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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 8.8% in December 1989, almost the same level as the previous month.**

The annual average unemployment rate for 1989 was 9.0% compared to 9.8% in 1988. The rate for men fell from 8.0% to 7.1% and that for women from 12.6% to 11.8%. The situation has worsened in only two Member States, Denmark and Italy.

For those under 25 years of age the annual average unemployment rate has fell more steeply, from 19.1% in 1988 to 17.2% in 1989, thus continuing the steady decrease which began in 1985. The rate for young males fell from 17.4% to 14.8%, and that of young females from 22.3% to 19.9%. Only Denmark showed an upward movement.

The estimated annual average number of unemployed according to the ILO definition was 12.7 million in 1989, a fall of more than 1.2 million over the previous year, with the number of unemployed men falling faster than that of women. Over the last three years, the number of unemployed has fallen by 2.2 million, and thus is showing an increasing downward trend.

The monthly bulletin "Unemployment" now appears in a revised format. A new feature is the estimated annual average number of unemployed according to the ILO definition. The number of persons registered at employment offices now appears at the end of the bulletin.

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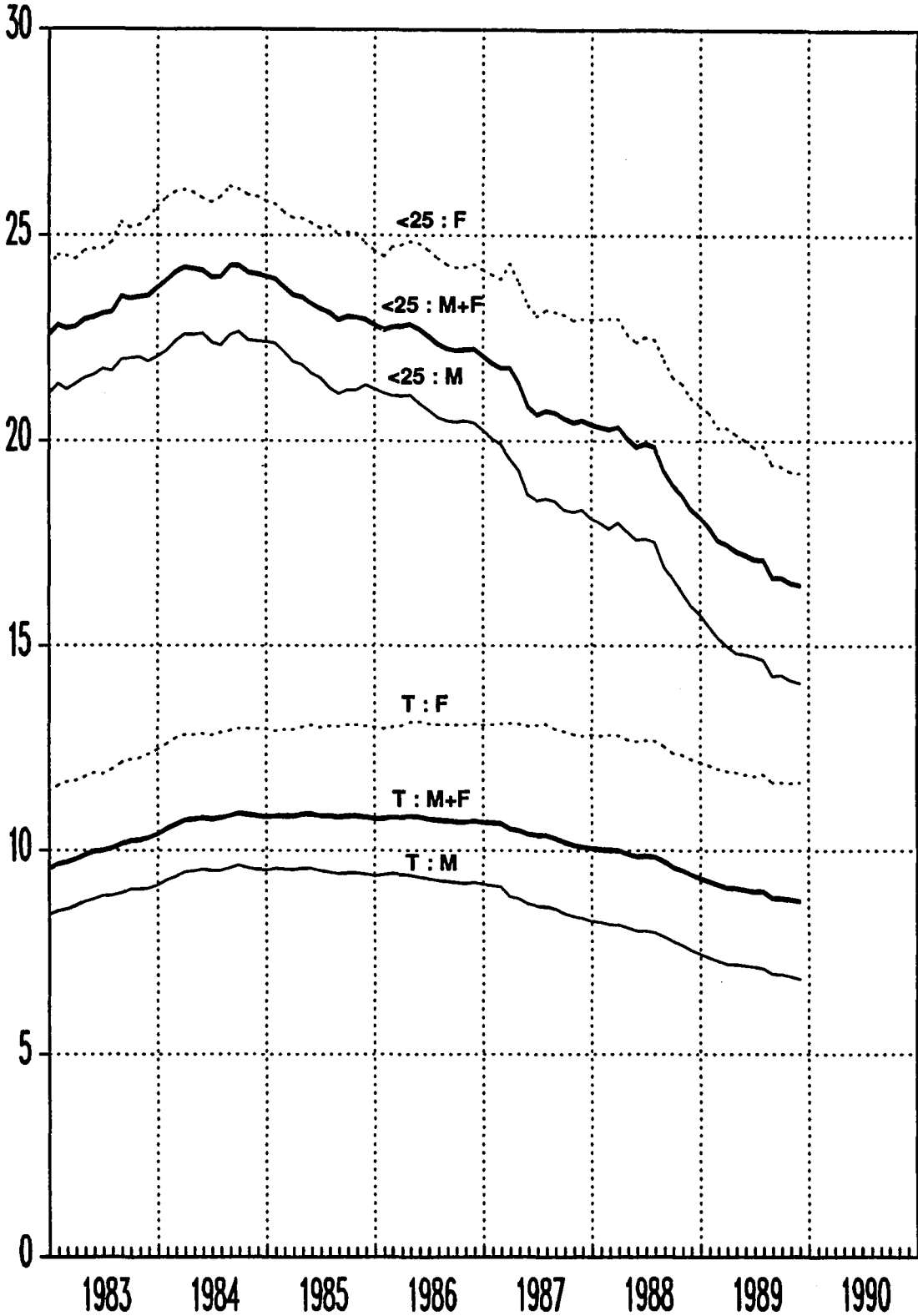
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Symbols and abbreviations:

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	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
Total													
Males and females													
1989.07	8.8	9.9	6.4	5.6	:	16.6	9.3	17.2	10.9	1.8	9.3	4.8	6.5
08	8.9	10.1	6.8	5.5	:	16.4	9.6	17.3	10.9	1.8	9.6	4.8	6.4
09	8.8	9.9	6.8	5.3	:	16.2	9.8	16.7	10.9	1.9	9.4	4.7	6.2
10	8.8	9.7	7.0	5.3	:	16.2	9.9	16.5	10.9	2.1	9.3	4.8	6.0
11	8.8	9.5	6.9	5.5	:	16.2	9.8	16.5	11.0	2.0	9.2	4.9	5.9
12	8.8	9.6	7.2	5.8	:	16.2	9.8	17.1	10.9	2.0	9.1	4.9	5.9
Males													
1989.07	6.9	6.5	5.2	4.4	:	12.2	6.8	16.1	7.4	1.3	6.8	3.2	6.8
08	6.9	6.7	5.6	4.3	:	12.2	7.0	16.2	7.4	1.5	6.9	3.2	6.7
09	6.8	6.5	5.6	4.2	:	11.7	7.2	15.8	7.4	1.4	6.7	3.2	6.6
10	6.8	6.4	5.9	4.1	:	11.7	7.2	15.6	7.5	1.4	6.6	3.2	6.4
11	6.8	6.4	5.9	4.3	:	11.7	7.3	15.7	7.5	1.5	6.5	3.2	6.4
12	7.0	6.4	6.4	4.7	:	11.9	7.4	16.3	7.4	1.6	6.6	3.3	6.5
Females													
1989.07	11.7	15.2	7.7	7.4	:	24.7	12.5	19.3	16.8	2.7	13.4	6.9	6.0
08	11.8	15.6	8.3	7.3	:	24.5	12.9	19.5	16.9	2.6	13.8	6.9	5.9
09	11.8	15.1	8.2	7.1	:	24.6	13.3	18.5	16.9	2.9	13.7	6.9	5.7
10	11.7	14.9	8.2	7.1	:	24.7	13.3	18.2	17.0	3.4	13.5	7.0	5.4
11	11.7	14.6	8.2	7.3	:	24.6	13.1	18.3	17.0	3.0	13.3	7.2	5.2
12	11.6	14.6	8.2	7.5	:	24.3	12.9	18.8	17.1	2.9	13.1	7.2	5.1
Under 25 years													
Males and females													
1989.07	16.9	19.1	8.8	5.3	:	32.6	19.3	24.5	31.6	3.6	14.4	10.6	9.0
08	17.0	20.4	9.9	5.2	:	32.2	20.5	24.7	31.7	3.8	15.0	10.5	8.8
09	17.0	19.8	10.0	4.9	:	31.6	21.9	23.4	31.7	4.3	14.3	10.4	8.7
10	16.9	19.0	10.1	4.8	:	31.6	22.2	22.6	31.9	5.0	13.7	10.7	8.1
11	16.8	18.1	10.0	5.0	:	31.3	22.0	22.5	31.9	4.5	13.1	10.7	8.0
12	16.7	17.8	10.3	5.1	:	31.0	21.8	23.3	31.7	4.4	12.7	10.7	8.1
Males													
1989.07	14.3	13.6	7.7	4.5	:	25.5	15.0	25.4	26.0	3.5	13.3	7.5	10.1
08	14.5	14.8	8.6	4.4	:	25.3	16.0	25.7	26.1	4.2	13.8	7.3	9.9
09	14.4	14.5	8.8	4.2	:	24.1	17.3	24.6	26.3	4.0	13.1	7.1	9.9
10	14.3	13.9	9.0	4.1	:	24.2	17.6	24.0	26.5	4.0	12.5	7.5	9.3
11	14.3	13.3	8.9	4.3	:	24.0	17.8	23.9	26.4	4.3	12.0	7.6	9.3
12	14.4	13.1	9.7	4.6	:	24.3	17.9	24.9	26.1	4.7	12.0	7.7	9.6
Females													
1989.07	19.8	24.8	10.0	6.2	:	41.2	23.7	23.3	38.0	3.6	15.5	14.3	7.5
08	20.0	26.1	11.4	6.1	:	40.6	25.1	23.5	38.1	3.4	16.2	14.4	7.4
09	20.0	25.3	11.3	5.7	:	40.6	26.6	21.8	38.0	4.6	15.6	14.3	7.2
10	19.9	24.3	11.4	5.6	:	40.4	26.8	21.0	38.2	6.0	14.9	14.7	6.6
11	19.7	23.2	11.2	5.8	:	40.0	26.3	20.9	38.4	4.7	14.1	14.5	6.3
12	19.4	22.7	11.0	5.8	:	39.3	25.7	21.3	38.3	4.1	13.5	14.3	6.2

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

1989.07	9.0	9.7	7.1	5.7	:	16.7	9.7	17.1	11.1	2.0	9.3	5.0	6.5
08	9.0	9.8	7.3	5.7	:	16.6	9.7	17.1	11.2	2.0	9.4	5.0	6.4
09	8.8	9.5	7.2	5.6	:	16.1	9.6	17.0	11.1	2.0	9.3	4.9	6.1
10	8.8	9.4	7.2	5.6	:	16.5	9.6	16.9	11.0	2.0	9.2	4.8	6.0
11	8.8	9.4	7.1	5.8	:	16.2	9.6	16.8	11.0	1.9	9.1	4.8	6.0
12	8.8	9.3	7.0	5.7	:	16.2	9.5	16.8	11.1	1.9	8.9	4.8	6.0

Males

1989.07	7.1	6.4	6.1	4.7	:	12.5	7.2	16.3	7.6	1.5	6.8	3.5	6.9
08	7.1	6.5	6.4	4.6	:	12.3	7.2	16.3	7.6	1.6	6.9	3.4	6.8
09	7.0	6.3	6.4	4.6	:	11.8	7.1	16.2	7.6	1.5	6.8	3.2	6.6
10	7.0	6.2	6.4	4.6	:	12.1	7.1	16.1	7.6	1.4	6.7	3.2	6.5
11	6.9	6.2	6.2	4.6	:	11.8	7.1	15.9	7.5	1.4	6.6	3.2	6.5
12	6.8	6.2	6.0	4.5	:	11.8	7.0	16.0	7.4	1.4	6.4	3.2	6.5

Females

1989.07	11.8	14.9	8.1	7.3	:	24.8	12.9	18.8	17.2	2.9	13.2	7.0	5.9
08	11.8	14.9	8.5	7.3	:	24.6	13.0	18.9	17.4	2.9	13.4	7.1	5.8
09	11.6	14.6	8.2	7.2	:	24.3	12.8	18.8	17.1	2.8	13.3	7.1	5.5
10	11.6	14.5	8.2	7.2	:	24.8	12.8	18.7	17.0	3.2	13.2	7.1	5.4
11	11.6	14.4	8.1	7.4	:	24.6	12.8	18.6	17.1	2.9	13.2	7.1	5.3
12	11.6	14.3	8.0	7.4	:	24.5	12.7	18.6	17.3	2.8	13.0	7.1	5.2

Under 25 years Males and females

1989.07	17.1	18.1	9.8	5.4	:	32.8	20.4	23.8	32.1	4.0	13.7	10.9	8.9
08	17.1	18.3	10.3	5.1	:	32.4	20.5	23.8	32.4	4.1	13.9	10.9	8.7
09	16.7	17.6	10.4	5.0	:	31.1	20.0	23.5	32.3	4.1	13.5	10.6	8.3
10	16.7	17.3	10.4	5.0	:	31.6	20.0	23.4	32.2	4.6	13.4	10.8	8.1
11	16.5	17.1	10.2	5.2	:	31.1	20.0	23.1	31.9	4.1	13.0	10.6	8.2
12	16.5	16.9	10.0	5.1	:	31.1	19.9	23.1	31.9	4.0	12.7	10.5	8.2

Males

1989.07	14.7	12.8	9.0	4.7	:	25.9	16.5	25.2	26.7	3.9	12.9	7.8	10.1
08	14.6	13.3	9.4	4.5	:	25.4	16.3	25.2	26.8	4.4	13.1	7.7	10.0
09	14.3	12.6	9.7	4.5	:	23.8	16.1	24.9	26.9	4.0	12.7	7.2	9.5
10	14.3	12.4	9.7	4.5	:	24.6	16.0	24.8	26.8	4.0	12.5	7.4	9.4
11	14.2	12.3	9.5	4.7	:	24.1	15.9	24.5	26.3	4.1	12.1	7.5	9.5
12	14.1	12.2	9.3	4.4	:	24.2	15.9	24.5	26.0	4.1	11.7	7.7	9.7

Females

1989.07	19.8	23.6	10.7	6.1	:	41.3	24.4	22.0	38.3	4.0	14.5	14.6	7.3
08	19.9	23.5	11.4	5.8	:	40.9	24.8	22.1	38.9	3.9	14.8	14.8	7.1
09	19.4	22.9	11.2	5.5	:	40.0	24.0	21.8	38.6	4.2	14.3	14.7	6.7
10	19.4	22.5	11.1	5.5	:	40.2	24.1	21.6	38.4	5.3	14.2	14.9	6.6
11	19.3	22.1	11.1	5.7	:	39.7	24.1	21.5	38.3	4.1	13.9	14.3	6.5
12	19.2	21.8	10.9	5.8	:	39.5	24.0	21.3	38.6	3.8	13.6	14.0	6.4

Unemployment rates, annual averages (%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	B. R. Deutschland	Ellas	Espania	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
Total													
Males and females													
1983	10.0	12.6	9.5	6.9	:	17.8	8.3	15.3	8.9	3.5	12.4	7.8	11.2
1984	10.7	12.6	9.1	7.1	:	20.6	9.8	17.0	9.5	3.1	12.4	8.5	11.4
1985	10.8	11.8	7.5	7.2	:	21.9	10.3	18.4	9.5	2.9	10.6	8.6	11.5
1986	10.8	11.8	5.8	6.6	:	21.2	10.4	18.3	10.5	2.6	10.3	8.3	11.5
1987	10.4	11.5	5.8	6.3	:	20.5	10.5	18.1	10.2	2.7	10.0	6.9	10.6
1988	9.8	10.5	6.4	6.3	:	19.5	10.0	17.8	10.7	2.2	9.5	5.5	8.5
1989	9.0	9.6	7.0	5.7	:	17.0	9.6	17.2	11.0	1.9	9.3	5.0	6.5
Males													
1983	8.8	8.7	8.6	6.2	:	16.5	6.4	14.7	5.9	2.6	11.2	5.0	12.0
1984	9.5	8.5	7.9	6.2	:	19.4	7.9	16.5	6.3	2.4	11.1	6.0	12.0
1985	9.5	7.6	6.1	6.2	:	20.4	8.5	17.7	6.3	2.2	9.4	6.4	11.8
1986	9.3	7.5	4.3	5.5	:	19.4	8.5	17.6	7.1	1.9	8.6	6.4	11.9
1987	8.7	7.6	4.8	5.3	:	17.1	8.3	17.5	7.0	1.9	7.6	5.1	10.9
1988	8.0	7.1	5.4	5.2	:	15.3	7.8	17.2	7.2	1.6	7.3	3.9	8.8
1989	7.1	6.4	6.0	4.6	:	12.8	7.2	16.4	7.4	1.4	6.8	3.4	7.0
Females													
1983	11.9	19.1	10.5	7.9	:	20.9	10.9	16.5	14.7	5.3	14.8	11.9	10.0
1984	12.8	19.4	10.4	8.6	:	23.4	12.4	18.2	15.5	4.5	15.0	12.1	10.6
1985	13.0	18.6	9.2	8.7	:	25.3	12.7	19.8	15.5	4.3	12.9	11.9	11.0
1986	13.0	18.6	7.6	8.2	:	25.2	12.8	19.8	16.6	4.1	13.4	11.0	11.1
1987	13.0	17.8	7.1	7.9	:	27.5	13.3	19.3	16.0	4.1	14.0	9.3	10.1
1988	12.6	15.8	7.6	7.9	:	27.6	13.0	19.0	16.9	3.3	13.1	7.6	8.2
1989	11.8	14.8	8.2	7.4	:	25.1	12.8	18.9	17.1	2.9	13.2	7.2	6.0
Under 25 years													
Males and females													
1983	23.1	27.7	17.8	11.6	:	42.7	21.8	22.3	30.8	8.0	22.6	19.0	20.5
1984	24.1	28.2	14.4	11.5	:	47.0	26.3	24.4	31.9	6.8	21.5	20.4	19.7
1985	23.4	25.4	11.1	10.5	:	48.3	26.1	26.4	31.7	6.8	18.1	20.4	18.7
1986	22.5	23.9	8.0	7.8	:	46.1	25.0	26.9	33.3	6.3	17.1	19.4	18.4
1987	21.1	23.2	8.6	7.1	:	43.2	24.1	26.4	31.5	6.4	17.2	16.0	15.8
1988	19.7	20.3	9.4	6.7	:	40.4	22.6	25.8	32.3	5.4	14.8	12.8	12.3
1989	17.2	17.8	10.0	5.3	:	33.6	20.4	23.9	31.9	4.1	13.7	11.1	8.9
Males													
1983	21.6	22.8	16.5	11.3	:	41.4	17.6	24.2	25.5	7.0	23.8	13.6	22.4
1984	22.4	22.8	12.8	10.8	:	45.8	22.4	26.8	25.9	6.7	21.9	15.3	21.0
1985	21.7	19.4	9.6	9.7	:	46.3	22.9	28.0	25.4	6.5	18.6	15.7	19.9
1986	20.8	17.8	6.7	6.8	:	43.6	21.7	29.5	27.7	5.3	16.8	15.4	19.4
1987	19.0	16.6	7.4	6.5	:	38.3	20.2	28.7	26.6	5.2	16.1	12.3	16.7
1988	17.4	14.9	8.4	6.1	:	34.2	18.8	27.6	27.0	5.3	14.2	9.5	13.3
1989	14.8	12.7	9.0	4.8	:	26.7	16.4	25.3	26.2	4.0	12.9	7.9	10.2
Females													
1983	24.8	32.9	19.2	12.0	:	44.5	26.3	20.0	37.1	9.0	21.3	25.6	18.1
1984	26.0	33.8	16.2	12.2	:	48.7	30.3	21.6	39.1	7.0	21.0	26.6	17.9
1985	25.3	31.8	12.9	11.3	:	51.1	29.5	24.4	39.1	7.1	17.6	26.3	17.2
1986	24.5	30.3	9.6	9.0	:	49.6	28.4	23.8	39.8	7.2	17.3	24.5	17.2
1987	23.5	30.1	10.0	7.7	:	49.2	28.1	23.7	37.4	7.7	18.2	20.8	14.6
1988	22.3	25.9	10.5	7.4	:	47.9	26.5	23.6	38.5	5.5	15.4	17.0	11.0
1989	19.9	23.1	11.0	6.0	:	41.9	24.4	22.2	38.5	4.1	14.5	15.0	7.3

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

	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

1983	13504	492	254	1925	:	2368	1934	201	2012	5	707	353	2953
1984	14724	501	247	1999	:	2768	2328	224	2143	5	721	381	3098
1985	14992	471	208	2038	:	2962	2449	241	2159	4	613	390	3155
1986	15051	469	162	1859	:	2928	2487	241	2413	4	624	386	3189
1987	14704	453	163	1807	:	2938	2521	240	2362	4	653	324	2950
1988	13980	406	181	1803	:	2852	2409	236	2522	3	621	260	2383
1989	12756	371	198	1639	:	2497	2314	226	2564	3	607	240	1794

Males

1983	7397	214	125	1059	:	1536	861	133	881	3	420	131	1887
1984	8011	211	118	1054	:	1824	1076	149	938	2	420	157	1914
1985	8066	188	91	1064	:	1925	1148	159	933	2	352	168	1895
1986	7948	184	65	935	:	1849	1157	157	1057	2	335	173	1906
1987	7476	183	72	911	:	1642	1130	156	1042	2	308	140	1763
1988	6849	168	82	899	:	1470	1050	154	1088	2	293	106	1414
1989	6071	151	92	801	:	1225	966	145	1099	1	275	93	1102

Females

1983	6107	278	129	866	:	832	1073	68	1131	3	287	222	1066
1984	6713	291	130	946	:	944	1252	75	1205	2	300	225	1184
1985	6926	283	117	974	:	1037	1301	82	1226	2	261	222	1259
1986	7103	285	98	924	:	1079	1330	84	1356	2	289	213	1283
1987	7229	271	91	896	:	1296	1390	84	1320	2	345	184	1187
1988	7131	238	99	904	:	1382	1359	82	1434	2	328	154	969
1989	6684	220	107	838	:	1272	1348	82	1464	2	332	147	692

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⁽¹⁾. 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⁾ The most recent results are based on the 1988 surveys, except for Spain, France, Italy and Portugal (1989), and Denmark (1987).

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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Total, monthly data - not seasonally (1000)

Males and females

1989.07	14223	431.9	239.2	1973	102.9	2475	2438	230.0	3870	2.2	392.0	297.8	1771
08	14251	445.8	254.1	1940	92.0	2455	2517	231.7	3878	2.2	394.0	297.1	1744
09	14149	431.5	252.0	1881	89.0	2418	2588	224.1	3882	2.3	381.0	297.8	1703
10	14137	423.3	271.3	1874	102.7	2431	2599	220.3	3898	2.3	378.0	302.4	1636
11	14171	415.9	258.9	1950	124.4	2423	2578	221.8	3911	2.3	365.0	308.8	1612
12	:	416.2	270.0	2052	147.3	2427	2586	231.1	3905	2.4	:	309.4	1639

Males

1989.07	7140	170.1	104.2	1008	47.6	1036	1115	156.2	1903	1.3	240.0	96.9	1262
08	7128	177.3	108.4	984	43.0	1031	1145	157.4	1907	1.4	239.0	96.9	1238
09	7035	172.3	108.4	951	40.3	985	1174	154.0	1909	1.4	225.0	96.5	1219
10	7010	168.6	115.7	939	47.1	988	1184	151.5	1915	1.3	222.0	96.7	1181
11	7057	167.0	114.5	986	58.3	981	1189	152.8	1916	1.4	220.0	98.1	1173
12	:	168.4	125.0	1069	72.0	1008	1212	159.8	1903	1.5	:	98.1	1205

Females

1989.07	7083	261.8	135.0	965	55.4	1439	1323	73.7	1967	.8	152.0	201.0	510
08	7122	268.5	145.8	956	49.0	1424	1372	74.3	1971	.8	155.0	200.1	506
09	7114	259.2	143.6	930	48.7	1433	1414	70.1	1973	.9	156.0	201.3	484
10	7127	254.7	155.6	935	55.6	1442	1415	68.8	1983	1.0	156.0	205.7	454
11	7114	248.9	144.4	964	66.2	1442	1389	69.0	1995	.9	145.0	210.7	440
12	:	247.8	145.0	983	75.3	1418	1374	71.3	2002	.9	:	211.3	434

Total, 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	:	419.4	263.4	2032	117.8	2550	2532	231.6	3911	2.3	:	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	:	167.5	118.0	1065	57.5	1087	1178	160.0	1904	1.4	:	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	:	251.9	145.4	967	60.4	1463	1354	71.6	2008	.9	:	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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