1	7.3	:	7.4	16.7	9.1	8.5	5.3	3.3
1995.12	10.9	10.2	6.0	8.6	:	22.6	11.9	14.8	12.3	3.0	7.3	:	7.5	17.0	9.4	8.4	5.2	3.2
1996.01	11.2	10.2	6.8	9.4	:	22.9	12.0	14.9	12.4	3.3	7.3	:	7.8	17.8	9.7	8.7	6.3	3.5
1996.02	11.3	10.0	:	9.6	:	22.9	11.9	14.8	:	3.3	:	:	8.0	17.3	10.0	8.7	:	:
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.02	10.7	7.9	8.9	8.1	:	20.7	11.2	15.1	8.7	3.2	6.9	:	5.9	22.1	12.8	12.0	7.8	2.8
1995.02	10.0	7.8	7.1	7.8	:	18.7	10.1	14.3	9.3	2.3	6.7	:	6.6	18.9	11.0	10.5	6.2	3.0
1995.10	9.3	8.1	5.2	6.9	:	18.0	9.7	13.8	9.0	2.0	5.7	:	6.7	16.6	9.6	9.8	4.9	3.2
1995.11	9.4	8.0	5.2	7.1	:	18.2	9.8	13.8	9.1	2.1	5.8	:	6.8	17.1	9.4	9.7	5.3	3.3
1995.12	9.7	8.1	5.3	7.7	:	18.2	10.1	14.2	9.5	2.0	5.9	:	6.9	17.8	9.9	9.8	5.5	3.3
1996.01	10.1	8.2	6.3	8.7	:	18.5	10.2	14.4	9.4	2.3	6.1	:	7.2	18.4	10.4	10.1	6.5	3.4
1996.02	10.2	7.9	:	9.2	:	18.5	10.1	14.3	:	2.3	:	:	7.4	18.3	10.7	10.0	:	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.02	13.0	12.7	10.0	10.6	:	31.3	14.7	15.3	15.8	4.4	8.5	:	8.2	16.7	8.3	7.9	6.4	3.2
1995.02	12.7	12.8	8.3	9.9	:	31.4	14.2	15.0	16.7	4.6	9.5	:	8.4	16.7	7.9	6.9	5.5	3.1
1995.10	12.6	13.4	7.3	9.6	:	30.3	14.1	15.2	16.4	4.7	9.3	:	7.9	16.3	8.5	7.0	5.5	3.2
1995.11	12.6	13.1	7.0	9.7	:	30.4	14.1	15.1	16.9	4.9	9.3	:	8.1	16.2	8.7	6.9	5.2	3.2
1995.12	12.6	13.2	6.9	9.9	:	29.6	14.1	15.7	16.9	4.7	9.2	:	8.1	16.2	8.9	6.7	4.9	3.1
1996.01	12.8	13.2	7.4	10.3	:	30.0	14.2	15.7	17.4	5.1	9.0	:	8.5	17.2	8.9	7.0	6.0	3.6
1996.02	12.8	12.9	:	10.2	:	30.0	14.0	15.7	:	5.0	:	:	8.7	16.3	9.4	6.9	:	:
<b>Under 25 years Males and females</b>																		
1994.02	22.3	24.0	12.7	9.6	:	46.5	28.8	24.3	32.0	8.2	12.6	:	15.2	39.6	25.5	16.9	13.7	5.5
1995.02	21.4	23.7	9.7	8.7	:	43.7	27.2	22.5	33.5	7.8	14.0	:	16.8	32.2	22.5	15.7	12.3	5.8
1995.10	21.3	26.7	7.5	7.8	:	42.3	29.9	21.3	33.1	7.9	12.2	:	17.1	30.4	19.5	15.7	11.7	5.6
1995.11	21.3	25.7	7.3	7.8	:	42.8	30.2	21.2	33.6	8.2	12.3	:	17.6	28.6	19.1	15.0	11.5	5.9
1995.12	21.4	25.5	7.3	8.2	:	41.5	30.4	21.7	34.9	7.6	12.0	:	17.7	30.6	18.8	14.6	11.2	5.4
1996.01	21.1	25.4	8.3	9.2	:	42.0	26.9	22.1	33.8	8.7	11.4	:	18.4	32.1	21.5	15.0	13.8	6.6
1996.02	21.2	24.5	:	9.7	:	42.2	26.5	21.9	:	8.4	:	:	18.8	27.0	22.5	15.1	:	:



# Unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted

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<b>Under 25 years</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.02	22.2	23.0	12.8	10.3	:	43.5	27.2	26.4	28.4	8.5	15.4	:	13.0	45.5	29.0	19.6	15.2	5.5
1995.02	20.4	21.8	9.9	9.3	:	38.5	23.9	24.4	29.7	7.4	12.8	:	15.6	35.1	24.5	18.0	13.3	5.8
1995.10	19.6	24.5	7.1	7.8	:	36.3	25.6	23.0	28.8	6.9	11.7	:	16.3	30.6	18.3	17.4	11.9	6.1
1995.11	19.9	23.8	7.1	8.0	:	37.1	26.2	22.9	29.4	7.2	11.5	:	16.8	29.8	19.5	16.9	12.2	6.3
1995.12	19.9	23.6	7.3	8.8	:	36.2	27.0	23.4	29.8	6.9	10.8	:	17.0	35.3	19.1	16.2	12.3	5.9
1996.01	20.0	23.6	8.6	10.2	:	36.8	23.7	23.9	29.0	8.0	11.3	:	17.7	34.2	22.5	16.7	14.6	6.1
1996.02	20.2	22.7	:	11.3	:	37.0	23.4	23.6	:	7.7	:	:	18.2	28.9	23.1	16.7	:	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.02	22.4	25.1	12.5	8.9	:	50.1	30.4	21.7	36.8	7.9	9.7	:	17.8	32.8	21.6	13.7	12.0	5.4
1995.02	22.6	25.8	9.5	7.9	:	49.9	30.7	20.4	38.5	8.2	15.2	:	18.4	29.0	20.3	12.9	11.2	5.9
1995.10	23.1	29.1	7.9	7.7	:	49.3	34.2	19.4	38.4	8.9	12.8	:	18.2	30.1	20.9	13.6	11.5	5.0
1995.11	22.9	28.0	7.7	7.6	:	49.5	34.2	19.3	38.7	9.2	13.1	:	18.6	27.1	18.6	12.8	10.8	5.4
1995.12	23.0	27.7	7.4	7.6	:	47.9	34.1	19.6	41.1	8.4	13.1	:	18.6	24.4	18.5	12.6	10.0	5.0
1996.01	22.5	27.5	7.9	8.0	:	48.3	30.2	20.0	39.5	9.5	11.6	:	19.3	29.8	20.4	13.0	12.8	7.2
1996.02	22.4	26.6	:	7.9	:	48.4	29.7	20.0	:	9.2	:	:	19.6	25.0	21.9	13.2	:	:
<b>25 years and over</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.02	8.9	6.2	8.1	7.8	:	16.4	9.3	12.8	5.9	2.5	5.4	:	4.7	19.4	10.7	10.5	6.4	2.5
1995.02	8.4	6.2	6.5	7.6	:	15.1	8.6	12.2	6.4	1.7	5.6	:	5.1	17.4	9.3	9.1	4.9	2.7
1995.10	7.7	6.2	4.7	6.8	:	14.8	7.8	12.0	6.1	1.5	4.6	:	5.0	15.0	8.5	8.3	3.6	2.8
1995.11	7.8	6.2	4.8	6.9	:	14.8	7.9	11.9	6.1	1.5	4.8	:	5.0	15.8	8.2	8.3	4.1	2.9
1995.12	8.2	6.3	4.9	7.5	:	15.0	8.2	12.3	6.5	1.5	5.1	:	5.1	15.8	8.8	8.5	4.3	3.0
1996.01	8.6	6.4	5.8	8.5	:	15.3	8.7	12.4	6.5	1.7	5.2	:	5.3	16.9	8.9	8.8	5.1	3.1
1996.02	8.7	6.3	:	8.9	:	15.3	8.7	12.4	:	1.7	:	:	5.4	17.2	9.3	8.8	:	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.02	11.2	10.9	9.5	10.9	:	26.0	12.5	13.2	11.5	3.6	8.2	:	6.4	15.0	6.6	6.6	5.3	2.8
1995.02	10.9	11.0	8.1	10.2	:	26.5	12.1	13.3	12.4	3.9	8.0	:	6.7	15.5	6.3	5.7	4.4	2.6
1995.10	10.6	11.2	7.2	9.9	:	25.4	11.3	13.8	11.9	3.9	8.4	:	6.1	15.1	6.9	5.7	4.4	2.9
1995.11	10.7	11.0	6.9	10.0	:	25.5	11.3	13.8	12.3	4.1	8.3	:	6.3	15.2	7.5	5.7	4.2	2.8
1995.12	10.6	11.1	6.8	10.3	:	25.1	11.4	14.5	11.7	4.0	8.2	:	6.3	15.4	7.7	5.5	3.9	2.7
1996.01	11.1	11.2	7.3	10.7	:	25.3	12.1	14.3	12.7	4.2	8.3	:	6.6	15.9	7.4	5.7	4.8	3.0
1996.02	11.0	11.0	:	10.6	:	25.4	12.0	14.4	:	4.2	:	:	6.8	15.4	7.8	5.6	:	:

10 Unemployment rates, annual averages

(%)

	EUR 15	Belgique/ België	Danmark	Deutschland	Ελλάδα	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Österreich	Portugal	Suomi/ Finland	Sverige	United Kingdom	USA	Japan
<b>Total Males and females</b>																		
1989	:	7.5	7.4	:	6.7	17.2	9.3	14.7	10.0	1.8	6.9	:	4.9	3.5	1.6	7.3	5.3	2.3
1990	:	6.7	7.7	:	6.4	16.2	8.9	13.4	9.1	1.7	6.2	:	4.6	3.4	1.8	7.0	5.5	2.1
1991	8.2	6.6	8.4	5.6	7.0	16.4	9.5	14.8	8.8	1.7	5.8	:	4.0	7.6	3.3	8.8	6.7	2.1
1992	9.3	7.3	9.2	6.6	7.9	18.5	10.4	15.4	9.0	2.1	5.6	:	4.2	13.1	5.8	10.1	7.4	2.2
1993	10.8	8.9	10.1	7.9	8.6	22.8	11.7	15.6	10.3	2.7	6.6	:	5.7	17.9	9.5	10.4	6.8	2.5
1994	11.2	10.0	8.2	8.4	8.9	24.1	12.3	14.7	11.4	3.2	7.2	:	7.0	18.4	9.8	9.6	6.1	2.9
1995	10.8	9.9	6.8	8.3	9.1	22.9	11.5	14.4	11.8	2.9	7.3	:	7.2	17.2	9.2	8.8	5.6	3.1
<b>Males</b>																		
1989	:	4.7	6.7	:	4.1	12.9	7.0	14.2	7.1	1.3	4.9	:	3.5	3.6	1.6	7.4	5.2	2.2
1990	:	4.1	7.0	:	3.9	11.9	6.7	12.8	6.4	1.2	4.3	:	3.2	4.0	1.8	7.4	5.6	2.0
1991	7.0	4.3	7.5	4.6	4.4	12.3	7.4	14.2	6.2	1.3	4.1	:	2.8	9.3	3.6	9.9	7.0	2.0
1992	8.1	5.3	8.3	5.2	5.0	14.5	8.3	15.1	6.5	1.7	4.3	:	3.6	15.5	6.9	11.9	7.8	2.1
1993	9.7	6.9	9.6	6.6	5.7	19.1	10.0	15.4	7.8	2.2	5.6	:	4.8	19.8	11.1	12.3	7.1	2.4
1994	10.0	7.9	7.4	7.2	6.0	19.7	10.4	14.4	8.8	2.7	6.4	:	6.1	19.9	11.2	11.3	6.2	2.8
1995	9.5	7.8	5.9	7.2	6.2	18.2	9.5	14.0	9.1	2.0	6.0	:	6.6	17.6	10.1	10.1	5.6	3.1
<b>Females</b>																		
1989	:	11.9	8.2	:	11.1	25.3	12.3	15.5	15.1	2.7	10.2	:	6.9	3.3	1.7	7.1	5.4	2.3
1990	:	10.6	8.4	:	10.8	24.1	11.8	14.6	13.8	2.5	9.1	:	6.2	2.8	1.8	6.6	5.4	2.2
1991	10.0	10.0	9.5	7.0	11.8	23.9	12.2	15.9	13.2	2.3	8.4	:	5.4	5.7	2.9	7.4	6.3	2.2
1992	10.9	10.2	10.2	8.5	13.0	25.6	13.0	16.0	13.3	2.8	7.6	:	5.0	10.5	4.7	7.8	6.9	2.2
1993	12.2	11.8	10.8	9.6	13.6	29.3	13.8	16.0	14.8	3.4	7.9	:	6.8	15.7	7.7	8.1	6.5	2.6
1994	12.7	12.9	9.1	10.1	13.7	31.4	14.5	15.0	15.7	4.1	8.5	:	8.0	16.7	8.2	7.5	6.0	3.0
1995	12.5	12.9	7.8	9.7	13.8	30.5	13.8	15.1	16.3	4.4	9.1	:	7.9	16.7	8.2	7.0	5.6	3.2
<b>Under 25 years Males and females</b>																		
1989	:	16.2	11.2	:	22.5	34.2	20.0	20.3	29.3	4.2	9.8	:	11.1	6.5	3.9	10.4	10.9	4.5
1990	:	15.3	11.4	:	21.5	32.3	19.3	19.4	27.4	3.8	8.6	:	10.0	6.7	4.5	10.8	11.1	4.3
1991	16.1	14.9	11.6	5.9	22.9	31.1	21.5	22.4	26.1	3.2	8.3	:	8.8	14.5	7.8	14.3	13.4	4.4
1992	17.9	16.2	12.7	6.4	25.1	34.6	23.3	24.4	27.2	4.0	8.5	:	10.1	25.2	13.6	16.7	14.2	4.5
1993	21.1	21.8	13.8	7.9	26.8	43.4	27.3	25.2	30.4	5.4	11.1	:	12.9	33.3	22.6	17.9	13.3	5.1
1994	21.8	24.2	10.7	8.6	27.7	45.0	29.0	23.3	32.2	7.3	11.7	:	15.1	33.6	22.6	17.0	12.5	5.5
1995	21.0	24.4	8.3	8.1	27.9	42.4	27.0	21.8	33.2	7.1	12.5	:	16.6	29.9	19.4	15.9	12.1	6.1

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<b>Under 25 years</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1989	:	11.8	10.7	:	15.4	27.6	16.3	21.8	24.7	3.5	8.2	:	9.0	6.6	3.9	11.2	11.4	4.8
1990	:	11.0	11.3	:	14.4	26.2	15.8	20.4	23.3	3.2	7.5	:	8.4	8.1	4.6	11.9	11.6	4.5
1991	14.9	11.9	11.1	5.4	16.0	25.7	18.1	23.7	22.7	3.3	7.4	:	6.8	17.7	8.5	16.6	14.3	4.7
1992	17.1	14.3	12.2	5.8	17.4	29.9	20.1	25.8	23.5	4.2	8.5	:	9.1	29.2	15.9	19.7	15.3	4.7
1993	20.7	20.7	13.4	7.8	18.9	40.0	25.1	27.0	26.6	5.2	12.0	:	10.8	36.9	26.0	21.0	14.3	4.9
1994	21.2	22.6	10.6	8.7	19.7	40.9	26.2	25.2	29.0	7.5	12.5	:	13.5	36.9	25.3	19.7	13.2	5.7
1995	19.7	22.3	8.2	8.4	19.4	36.9	23.2	23.6	29.0	6.4	11.7	:	15.7	31.1	20.6	18.0	12.5	6.2
<b>Females</b>																		
1989	:	21.2	11.6	:	30.9	42.3	23.9	18.6	34.9	5.0	11.4	:	13.6	6.3	3.8	9.4	10.4	4.3
1990	:	19.9	11.5	:	29.9	39.7	23.0	18.2	32.4	4.6	9.6	:	11.9	5.2	4.5	9.6	10.6	4.1
1991	17.4	18.0	12.2	6.3	31.3	37.9	25.0	20.9	30.4	3.1	9.1	:	11.1	11.1	7.1	11.6	12.4	4.2
1992	18.9	18.2	13.3	7.0	34.3	40.6	26.8	22.8	31.8	3.7	8.6	:	11.2	20.9	11.1	13.0	13.0	4.2
1993	21.7	23.0	14.1	8.1	36.1	47.6	29.7	23.0	35.2	5.6	10.1	:	15.3	29.2	19.0	14.2	12.2	5.2
1994	22.5	26.0	10.8	8.4	37.0	50.1	32.0	21.0	36.4	7.2	11.0	:	17.0	29.9	19.8	13.7	11.6	5.4
1995	22.5	26.8	8.4	7.8	37.7	49.0	31.0	19.8	38.5	7.9	13.2	:	17.7	28.5	18.1	13.5	11.6	6.0
<b>25 years and over</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1989	:	3.8	5.7	:	2.6	9.8	5.6	12.5	4.0	1.0	4.2	:	2.2	3.1	1.2	6.5	3.9	1.9
1990	:	3.3	6.1	:	2.6	9.0	5.4	11.1	3.7	1.0	3.7	:	2.1	3.4	1.3	6.3	4.4	1.7
1991	5.6	3.5	6.7	4.5	2.9	9.6	6.0	12.1	3.4	1.0	3.4	:	2.0	8.1	2.7	8.4	5.7	1.7
1992	6.6	4.2	7.5	5.1	3.4	11.4	6.8	12.8	3.8	1.4	3.5	:	2.6	13.6	5.5	10.1	6.4	1.8
1993	7.9	5.3	8.8	6.4	4.0	15.0	8.2	12.9	4.9	1.9	4.5	:	3.7	17.7	9.0	10.5	5.8	2.1
1994	8.3	6.2	6.7	7.0	4.4	15.8	8.6	12.2	5.9	2.1	5.3	:	4.8	17.9	9.3	9.6	4.8	2.5
1995	8.0	6.1	5.5	7.1	4.6	14.8	8.0	12.1	6.2	1.5	5.0	:	5.0	16.1	8.7	8.6	4.3	2.7
<b>Females</b>																		
1989	:	10.1	7.3	:	7.1	19.1	10.1	14.1	9.8	2.1	9.8	:	5.1	2.8	1.2	6.3	4.2	2.0
1990	:	8.9	7.7	:	6.8	18.7	9.8	13.1	9.1	2.0	8.9	:	4.8	2.4	1.3	5.8	4.3	1.8
1991	8.3	8.6	8.8	7.1	7.8	19.3	10.0	13.9	8.8	2.1	8.1	:	4.2	4.9	2.1	6.3	5.1	1.8
1992	9.2	8.9	9.5	8.8	8.8	21.1	10.8	13.6	8.8	2.6	7.3	:	3.6	9.1	3.6	6.5	5.7	1.9
1993	10.3	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.3	24.1	11.5	13.6	10.3	2.9	7.3	:	5.2	13.9	6.0	6.6	5.4	2.2
1994	10.9	11.0	8.8	10.3	9.4	26.3	12.1	13.1	11.5	3.5	7.8	:	6.3	15.1	6.6	6.1	4.9	2.5
1995	10.7	11.0	7.6	10.0	9.6	25.7	11.5	13.6	11.8	3.7	8.0	:	6.2	15.4	6.8	5.7	4.4	2.7

Number of unemployed, annual averages

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<b>Total Males and females</b>																		
1989	:	290.5	209.9	:	262.3	2544.5	2238.2	189.5	2313.8	2.9	451.4	:	228.1	88.9	73.7	2081.9	6519.8	1418.6
1990	:	260.6	221.0	:	254.7	2435.5	2152.7	175.7	2126.4	2.7	413.2	:	213.2	88.0	82.7	2022.4	6873.7	1343.3
1991	13625.1	263.0	242.9	2195.2	276.3	2476.7	2323.3	197.5	2067.0	2.8	395.1	:	190.9	193.0	148.1	2528.4	8426.1	1359.2
1992	15344.4	295.4	265.8	2580.0	317.5	2810.0	2557.6	209.5	2099.5	3.6	394.4	:	199.3	328.2	260.4	2891.1	9384.3	1422.5
1993	17803.7	365.5	289.1	3090.3	351.5	3502.6	2908.8	215.1	2344.5	4.5	467.1	:	270.3	443.7	414.9	2979.0	8733.8	1656.7
1994	18511.5	416.2	226.1	3303.3	369.5	3727.4	3049.9	206.8	2569.0	5.4	524.5	:	332.6	455.8	426.2	2744.0	7996.5	1920.8
1995	17877.5	416.2	184.5	3227.7	380.1	3573.4	2850.0	203.3	2665.6	4.8	534.8	:	340.8	429.6	404.4	2507.5	7404.3	2099.2
<b>Males</b>																		
1989	:	111.3	102.9	:	102.1	1250.5	943.4	122.7	1046.0	1.4	194.9	:	91.6	48.1	37.6	1214.3	3517.1	828.3
1990	:	97.8	108.7	:	98.7	1162.0	907.5	111.3	955.3	1.3	176.2	:	85.7	54.0	43.2	1206.4	3799.0	773.3
1991	6762.3	104.0	115.7	1031.2	110.7	1197.3	1004.1	124.4	934.4	1.4	168.3	:	75.4	124.1	84.8	1615.6	4817.3	771.7
1992	7818.1	126.6	127.9	1163.0	126.9	1402.7	1132.6	131.8	964.2	1.8	179.7	:	95.0	203.4	160.7	1927.6	5379.7	820.0
1993	9345.2	166.4	144.9	1481.7	146.2	1849.1	1364.7	134.1	1115.2	2.4	237.9	:	125.8	259.4	253.9	1976.5	4932.4	947.5
1994	9629.9	193.6	109.6	1619.5	157.0	1900.9	1416.6	127.8	1258.7	2.8	270.6	:	160.7	259.4	254.7	1813.3	4367.7	1123.3
1995	9107.5	191.4	86.8	1614.7	161.6	1750.6	1290.5	123.4	1283.9	2.1	256.4	:	172.1	231.3	231.2	1626.8	3983.0	1230.0
<b>Females</b>																		
1989	:	179.2	107.0	:	160.2	1293.9	1294.8	66.7	1267.8	1.5	256.4	:	136.5	40.7	36.1	867.7	3002.8	590.3
1990	:	162.8	112.3	:	156.0	1273.5	1245.2	64.4	1171.1	1.4	237.1	:	127.5	34.0	39.6	816.0	3074.7	570.0
1991	6862.7	159.0	127.2	1164.1	165.6	1279.3	1319.1	73.1	1132.6	1.4	226.8	:	115.5	68.9	63.3	912.8	3608.8	587.5
1992	7526.4	168.8	137.9	1417.0	190.5	1407.4	1425.0	77.8	1135.3	1.7	214.6	:	104.3	124.8	99.7	963.5	4004.7	602.5
1993	8458.5	199.1	144.1	1608.6	205.3	1653.4	1544.1	81.0	1229.3	2.1	229.2	:	144.5	184.4	161.0	1002.5	3801.3	709.2
1994	8881.6	222.6	116.5	1683.7	212.5	1826.5	1633.3	79.0	1310.3	2.6	253.9	:	171.9	196.3	171.5	930.6	3628.8	797.5
1995	8770.0	224.8	97.7	1613.0	218.5	1822.7	1559.4	80.0	1381.7	2.7	278.4	:	168.8	198.3	173.3	880.7	3421.3	869.2
<b>Under 25 years Males and females</b>																		
1989	:	83.4	64.0	:	119.2	1053.4	688.8	60.2	1158.6	1.1	128.5	:	101.8	23.7	28.9	639.1	2411.0	365.8
1990	:	75.7	63.1	:	115.5	976.4	642.2	57.0	1047.8	0.9	113.8	:	90.7	24.1	33.1	637.3	2369.6	361.7
1991	4408.1	73.4	63.1	349.4	121.5	921.0	678.8	66.0	1022.7	0.8	109.3	:	73.8	47.8	53.8	799.6	2766.6	385.8
1992	4689.8	78.7	65.5	353.5	132.5	999.9	709.1	69.3	1006.7	1.0	113.0	:	80.2	75.3	84.2	892.2	2898.8	399.2
1993	5270.6	102.5	68.5	414.5	142.4	1231.5	797.2	70.9	1036.4	1.2	143.9	:	97.7	93.4	125.2	911.4	2717.0	455.0
1994	5216.2	114.1	52.1	425.7	143.2	1244.0	798.4	65.2	1041.9	1.6	148.9	:	112.5	87.7	120.6	826.9	2692.6	499.2
1995	4926.7	111.5	39.2	396.3	141.6	1147.6	713.7	60.1	1070.1	1.4	157.4	:	116.7	77.4	102.3	757.7	2590.3	539.2

## Methodological notes

- The Eurostat unemployment rates are calculated according to the recommendations of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Labour Statisticians organised by the International Labour Office (ILO) in 1982. Unemployed persons are those persons aged 15 years and over who
  - are without work
  - are available to start work within the next two weeks
  - and have actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks.
- The unemployment estimates are based on the results of the European Community Labour Force Survey. It is carried out in the spring of each year. The use of the same definitions and concepts throughout the EU ensures comparability of the results between Member States.
- The **unemployment rate** is the number of unemployed as a percentage of the labour force (people living in collective households are excluded). The labour force is the total of the employed and the unemployed. Monthly estimates of the **number of unemployed** are derived by interpolating/extrapolating each year's Community Labour Force Survey results using the results of the national labour force surveys (see table A) and monthly indicators of unemployment (see table B). Monthly estimates of **employment** are obtained by
  - interpolating/extrapolating linearly the annual Community LFS results (Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands)
  - interpolating/extrapolating linearly the results of the national quarterly labour force surveys after adjustment to the Community LFS (Spain, Italy, Portugal, United Kingdom)
  - using the results of the national monthly labour force surveys (Finland, Sweden, USA, Japan).
- Estimates are made separately for males under 25, females under 25, males aged 25 years and over, and females aged 25 years and over. Totals are obtained by adding up these four basic categories.
- The figures for the four basic categories are seasonally adjusted using the multiplicative version of the X-11 method of the US Bureau of the Census. The reliability of the figures is adversely affected if deseasonalisation is performed on short series (such as Germany since the reunification) or where breaks occur (such as Sweden since 1993).
- From 1992, in some member States, the more restrictive application of the ILO guidelines introduces a break in the series. In such cases, no estimates are provided for the period before 1992.

**Table A: Reference period of the last surveys used**

Country	Community labour force surveys	National labour force surveys
Belgium	1995Q2	-
Denmark	1994Q2	-
Germany	1994Q2	-
Greece	1995Q2	-
Spain	1995Q2	1995Q4
France	1995Q2	-
Ireland	1994Q2	-
Italy	1995Q2	1995Q3
Luxembourg	1995Q2	-
Netherlands	1995Q2	-
Austria	-	-
Portugal	1995Q2	1995Q2
Finland	-	1996FEB
Sweden	-	1996FEB
United Kingdom	1995Q2	1995Q4

NB: 1994Q2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 1994

## **Table B: Monthly indicators of unemployment.**

**BELGIUM:** All persons in the following categories registered at employment offices: wholly unemployed persons in receipt of benefit, other unemployed persons compulsory registered and voluntarily registered persons without work.

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**DENMARK:** Persons seeking full-time or part-time employment, whether or not they are members of an unemployment insurance fund.

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**GERMANY:** Unemployed persons registered at public employment offices and seeking work as employees for at least 18 hours per week.

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**GREECE:** No monthly indicator

**SPAIN:** Unemployed persons registered at public employment offices and seeking work as employees for 20 hours or more per week.

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**IRELAND:** Claimants for unemployment benefit, applicants for unemployment assistance and others seeking work who are registered with the employment services of the Department of Social Welfare. Excluded are persons seeking part-time employment.

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**NETHERLANDS:** Persons registered at employment offices, between the ages of 16 and 64 years,

- who are without work or with work less than 12 hours a week and
- who are immediately available for paid employment for at least 12 hours a week or who found a job and will start working for at least 12 hours a week.

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**AUSTRIA:** No monthly indicator.

**PORTUGAL:** Persons registered at employment offices who are available for work within 30 days after registration.

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**FINLAND:** Number of unemployed in the monthly labour force survey.

**SWEDEN:** Number of unemployed in the monthly labour force survey.

**UNITED KINGDOM:** Persons seeking full-time work and claiming unemployment benefit because they are out of work.

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