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After compensating for differences in national recording methods, the seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate in the European Community, according to the International Labour Office (ILO) definition, is estimated to have been 8.5% in April 1990**, compared with 8.6% for the previous month.

In the Member states where there has been a strong downward trend since the end of 1988 (a fall of over 10% compared with the same month of the previous year), the rate of decrease has eased over recent months. A fall of 23% over the 12 months to the end of 1989 in the United Kingdom had slowed to a fall of 18% in the spring of this year. In the Federal Republic of Germany -10% in the summer of 1989 slowed to -6%, in Spain from -13% to -10% a year, in Belgium from -17% in the Spring of 1989 to -9% in the Spring of 1990. A drop of 12% recorded in Portugal at the start of 1989 appears to have now halted.

In contrast, among the Member states where the fall in unemployment was lower than 10% per year, the pace of the downward trend has been maintained in France and there has been a slight acceleration in the rate of decrease in the Netherlands and in Ireland.

The rise in unemployment recorded in Italy and in Denmark during the course of 1989 now appears to have ended.

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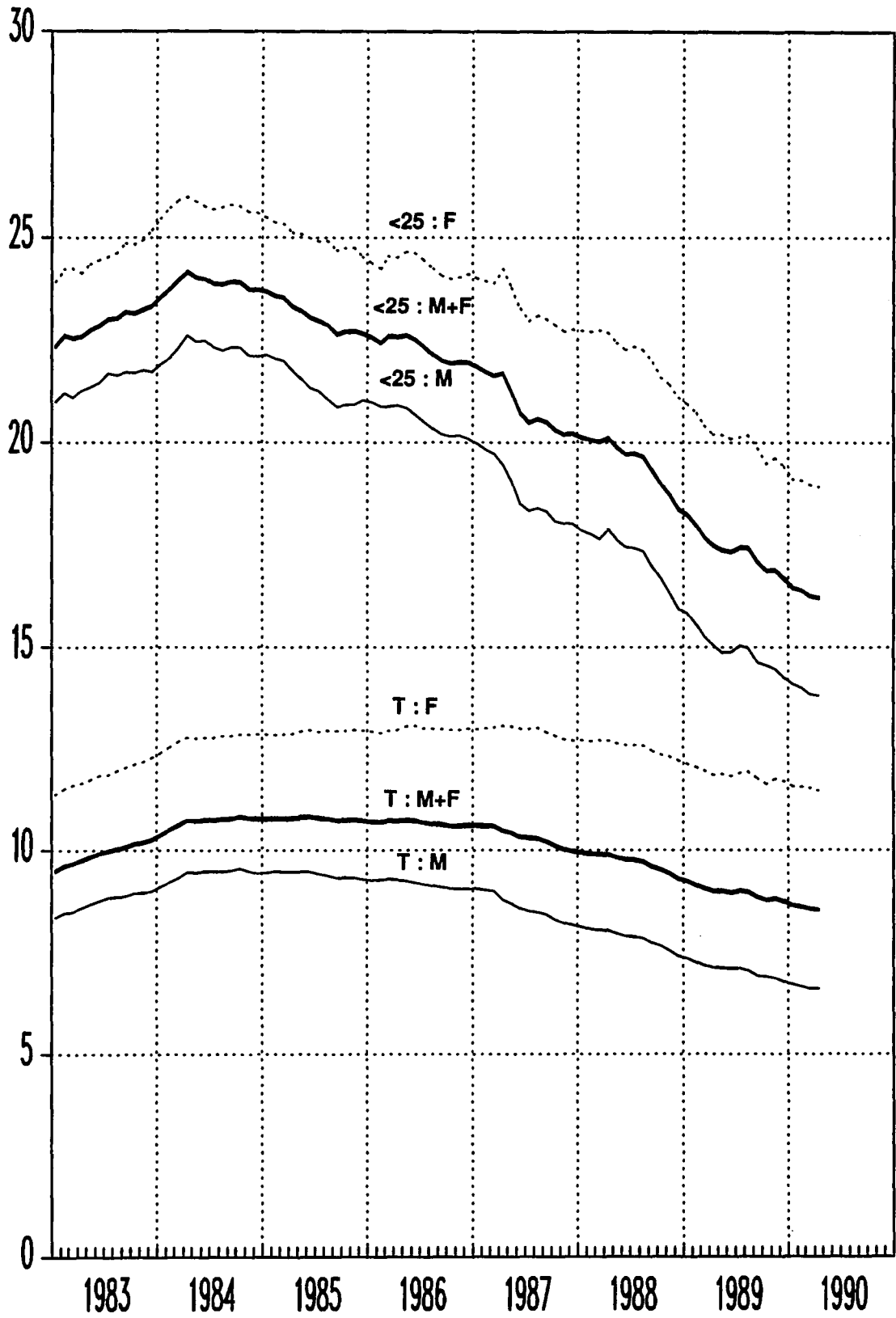
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### Symbols and abbreviations:

T	Total	Ø	Average
M	Males	:	Not available
F	Females	*	Estimated by Eurostat

# Unemployment rates for comparison between Member States



EUR 12 - seasonally adjusted - %

## Unemployment rates - not seasonally adjusted (%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	B. R. Deutschland	Ellas	España	France	Irland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
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### Total Males and females

1989.11	8.8	8.4	6.6	5.3	:	16.4	9.7	16.4	11.3	1.9	9.1	5.0	6.0
12	8.8	8.4	6.8	5.6	:	16.4	9.7	17.0	11.2	1.9	9.0	5.0	6.1
1990.01	8.9	8.3	7.3	5.9	:	16.5	9.7	17.2	11.0	2.1	9.1	5.1	6.3
02	8.9	8.1	7.4	5.8	:	16.5	9.6	17.0	11.1	1.8	9.1	5.2	6.2
03	8.7	7.8	7.3	5.5	:	16.3	9.4	16.5	11.1	1.7	8.8	5.2	6.1
04	8.6	7.6	6.9	5.2	:	16.1	9.1	16.4	11.1	1.5	8.6	5.1	6.0

### Males

1989.11	6.8	5.4	5.6	4.1	:	11.8	7.2	15.5	7.5	1.4	6.5	3.3	6.5
12	6.9	5.4	5.9	4.4	:	12.0	7.3	16.1	7.5	1.5	6.5	3.3	6.7
1990.01	7.1	5.4	6.6	4.8	:	12.1	7.3	16.3	7.4	1.5	6.7	3.4	6.9
02	7.0	5.2	6.7	4.7	:	12.0	7.1	16.1	7.4	1.3	6.6	3.5	6.8
03	6.8	5.0	6.6	4.3	:	11.7	7.0	15.5	7.5	1.2	6.4	3.5	6.7
04	6.6	4.8	6.0	4.0	:	11.5	6.7	15.3	7.5	1.1	6.1	3.4	6.6

### Females

1989.11	11.8	13.1	7.8	7.3	:	25.0	13.0	18.2	17.9	2.8	13.3	7.3	5.4
12	11.7	13.0	7.8	7.4	:	24.6	12.8	18.7	17.5	2.8	13.0	7.3	5.3
1990.01	11.7	12.9	8.1	7.6	:	24.8	12.8	18.9	17.2	3.0	13.1	7.5	5.5
02	11.7	12.6	8.3	7.5	:	24.8	12.7	18.9	17.4	2.8	13.0	7.6	5.4
03	11.6	12.3	8.1	7.3	:	24.8	12.6	18.6	17.4	2.6	12.8	7.6	5.3
04	11.4	12.0	7.9	7.1	:	24.6	12.2	18.5	17.4	2.3	12.5	7.5	5.2

### Under 25 years Males and females

1989.11	17.2	17.3	8.5	4.8	:	32.1	21.7	22.2	32.7	4.1	13.0	11.8	8.9
12	17.0	17.0	8.6	4.9	:	31.8	21.5	23.0	31.7	4.0	12.7	11.8	9.0
1990.01	16.7	16.5	9.4	5.2	:	31.5	18.9	23.4	31.7	4.1	12.7	11.8	9.4
02	16.6	15.2	9.3	5.1	:	31.5	18.2	23.3	31.9	3.7	12.4	12.2	9.4
03	16.3	14.0	9.2	4.8	:	30.8	17.9	22.7	32.0	3.2	11.8	12.3	9.2
04	15.9	13.1	8.6	4.5	:	30.3	17.0	22.2	32.0	2.7	11.3	11.7	9.0

### Males

1989.11	14.6	13.3	7.8	4.0	:	25.2	17.5	23.5	26.6	3.8	11.9	8.7	10.3
12	14.7	13.2	8.0	4.3	:	25.4	17.7	24.5	25.8	4.2	11.9	8.9	10.6
1990.01	14.5	12.7	8.9	4.6	:	24.8	15.6	24.9	26.1	4.4	12.0	8.9	10.9
02	14.4	11.5	8.8	4.5	:	24.8	14.9	24.9	26.1	3.6	11.9	9.2	11.0
03	14.1	10.3	8.9	4.2	:	23.8	14.4	24.1	26.2	3.1	11.2	9.1	10.8
04	13.7	9.5	8.3	3.9	:	23.3	13.6	23.7	26.1	2.6	10.5	8.6	10.6

### Females

1989.11	20.1	21.9	9.4	5.7	:	40.6	25.9	20.6	39.7	4.3	14.1	15.5	7.3
12	19.6	21.4	9.3	5.7	:	39.8	25.4	21.0	38.5	3.8	13.5	15.3	7.2
1990.01	19.2	20.8	9.8	5.8	:	39.8	22.3	21.5	38.3	3.8	13.3	15.4	7.5
02	19.1	19.5	9.8	5.7	:	39.7	21.8	21.4	38.5	3.9	12.9	15.8	7.5
03	18.9	18.2	9.6	5.4	:	39.3	21.4	21.0	38.7	3.4	12.5	16.2	7.3
04	18.5	17.2	9.1	5.2	:	39.0	20.6	20.4	38.6	2.8	12.0	15.4	7.1

## Unemployment rates - seasonally adjusted (%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	B. R. Deutschland	Ellas	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
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### Total Males and females

1989.11	8.8	8.2	6.7	5.6	:	16.5	9.5	16.7	11.3	1.8	9.1	4.9	6.1
12	8.7	8.2	6.6	5.5	:	16.4	9.4	16.7	11.2	1.8	8.9	5.0	6.1
1990.01	8.6	8.1	6.5	5.4	:	16.2	9.4	16.7	10.9	1.8	9.0	5.0	6.1
02	8.6	8.1	6.6	5.3	:	16.2	9.4	16.7	10.8	1.6	8.9	5.0	6.1
03	8.6	8.0	6.5	5.2	:	16.1	9.4	16.3	10.8	1.6	8.9	5.1	6.0
04	8.5	8.0	6.7	5.3	:	15.9	9.3	16.4	10.9	1.5	8.8	5.2	6.0

### Males

1989.11	6.8	5.3	5.9	4.3	:	11.9	7.0	15.7	7.5	1.4	6.6	3.3	6.6
12	6.8	5.3	5.7	4.2	:	11.8	7.0	15.8	7.4	1.4	6.4	3.3	6.6
1990.01	6.7	5.2	5.5	4.1	:	11.7	6.9	15.8	7.3	1.3	6.4	3.3	6.6
02	6.7	5.2	5.5	4.0	:	11.7	6.9	15.7	7.2	1.1	6.3	3.3	6.6
03	6.6	5.1	5.4	3.8	:	11.6	6.9	15.2	7.3	1.1	6.2	3.3	6.6
04	6.6	5.1	5.6	4.0	:	11.3	6.8	15.3	7.3	1.1	6.2	3.3	6.6

### Females

1989.11	11.8	12.9	7.7	7.4	:	25.0	12.7	18.6	17.8	2.7	13.2	7.2	5.4
12	11.7	12.8	7.6	7.4	:	24.8	12.6	18.5	17.8	2.6	13.0	7.2	5.4
1990.01	11.6	12.8	7.7	7.3	:	24.7	12.5	18.6	17.2	2.7	13.1	7.2	5.3
02	11.6	12.7	7.9	7.3	:	24.7	12.6	18.7	17.1	2.5	13.1	7.3	5.3
03	11.5	12.6	7.8	7.2	:	24.6	12.7	18.6	16.9	2.5	13.1	7.5	5.3
04	11.5	12.6	8.0	7.2	:	24.5	12.6	18.7	17.0	2.4	13.0	7.6	5.2

### Under 25 years Males and females

1989.11	16.9	16.3	8.7	5.0	:	32.0	19.7	22.8	32.5	3.7	12.9	11.7	9.1
12	16.7	16.1	8.4	4.9	:	31.7	19.5	22.7	31.9	3.6	12.6	11.6	9.1
1990.01	16.4	16.0	8.3	4.8	:	31.2	19.0	22.8	31.6	3.6	12.7	11.4	9.1
02	16.4	15.7	8.2	4.7	:	31.2	18.9	23.1	31.4	3.3	12.6	11.6	9.2
03	16.2	15.3	8.3	4.6	:	30.7	19.0	22.7	31.2	3.2	12.4	12.1	9.1
04	16.2	15.1	8.5	4.6	:	30.4	18.6	22.6	31.5	2.9	12.3	12.0	9.1

### Males

1989.11	14.5	12.3	8.1	4.3	:	25.2	15.7	24.1	26.4	3.7	12.0	8.8	10.5
12	14.3	12.2	7.7	4.1	:	25.1	15.6	24.2	25.8	3.7	11.6	8.8	10.6
1990.01	14.1	12.1	7.6	4.0	:	24.4	15.2	24.1	25.8	3.8	11.7	8.8	10.6
02	14.0	11.9	7.4	3.9	:	24.4	15.0	24.4	25.6	3.1	11.6	8.9	10.6
03	13.9	11.4	7.4	3.7	:	23.6	15.0	23.8	25.6	3.0	11.3	8.9	10.6
04	13.8	11.3	7.9	3.9	:	23.1	14.8	23.9	25.8	2.7	11.2	8.6	10.6

### Females

1989.11	19.6	20.8	9.3	5.6	:	40.3	23.8	21.2	39.4	3.8	13.8	15.2	7.4
12	19.4	20.6	9.2	5.7	:	39.9	23.6	21.0	38.9	3.6	13.6	15.0	7.3
1990.01	19.1	20.4	9.2	5.7	:	39.6	22.8	21.3	38.2	3.4	13.7	14.6	7.4
02	19.1	20.1	9.2	5.6	:	39.5	22.9	21.5	38.2	3.6	13.6	15.0	7.4
03	19.0	19.8	9.2	5.5	:	39.3	23.1	21.4	37.6	3.4	13.5	15.9	7.3
04	18.9	19.5	9.2	5.4	:	39.3	22.5	21.1	38.0	3.2	13.3	16.1	7.3

## Unemployment rates, annual averages (%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	B. R. Deutschland	Ellas <sup>(1)</sup>	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
<b>Total</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1983	9.9	12.5	9.3	6.9	7.8	17.8	8.2	15.2	8.8	3.5	12.4	8.0	11.1
1984	10.7	12.5	8.7	7.1	8.1	20.6	9.8	16.8	9.5	3.1	12.3	8.7	11.3
1985	10.8	11.6	7.2	7.1	7.8	21.8	10.2	18.2	9.4	2.9	10.5	8.8	11.4
1986	10.7	11.6	5.6	6.3	7.4	21.0	10.3	18.2	10.4	2.6	10.2	8.2	11.4
1987	10.3	11.4	5.7	6.2	7.4	20.4	10.4	18.1	10.2	2.6	10.0	6.8	10.4
1988	9.7	10.0	6.2	6.1	7.7	19.3	9.9	17.6	10.7	2.1	9.5	5.6	8.5
1989	9.0	8.5	6.7	5.5	7.8	17.0	9.5	17.0	11.1	1.8	9.3	5.0	6.7
<b>Males</b>													
1983	8.7	8.6	8.2	6.2	5.8	16.5	6.3	14.6	5.8	2.6	11.1	5.3	11.9
1984	9.4	8.4	7.4	6.1	6.0	19.4	7.9	16.3	6.3	2.4	11.0	6.5	11.9
1985	9.4	7.5	5.6	6.1	5.6	20.3	8.4	17.5	6.3	2.1	9.2	6.7	11.7
1986	9.2	7.4	4.0	5.2	5.1	19.2	8.5	17.5	7.1	1.8	8.4	6.4	11.8
1987	8.6	7.5	4.5	5.1	5.1	16.8	8.3	17.4	6.9	1.8	7.5	5.1	10.8
1988	7.8	6.7	5.2	4.9	4.9	15.0	7.7	17.0	7.2	1.6	7.2	3.9	8.7
1989	7.0	5.4	5.8	4.4	4.9	12.7	7.1	16.1	7.4	1.4	6.8	3.4	7.1
<b>Females</b>													
1983	11.8	19.0	10.5	8.0	11.7	20.8	10.8	16.5	14.6	5.3	14.7	11.9	9.9
1984	12.7	19.3	10.2	8.6	12.1	23.3	12.3	18.0	15.5	4.4	14.9	11.9	10.6
1985	12.9	18.4	9.1	8.7	11.7	25.2	12.6	19.7	15.5	4.3	12.8	11.7	11.0
1986	13.0	18.5	7.4	8.1	11.6	25.2	12.8	19.9	16.6	4.0	13.4	10.9	11.0
1987	12.9	17.6	7.0	7.9	11.4	27.7	13.3	19.3	16.0	3.9	14.0	9.2	9.9
1988	12.5	15.2	7.4	7.8	12.5	27.5	12.8	18.9	16.9	3.1	13.1	7.9	8.1
1989	11.9	13.3	7.8	7.3	12.7	25.2	12.7	18.8	17.4	2.7	13.2	7.2	6.1
<b>Under 25 years</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1983	22.9	27.2	17.3	11.8	22.8	42.7	21.5	22.3	30.3	8.1	22.3	18.5	20.2
1984	23.9	27.7	13.8	11.4	23.9	46.9	26.0	24.2	31.9	6.8	21.3	19.7	19.2
1985	23.1	24.9	10.6	10.3	23.9	48.1	25.7	26.1	31.5	6.7	17.8	19.9	18.3
1986	22.3	23.3	7.7	7.6	24.1	45.9	24.8	26.8	33.2	6.1	16.8	19.2	18.1
1987	20.9	22.6	8.1	6.9	24.8	43.0	23.7	26.3	31.6	6.0	17.1	15.9	15.5
1988	19.6	19.6	8.1	6.5	25.8	40.2	22.2	25.5	32.3	5.0	14.7	13.0	12.5
1989	17.4	17.0	8.5	5.1	26.1	33.8	20.1	23.6	32.1	3.7	13.7	11.6	9.9
<b>Males</b>													
1983	21.5	22.3	15.8	11.4	17.0	41.4	17.4	24.1	25.2	7.2	23.5	13.8	22.1
1984	22.3	22.3	12.0	10.6	17.5	45.7	22.2	26.4	26.1	6.7	21.7	15.3	20.6
1985	21.4	18.9	8.9	9.4	17.5	46.0	22.5	27.6	25.4	6.3	18.1	15.9	19.5
1986	20.6	17.2	6.2	6.4	15.9	43.3	21.5	29.3	27.7	5.2	16.4	15.4	19.1
1987	18.8	16.0	6.9	6.2	17.4	37.9	19.9	28.5	26.7	4.8	16.0	12.2	16.4
1988	17.2	14.5	7.4	5.7	17.0	33.9	18.4	27.2	27.1	4.8	14.1	9.5	13.5
1989	14.9	12.7	7.9	4.5	17.2	27.0	16.1	24.9	26.3	3.6	12.9	8.5	11.2
<b>Females</b>													
1983	24.5	32.5	18.9	12.2	29.8	44.4	25.9	20.1	36.4	9.1	21.1	24.4	17.8
1984	25.7	33.4	15.8	12.2	31.7	48.6	30.0	21.5	38.9	7.0	20.8	25.1	17.5
1985	25.0	31.3	12.6	11.2	31.7	50.9	29.1	24.2	38.7	7.1	17.4	25.0	16.8
1986	24.3	29.7	9.4	8.8	34.1	49.5	28.2	23.9	39.7	7.0	17.2	24.1	16.9
1987	23.3	29.5	9.4	7.6	33.7	49.3	27.8	23.7	37.5	7.3	18.3	20.6	14.3
1988	22.2	25.1	9.0	7.3	35.9	47.8	26.1	23.3	38.4	5.2	15.4	17.4	11.2
1989	20.1	21.8	9.2	5.9	36.2	42.1	24.1	21.9	38.8	3.9	14.5	15.4	8.3

<sup>(1)</sup> Data refer to Spring.

## Estimates of the number of unemployed, annual averages (1000)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	B. R. Deutschland	Ellas <sup>(1)</sup>	Espana	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
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### Total

#### Males and females

1983	13425	487	247	1921	299	2363	1913	200	1988	5	702	372	2928
1984	14652	496	237	1988	310	2764	2314	221	2137	5	712	405	3064
1985	14876	463	199	2012	304	2947	2424	239	2147	4	603	406	3129
1986	14889	463	156	1796	287	2906	2474	240	2403	4	616	383	3162
1987	14550	447	158	1770	286	2916	2501	239	2351	4	650	321	2908
1988	13816	390	177	1741	304	2813	2376	234	2521	3	619	266	2370
1989	12699	332	193	1583	303	2488	2290	224	2596	3	604	241	1842

### Males

1983	7350	211	119	1051	147	1535	854	132	868	3	416	143	1871
1984	7967	207	109	1043	150	1822	1071	147	935	2	414	176	1891
1985	7986	183	83	1038	142	1913	1135	157	930	2	344	181	1877
1986	7824	180	60	879	127	1827	1150	156	1053	2	328	173	1889
1987	7359	179	68	881	128	1609	1119	155	1035	2	305	139	1739
1988	6722	160	81	844	122	1440	1034	152	1085	2	291	107	1406
1989	5998	130	90	751	122	1211	956	142	1101	1	273	93	1128

### Females

1983	6075	276	128	870	152	828	1059	68	1120	3	285	229	1057
1984	6685	289	128	945	160	942	1243	74	1202	2	298	229	1173
1985	6890	279	115	974	162	1034	1289	82	1217	2	259	225	1251
1986	7065	282	96	917	160	1079	1324	84	1349	2	288	210	1273
1987	7192	267	90	889	158	1307	1382	84	1315	2	345	182	1170
1988	7093	231	97	897	182	1373	1342	82	1437	2	328	159	964
1989	6701	202	103	832	182	1278	1334	81	1494	1	332	148	713

### Method of estimating unemployment rates for comparison between Member States

1. The unemployment rates for comparison between Member States are calculated according to the recommendations of the 13th International Conference of Labour Statisticians organised by the International Labour Office (ILO) in 1982.

In the Community labour force survey, a person is considered as unemployed if he/she is aged 14 or over, without work, actively seeking work and immediately available for work.

The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed as a percentage of the working population (armed forces excluded). Working population includes both those in employment and unemployed persons.

2. The Community labour force survey is carried out in the spring of each year<sup>(2)</sup>. The monthly estimates are made using the best available national indicator of unemployment.

The number of persons registered at employment offices, and the number of unemployed (ILO definition) taken from the quarterly labour force surveys carried out in Spain and Portugal, are considered to be the best national indicators of unemployment. No such reliable monthly indicator exists for Greece.

3. The estimate is made separately for each sex, for persons under 25 years of age and those aged 25 years and over. Totals are obtained by the addition of these categories.

4. Both seasonally adjusted and non-adjusted rates are published. The seasonal adjustment is carried out using the X-11 method of the US Bureau of the Census.

5. For a more detailed explanation of the method of calculation, see: "UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR COMPARISON BETWEEN MEMBER STATES : Methods and definitions (EUROSTAT, published soon) and COMMUNITY LABOUR FORCE SURVEY : Methods and definitions (EUROSTAT, 1988).

(1) Data refer to Spring. (2) The most recent results are based on the 1988 surveys, except for Belgium, Spain, France, Greece, Italy and Portugal (1989).

## Persons registered at employment offices

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	B. R. Deutschland	Ellas	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
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### Monthly data - not seasonally (1000)

#### Males and females

1989.11	14299	415.9	258.9	1950	124.4	2423	2578	221.8	4039	2.3	365.0	308.8	1612
12	14440	416.2	262.3	2052	147.3	2427	2586	231.1	3995	2.4	373.0	309.4	1639
1990.01	14633	413.5	285.0	2191	163.8	2444	2601	234.5	3925	2.5	368.0	317.6	1687
02	14553	399.2	290.4	2153	163.3	2442	2552	232.2	3950	2.2	370.0	323.2	1676
03	14271	385.9	282.0	2013	150.8	2412	2519	223.4	3960	2.1	354.0	321.6	1647
04	:	373.9	266.0	1915	133.0	2379	2431	221.1	3965	1.9	:	317.6	1626

#### Males

1989.11	7065	167.0	114.5	986	58.3	981	1189	152.8	1925	1.4	220.0	98.1	1173
12	7265	168.4	121.2	1069	72.0	1008	1212	159.8	1925	1.5	225.0	98.1	1205
1990.01	7435	168.2	133.0	1179	82.5	1014	1219	162.2	1910	1.5	225.0	101.7	1239
02	7370	161.2	139.2	1156	84.9	1007	1190	160.0	1908	1.3	227.0	103.4	1232
03	7179	154.9	135.4	1054	79.5	979	1169	152.7	1916	1.2	221.0	102.8	1214
04	:	149.0	122.0	977	68.4	962	1123	150.5	1920	1.1	:	101.6	1198

#### Females

1989.11	7234	248.9	144.4	964	66.2	1442	1389	69.0	2115	.9	145.0	210.7	440
12	7176	247.8	141.1	983	75.3	1418	1374	71.3	2070	.9	148.0	211.3	434
1990.01	7198	245.3	152.0	1013	81.3	1431	1381	72.3	2015	1.0	143.0	215.9	448
02	7183	237.9	151.2	997	78.4	1434	1363	72.2	2042	.9	143.0	219.8	444
03	7091	231.1	146.6	959	71.3	1433	1350	70.7	2044	.8	133.0	218.8	433
04	:	225.0	144.0	938	64.7	1417	1307	70.5	2045	.8	:	215.9	428

### Annual averages (1000)

#### Males and females

1983	14190	589.5	277.4	2263	61.6	2207	2068	192.7	2475	2.5	800.6	252.9	3000
1984	15188	595.0	271.5	2265	71.2	2475	2340	214.2	2720	2.7	822.4	299.6	3111
1985	15805	557.4	242.0	2305	85.3	2642	2458	230.6	2959	2.6	761.0	342.0	3220
1986	16117	516.8	212.4	2223	108.1	2759	2517	236.4	3180	2.3	710.7	367.9	3284
1987	16130	500.8	216.0	2233	110.2	2924	2622	247.3	3317	2.7	685.5	319.1	2953
1988	15652	459.4	240.0	2237	108.6	2858	2563	241.4	3833	2.5	432.3	306.2	2370
1989	14601	419.4	262.8	2032	117.8	2550	2532	231.6	3951	2.3	391.4	311.6	1799

#### Males

1983	8367	273.8	139.5	1276	37.1	1400	1055	144.5	1273	1.3	549.9	84.7	2132
1984	8876	273.5	126.3	1276	42.0	1529	1227	159.1	1401	1.4	555.2	118.9	2168
1985	9122	245.4	104.5	1288	49.8	1599	1273	170.2	1522	1.3	498.0	150.0	2220
1986	9097	217.6	86.6	1196	58.9	1572	1275	172.0	1644	1.2	453.5	170.1	2250
1987	8847	208.9	93.7	1210	59.6	1525	1298	176.2	1663	1.5	428.7	138.2	2046
1988	8202	187.8	106.1	1196	55.7	1360	1225	169.7	1861	1.5	277.3	112.3	1650
1989	7372	167.5	117.7	1065	57.5	1087	1178	160.0	1904	1.4	241.3	101.7	1291

#### Females

1983	5823	315.6	137.8	988	24.5	807	1012	48.2	1202	1.1	250.7	168.2	868
1984	6312	321.5	145.3	989	29.2	946	1114	55.1	1319	1.3	267.2	180.7	943
1985	6684	312.1	137.5	1017	35.5	1043	1186	60.4	1437	1.2	263.0	191.9	1000
1986	7020	299.1	125.8	1026	49.2	1186	1241	64.4	1537	1.1	257.2	197.7	1034
1987	7283	292.0	122.3	1023	50.7	1399	1324	71.1	1654	1.1	256.8	180.9	908
1988	7450	271.6	133.9	1041	52.9	1499	1338	71.7	1972	1.0	155.0	193.9	720
1989	7229	251.9	145.1	967	60.4	1463	1354	71.6	2047	.9	150.1	209.9	508



## Definition of the number of persons registered at employment offices

The tables on page 8 contain national series of the number of persons registered at employment offices. The data given are standardized to the greatest extent possible at the present time and may differ in some cases from those normally used by the individual countries. Differing national legislation and administrative procedures in the Member States prevent the establishment of fully comparable unemployment figures. The data should therefore be used only for analysis and the identification of trends and are not suitable for inter-country comparisons of absolute levels of unemployment.

In principle, persons registered at employment offices are those without a job who are seeking work as employees and are immediately available for work. Workers on short time for economic or meteorological reasons are excluded.

The following national series are used:

### **BELGIUM**

All persons in the following categories registered at employment offices: wholly unemployed persons in receipt of benefit, other unemployed persons compulsorily registered and voluntarily registered persons without work; series provided by the Office National de l'Emploi.

### **DENMARK**

Persons seeking full-time or part-time employment, whether or not they are members of an unemployment insurance fund; series provided by Danmarks Statistik.

### **FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

Unemployed persons registered at public employment offices and seeking work as employees for at least 18 hours per week; series provided by the Bundesanstalt für Arbeit.

### **GREECE**

Persons registered at employment offices (OAED); series provided by the Ministry of Labour. The Greek registration and benefit system for unemployed persons differs considerably from that in other Community countries so that, even if the different employment structure in Greece is taken into account, the number of persons registered as unemployed does not reflect the true level of unemployment.

### **SPAIN**

Unemployed persons registered at public employment offices and seeking work as employees for 20 hours or more per week; series provided by the Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social.

### **FRANCE**

Unemployed persons registered at the Agence de l'Emploi and seeking permanent full-time employment (demandeurs de catégorie 1); series provided by the Ministère des Affaires Sociales et de la Solidarité Nationale.

### **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; series provided by the Central Statistics Office.

### **ITALY**

Persons without work, persons seeking their first job, persons working part-time for less than 20 hours per week and workers on a fixed-term contract of not more than 4 months in any 12-month period, who are looking for a different job; series provided by the Ministero del Lavoro e della Previdenza Sociale.

### **LUXEMBOURG**

Unemployed persons registered at employment offices and seeking work as employees for at least 20 hours per week; series provided by the Administration de l'Emploi.

### **NETHERLANDS**

Persons registered at employment offices and seeking work of more than 20 hours per week (werklozen); series provided by the Ministerie van Sociale Zaken.

### **PORTUGAL**

Persons registered at employment offices who are available for work within 30 days after registration; series provided by the Instituto de Emprego e Formação Profissional.

### **UNITED KINGDOM**

Persons seeking full-time work and claiming unemployment benefit because they are out of work; series provided by the Department of Employment.

Detailed explanatory notes are published by EUROSTAT in "Definitions of registered unemployed".



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