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OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY
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As in previous years, the number of unemployed registered at public employment offices in the Community showed a fall between January and February. At the end of February 1980, however, there still remained almost 6.5 million persons affected by unemployment. As a percentage of the civilian working population unemployment fell from 6.1% at the end of January 1980 to 6.0% at the end of February. As with the increase in January 1980, so was the fall in February largely due to weather conditions. The seasonally corrected figures have, since October 1979, remained around 6 million.

As against the reduction of 1.3% in the Community as a whole, the individual Member States show differing trends. Most of the Member States show a reduction in unemployment, sometimes well in excess of the Community average: Luxembourg (- 5.8%), F.R. of Germany (- 4.2%), Belgium (- 3.6%), France (- 2.5%) and the Netherlands (- 2.2%). In Italy, Denmark and Ireland the labour market remained virtually unchanged; in contrast, unemployment rose in the United Kingdom (+1.2%).

The total of unemployment in the Community has altered little in comparison with the corresponding month last year. This stability is not, however, apparent in the figures for the individual Member States. Striking reduction in unemployment are noted in: Denmark (- 15.4%), F.R. of Germany (- 12.5%), Ireland (- 5.9%) and Luxembourg (- 4.0%). As against this, unemployment in some Member States has increased, by varying amounts: France (+ 7.9 %), United Kingdom (+ 2.5 %), Belgium (+ 2.2 %), Italy (+ 0.8 %) and the Netherlands (+ 0.6 %).

For the first time in the case of a reduction in total unemployment in the Community was the fall in females unemployment greater than that for males. Compared with January 1980 unemployment of men was 1.1% lower and that for women 1.5% lower. However, the stability of the labour market compared with February 1979 was emphasized by the fact that the reduction in the number of unemployed men was almost compensated by the rise in that of unemployed women. Unemployed women as a percentage of total unemployed rose from 41.6% in February 1979 to 44.2% in February 1980.

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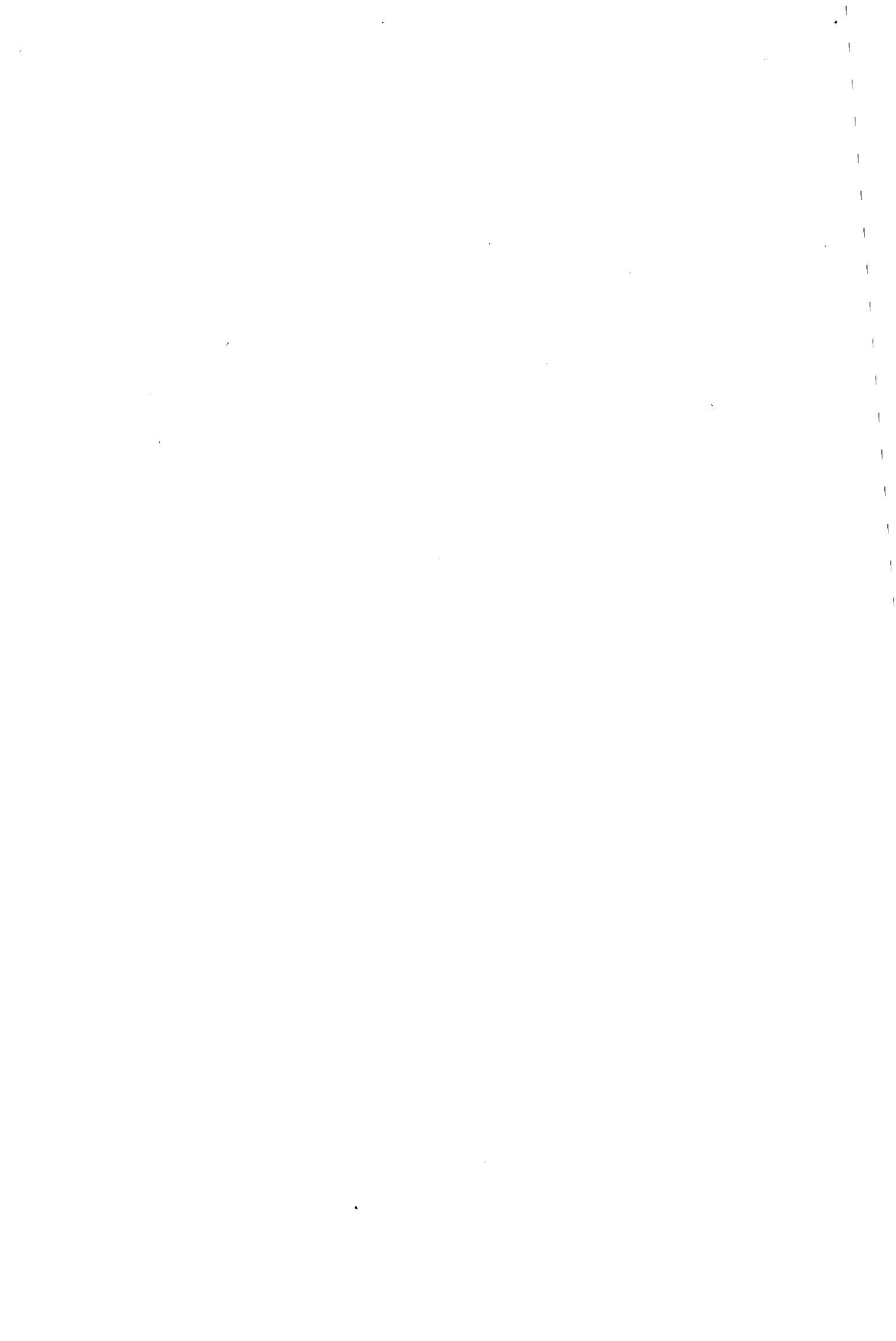
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		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
UNEMPLOYED											
at end of month (x 1000)											
September 1979	T	736,8	1 423,9	1 590,0	212,6	380,2	1,020	1 394,5	82,6	118,9	6 940,5
	M	316,4	647,7	885,9	124,7	141,1	0,499	936,1	62,7	51,9	3 167,1
	F	420,4	776,2	704,1	87,9	239,0	0,521	458,4	19,9	67,0	2 773,4
October 1979	T	761,7	1 479,9	1 634,7	207,4	372,1	1,161	1 367,6	82,9	122,6	6 030,1
	M	329,6	664,9	897,2	122,3	136,3	0,550	925,8	62,8	53,7	3 193,2
	F	432,1	815,0	737,5	85,1	235,8	0,611	441,8	20,1	68,9	2 836,9
November 1979	T	799,0	1 472,7	1 623,0	209,5	368,2	1,171	1 355,2	84,7	124,5	6 038,0
	M	360,4	660,4	892,8	127,2	134,6	0,579	924,4	64,2	56,1	3 220,7
	F	438,6	812,3	730,2	82,3	233,6	0,598	430,8	20,5	68,4	2 817,3
December 1979	T	866,8	1 468,9	1 662,9	216,7	366,8	1,217	1 355,5	88,6	143,2	6 170,6
	M	418,0	665,7	918,7	136,2	134,4	0,617	934,2	67,2	73,8	3 348,8
	F	448,8	803,2	744,2	80,5	232,4	0,600	421,3	21,4	69,4	2 821,8
January 1980	T	1 036,5	1 485,4	1 745,6r	232,4	361,7	1,260	1 470,6	92,1	152,8r	6 578,4r
	M	557,3	677,1	975,0r	154,1	133,6	0,665	1 016,0	70,3	82,7r	3 666,8r
	F	479,2	808,3	770,6r	78,3	228,1	0,595	454,6	21,8	70,1r	2 911,6r
February 1980	T	992,5	1 447,6	1 742,6	227,3	348,8	1,187	1 488,9	92,4	153,0	6 494,3
	M	526,5	659,2	973,0	151,7	127,0	0,612	1 031,5	70,8	86,0	3 626,3
	F	466,0	788,4	769,6	75,6	221,8	0,575	457,4	21,6	67,0	2 868,0
February 1979	T	1 134,1	1 341,9	1 728,7	225,8	341,2	1,236	1 451,9	98,2	180,9	6 503,9
	M	629,5	649,8	1 001,9	155,6	135,2	0,686	1 039,5	77,4	108,3	3 797,9
	F	504,6	692,1	726,8	70,2	206,0	0,550	412,4	20,8	72,6	2 706,0
CHANGES (%)											
January 1980	T	- 4,2	- 2,5	- 0,2	- 2,2	- 3,6	- 5,8	+ 1,2	+ 0,3	+ 0,1	- 1,3
	M	- 5,5	- 2,6	- 0,2	- 1,6	- 4,9	- 8,0	+ 1,5	+ 0,7	+ 4,0	- 1,1
	F	- 2,8	- 2,5	- 0,1	- 3,4	- 2,8	- 3,4	+ 0,6	- 0,9	- 4,4	- 1,5
February 1979	T	- 12,5	+ 7,9	+ 0,8	+ 0,6	+ 2,2	- 4,0	+ 2,5	- 5,9	- 15,4	- 0,1
	M	- 16,4	+ 1,4	- 2,9	- 2,5	- 6,1	- 10,8	- 0,8	- 8,5	- 20,6	- 4,5
	F	- 7,6	+ 13,9	+ 5,9	+ 7,7	+ 7,7	+ 4,5	+ 10,9	+ 3,8	- 7,7	+ 6,0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE											
(% of working population)											
September 1979	T	2,9	6,4	7,4	4,2	9,5	0,7	5,4	7,3	4,6	5,5
	M	2,0	4,8	6,1	3,5	5,6	0,5*	5,9	7,7*	3,5	4,7
	F	4,3	9,0	10,1	5,9	16,2	1,2*	4,5	6,2*	6,0	6,9
October 1979	T	3,0	6,7	7,6	4,1	9,3	0,8	5,3	7,3	4,7	5,6
	M	2,1	4,9	6,4	3,4	5,4	0,5*	5,8	7,8*	3,7	4,7
	F	4,4	9,5	10,5	5,7	16,0	1,4*	4,4	6,2*	6,1	7,1
November 1979	T	3,1	6,7	7,5	4,1	9,2	0,8	5,2	7,5	4,8	5,6
	M	2,3	4,9	6,2	3,6	5,3	0,5*	5,8	7,9*	3,8	4,7
	F	4,4	9,4	10,4	5,5	15,9	1,3*	4,2	6,3*	6,1	7,0
December 1979	T	3,4	6,6	7,7	4,3	9,2	0,8	5,2	7,8	5,5	5,7
	M	2,6	4,9	6,3	3,8	5,3	0,6*	5,9	8,3*	5,0	4,9
	F	4,6	9,3	10,6	5,4	15,8	1,3*	4,2	6,8*	6,2	7,0
January 1980	T	4,0	6,7	8,1	4,6	9,1	0,8	5,6	8,1	5,9	6,1
	M	3,5	5,0	6,7	4,3	5,3	0,6*	6,4	8,7*	5,6	5,4
	F	4,9	9,4	11,0	5,2	15,5	1,3*	4,5	6,7*	6,2	7,3
February 1980	T	3,9	6,6	8,1	4,5	8,7	0,8	5,7	8,2	5,9	6,0
	M	3,3	4,9	6,7	4,3	5,0	0,6*	6,5	8,7*	5,9	5,3
	F	4,7	9,2	11,0	5,0	15,1	1,3*	4,5	6,7*	6,0	7,2
February 1979	T	4,4	6,1	8,0	4,5	8,6	0,8	5,6	8,7	7,0	6,0
	M	4,0	4,8	6,9	4,4	5,4	0,6*	6,5	9,6*	7,4	5,6
	F	5,1	8,0	10,4	4,7	14,0	1,2*	4,1	6,4*	6,5	6,8

TAB. 2

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
PART OF TOTAL UNEMPLOYED (%)											
1. Females											
October 1979		56,7	55,1	45,1	41,0	63,4	52,6	32,3	24,2	56,2	47,0
November 1979		54,9	55,2	45,0	39,3	63,4	51,1	31,8	24,2	54,9	46,7
December 1979		51,8	54,7	44,8	37,1	63,4	49,3	31,1	24,2	48,5	45,7
January 1980		46,2	54,4	44,1	33,7	63,1	47,2	30,9	23,7	45,9	44,3
February 1980		47,0	54,5	44,2	33,3	63,6	48,4	30,7	23,4	43,8	44,2
February 1979		44,5	51,6	42,0	31,1	60,4	44,5	28,4	21,2	40,1	41,6
2. Under 25 years											
October 1979		:	46,3	51,8	47,1	41,1	58,6	38,2	:	30,9	43,5*
November 1979		:	45,7	:	45,3	39,8	52,8	:	:	31,1	:
December 1979		:	44,8	:	43,7	38,5	49,1	:	:	30,4	:
January 1980		:	40,9	:	41,7	37,0	49,5	36,6	24,4	31,0	:
February 1980		:	40,3	:	40,7	35,5	47,8	:	22,4	30,7	:
February 1979		:	39,7	:	40,8	37,0	44,9	:	:	28,5	:
3. Foreigners											
October 1979		11,1	:	:	7,4	13,3	:	:	:	4,6	:
November 1979		11,5	:	:	7,4	13,6	:	:	:	4,6	:
December 1979		11,7	9,3	:	7,4	13,9	:	:	:	4,4	:
January 1980		11,1	:	:	7,4	13,9	:	:	:	4,2	:
February 1980		11,5	:	:	7,4	14,1	:	:	:	4,2	:
February 1979		10,3	:	:	7,3	14,4	:	:	:	3,8	:
REGISTRATIONS OF UNEMPLOYED during the month (x 1000)											
November 1979	T	244,3	257,8	187,0	41,8	43,6	1,367	396,2	:	46,7	:
	M	138,6	139,3	103,4	27,5	21,6	0,840	237,1	:	27,5	:
	F	105,7	118,5	83,6	14,3	22,0	0,527	159,1	:	19,2	:
December 1979	T	212,8	210,7	116,4	36,3	42,2	1,054	374,3	:	57,5	:
	M	133,5	122,5	73,8	25,5	20,3	0,601	232,8	:	38,9	:
	F	79,3	88,2	42,6	10,8	21,9	0,453	141,5	:	20,6	:
January 1980	T	410,9	266,5	:	59,9	51,9	1,182	365,0	:	79,1	:
	M	270,4	145,6	:	43,3	25,1	0,700	229,2	:	48,3	:
	F	140,5	120,9	:	16,6	26,8	0,482	135,8	:	30,8	:
VACANCIES											
a) at end of month (x 1000)											
November 1979	T	285,1	90,7	:	71,8	5,7	0,2	230,7	:	1,5	:
December 1979	T	268,2	83,4	:	68,3	5,5	0,1	204,1	:	1,0	:
January 1980	T	282,2	86,2	:	65,3	5,9	0,2	185,7	:	1,3	:
b) registered during the month (x 1000)											
November 1979	T	135,3	67,1	:	19,1	14,8	1,2	215,8	:	16,7	:
December 1979	T	93,6	51,3	:	10,0	11,5	1,0	195,9	:	9,5	:
January 1980	T	149,2	73,1	:	14,4	16,1	1,1	139,3	:	13,7	:



REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual averages

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
UNEMPLOYED (x 1 000)											
									a)		
Males and females	1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	615,1r	67,2	47,9	3 067r
	1975	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	977,6	96,2	113,5	4 612r
	1976	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,8	266,6	0,457	1 358,8r	107,8	118,2	5 238r
	1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 381,9r	206,9	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	106,4	147,0	5 736r
	1978	992,9	1 166,9	1 528,6	205,6	333,4	1,166	1 475,0	99,2	169,8	5 972r
	1979	876,1	1 349,9	1 633,0r	210,0	352,2	1,055	1 390,5	89,6	137,5	6 040r
Males	1974	324,7	234,6	638,6	106,7	58,0	0,023	513,8r	54,4	35,6	1 966r
	1975	622,6	427,5	700,3	153,0	99,1	0,172	777,1	77,4	80,3	2 938r
	1976	566,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 023,5r	87,0	74,2	3 211r
	1977	517,5	499,1	841,0r	145,9	124,6	0,494	1 069,2	84,8	84,9	3 367r
	1978	488,8	551,4	894,6	136,4	132,4	0,659	1 040,2	78,6	93,1	3 417r
	1979	416,9	632,5	920,7r	132,4	132,7	0,535	963,9	69,1	69,7	3 338
Females	1974	267,8	263,1	358,6	28,2	66,1	0,035	101,3	12,8	12,3	1 101
	1975	451,6	412,2	406,6	42,3	108,7	0,093	200,5	18,8	33,2	1 674
	1976	493,8	490,0	440,7	51,0	151,8	0,177	335,3r	20,8	44,0	2 028r
	1977	512,5	572,7	540,9	61,0	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,6	62,1	2 369
	1978	504,1	615,5	634,0	69,2	201,0	0,507	434,8	20,7	76,7	2 556
	1979	459,2	717,4	712,3r	77,6	219,5	0,520	426,6	20,6	67,8	2 702r
CHANGES on previous year (%)											
Males and females	1975/74	+ 84,4	+ 68,7	+ 11,0	+ 44,8	+ 67,4	+ 356,9	+ 58,9	+ 43,2	+ 137,0	+ 50,4
	1976/75	- 1,3	+ 11,2	+ 6,8	+ 7,9	+ 28,3	+ 72,5	+ 39,0	+ 12,1	+ 4,1	+ 13,6
	1977/76	- 2,9	+ 14,8	+ 16,9r	- 1,9	+ 15,4	+ 79,6	+ 9,2	- 1,3	+ 24,4	+ 9,5
	1978/77	- 3,6	+ 8,9	+ 10,8	- 0,6	+ 8,4	+ 42,0	- 0,6	- 6,8	+ 15,5	+ 4,1
	1979/78	- 11,8	+ 15,7	+ 6,8	+ 2,1	+ 5,6	- 9,5	- 5,7	- 9,7	- 19,0	+ 1,1
	Males	1975/74	+ 91,7	+ 82,2	+ 9,7	+ 43,4	+ 70,9	+ 647,8	+ 51,2	+ 42,3	+ 125,6
1976/75		- 9,0	+ 3,7	+ 5,8	+ 4,4	+ 15,7	+ 62,8	+ 31,7	+ 12,4	- 7,6	+ 9,3
1977/76		- 8,6	+ 12,5	+ 13,5r	- 8,7	+ 8,6	+ 76,4	+ 4,5	- 2,5	+ 14,4	+ 4,9r
1978/77		- 5,5	+ 10,5	+ 6,7	- 6,5	+ 6,3	+ 33,4	- 2,7	- 7,3	+ 9,7	+ 1,5
1979/78		- 14,7	+ 14,7	+ 2,9	- 2,9	+ 0,2	- 18,8	- 7,3	- 12,1	- 25,1	- 2,3
Females		1975/74	+ 68,6	+ 56,7	+ 13,4	+ 50,0	+ 64,4	+ 165,7	+ 97,9	+ 46,9	+ 169,9
	1976/75	+ 9,3	+ 18,9	+ 8,4	+ 20,6	+ 39,7	+ 90,3	+ 67,2	+ 10,6	+ 32,5	+ 21,1
	1977/76	+ 3,8	+ 16,9	+ 22,7	+ 19,6	+ 20,6	+ 84,7	+ 23,6	+ 3,8	+ 41,1	+ 16,8
	1978/77	- 1,6	+ 7,5	+ 17,2	+ 13,4	+ 9,8	+ 55,0	+ 4,9	- 4,2	+ 23,5	+ 7,9
	1979/78	- 8,9	+ 16,6	+ 12,4	+ 12,1	+ 9,2	+ 2,6	- 1,9	- 0,5	- 11,6	+ 5,7
	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (% of working population)										
Males and females	1974	2,2	2,3	4,8	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,0	2,0	2,9
	1975	4,2	3,9	5,3	4,0	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,5	4,6	4,3
	1976	4,1	4,3	5,6	4,3	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,6	4,7	4,9
	1977	4,0	4,9	6,5r	4,1	7,8	0,5	5,7	9,4	5,8	5,3
	1978	3,9	5,3	7,1	4,1	8,4	0,8	5,7	8,8	6,6	5,5
	1979	3,4	6,1	7,6	4,2	8,8	0,7	5,3	7,9	5,3	5,6
	Males	1974	2,0	1,7	4,3	3,1*	2,3	0,0*	3,3	6,7*	2,5
1975		3,9	3,2	4,8	4,4*	3,9	0,2*	4,9	9,5*	5,6	4,3*
1976		3,6	3,3	5,1	4,5*	4,5	0,3*	6,4	10,7*	5,1	4,7*
1977		3,3	3,7	5,8	4,1*	4,9	0,5*	6,7	10,5*	5,8	5,0*
1978		3,1	4,1*	6,2	3,8	5,3	0,6*	6,5	9,7*	6,4	5,0*
1979		2,6	4,7	6,3	3,7	5,3	0,5*	6,1	8,5*	4,8	4,9*
Females		1974	2,6	3,2	6,1	2,2*	4,9	0,1*	1,1	4,2*	1,2
	1975	4,6	5,0	6,5	3,1*	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,0*	3,2	4,4*
	1976	5,1	5,9	6,7	3,6*	10,8	0,4*	3,4	6,6*	4,2	5,2*
	1977	5,2	6,7	7,8	4,2*	12,7	0,7*	4,1	6,8*	5,7	6,0*
	1978	5,1	7,1	9,1	4,6	13,7	1,1*	4,3	6,4*	6,8	6,4*
	1979	4,7	8,3	10,2	5,2	14,9	1,2*	4,2	6,4*	6,0	6,7*

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 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 average of the daily figures for the week 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.

