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After allowing for differences in national recording methods, the **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the European Community is estimated, according to the International Labour Office (ILO) definition, to have been 8.6% in July 1990.** The rate remains unchanged since March 1990.

The stability of the unemployment rate for the Community as a whole conceals contrasting trends at national level. Only in Spain (- 0.4%) and Portugal (- 0.1%) has there been a decrease in the rate of unemployment while most other Member States experienced either stable or slightly increasing rates. In the case of Belgium and the United Kingdom, however, these increases were relatively important (+ 0,2%).

There is a strong seasonal effect on youth unemployment rates during the summer months because of the arrival of persons leaving the education system at the end of the academic year onto the labour market. The drop in the Community unemployment rate for under 25s is due entirely to decreases in Spain (- 1.1%) and Portugal (- 0.8%); in Belgium, Ireland and Denmark, on the other hand, the increases of recent months have continued while in the United Kingdom the rate increased by 0.2%. The increase in youth unemployment in these four countries can be explained by a change in perception of the economic climate; being aware of the relative improvement in labour market conditions in recent years, students who might otherwise have chosen to continue their studies are instead opting to seek employment straight away, with the result that employers are unable to immediately absorb the extra supply of labour.

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Unemployment rates for comparison between Member States

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Persons registered at employment offices

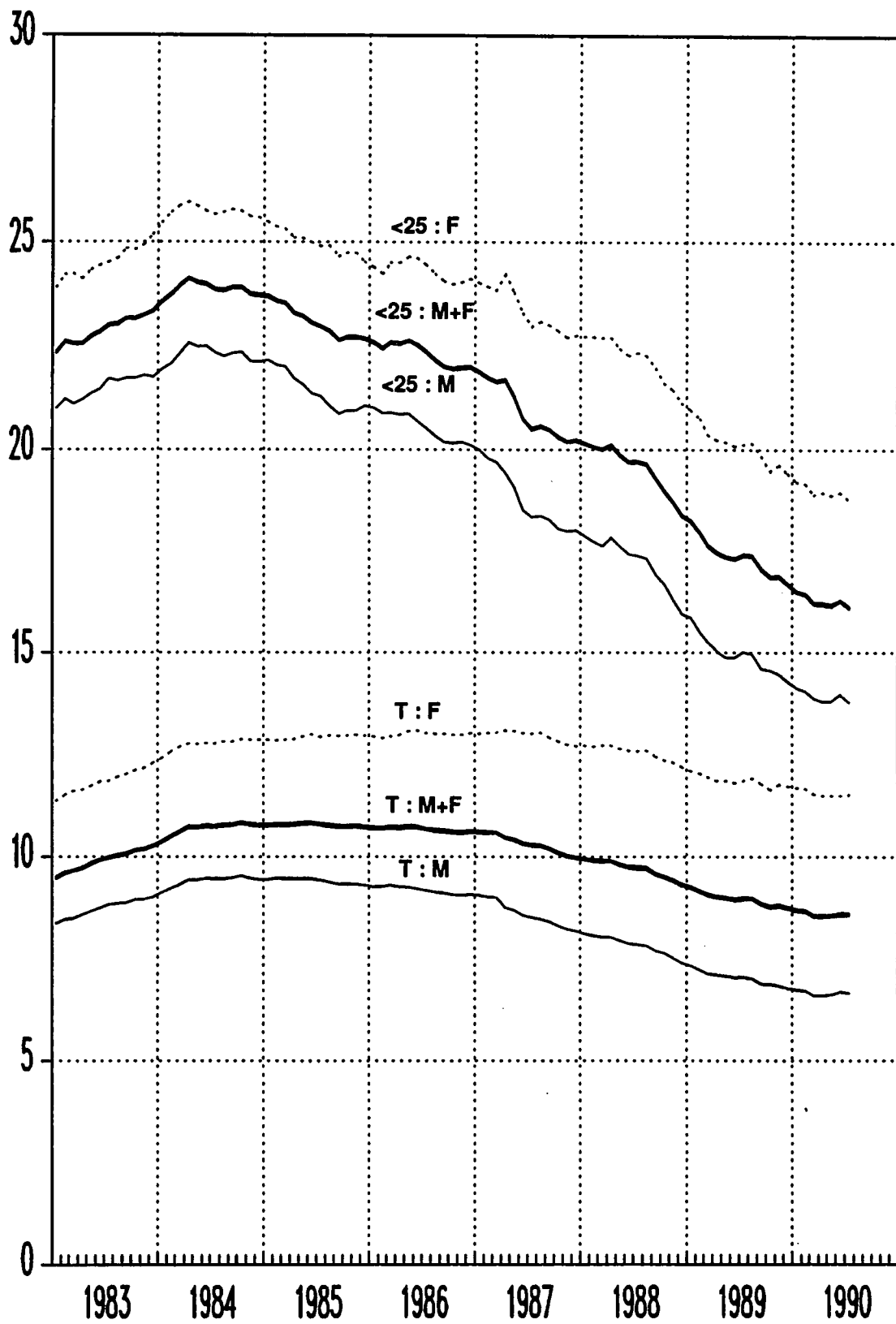
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Symbols and abbreviations:

| | | | |
|---|---------|---|-----------------------|
| 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 | Espana | France | Ireland | Italia | Luxembourg | Nederland | Portugal | United Kingdom |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males and females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990.02 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 5.8 | : | 16.5 | 9.6 | 17.0 | 11.6 | 1.8 | 9.1 | 5.2 | 6.2 |
| 03 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 5.5 | : | 16.3 | 9.4 | 16.5 | 11.1 | 1.7 | 8.8 | 5.2 | 6.1 |
| 04 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 5.2 | : | 16.1 | 9.1 | 16.4 | 11.1 | 1.5 | 8.6 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| 05 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 5.0 | : | 15.7 | 8.9 | 16.3 | 11.1 | 1.5 | 8.5 | 5.0 | 5.9 |
| 06 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 5.0 | : | 15.5 | 8.9 | 16.5 | 11.1 | 1.4 | 8.6 | 4.9 | 5.8 |
| 07 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 5.1 | : | 15.3 | 9.1 | 16.8 | 11.1 | 1.5 | 8.7 | 4.8 | 6.0 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990.02 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 4.7 | : | 12.0 | 7.1 | 16.1 | 7.8 | 1.3 | 6.6 | 3.5 | 6.8 |
| 03 | 6.8 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 4.3 | : | 11.7 | 7.0 | 15.5 | 7.5 | 1.2 | 6.4 | 3.5 | 6.7 |
| 04 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 4.0 | : | 11.5 | 6.7 | 15.3 | 7.5 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 3.4 | 6.6 |
| 05 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 3.8 | : | 11.2 | 6.5 | 15.1 | 7.5 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 3.4 | 6.5 |
| 06 | 6.4 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 3.7 | : | 11.0 | 6.4 | 15.2 | 7.5 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 6.4 |
| 07 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 3.8 | : | 10.7 | 6.5 | 15.4 | 7.5 | 1.0 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 6.6 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990.02 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 8.3 | 7.5 | : | 24.8 | 12.7 | 18.9 | 18.0 | 2.8 | 13.0 | 7.6 | 5.4 |
| 03 | 11.6 | 12.3 | 8.1 | 7.3 | : | 24.8 | 12.6 | 18.6 | 17.4 | 2.6 | 12.8 | 7.6 | 5.3 |
| 04 | 11.4 | 12.0 | 7.9 | 7.1 | : | 24.6 | 12.2 | 18.5 | 17.4 | 2.3 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 5.2 |
| 05 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 7.6 | 6.9 | : | 24.3 | 12.0 | 18.6 | 17.4 | 2.4 | 12.6 | 7.2 | 5.0 |
| 06 | 11.2 | 11.9 | 7.6 | 6.9 | : | 24.1 | 12.1 | 19.3 | 17.4 | 2.2 | 12.8 | 7.0 | 4.9 |
| 07 | 11.4 | 13.3 | 7.5 | 7.1 | : | 23.9 | 12.4 | 19.8 | 17.5 | 2.4 | 13.0 | 7.0 | 5.3 |
| Under 25 years | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males and females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990.02 | 16.7 | 15.2 | 9.3 | 5.1 | : | 31.5 | 18.2 | 23.3 | 32.3 | 3.7 | 12.4 | 12.2 | 9.4 |
| 03 | 16.3 | 14.0 | 9.2 | 4.8 | : | 30.8 | 17.9 | 22.7 | 32.0 | 3.2 | 11.8 | 12.3 | 9.2 |
| 04 | 15.9 | 13.1 | 8.6 | 4.5 | : | 30.3 | 17.0 | 22.2 | 32.0 | 2.7 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 9.0 |
| 05 | 15.6 | 12.3 | 7.9 | 4.3 | : | 29.5 | 16.5 | 21.6 | 31.9 | 2.6 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 8.7 |
| 06 | 15.6 | 12.5 | 7.7 | 4.2 | : | 29.2 | 16.7 | 23.5 | 31.8 | 2.4 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 8.6 |
| 07 | 15.9 | 17.6 | 8.1 | 4.4 | : | 28.6 | 17.8 | 24.4 | 31.6 | 2.7 | 12.3 | 10.8 | 9.4 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990.02 | 14.5 | 11.5 | 8.8 | 4.5 | : | 24.8 | 14.9 | 24.9 | 26.5 | 3.6 | 11.9 | 9.2 | 11.0 |
| 03 | 14.1 | 10.3 | 8.9 | 4.2 | : | 23.8 | 14.4 | 24.1 | 26.2 | 3.1 | 11.2 | 9.1 | 10.8 |
| 04 | 13.7 | 9.5 | 8.3 | 3.9 | : | 23.3 | 13.6 | 23.7 | 26.1 | 2.6 | 10.5 | 8.6 | 10.5 |
| 05 | 13.3 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 3.6 | : | 22.4 | 13.0 | 23.0 | 25.9 | 2.4 | 10.3 | 8.9 | 10.3 |
| 06 | 13.2 | 8.8 | 7.1 | 3.5 | : | 22.4 | 12.9 | 24.5 | 25.7 | 2.3 | 10.7 | 8.4 | 10.1 |
| 07 | 13.5 | 13.4 | 7.4 | 3.6 | : | 21.6 | 13.7 | 25.2 | 25.6 | 2.4 | 11.1 | 7.0 | 10.9 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990.02 | 19.1 | 19.5 | 9.8 | 5.7 | : | 39.7 | 21.8 | 21.4 | 38.9 | 3.9 | 12.9 | 15.8 | 7.5 |
| 03 | 18.9 | 18.2 | 9.6 | 5.4 | : | 39.3 | 21.4 | 21.0 | 38.7 | 3.4 | 12.5 | 16.2 | 7.3 |
| 04 | 18.5 | 17.2 | 9.1 | 5.2 | : | 39.0 | 20.6 | 20.4 | 38.6 | 2.8 | 12.0 | 15.4 | 7.1 |
| 05 | 18.2 | 16.3 | 8.6 | 5.0 | : | 38.2 | 20.1 | 19.8 | 38.7 | 2.9 | 12.3 | 15.3 | 6.8 |
| 06 | 18.2 | 16.7 | 8.4 | 5.0 | : | 37.6 | 20.6 | 22.4 | 38.7 | 2.6 | 13.2 | 15.0 | 6.6 |
| 07 | 18.7 | 22.3 | 8.8 | 5.2 | : | 37.3 | 21.9 | 23.5 | 38.4 | 3.1 | 13.5 | 15.2 | 7.7 |

Unemployment rates - seasonally adjusted (%)

| | EUR 12 | Belgique/ België | Danmark | B. R. Deutschland | Ellas | España | France | Irland | Italia | Luxembourg | Nederland | Portugal | United Kingdom |
|--|--------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
|--|--------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|

Total Males and females

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1990.02 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 6.6 | 5.3 | : | 16.2 | 9.4 | 16.7 | 11.2 | 1.6 | 8.9 | 5.0 | 6.1 |
| 03 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 5.2 | : | 16.1 | 9.4 | 16.3 | 10.8 | 1.6 | 8.9 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| 04 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 5.3 | : | 15.9 | 9.3 | 16.5 | 10.9 | 1.5 | 8.8 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| 05 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 5.2 | : | 15.8 | 9.3 | 16.6 | 11.1 | 1.7 | 8.9 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| 06 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 5.2 | : | 15.8 | 9.4 | 16.7 | 11.3 | 1.6 | 8.8 | 5.1 | 5.9 |
| 07 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 5.3 | : | 15.4 | 9.4 | 16.7 | 11.3 | 1.6 | 8.7 | 5.0 | 6.1 |

Males

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1990.02 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.0 | : | 11.7 | 6.8 | 15.7 | 7.5 | 1.1 | 6.3 | 3.3 | 6.6 |
| 03 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 3.8 | : | 11.6 | 6.9 | 15.2 | 7.3 | 1.1 | 6.2 | 3.3 | 6.6 |
| 04 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 4.0 | : | 11.3 | 6.8 | 15.3 | 7.4 | 1.1 | 6.2 | 3.3 | 6.6 |
| 05 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | : | 11.2 | 6.8 | 15.3 | 7.5 | 1.1 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 6.6 |
| 06 | 6.7 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 4.0 | : | 11.3 | 6.9 | 15.4 | 7.6 | 1.1 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 6.6 |
| 07 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 4.1 | : | 11.0 | 6.9 | 15.5 | 7.6 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 3.3 | 6.7 |

Females

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|------|-----|-----|---|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 1990.02 | 11.6 | 12.7 | 7.9 | 7.3 | : | 24.7 | 12.6 | 18.7 | 17.6 | 2.6 | 13.1 | 7.3 | 5.3 |
| 03 | 11.5 | 12.6 | 7.8 | 7.2 | : | 24.7 | 12.7 | 18.6 | 17.0 | 2.5 | 13.1 | 7.5 | 5.3 |
| 04 | 11.5 | 12.6 | 7.9 | 7.2 | : | 24.4 | 12.5 | 18.8 | 17.2 | 2.4 | 13.0 | 7.5 | 5.2 |
| 05 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 7.9 | 7.1 | : | 24.4 | 12.5 | 19.0 | 17.4 | 2.7 | 13.1 | 7.4 | 5.1 |
| 06 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 8.1 | 7.0 | : | 24.2 | 12.6 | 19.2 | 17.6 | 2.5 | 13.0 | 7.3 | 5.1 |
| 07 | 11.5 | 12.8 | 8.0 | 7.0 | : | 23.9 | 12.7 | 19.2 | 17.7 | 2.5 | 12.8 | 7.2 | 5.2 |

Under 25 years Males and females

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|------|-----|-----|---|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|
| 1990.02 | 16.4 | 15.8 | 8.2 | 4.7 | : | 31.1 | 18.9 | 23.1 | 31.7 | 3.4 | 12.6 | 11.7 | 9.2 |
| 03 | 16.2 | 15.3 | 8.3 | 4.6 | : | 30.7 | 19.0 | 22.7 | 31.1 | 3.1 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 9.1 |
| 04 | 16.2 | 15.2 | 8.5 | 4.6 | : | 30.3 | 18.6 | 22.7 | 31.6 | 2.9 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 9.1 |
| 05 | 16.2 | 15.0 | 8.6 | 4.6 | : | 30.0 | 18.4 | 22.4 | 31.8 | 3.2 | 12.3 | 11.9 | 9.1 |
| 06 | 16.3 | 15.1 | 8.8 | 4.6 | : | 29.8 | 18.7 | 23.3 | 32.4 | 3.1 | 12.1 | 11.8 | 9.1 |
| 07 | 16.1 | 16.3 | 9.0 | 4.5 | : | 28.7 | 18.7 | 23.7 | 32.1 | 3.0 | 11.7 | 11.0 | 9.3 |

Males

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|------|-----|-----|---|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| 1990.02 | 14.0 | 11.9 | 7.3 | 3.9 | : | 24.3 | 14.9 | 24.4 | 25.8 | 3.1 | 11.6 | 8.9 | 10.6 |
| 03 | 13.9 | 11.4 | 7.5 | 3.7 | : | 23.6 | 15.1 | 23.8 | 25.6 | 2.8 | 11.3 | 8.9 | 10.6 |
| 04 | 13.8 | 11.2 | 7.9 | 3.9 | : | 23.0 | 14.8 | 24.0 | 25.7 | 2.7 | 11.2 | 8.6 | 10.5 |
| 05 | 13.8 | 11.3 | 8.1 | 3.9 | : | 22.9 | 14.7 | 23.8 | 25.9 | 2.9 | 11.2 | 8.8 | 10.6 |
| 06 | 14.0 | 11.4 | 8.3 | 3.9 | : | 23.0 | 15.0 | 24.5 | 26.2 | 2.9 | 11.1 | 8.6 | 10.6 |
| 07 | 13.8 | 12.5 | 8.6 | 3.8 | : | 21.8 | 15.0 | 24.9 | 26.2 | 2.7 | 10.7 | 7.2 | 10.8 |

Females

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|------|-----|-----|---|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|
| 1990.02 | 19.2 | 20.2 | 9.2 | 5.6 | : | 39.5 | 22.9 | 21.5 | 38.5 | 3.6 | 13.6 | 15.1 | 7.4 |
| 03 | 18.9 | 19.8 | 9.2 | 5.5 | : | 39.3 | 23.0 | 21.3 | 37.5 | 3.4 | 13.5 | 15.8 | 7.3 |
| 04 | 18.9 | 19.6 | 9.2 | 5.4 | : | 39.2 | 22.5 | 21.1 | 38.2 | 3.1 | 13.3 | 16.1 | 7.3 |
| 05 | 18.9 | 19.3 | 9.3 | 5.3 | : | 38.7 | 22.3 | 20.7 | 38.5 | 3.5 | 13.4 | 15.8 | 7.2 |
| 06 | 18.9 | 19.4 | 9.4 | 5.2 | : | 38.2 | 22.4 | 21.9 | 39.3 | 3.2 | 13.2 | 15.6 | 7.2 |
| 07 | 18.8 | 20.6 | 9.4 | 5.1 | : | 37.2 | 22.5 | 22.1 | 38.9 | 3.4 | 12.6 | 15.6 | 7.4 |

Unemployment rates, annual averages (%)

| | EUR 12 | Belgique/ België | Danmark | B. R. Deutschland | Ellas ⁽¹⁾ | España | France | Ireland | Italia | Luxembourg | Nederland | Portugal | United Kingdom |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males and females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1983 | 9.9 | 12.5 | 9.3 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 17.8 | 8.2 | 15.2 | 8.8 | 3.5 | 12.4 | 8.0 | 11.1 |
| 1984 | 10.7 | 12.5 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 20.6 | 9.8 | 16.8 | 9.5 | 3.1 | 12.3 | 8.7 | 11.3 |
| 1985 | 10.8 | 11.6 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 21.8 | 10.2 | 18.2 | 9.4 | 2.9 | 10.5 | 8.8 | 11.4 |
| 1986 | 10.7 | 11.6 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 7.4 | 21.0 | 10.3 | 18.2 | 10.4 | 2.6 | 10.2 | 8.2 | 11.4 |
| 1987 | 10.3 | 11.4 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 20.4 | 10.4 | 18.1 | 10.2 | 2.6 | 10.0 | 6.8 | 10.4 |
| 1988 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 19.3 | 9.9 | 17.6 | 10.7 | 2.1 | 9.5 | 5.6 | 8.5 |
| 1989 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 17.0 | 9.5 | 17.0 | 11.1 | 1.8 | 9.3 | 5.0 | 6.7 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1983 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 16.5 | 6.3 | 14.6 | 5.8 | 2.6 | 11.1 | 5.3 | 11.9 |
| 1984 | 9.4 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 19.4 | 7.9 | 16.3 | 6.3 | 2.4 | 11.0 | 6.5 | 11.9 |
| 1985 | 9.4 | 7.5 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 20.3 | 8.4 | 17.5 | 6.3 | 2.1 | 9.2 | 6.7 | 11.7 |
| 1986 | 9.2 | 7.4 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 19.2 | 8.5 | 17.5 | 7.1 | 1.8 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 11.8 |
| 1987 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 16.8 | 8.3 | 17.4 | 6.9 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 5.1 | 10.8 |
| 1988 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 15.0 | 7.7 | 17.0 | 7.2 | 1.6 | 7.2 | 3.9 | 8.7 |
| 1989 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 12.7 | 7.1 | 16.1 | 7.4 | 1.4 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 7.1 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1983 | 11.8 | 19.0 | 10.5 | 8.0 | 11.7 | 20.8 | 10.8 | 16.5 | 14.6 | 5.3 | 14.7 | 11.9 | 9.9 |
| 1984 | 12.7 | 19.3 | 10.2 | 8.6 | 12.1 | 23.3 | 12.3 | 18.0 | 15.5 | 4.4 | 14.9 | 11.9 | 10.6 |
| 1985 | 12.9 | 18.4 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 11.7 | 25.2 | 12.6 | 19.7 | 15.5 | 4.3 | 12.8 | 11.7 | 11.0 |
| 1986 | 13.0 | 18.5 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 11.6 | 25.2 | 12.8 | 19.9 | 16.6 | 4.0 | 13.4 | 10.9 | 11.0 |
| 1987 | 12.9 | 17.6 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 11.4 | 27.7 | 13.3 | 19.3 | 16.0 | 3.9 | 14.0 | 9.2 | 9.9 |
| 1988 | 12.5 | 15.2 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 12.5 | 27.5 | 12.8 | 18.9 | 16.9 | 3.1 | 13.1 | 7.9 | 8.1 |
| 1989 | 11.9 | 13.3 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 12.7 | 25.2 | 12.7 | 18.8 | 17.4 | 2.7 | 13.2 | 7.2 | 6.1 |
| Under 25 years | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males and females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1983 | 22.9 | 27.2 | 17.3 | 11.8 | 22.8 | 42.7 | 21.5 | 22.3 | 30.3 | 8.1 | 22.3 | 18.5 | 20.2 |
| 1984 | 23.9 | 27.7 | 13.8 | 11.4 | 23.9 | 46.9 | 26.0 | 24.2 | 31.9 | 6.8 | 21.3 | 19.7 | 19.2 |
| 1985 | 23.1 | 24.9 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 23.9 | 48.1 | 25.7 | 26.1 | 31.5 | 6.7 | 17.8 | 19.9 | 18.3 |
| 1986 | 22.3 | 23.3 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 24.1 | 45.9 | 24.8 | 26.8 | 33.2 | 6.1 | 16.8 | 19.2 | 18.1 |
| 1987 | 20.9 | 22.6 | 8.1 | 6.9 | 24.8 | 43.0 | 23.7 | 26.3 | 31.6 | 6.0 | 17.1 | 15.9 | 15.5 |
| 1988 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 8.1 | 6.5 | 25.8 | 40.2 | 22.2 | 25.5 | 32.3 | 5.0 | 14.7 | 13.0 | 12.5 |
| 1989 | 17.4 | 17.0 | 8.5 | 5.1 | 26.1 | 33.8 | 20.1 | 23.6 | 32.1 | 3.7 | 13.7 | 11.6 | 9.9 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1983 | 21.5 | 22.3 | 15.8 | 11.4 | 17.0 | 41.4 | 17.4 | 24.1 | 25.2 | 7.2 | 23.5 | 13.8 | 22.1 |
| 1984 | 22.3 | 22.3 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 17.5 | 45.7 | 22.2 | 26.4 | 26.1 | 6.7 | 21.7 | 15.3 | 20.6 |
| 1985 | 21.4 | 18.9 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 17.5 | 46.0 | 22.5 | 27.6 | 25.4 | 6.3 | 18.1 | 15.9 | 19.5 |
| 1986 | 20.6 | 17.2 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 15.9 | 43.3 | 21.5 | 29.3 | 27.7 | 5.2 | 16.4 | 15.4 | 19.1 |
| 1987 | 18.8 | 16.0 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 17.4 | 37.9 | 19.9 | 28.5 | 26.7 | 4.8 | 16.0 | 12.2 | 16.4 |
| 1988 | 17.2 | 14.5 | 7.4 | 5.7 | 17.0 | 33.9 | 18.4 | 27.2 | 27.1 | 4.8 | 14.1 | 9.5 | 13.5 |
| 1989 | 14.9 | 12.7 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 17.2 | 27.0 | 16.1 | 24.9 | 26.3 | 3.6 | 12.9 | 8.5 | 11.2 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1983 | 24.5 | 32.5 | 18.9 | 12.2 | 29.8 | 44.4 | 25.9 | 20.1 | 36.4 | 9.1 | 21.1 | 24.4 | 17.8 |
| 1984 | 25.7 | 33.4 | 15.8 | 12.2 | 31.7 | 48.6 | 30.0 | 21.5 | 38.9 | 7.0 | 20.8 | 25.1 | 17.5 |
| 1985 | 25.0 | 31.3 | 12.6 | 11.2 | 31.7 | 50.9 | 29.1 | 24.2 | 38.7 | 7.1 | 17.4 | 25.0 | 16.8 |
| 1986 | 24.3 | 29.7 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 34.1 | 49.5 | 28.2 | 23.9 | 39.7 | 7.0 | 17.2 | 24.1 | 16.9 |
| 1987 | 23.3 | 29.5 | 9.4 | 7.6 | 33.7 | 49.3 | 27.8 | 23.7 | 37.5 | 7.3 | 18.3 | 20.6 | 14.3 |
| 1988 | 22.2 | 25.1 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 35.9 | 47.8 | 26.1 | 23.3 | 38.4 | 5.2 | 15.4 | 17.4 | 11.2 |
| 1989 | 20.1 | 21.8 | 9.2 | 5.9 | 36.2 | 42.1 | 24.1 | 21.9 | 38.8 | 3.9 | 14.5 | 15.4 | 8.3 |

⁽¹⁾ Data refer to Spring.

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

| | EUR 12 | Belgique/ België | Danmark | B. R. Deutschland | Ellas ⁽¹⁾ | España | France | Ireland | Italia | Luxembourg | Nederland | Portugal | United Kingdom |
|--|--------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
|--|--------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|

Total Males and females

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|---|-----|-----|------|
| 1983 | 13425 | 487 | 247 | 1921 | 299 | 2363 | 1913 | 200 | 1988 | 5 | 702 | 372 | 2928 |
| 1984 | 14652 | 496 | 237 | 1988 | 310 | 2764 | 2314 | 221 | 2137 | 5 | 712 | 405 | 3064 |
| 1985 | 14876 | 463 | 199 | 2012 | 304 | 2947 | 2424 | 239 | 2147 | 4 | 603 | 406 | 3129 |
| 1986 | 14889 | 463 | 156 | 1796 | 287 | 2906 | 2474 | 240 | 2403 | 4 | 616 | 383 | 3162 |
| 1987 | 14550 | 447 | 158 | 1770 | 286 | 2916 | 2501 | 239 | 2351 | 4 | 650 | 321 | 2908 |
| 1988 | 13816 | 390 | 177 | 1741 | 304 | 2813 | 2376 | 234 | 2521 | 3 | 619 | 266 | 2370 |
| 1989 | 12699 | 332 | 193 | 1583 | 303 | 2488 | 2290 | 224 | 2596 | 3 | 604 | 241 | 1842 |

Males

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|---|-----|-----|------|
| 1983 | 7350 | 211 | 119 | 1051 | 147 | 1535 | 854 | 132 | 868 | 3 | 416 | 143 | 1871 |
| 1984 | 7967 | 207 | 109 | 1043 | 150 | 1822 | 1071 | 147 | 935 | 2 | 414 | 176 | 1891 |
| 1985 | 7986 | 183 | 83 | 1038 | 142 | 1913 | 1135 | 157 | 930 | 2 | 344 | 181 | 1877 |
| 1986 | 7824 | 180 | 60 | 879 | 127 | 1827 | 1150 | 156 | 1053 | 2 | 328 | 173 | 1889 |
| 1987 | 7359 | 179 | 68 | 881 | 128 | 1609 | 1119 | 155 | 1035 | 2 | 305 | 139 | 1739 |
| 1988 | 6722 | 160 | 81 | 844 | 122 | 1440 | 1034 | 152 | 1085 | 2 | 291 | 107 | 1406 |
| 1989 | 5998 | 130 | 90 | 751 | 122 | 1211 | 956 | 142 | 1101 | 1 | 273 | 93 | 1128 |

Females

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|----|------|---|-----|-----|------|
| 1983 | 6075 | 276 | 128 | 870 | 152 | 828 | 1059 | 68 | 1120 | 3 | 285 | 229 | 1057 |
| 1984 | 6685 | 289 | 128 | 945 | 160 | 942 | 1243 | 74 | 1202 | 2 | 298 | 229 | 1173 |
| 1985 | 6890 | 279 | 115 | 974 | 162 | 1034 | 1289 | 82 | 1217 | 2 | 259 | 225 | 1251 |
| 1986 | 7065 | 282 | 96 | 917 | 160 | 1079 | 1324 | 84 | 1349 | 2 | 288 | 210 | 1273 |
| 1987 | 7192 | 267 | 90 | 889 | 158 | 1307 | 1382 | 84 | 1315 | 2 | 345 | 182 | 1170 |
| 1988 | 7093 | 231 | 97 | 897 | 182 | 1373 | 1342 | 82 | 1437 | 2 | 328 | 159 | 964 |
| 1989 | 6701 | 202 | 103 | 832 | 182 | 1278 | 1334 | 81 | 1494 | 1 | 332 | 148 | 713 |

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⁽²⁾. 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⁾ Data refer to Spring. ⁽²⁾ The most recent results are based on the 1988 surveys, except for Belgium, Spain, France, Greece, Italy and Portugal (1989).

Persons registered at employment offices

| | EUR 12 | Belgique/ België | Danmark | B. R. Deutschland | Eilas | España | France | Ireland | Italia | Luxembourg | Nederland | Portugal | United Kingdom |
|--|--------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
|--|--------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|

Monthly data - not seasonally (1000)

Males and females

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|-----|-------|-------|------|
| 1990.02 | 14779 | 399.2 | 290.4 | 2153 | 163.3 | 2442 | 2552 | 232.2 | 4176 | 2.2 | 370.0 | 323.2 | 1676 |
| 03 | 14271 | 385.9 | 282.0 | 2013 | 150.8 | 2412 | 2519 | 223.4 | 3960 | 2.1 | 354.0 | 321.6 | 1647 |
| 04 | 13974 | 373.9 | 267.9 | 1915 | 133.0 | 2379 | 2431 | 221.1 | 3965 | 1.9 | 343.0 | 317.6 | 1626 |
| 05 | 13658 | 364.6 | 248.0 | 1823 | 108.9 | 2331 | 2367 | 219.6 | 3968 | 1.9 | 340.0 | 307.7 | 1579 |
| 06 | 13572 | 364.7 | 246.1 | 1808 | 115.2 | 2295 | 2354 | 221.8 | 3980 | 1.8 | 330.0 | 299.3 | 1556 |
| 07 | : | 418.4 | 245.0 | 1864 | 115.0 | 2262 | 2410 | 225.9 | 3995 | 1.8 | : | 298.5 | 1624 |

Males

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-----|-------|-------|------|
| 1990.02 | 7499 | 161.2 | 139.2 | 1156 | 84.9 | 1007 | 1190 | 160.0 | 2037 | 1.3 | 227.0 | 103.4 | 1232 |
| 03 | 7179 | 154.9 | 135.4 | 1054 | 79.5 | 979 | 1169 | 152.7 | 1916 | 1.2 | 221.0 | 102.8 | 1214 |
| 04 | 6989 | 149.0 | 124.0 | 977 | 68.4 | 962 | 1123 | 150.5 | 1920 | 1.1 | 214.0 | 101.6 | 1198 |
| 05 | 6799 | 144.4 | 110.0 | 918 | 52.8 | 933 | 1088 | 148.5 | 1925 | 1.1 | 208.0 | 100.3 | 1170 |
| 06 | 6725 | 142.5 | 108.0 | 906 | 54.1 | 913 | 1069 | 147.9 | 1933 | 1.0 | 197.0 | 98.4 | 1155 |
| 07 | : | 165.7 | 109.0 | 931 | 52.4 | 892 | 1084 | 149.8 | 1935 | 1.1 | : | 98.0 | 1192 |

Females

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|----|-------|-------|-----|
| 1990.02 | 7280 | 237.9 | 151.2 | 997 | 78.4 | 1434 | 1363 | 72.2 | 2139 | .9 | 143.0 | 219.8 | 444 |
| 03 | 7091 | 231.1 | 146.6 | 959 | 71.3 | 1433 | 1350 | 70.7 | 2044 | .8 | 133.0 | 218.8 | 433 |
| 04 | 6985 | 225.0 | 144.0 | 938 | 64.7 | 1417 | 1307 | 70.5 | 2045 | .8 | 129.0 | 215.9 | 428 |
| 05 | 6859 | 220.2 | 138.0 | 905 | 56.1 | 1398 | 1279 | 71.1 | 2043 | .8 | 132.0 | 207.4 | 408 |
| 06 | 6843 | 222.2 | 138.1 | 901 | 61.1 | 1381 | 1284 | 73.9 | 2047 | .7 | 133.0 | 200.9 | 400 |
| 07 | : | 252.6 | 136.0 | 933 | 62.6 | 1371 | 1325 | 76.1 | 2060 | .8 | : | 200.6 | 431 |

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 | 14601 | 419.4 | 262.8 | 2032 | 117.8 | 2550 | 2532 | 231.6 | 3951 | 2.3 | 391.4 | 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 | 7372 | 167.5 | 117.7 | 1065 | 57.5 | 1087 | 1178 | 160.0 | 1904 | 1.4 | 241.3 | 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 | 7229 | 251.9 | 145.1 | 967 | 60.4 | 1463 | 1354 | 71.6 | 2047 | .9 | 150.1 | 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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