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The situation at the end of December 1978

At the end of December 1978 public employment offices in the Community registered 6.1 Mio unemployed, that is 5.7% of the civilian working population. Compared to November 1978 the figures show an increase of 1.6%, affecting mainly men and caused by seasonal factors. Seasonally adjusted figures show a slight decrease for the Community as a whole and for those countries which had noticeably high increases compared with November.

The average for the year 1978

The provisional figure for the average number of unemployed in the Community for 1978 is 5 958 000. Compared to 1977 the number of unemployed increased by 3.9%, this increase was however much less important than that from 1976 to 1977 (+ 9.4%).

Some Member-States of the Community show important percentage decreases in the number of their registered unemployed, for instance Ireland (- 7.5%) and the Federal Republic of Germany (- 3.6%). The 1978 figures for the Netherlands and the United Kingdom are slightly below those for 1977 (- 0.6%); on the other hand unemployment has increased during 1978 in Luxembourg, in Denmark (+ 15.5%), in Italy (+ 9.9%), in France (+ 8.9%) and in Belgium (+ 8.4%).

In the Community an average of 5.6% of the civilian working population was registered as unemployed in 1978 (5.3% in 1977). The unemployment rate for men is 5.0% and for women 6.4%. Countries with above Community averages of unemployment rates for women are Belgium (13.9%), Italy (9.0%) and France (7.3%). Only in the United Kingdom was unemployment as recorded less important among women (4.3%) than among men (6.5%).

In the Community and in most Member-States the proportion of women in the total registered unemployment continued to increase during 1978. In the Community nearly 43% of all unemployed are now women, this percentage reaches 60% in Belgium, 53% in France and 51% in the Federal Republic of Germany.

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REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual averages 1974-1978

		BR DEUTSCH LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
I. Registered unemployed (1 000'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	113,5	4 614
	1976	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,9	266,6	0,457	1 380,0	110,5	118,2	5 242
	1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 377,8	206,9	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0	5 735
	p 1978	992,9	1 166,9	1 512,2	205,6	333,4	1,166	1 475,0	100,8	169,8	5 958
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	80,3	2 940
	1976	566,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 022,3	89,4	74,2	3 212
	1977	517,5	499,1	839,9	145,9	124,6	0,494	1 069,2	87,2	84,8	3 369
	p 1978	488,8	551,4	889,8	136,4	132,4	0,659	1 040,2	80,0	93,1	3 413
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	33,2	1 674
	1976	493,8	490,0	440,7	51,1	151,8	0,177	337,7	21,1	44,0	2 030
	1977	512,5	572,7	537,9	61,0	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,8	62,1	2 366
	p 1978	504,1	615,5	622,4	69,2	201,0	0,507	434,8	20,8	76,7	2 545
II. Females as % of all registered unemployed											
1974	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	29,5	59,5	39,8	27,9	20,0	42,2	41,3
	p 1978	50,8	52,7	41,2	33,7	60,3	43,5	29,5	20,6	45,2	42,7
III. Unemployment rates											
1. Total registered unemployed as % of working population	1974	2,2	2,3	4,8	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,3	2,0	2,9
	1975	4,2	3,9	5,2	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,7	4,6	4,3
	1976	4,1	4,3	5,5	4,4	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,7	4,9
	1977	4,0	4,9	6,4	4,3	7,8	0,6	5,7	9,7	5,8	5,3
	p 1978	3,9	5,3	7,1	4,3	8,4	0,8	5,7	8,9	6,7	5,6
2. Male unemployed as % of male working population	1974	2,0	1,7	4,3	3,1*	2,3	0,0*	3,3	7,0*	2,5	2,9*
	1975	3,9	3,2	4,6	4,4*	3,9	0,2*	4,9	9,7*	5,6	4,3*
	1976	3,6	3,3	4,9	4,7*	4,5	0,3*	6,4	11,0*	5,1	4,7*
	1977	3,3	3,7	5,6	4,3*	4,9	0,5*	6,7	10,8*	5,8	4,9*
	p 1978	3,1	4,1	6,2	4,0*	5,2	0,6*	6,5	9,9*	6,4	5,0*
3. Female unemployed as % of female working population	1974	2,6	3,2	6,1	2,2*	4,9	0,1*	1,1	4,3*	1,2	2,9*
	1975	4,6	5,0	6,8	3,2*	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,2*	3,2	4,4*
	1976	5,1	5,9	7,1	3,8*	10,8	0,4*	3,4	6,7*	4,2	5,3*
	1977	5,2	6,8	8,2	4,5*	12,7	0,7*	4,1	6,9*	5,7	6,0*
	p 1978	5,1	7,3	9,0	5,1*	13,9	1,2*	4,3	6,5*	7,0	6,4*

TECHNICAL NOTE

This statistical telegram is based on national data on numbers of persons registered at public employment offices, regularly transmitted to the Statistical Office of the European Communities in as standard a format as possible. In some cases, this may differ from the usual national understanding of unemployment.

A satisfactory degree of comparability can not be attained as long as legislation and administrative practices remain very different from one Member-State to the other. Data should, therefore, be used only for analysis of trends, they are not suitable for a comparison of absolute levels.

For registered unemployment, the following data are used :

- F.R. of GERMANY : Unemployed according to the definition of the Bundesanstalt für Arbeit, namely persons without a job seeking permanent work for at least 20 hours a week.
- FRANCE : As defined by the Ministère du Travail and registered at the Agence Nationale 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 public employment office 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 did not yet have or no longer have a job, and are seeking work for 25 hours or more a week.
- BELGIUM : Persons out of work on the register of 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 employment and registered at the Administration de l'Emploi.
- UNITED KINGDOM : Unemployed persons registered for employment at a local employment office or careers office at 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 the Department of Employment for Great-Britain and the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland.
- IRELAND : Unemployed persons registered at local employment offices, capable of work and available for work, comprising claimants to Unemployment Benefit, applicants for Unemployment Assistance and certain other classes.
- 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.

The situation at the end of the month means that at the last day of the month except for United Kingdom where the data 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. New registrations to unemployment cover all registrations during the month, without deduction of registrations cancelled during the month.

The national data published are absolute figures without seasonal adjustment. For the chart, seasonal adjustment is 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 are used. The figures shown are annual average or mid-year estimates of the latest common available year for all countries.

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

Ø	Average	M	Males	*	Estimated by EUROSTAT	p	Preliminary
T	Total	F	Females	r	Revised	:	Not available

The detailed table on the unemployed under 25 years, the foreign unemployed and registrations during the month is published only every three months.

