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Though the total of registered unemployed in the Community as a whole at the end of January 1978 was 6.2 million, the trend shown by the seasonally corrected figures continues slightly downward. The increase of 3 % in the absolute figure of persons registered compared with December, 1977 is mainly seasonal. The pattern is similar to that noted at the same period last year.

Both the seasonally adjusted and absolute figures for January, 1978, however, are higher than in the same month last year. Registered unemployed as a proportion of the total civilian working population amounted to 5.9 % compared to 5.6 % in January, 1977 (figures not seasonally adjusted). The proportions for women at 6.7 % of the female working population in January, 1978, compared with 6.1 % in January, 1977, were relatively higher than those for men (5.5 % and 5.3 % respectively).

Compared with the same month of the previous year, the change in the proportion of registered unemployed was again noteworthy in Luxembourg (0.5 % in January, 1977, 0.9 % in January, 1978). In five other countries, the proportion was also higher than a year earlier (Denmark, Belgium, Italy, United Kingdom and France). In two countries it fell (Ireland, Federal Republic of Germany). There was no change in the Netherlands.

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		BR DEUTSCH LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
I. Registered unemployed											
a) in thousands											
September 1977	T	911,2	1 175,1	1 484,3	205,3	337,5	0,881	1 609,1	103,6	140,5	5 967
October 1977	T	954,4	1 205,8	1 469,9	203,5	338,2	1,001	1 518,3	103,7	150,1	5 945
November 1977	T	1 004,3	1 179,4	1 469,7	207,2	340,0	1,182	1 499,1	105,0	157,3	5 963
December 1977	T	1 090,7	1 144,9	1 494,3	216,0	334,2	1,291	1 480,8	109,8	167,6	6 040
	M	559,3	533,2	895,5	152,3	137,2	0,796	1 060,7	87,1	95,6	3 522
	F	531,4	611,7	598,8	63,7	197,0	0,495	420,1	22,7	72,0	2 518
January 1978	T	1 213,5	1 121,3	1 496,5	224,8	334,6	1,397	1 548,5	111,1	191,0	6 243p
	M	657,1	526,3	893,8	158,4	138,4	0,869	1 114,7	88,7	115,3	3 695p
	F	556,4	595,0	602,7	66,4	196,2	0,528	433,8	22,4	74,7	2 548p
January 1977	T	1 248,9	1 068,4	1 342,4	225,8	292,5	0,737	1 448,2	116,1	159,4	5 902
	M	699,5	497,9	837,2	170,6	121,3	0,460	1 074,1	93,3	104,1	3 598
	F	549,4	570,5	505,2	55,2	171,2	0,277	374,1	22,8	55,3	2 304
b) % change on											
- previous month											
	T	+ 11,3	- 2,1	+ 0,1	+ 4,1	+ 0,1	+ 8,2	+ 4,6	+ 1,2	+ 14,0	+ 3,4
	M	+ 17,5	- 1,3	- 0,2	+ 4,0	+ 0,9	+ 9,2	+ 5,1	+ 1,8	+ 21,7	+ 4,9
	F	+ 4,7	- 2,7	+ 0,7	+ 4,2	- 0,4	+ 6,7	+ 3,3	- 1,3	+ 3,8	+ 1,2
- corresponding month of previous year											
	T	- 2,8	+ 5,0	+ 11,5	- 0,4	+ 14,4	+ 89,6	+ 6,9	- 4,3	+ 19,8	+ 5,8
	M	- 6,1	+ 5,7	+ 6,8	- 7,2	+ 14,1	+ 88,9	+ 3,8	- 4,9	+ 11,7	+ 2,7
	F	+ 1,3	+ 4,3	+ 19,3	+ 20,3	+ 14,6	+ 90,6	+ 16,0	- 1,8	+ 35,1	+ 10,6
II. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population											
September 1977	T	3,6	5,4	7,5	4,3	8,6	0,6	6,3	9,2	5,6	5,7
October 1977	T	3,7	5,5	7,5	4,3	8,6	0,7	5,9	9,2	6,0	5,6
November 1977	T	3,9	5,4	7,5	4,3	8,6	0,8	5,8	9,3	6,3	5,7
December 1977	T	4,3	5,2	7,6	4,5	8,5	0,9	5,8	9,7	6,7	5,7
	M	3,5	4,0	6,4	4,4*	5,4	0,8*	6,7	10,7*	6,6	5,2*
	F	5,4	7,3	10,5	5,0*	14,0	1,2*	4,3	7,2*	6,9	6,7*
January 1978	T	4,7	5,1	7,6p	4,7	8,5	0,9	6,0	9,8	7,6	5,9
	M	4,1	3,9	6,4p	4,5*	5,5	0,8*	7,0	10,9*	8,0	5,5*
	F	5,7	7,1	10,5p	5,2*	13,9	1,2*	4,4	7,1*	7,1	6,7*
January 1977	T	4,9	4,9	6,8	4,7	7,4	0,5	5,6	10,3	6,4	5,6
	M	4,4	3,7	6,0	4,9*	4,8	0,4*	6,8	11,5*	7,2	5,3*
	F	5,6	6,8	8,8	4,3*	12,2	0,6*	3,8	7,2*	5,3	6,1*
III. Unemployed under 25 years as % of all registered unemployed											
December 1977	T	:	42,5	:	41,6	39,2	52,8	:	:	:	:
January 1978	T	:	37,5	:	40,5	38,1	52,5	:	:	:	:
January 1977	T	:	42,2	:	38,2	37,8	:	36,6	:	21,6	:
IV. Vacancies (000's) unfilled at end of month											
December 1977	T	185,9	86,6	:	50,5	2,7	0,130	154,4		1,0	:
January 1978	T	204,7	83,7	:	49,1	3,0	0,166	158,9		1,4	:
January 1977	T	201,9	96,1	:	41,8	3,6	0,177		1,4	1,1	:



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V. Unemployed under 25 years											
a) in thousands											
July 1977	T	:	404,7	:	88,6	138,1	0,384	738,4	:	29,0	:
August 1977	T	:	449,7	:	96,6	147,7	0,488	:	:	:	:
September 1977	T	r 267,8	540,1	:	94,4	146,7	0,526	:	:	:	:
October 1977	T	:	557,8	:	91,5	141,8	0,585	:	:	:	:
November 1977	T	:	525,5	:	89,3	138,0	0,664	:	:	:	:
	M	:	189,7	:	48,4	51,1	0,356	:	:	:	:
	F	:	335,8	:	40,9	86,9	0,308	:	:	:	:
December 1977											
	T	:	487,1	:	89,9	131,1	0,681	:	:	:	:
	M	:	177,3	:	50,9	47,7	0,376	:	:	:	:
	F	:	309,8	:	39,0	83,4	0,305	:	:	:	:
December 1976											
	T	:	480,3	:	85,8	113,2	:	:	:	:	:
	M	:	180,7	:	53,2	39,6	:	:	:	:	:
	F	:	299,6	:	32,6	73,6	:	:	:	:	:
b) in %											
July 1977	T	:	40,3	:	44,0	42,5	54,6	45,5	:	22,0	:
August 1977	T	:	42,3	:	46,3	44,1	59,2	:	:	:	:
September 1977	T	r 29,4	46,0	:	46,0	43,5	59,7	:	:	:	:
October 1977	T	:	46,3	:	45,0	41,9	58,4	:	:	:	:
November 1977	T	:	44,6	:	43,1	40,6	56,2	:	:	:	:
	M	:	35,1	:	34,2	36,6	50,6	:	:	:	:
	F	:	52,5	:	62,4	43,4	64,3	:	:	:	:
December 1977											
	T	:	42,5	:	41,6	39,2	52,8	:	:	:	:
	M	:	33,2	:	33,4	34,8	47,2	:	:	:	:
	F	:	50,6	:	61,2	42,3	61,6	:	:	:	:
December 1976											
	T	:	46,3	:	39,4	39,1	:	:	:	:	:
	M	:	37,7	:	32,8	33,0	:	:	:	:	:
	F	:	53,7	:	58,9	43,4	:	:	:	:	:
VI. Unemployed foreigners (000's)											
July 1977	T	74,8	:	:	12,8	14,3	:	:	:	:	:
August 1977	T	76,7	:	:	12,9	42,6	:	:	:	:	:
September 1977	T	80,2	112,6	:	13,3	44,3	:	:	:	:	:
October 1977	T	88,0	:	:	13,9	45,6	:	:	:	:	:
November 1977	T	97,2	:	:	14,2	46,8	:	:	:	:	:
December 1977											
	T	105,7	115,5	:	14,6	46,0	:	:	:	:	:
VII. New registrations to unemployment (000's)											
July 1977	T	301,2	209,9	:	45,0	71,9	1,374	495,0	:	:	:
August 1977	T	269,1	224,7	:	41,6	53,7	1,162	366,6	:	:	:
September 1977	T	247,9	338,1	:	55,3	59,9	1,539	360,5	:	:	:
October 1977	T	294,1	274,9	:	42,2	50,8	1,382	499,6	:	:	:
November 1977	T	286,6	228,1	:	51,5	40,1	1,256	388,2	:	:	:
December 1977											
	T	278,6	200,4	:	43,2	41,1	0,972	338,6	:	:	:
VIII. Vacancies (000's) recorded during the month											
July 1977	T	198,9	58,3	:	21,5	6,8	1,205	230,5	2,9	13,9	:
August 1977	T	203,2	68,3	:	23,1	9,1	1,030	188,0	2,2	20,3	:
September 1977	T	184,2	100,9	:	33,1	12,0	1,344	181,2	3,7	18,8	:
October 1977	T	167,2	71,1	:	28,0	11,6	1,164	248,3	2,7	17,4	:
November 1977	T	153,4	67,3	:	19,9	9,4	1,012	190,1	3,0	17,9	:
December 1977											
	T	121,2	57,6	:	17,6	9,2	0,778	176,5		13,5	:

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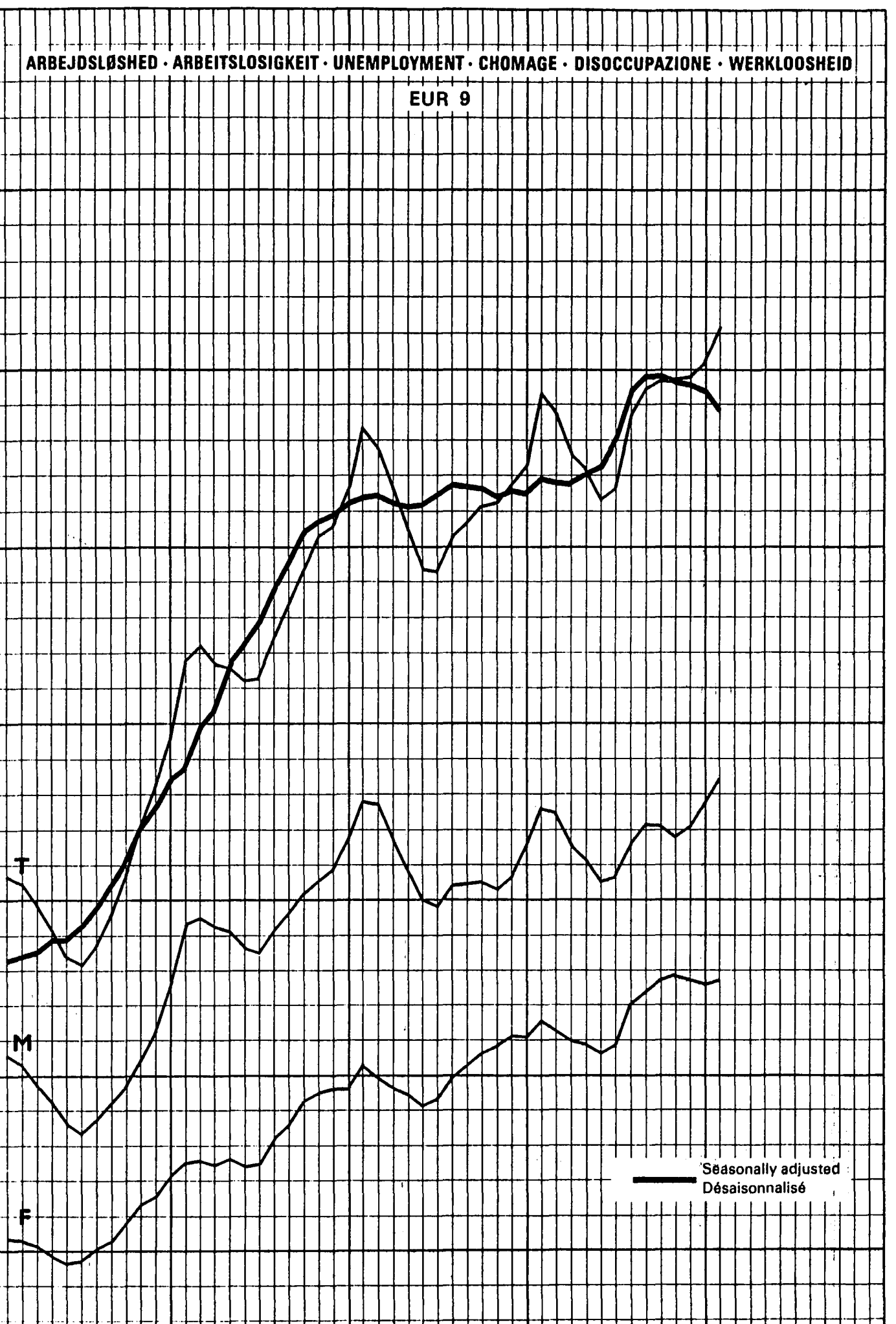
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REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual averages 1974-1977

		B.R. DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR-9
I. Registered unemployed (000's)											
1. Total	1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	614,9	70,4	47,9	3 070
	1975	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	977,6	98,7	121,7	4 614
	1976	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,9	266,6	0,457	1 360,0	110,5	122,0	5 242
	1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 377,8	203,5	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0	5 731
2. Males	1974	324,7	234,6	638,6	106,7	58,0	0,023	513,6	57,2	35,6	1 969
	1975	622,6	427,5	700,3	153,0	99,1	0,172	777,1	79,4	85,4	2 940
	1976	566,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 022,3	89,4	77,1	3 212
	1977	517,5	499,1	839,9	145,2	124,6	0,494	1 069,2	87,2	84,9	3 368
3. Females	1974	267,8	263,1	358,6	28,2	66,1	0,035	101,3	13,2	12,3	1 101
	1975	451,6	412,2	406,6	42,3	108,7	0,093	200,5	19,3	36,3	1 674
	1976	493,8	490,0	440,7	51,1	151,8	0,177	337,7	21,1	44,9	2 030
	1977	512,5	572,7	537,9	58,3	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,8	62,1	2 363
II. Females as % of all registered unemployed											
	1974	44,3	52,9	36,0	20,9	53,3	61,4	16,5	18,8	25,7	35,9
	1975	42,0	49,1	36,7	21,7	52,3	35,2	20,5	19,6	29,3	36,3
	1976	46,6	52,5	37,3	24,2	57,0	38,7	24,8	19,1	37,2	38,7
	1977	49,8	53,4	39,0	28,7	59,5	39,7	27,9	20,1	42,2	41,2
III. Total registered unemployed											
1. As % of working population	1974	2,2	2,3	5,2	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,3	2,0	2,9
	1975	4,2	3,9	5,7	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,8	4,6	4,4
	1976	4,1	4,3	6,0	4,4	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,7	5,0
	1977	4,0	4,9	7,0	4,3	7,8	0,6	5,8	9,7	5,9	5,4
2. Males as % of masc. working population	1974	2,0	1,7	4,6	3,1*	2,3	0,0*	3,3	7,0*	2,5	2,9
	1975	3,9	3,2	5,0	4,4*	3,9	0,2*	4,9	9,7*	6,0	4,4
	1976	3,6	3,3	5,3	4,6*	4,5	0,3*	6,4	10,9*	5,3	4,8
	1977	3,3	3,7	6,0	4,2*	4,9	0,5*	6,7	10,7*	6,0	5,0
3. Females as % of fem. working population	1974	2,7	3,2	6,6	2,3*	4,9	0,1*	1,1	4,3*	1,2	2,9
	1975	4,6	5,0	7,3	3,3*	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,2*	3,5	4,5
	1976	5,1	5,8	7,7	4,0*	10,8	0,4*	3,3	6,8*	4,3	5,4
	1977	5,2	6,8	9,4	4,6*	13,0	0,8*	4,2	6,9*	5,9	6,3



TECHNICAL NOTE CONCERNING FIGURES OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES

This Statistical Telegram is based on national data on numbers of persons registered at public employment offices. The information is obtained by regular transmission to the Statistical Office of the European Communities. The definitions have been standardised in a number of respects but complete comparability is not possible; national legislation and administrative practices are too different. The statistics are therefore useful mainly for studies of trends. Similarly the bases of calculation of the percentages of registered unemployment in the civilian working population have been standardized in a number of respects. They are therefore somewhat better suited for comparison of trends than are unemployment rates calculated nationally on different bases in the various countries. However, it must be emphasized that the degree of standardization is insufficient to permit reliable comparison either of absolute levels or of rates of unemployment; any such analysis must be made with extreme caution.

For registered unemployment, the following data have been used :

- F.R. OF GERMANY** : Unemployed according to the definition of the Bundesanstalt für Arbeit, namely persons without job seeking permanent work for at least 20 hours a week.
- FRANCE** : As defined by the Ministère du Travail and registered at the Agence National pour l'Emploi : persons without work available to start work immediately and seeking permanent employment for at least 30 hours a week.
- ITALY** : Persons registered in classes I and II on employment exchange lists provided by the Ministero del Lavoro e della Previdenza Sociale. These comprise unemployed persons who have worked before as well as young persons under 21 years and other persons seeking their first job, including those who have finished their legal military service and are seeking work.
- NETHERLANDS** : Persons under 65 years, as normally covered by statistics of the Ministerie van Sociale Zaken, who do not have or no longer have a job, and are seeking full-time work for 30 hours or more a week.
- BELGIUM** : Persons out of work on register at the Office National de l'Emploi, comprising unemployed persons receiving benefit, other persons seeking work who are obliged to register and persons seeking work registered voluntarily.
- LUXEMBOURG** : Persons without a job between 16 and 65 years seeking full-time work (at least 40 hours per week) provided they are available for an employment and registered at the Administration de l'Emploi.
- UNITED KINGDOM** : Unemployed persons registered for employment at a local employment office or careers office on the date of the monthly count who on that day have no job and are capable of and available for work ordinarily for more than 30 hours a week. These statistics are compiled by Department of Employment for Great-Britain and Department of Manpower-Services for Northern Ireland.
- IRELAND** : Unemployed persons on the Live register capable of work and available for a job comprising claimants to Unemployment Benefits, applicants for Unemployment Assistance and certain other registered persons.
- DENMARK** : Unemployed persons aged from about 16 years seeking work, whether or not they are members of the trade unions' unemployment insurance funds, as counted by Danmarks Statistik.

According to agreements reached in the working party of the Statistical Office, the standardised figures in principle do not include short-time work for economic and meteorological reasons, unemployed persons taking part in vocational training schemes and persons for whom work has been provided by public initiatives in order to avoid unemployment. In some cases, this may not be the usual national understanding of registered unemployment.

Situation at the end of the month means at the last day of the month except for United Kingdom where they refer to the second Thursday of the month, Ireland to the last Friday of the month and Denmark to the Wednesday preceding the last complete week of the month. All registrations during the month are included and the totals shown gross, that is, without deduction of registrations cancelled during the month.

The national data published are absolute figures without seasonal adjustment. For comparison figures for the corresponding month of the previous year are shown. For the chart, seasonal adjustment has been done for EUR-9 according to the EUROSTAT method.

Civilian working population comprises persons in employment and unemployed, excluding armed forces. For calculation of the percentage of registered unemployed in the civilian working population, national estimates standardised according to OECD definitions have been used. The figures shown are annual average or mid-year estimates of the latest common available year for all countries (i.e. 1976).

Figures of unfilled vacancies relate solely to vacancies notified to public employment offices and are not a measure of total vacancies. Employers may be able to recruit workers without necessarily seeking the assistance of public employment offices.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

T	Total	*	estimated by EUROSTAT
M	Males	p	preliminary
F	Females	s	not available
Ø	Average	blank	not yet available
		r	revised

