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The unemployment situation in the Community - measured by the number of persons registered at employment offices - remained practically unchanged, at almost six million, between end-September and end-October 1977. Analysis of the figures adjusted for seasonal variations may even indicate a slight downward trend.

The percentage of registered unemployed in the civilian working population is thus still 5.7 %, compared with 5.0% in October last year.

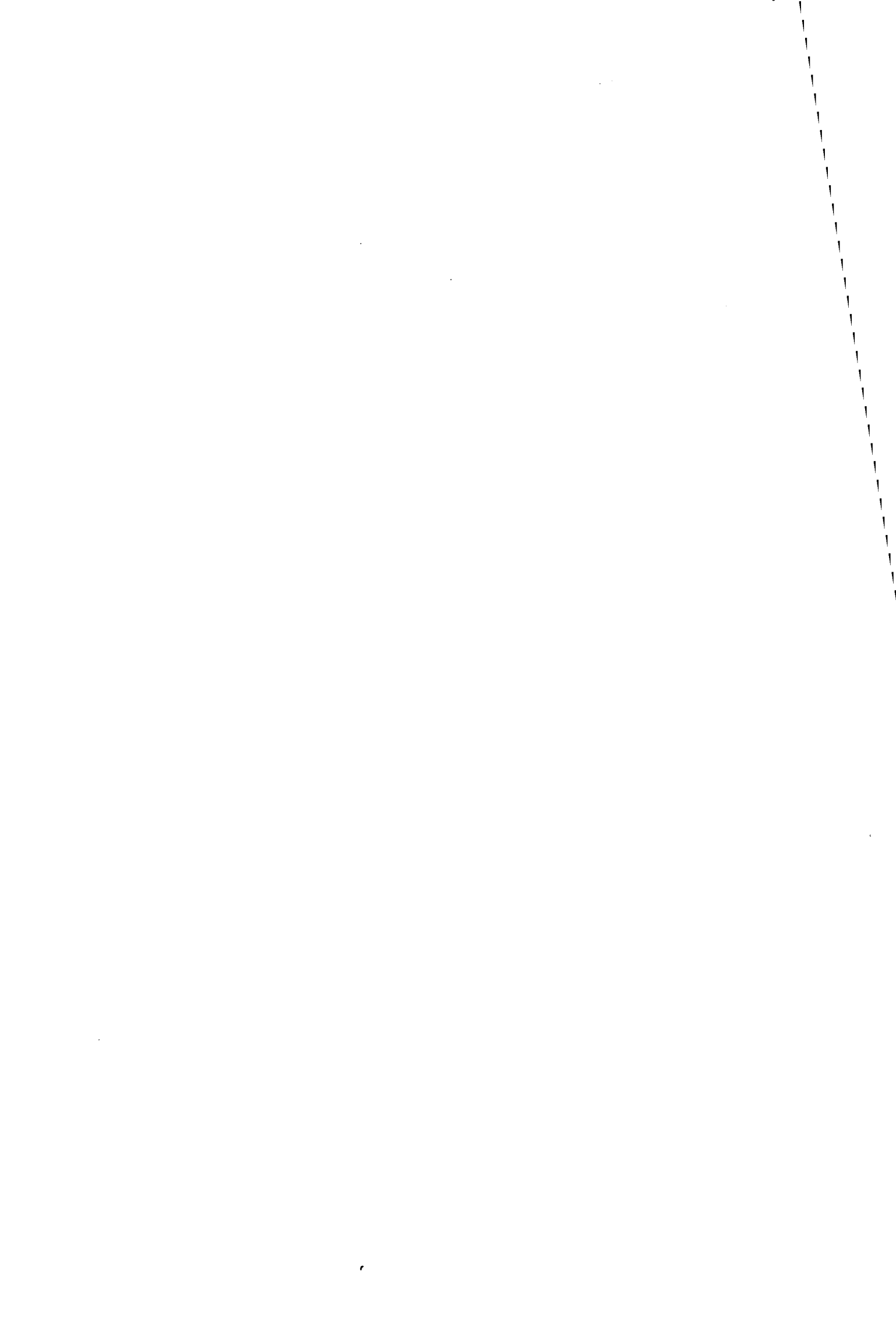
As a result of differing trends in the Member States, there was, however, a slight change in the breakdown of registered unemployed between countries in the Community. Between end-September and end-October, increases in the number of registered unemployed were recorded in seven Member States : 43,200 more in the Federal Republic of Germany, 28,800 in France, 27,000 in Italy, 9,600 in Denmark, 700 in Belgium, 120 in Luxembourg and 100 in Ireland. On the other hand, the number of registered unemployed fell by 90,700 in the United Kingdom and by 1,800 in the Netherlands between September and October 1977.

In the Community as a whole, 744,000 more persons were registered at employment offices in October 1977 than in October 1976. This represents an increase of 14 % over the previous year. Apart from Ireland (- 3.2 %) and the Netherlands (- 0.8 %), all countries recorded such an increase, albeit of differing proportions. This trend, relating to all unemployed persons, was not the same for male as for female unemployed. Even in the countries where the total fell, the number of women out of work increased. In other countries - apart from France - female unemployment increased relatively more than male unemployment.

It may be estimated that, in the Community as a whole, the number of male registered unemployed is now some 5.0 % of the male civilian working population and the number of female registered unemployed some 6.9 % of the female working population.

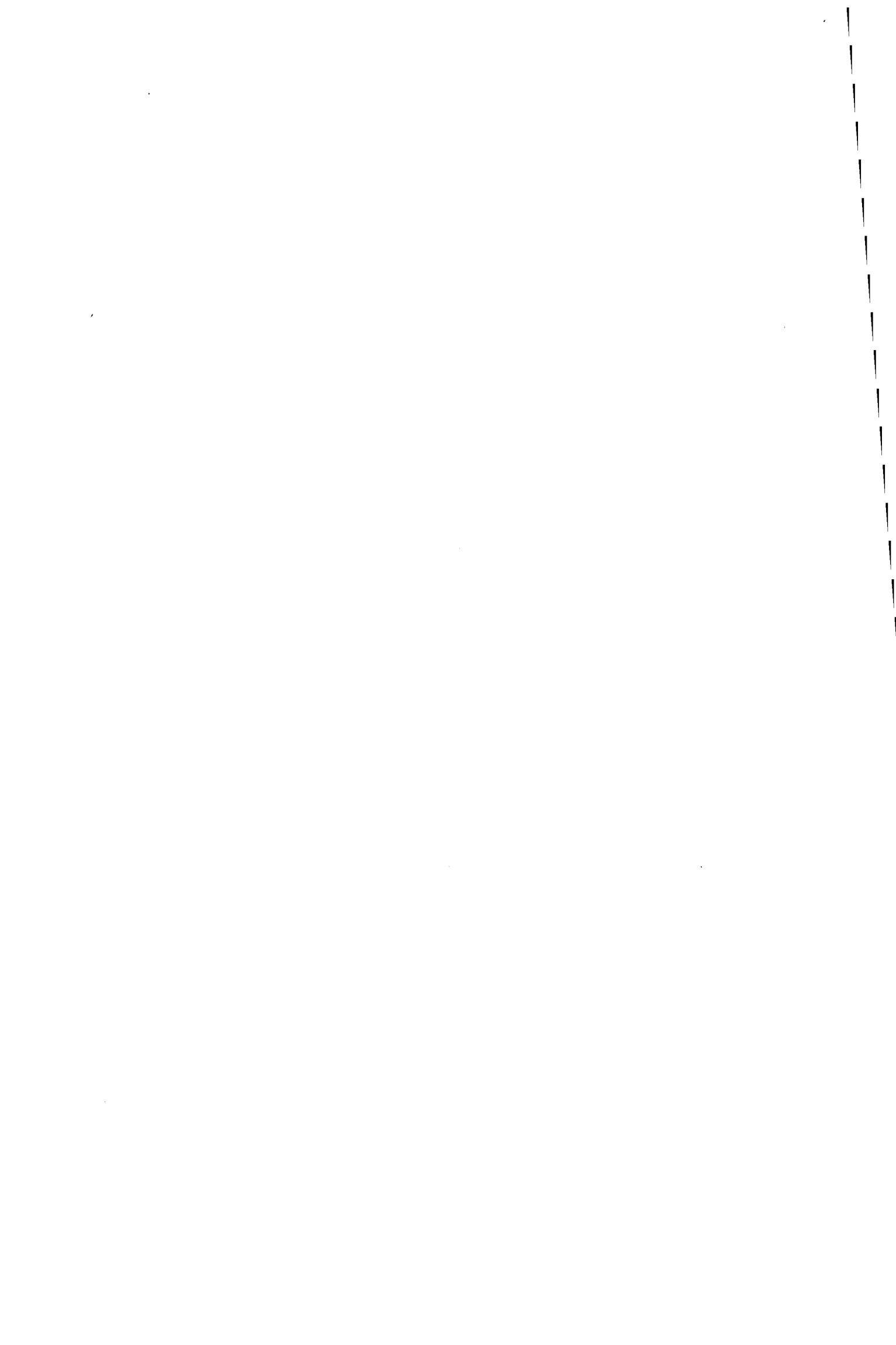
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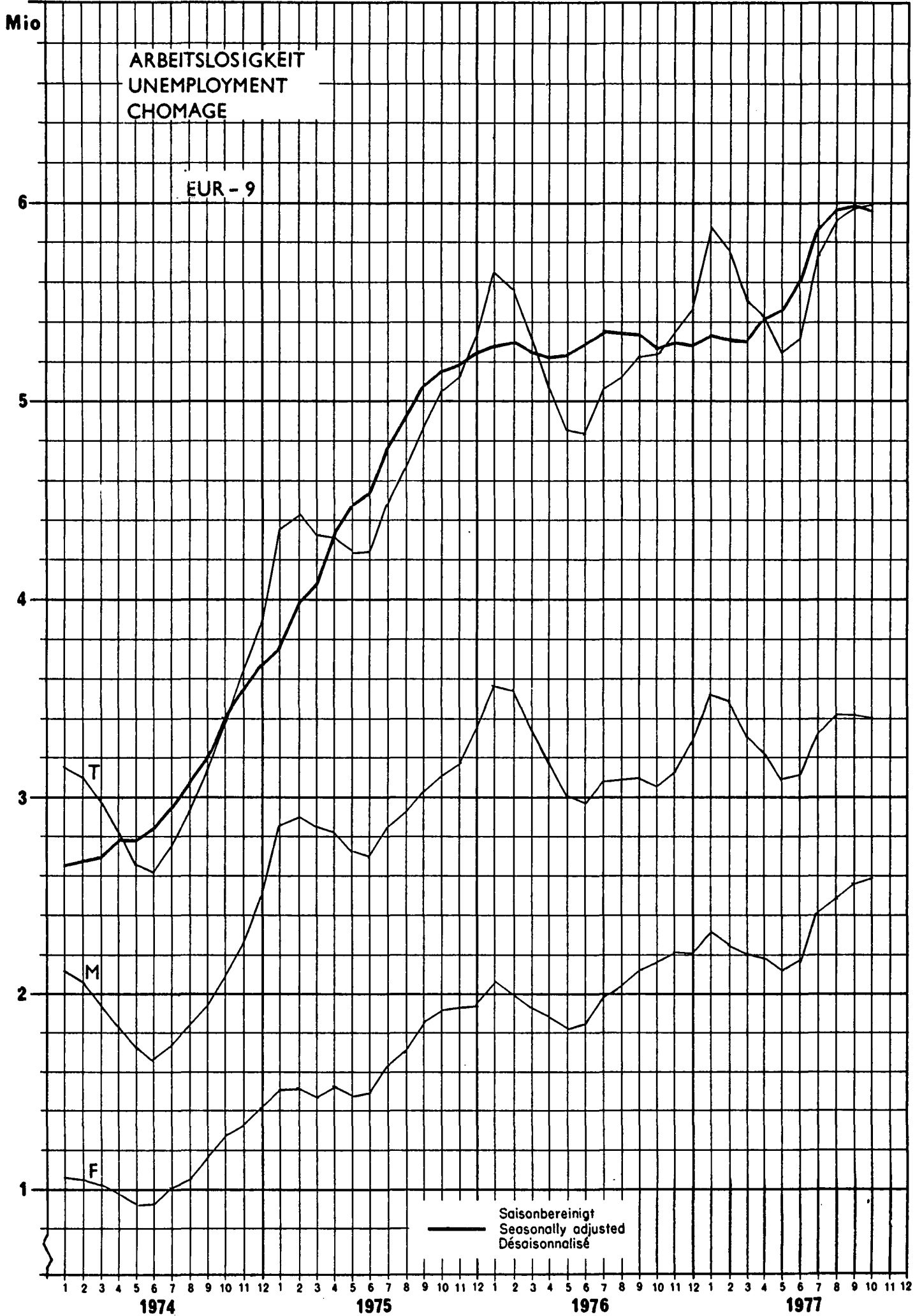
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I. Registered unemployed											
a) In thousands											
ø 1974	T	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,057	614,9	70,4	47,9	3 070
ø 1975	T	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,264	977,6	98,7	113,5	4 614
ø 1976	T	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,8	266,6	0,457	1 360,0	110,5	118,2	5 242
December 1976	T	1 089,9	1 036,9	1 218,4	217,6	289,7	0,696	1 371,0	114,4	144,6	5 483
March 1977	T	1 084,2	1 020,6	1 295,0	201,5	279,9	0,674	1 383,8	114,0	148,0	5 528
June 1977	T	931,0	967,7	1 280,3	186,5	272,9	0,593	1 450,1	106,4	128,4	5 324
July 1977	T	972,6	1 004,3	1 381,7	201,4	325,3	0,703	1 622,4	106,7	131,8	5 747
August 1977	T	963,5	1 063,9	1 445,5	208,7	335,3	0,825	1 635,8	107,3	138,2	5 899
September 1977	T	911,2	1 177,0	1 484,3	205,3	337,5	0,881	1 609,1	103,6	140,5	5 969
	M	424,2	536,8	895,4	137,4	136,4	0,511	1 124,3	82,8	74,5	3 412
	F	487,0	640,2	588,9	67,9	201,1	0,370	484,8	20,8	66,0	2 557
October 1977	T	954,4	1 205,8	1 511,3	203,5	338,2	1,001	1 518,4	103,7	150,1	5 986p
	M	442,8	548,0	905,4	136,0	137,7	0,587	1 070,8	82,3	79,8	3 403p
	F	511,6	657,8	605,9	67,5	200,5	0,414	447,6	21,4	70,3	2 583p
October 1976	T	943,7	1 025,3	1 173,7	205,2	289,2	0,541	1 377,1	107,1	120,6	5 242
	M	450,9	462,6	717,2	145,8	118,9	0,286	1 010,0	86,0	70,8	3 062
	F	492,8	562,7	456,5	59,4	170,3	0,255	367,1	21,1	49,8	2 180
b) % change on											
- previous month	T	+ 4,7	+ 2,4	+ 1,8	- 0,9	+ 0,2	+ 13,6	- 5,6	+ 0,1	+ 6,8	+ 0,3
	M	+ 4,4	+ 2,1	+ 1,1	- 1,0	+ 1,0	+ 14,9	- 4,8	- 0,6	+ 7,1	- 0,3
	F	+ 5,1	+ 2,7	+ 2,9	- 0,6	- 0,3	+ 11,9	- 7,7	+ 2,9	+ 6,5	+ 1,0
- corresponding month of previous year	T	+ 1,1	+ 17,6	+ 28,8	- 0,8	+ 16,9	+ 85,0	+ 10,3	- 3,2	+ 24,5	+ 14,2
	M	- 1,8	+ 18,5	+ 26,2	- 6,7	+ 15,8	+ 105,2	+ 6,0	- 4,3	+ 12,7	+ 11,1
	F	+ 3,8	+ 16,9	+ 32,7	+ 13,6	+ 17,7	+ 62,4	+ 21,9	+ 1,4	+ 41,2	+ 18,5
II. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population											
ø 1974	T	2,2	2,3	5,2	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,3	2,0	2,9
ø 1975	T	4,2	3,9	5,7	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,8	4,6	4,4
ø 1976	T	4,1	4,3	6,0	4,4	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,7	5,0
December 1976	T	4,3	4,8	6,2	4,6	7,3	0,5	5,3	10,1	5,8	5,2
March 1977	T	4,2	4,7	6,6	4,2	7,1	0,5	5,4	10,1	5,9	5,3
June 1977	T	3,6	4,4	6,5	3,9	6,9	0,4	5,6	9,4	5,1	5,1
July 1977	T	3,8	4,6	7,0	4,2	8,3	0,5	6,3	9,5	5,3	5,5
August 1977	T	3,8	4,9	7,4	4,4	8,5	0,6	6,4	9,5	5,5	5,6
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	7,7	4,3	8,6	0,7	5,9	9,2	6,0	5,7
October 1976	T	3,7	4,7	6,0	4,3	7,3	0,4	5,4	9,5	4,8	5,0



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III. New registrations to unemployment (000's)											
During July 1977	T	301,2	209,9	:	45,0	33,8	1,374	495,0	:	:	:
During August 1977	T	269,1	224,7	:	41,6	27,0	1,162	366,6	:	:	:
During September 1977	T	247,9	338,1	:	55,3	59,9	1,539	360,5	:	:	:
IV. Unemployed under 25 years											
a) as a % of all registered unemployed											
March 1977	T	:	39,9	:	36,9	35,6	:	(a)36,6	:	:	:
May 1977	T	26,6	38,3	:	37,0	33,9	(b)43,0	:	:	:	:
July 1977	T	:	40,3	:	44,0	42,5	54,6	45,5	:	:	:
August 1977	T	:	42,3	:	46,3	44,1	59,2	:	:	:	:
September 1977	T		45,9	:	46,0	43,5	59,7	:	:	:	:
September 1976	T	28,6	46,3	:	44,1	43,9	:	:	:	:	:
b) in thousands											
September 1977	T		540,1	:	94,4	146,7	0,526	:	:	:	:
	M		197,5	:	50,1	54,8	0,283	:	:	:	:
	F		342,6	:	44,3	91,9	0,243	:	:	:	:
September 1976	T	257,0	442,4	:	91,3	127,9	:	:	:	:	:
	M	108,2	159,3	:	53,2	47,3	:	:	:	:	:
	F	148,8	283,1	:	38,1	80,6	:	:	:	:	:
V. Unemployed foreigners (000's)											
August 1977	T	76,7	:	:	12,9	42,6	:	:	:	:	:
September 1977	T	80,2		:	13,3	44,3	:	:	:	:	:
VI. Vacancies											
a) 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		18,8	:
September 1976	T	193,5	115,2	:	50,3	11,9	1,490	179,7	:	19,2	:
b) unfilled at end of month											
August 1977	T	254,5	112,7	:	65,0	3,5	0,201	157,6	2,3	1,9	:
September 1977	T	236,6	133,9	:	60,4	3,1	0,155	161,0		1,3	:
October 1977	T	220,2	109,0	:	62,9	2,8	0,124	169,1		1,7	:
October 1976	T	221,1	121,1	:	54,9	3,9	0,241	139,8		1,6	:

(a) January 1977 (b) June 1977





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 standardized 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 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 standardized 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 standardized 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	:	not available
Ø	Average	blank	not yet available
		r	revised

