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**The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate in the European Community is estimated by Eurostat, after correction of the differences between national methods of recording unemployment, at 8.5% for the month of February 1991.** This represents an increase of 0.1% in relation to the previous month.

For the first time since the end of the summer of 1985, the unemployment rate in the Community has experienced a slight increase in relation to the corresponding month of the previous year. Between February 1989 (9.2%) and February 1990 (8.4%) the annual trend in the fall in unemployment had exceeded 8%.

Over the last 12 months unemployment rate has risen particularly in the United Kingdom, increasing from 6.3% to 7.5%, a rise of more than 18%. But increases in the order of 4% have also occurred in Ireland, Belgium, Denmark and France. Decreases of the same order have on the other hand been observed in Portugal, Italy and Spain. In the Federal Republic of Germany (according to their frontiers before the 3rd October 1990) the decrease in the unemployment rate reached 13% (4.6% compared to 5.3% in February 1990).

Regarding Germany, it should however be noted that while the number of persons registered at employment offices of the 11 Länder in the West fell from 2.153 to 1.869 million in 12 months, it increased from 142 000 to 787 000 between June 1990 and February 1991 in the 5 new Länder and in East Berlin.

Due to a lack of sufficient statistical data, the unemployment rates used for comparisons between Member States relate to the territory of the Community and the Federal Republic of Germany according to their frontiers before 3rd October 1990. Further information can be found on page 10.



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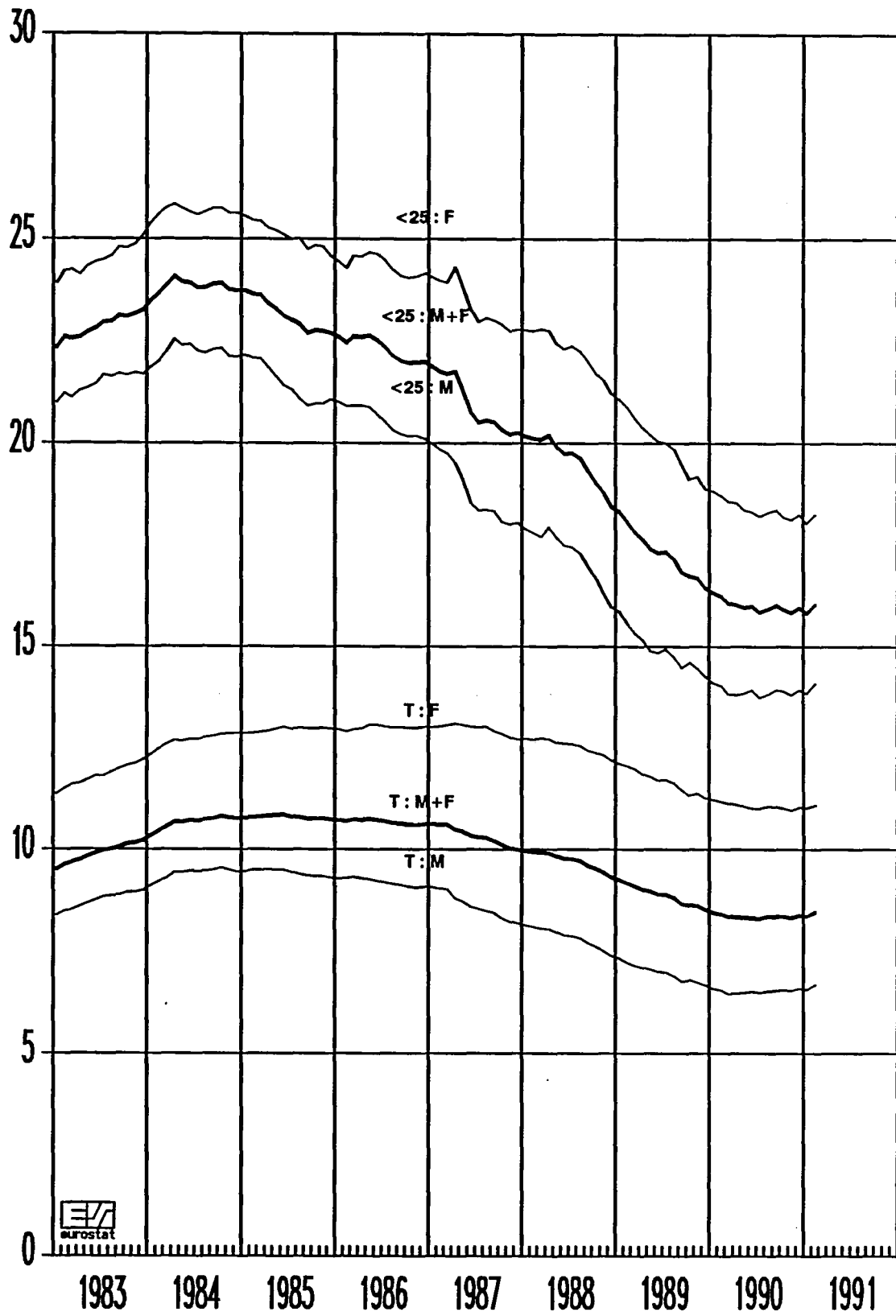
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In the tables on pages 4 to 6, data are shown by country and sex for total unemployed and unemployed aged under 25 years. Data in the tables on pages 7 and 8 are by country and sex only.

### Symbols and abbreviations:

T	Total	∅	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	BR Deutschland	Ellas	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
<b>Total</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1990.02	8.7	8.1	8.5	5.8	:	16.6	9.1	16.0	10.2	1.8	8.4	4.8	6.5
9	8.3	8.5	7.7	4.8	:	15.9	9.2	15.4	10.0	1.5	:	4.4	6.4
10	8.3	8.5	8.2	4.7	:	16.1	9.3	15.2	9.6	1.8	:	4.5	6.4
11	8.3	8.4	7.9	4.6	:	16.1	9.2	15.5	9.6	1.8	:	4.5	6.6
12	8.5	8.5	8.1	4.9	:	16.2	9.3	16.1	9.6	1.8	:	4.5	7.0
1991.01	8.6	8.5	8.8	5.1	:	16.2	9.4	16.6	9.7	2.0	:	4.6	7.4
2	8.7	8.4	8.9	5.1	:	16.2	9.4	16.7	9.8	1.7	:	4.5	7.7
<b>Males</b>													
1990.02	6.9	5.2	7.9	4.6	:	12.4	6.9	15.6	6.8	1.2	6.4	3.4	6.9
9	6.4	5.5	6.7	3.5	:	11.4	6.7	14.7	6.6	1.0	:	3.2	6.9
10	6.4	5.4	7.0	3.5	:	11.7	6.9	14.6	6.3	1.1	:	3.2	7.0
11	6.5	5.4	7.0	3.5	:	11.7	7.0	14.9	6.3	1.2	:	3.2	7.2
12	6.7	5.5	7.4	3.8	:	11.9	7.2	15.5	6.3	1.2	:	3.2	7.8
1991.01	6.9	5.6	8.2	4.1	:	11.9	7.2	16.1	6.3	1.4	:	3.3	8.2
2	7.0	5.6	8.3	4.2	:	11.9	7.2	16.2	6.4	1.1	:	3.3	8.5
<b>Females</b>													
1990.02	11.3	12.6	9.3	7.6	:	24.5	11.9	16.7	16.1	2.8	11.8	6.7	5.9
9	11.2	13.3	8.9	6.6	:	23.9	12.3	16.8	16.0	2.6	.	6.1	5.8
10	11.0	13.2	9.5	6.5	:	24.2	12.3	16.5	15.3	2.9	:	6.2	5.6
11	11.0	13.1	9.0	6.4	:	24.2	12.2	16.6	15.3	3.0	:	6.2	5.7
12	11.0	13.2	9.0	6.5	:	24.0	12.1	17.1	15.4	2.9	:	6.2	5.9
1991.01	11.2	13.2	9.4	6.6	:	24.1	12.2	17.6	15.5	3.2	:	6.3	6.3
2	11.2	13.0	9.5	6.4	:	24.1	12.2	17.7	15.6	2.7	:	6.2	6.5
<b>Under 25 years</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1990.02	16.4	15.2	11.9	5.3	:	33.0	18.1	21.6	29.7	4.1	12.1	10.7	9.4
9	16.4	18.6	11.1	4.4	:	30.7	20.2	21.9	29.9	3.6	:	9.6	9.8
10	16.2	18.0	11.1	4.1	:	31.4	20.6	21.1	28.6	4.1	:	9.8	9.5
11	16.1	17.4	10.6	4.0	:	31.1	20.4	21.5	28.6	4.0	:	9.8	9.7
12	16.2	17.3	10.7	4.0	:	30.9	20.4	22.3	28.7	3.9	:	9.5	10.3
1991.01	16.0	16.9	11.5	4.2	:	30.5	18.0	23.3	28.8	4.4	:	9.7	10.9
2	16.2	16.3	11.2	4.2	:	30.3	17.8	23.5	29.1	3.7	:	9.6	11.6
<b>Males</b>													
1990.02	14.4	11.5	11.0	4.9	:	27.1	15.3	23.6	24.1	3.3	11.3	8.2	10.5
9	14.1	14.6	9.9	3.8	:	24.4	16.4	23.5	24.5	2.5	:	7.1	10.7
10	14.0	14.2	10.0	3.6	:	25.3	17.0	22.8	23.1	3.0	:	7.3	10.7
11	14.0	13.8	9.8	3.6	:	24.9	17.2	23.5	23.0	2.9	:	7.2	11.1
12	14.3	13.8	9.9	3.8	:	25.0	17.6	24.5	23.1	2.9	:	7.1	12.0
1991.01	14.2	13.5	11.0	4.1	:	24.6	15.5	25.7	23.1	3.6	:	7.5	12.6
2	14.4	13.1	10.7	4.2	:	24.4	15.5	25.6	23.5	2.8	:	7.4	13.4
<b>Females</b>													
1990.02	18.7	19.5	12.9	5.7	:	40.1	21.2	19.2	36.1	4.9	13.0	13.8	8.0
9	19.0	23.1	12.3	5.0	:	38.3	24.2	19.9	36.3	4.8	:	12.7	8.7
10	18.6	22.4	12.4	4.6	:	38.8	24.4	19.0	35.0	5.3	:	12.9	8.0
11	18.5	21.5	11.6	4.5	:	38.6	23.8	19.0	35.1	5.1	:	12.8	8.1
12	18.4	21.3	11.6	4.3	:	38.0	23.5	19.5	35.2	5.0	:	12.3	8.3
1991.01	18.1	20.8	12.0	4.3	:	37.7	20.7	20.3	35.3	5.3	:	12.3	8.9
2	18.2	19.9	11.9	4.2	:	37.6	20.4	20.9	35.7	4.7	:	12.2	9.5

# Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted

(%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Ellas	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
<b>Total</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1990.02	8.4	8.1	7.6	5.3	:	16.4	8.9	15.6	10.0	1.6	8.3	4.6	6.3
9	8.3	8.2	8.2	5.0	:	15.8	9.0	15.6	10.1	1.6	:	4.5	6.4
10	8.3	8.2	8.3	4.9	:	16.3	9.0	15.6	9.6	1.7	:	4.5	6.5
11	8.3	8.3	8.0	4.8	:	16.2	9.0	15.7	9.6	1.7	:	4.4	6.7
12	8.4	8.3	7.9	4.8	:	16.1	9.1	15.8	9.7	1.7	:	4.4	7.0
1991.01	8.4	8.3	7.9	4.6	:	15.9	9.1	16.1	9.6	1.8	:	4.4	7.2
2	8.5	8.5	7.9	4.6	:	15.9	9.2	16.3	9.6	1.6	:	4.4	7.5
<b>Males</b>													
1990.02	6.6	5.2	6.6	4.0	:	12.1	6.7	15.2	6.6	1.1	6.1	3.3	6.7
9	6.5	5.3	7.5	3.9	:	11.6	6.7	15.0	6.7	1.0	:	3.2	7.0
10	6.6	5.3	7.4	3.8	:	11.9	6.7	15.0	6.4	1.2	:	3.2	7.1
11	6.6	5.3	7.3	3.7	:	11.8	6.8	15.1	6.3	1.1	:	3.2	7.3
12	6.6	5.4	7.0	3.7	:	11.7	6.8	15.2	6.3	1.1	:	3.2	7.7
1991.01	6.6	5.4	7.0	3.5	:	11.5	6.8	15.5	6.2	1.2	:	3.2	7.9
2	6.7	5.6	7.0	3.6	:	11.6	7.0	15.7	6.2	1.1	:	3.1	8.3
<b>Females</b>													
1990.02	11.2	12.7	8.8	7.4	:	24.3	11.8	16.5	15.8	2.6	11.9	6.4	5.8
9	11.0	12.8	9.0	6.8	:	23.7	11.9	17.0	16.0	2.6	:	6.2	5.7
10	11.0	12.9	9.4	6.6	:	24.4	11.9	16.9	15.3	2.7	:	6.3	5.7
11	11.0	12.9	8.9	6.5	:	24.2	11.9	17.0	15.3	2.8	:	6.1	5.8
12	11.0	13.0	8.9	6.4	:	24.1	12.0	17.0	15.6	2.8	:	6.1	6.0
1991.01	11.0	13.0	9.0	6.3	:	24.0	11.9	17.3	15.5	2.8	:	6.1	6.2
2	11.1	13.1	9.0	6.2	:	23.9	12.0	17.6	15.5	2.5	:	6.0	6.4
<b>Under 25 years</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1990.02	16.2	15.8	10.6	4.9	:	32.5	18.8	21.4	29.3	3.7	12.3	10.3	9.1
9	16.0	16.3	11.4	4.4	:	30.4	18.4	22.0	30.0	3.3	:	9.9	9.5
10	15.9	16.4	11.3	4.2	:	31.3	18.5	21.8	28.7	3.7	:	10.0	9.6
11	15.8	16.4	10.7	4.1	:	31.1	18.5	22.1	28.4	3.5	:	9.7	10.0
12	15.9	16.4	10.5	4.0	:	30.7	18.5	22.2	28.9	3.5	:	9.4	10.4
1991.01	15.8	16.4	10.3	3.8	:	30.1	18.2	22.7	28.7	3.9	:	9.4	10.6
2	16.0	17.0	10.0	3.8	:	29.9	18.5	23.3	28.8	3.4	:	9.2	11.3
<b>Males</b>													
1990.02	14.0	12.0	9.3	4.2	:	26.5	15.4	23.1	23.8	3.0	11.0	7.9	10.1
9	13.9	12.6	10.8	4.1	:	24.2	15.2	23.7	24.6	2.4	:	7.3	10.6
10	13.9	12.7	10.6	3.9	:	25.3	15.3	23.6	23.2	2.9	:	7.2	11.0
11	13.8	12.8	10.0	3.8	:	24.8	15.4	24.1	22.9	2.6	:	7.2	11.4
12	13.9	12.8	9.6	3.7	:	24.7	15.5	24.2	23.2	2.5	:	7.1	12.0
1991.01	13.8	13.0	9.4	3.5	:	24.1	15.2	24.9	23.1	3.2	:	7.4	12.2
2	14.1	13.7	9.0	3.6	:	23.9	15.6	25.1	23.2	2.5	:	7.2	12.9
<b>Females</b>													
1990.02	18.7	20.2	12.1	5.6	:	39.8	22.4	19.3	35.8	4.5	13.6	13.1	7.8
9	18.4	20.6	12.1	4.8	:	37.9	21.8	19.9	36.3	4.3	:	13.1	8.2
10	18.2	20.5	12.1	4.6	:	38.6	21.8	19.6	35.1	4.6	:	13.3	8.0
11	18.1	20.5	11.5	4.4	:	38.6	21.7	19.6	34.8	4.4	:	12.7	8.2
12	18.2	20.5	11.5	4.3	:	38.1	21.7	19.7	35.6	4.6	:	12.2	8.5
1991.01	18.0	20.4	11.3	4.2	:	37.4	21.4	20.1	35.2	4.8	:	11.9	8.7
2	18.2	20.7	11.2	4.1	:	37.2	21.6	21.0	35.4	4.3	:	11.6	9.3

# Unemployment rates, annual averages

(%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Ellas (1)	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
<b>Total</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
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	9.3	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	9.6	2.9	10.5	8.8	11.4
1986	10.7	11.6	5.6	6.3	7.4	21.1	10.3	18.2	10.5	2.6	10.2	8.2	11.4
1987	10.3	11.4	5.7	6.2	7.4	20.4	10.4	18.0	10.2	2.6	10.0	6.8	10.4
1988	9.7	10.0	6.5	6.1	7.7	19.3	9.9	17.4	10.8	2.1	9.3	5.6	8.5
1989	8.9	8.5	7.7	5.5	7.5	17.1	9.4	16.0	10.7	1.8	8.7	4.8	7.0
1990	8.4	8.1	7.9	5.1	7.5	16.1	9.0	15.6	9.8	1.6	8.1	4.6	6.4
<b>Males</b>													
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	6.2	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	17.4	7.1	1.8	8.4	6.4	11.8
1987	8.6	7.4	4.5	5.1	5.1	16.8	8.3	17.4	7.0	1.8	7.5	5.1	10.8
1988	7.8	6.7	5.5	4.9	4.9	15.0	7.7	16.9	7.2	1.5	7.1	3.9	8.7
1989	7.0	5.4	6.8	4.3	4.6	12.8	7.0	15.6	7.1	1.3	6.5	3.3	7.2
1990	6.5	5.2	7.1	3.9	4.6	11.8	6.7	15.0	6.5	1.1	5.8	3.2	6.9
<b>Females</b>													
1983	11.8	19.0	10.5	8.0	11.7	20.8	10.8	16.5	14.4	5.3	14.7	11.8	9.9
1984	12.7	19.3	10.2	8.6	12.1	23.3	12.3	18.0	15.2	4.4	14.8	11.9	10.6
1985	13.0	18.4	9.1	8.7	11.7	25.2	12.6	19.7	15.7	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	16.7	4.0	13.4	10.9	11.0
1987	13.0	17.6	7.0	7.9	11.4	27.7	13.3	19.3	16.1	3.9	14.0	9.2	9.9
1988	12.6	15.2	7.6	7.9	12.5	27.5	12.8	18.4	17.0	3.1	12.8	7.9	8.3
1989	11.7	13.3	8.6	7.4	12.4	25.1	12.4	16.7	16.9	2.7	12.1	6.8	6.6
1990	11.1	12.8	8.9	7.0	12.4	24.1	11.9	16.8	15.7	2.6	11.9	6.3	5.7
<b>Under 25 years</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1983	22.8	27.2	17.3	11.8	22.8	42.7	21.5	22.3	30.1	8.1	22.3	18.5	20.2
1984	23.8	27.7	13.8	11.4	23.9	46.9	26.0	24.2	31.7	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	31.8	6.7	17.7	19.9	18.3
1986	22.3	23.3	7.7	7.6	24.1	46.0	24.8	26.8	33.2	6.1	16.8	19.2	18.1
1987	21.0	22.6	8.1	6.9	24.8	43.0	23.7	26.3	31.7	6.0	17.1	15.9	15.5
1988	19.6	19.6	8.7	6.5	25.8	40.2	22.2	25.1	32.4	5.0	14.7	13.0	12.5
1989	17.3	17.0	10.8	5.3	24.8	34.0	20.0	21.9	31.4	4.0	13.4	11.1	9.8
1990	16.0	16.0	11.0	4.5	24.8	31.5	18.6	21.6	29.1	3.5	11.8	10.0	9.3
<b>Males</b>													
1983	21.4	22.3	15.8	11.4	17.0	41.4	17.4	24.1	25.1	7.2	23.5	13.8	22.1
1984	22.2	22.3	12.0	10.6	17.5	45.7	22.2	26.4	25.9	6.7	21.7	15.3	20.6
1985	21.5	18.9	8.9	9.4	17.5	46.0	22.5	27.6	25.7	6.3	18.1	15.9	19.5
1986	20.6	17.2	6.2	6.4	15.9	43.4	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	26.8	4.8	16.0	12.2	16.4
1988	17.3	14.5	7.9	5.8	17.0	33.9	18.4	26.9	27.1	4.7	13.9	9.5	13.4
1989	14.9	12.7	9.8	4.8	16.9	27.4	16.3	23.6	25.6	3.4	12.2	8.4	10.7
1990	13.9	12.2	10.1	4.1	16.9	25.3	15.4	23.3	23.6	2.8	10.3	7.5	10.5
<b>Females</b>													
1983	24.5	32.5	18.9	12.2	29.8	44.4	25.9	20.1	36.2	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	38.6	7.0	20.8	25.1	17.5
1985	25.1	31.3	12.6	11.2	31.7	50.9	29.1	24.2	39.2	7.1	17.4	25.0	16.8
1986	24.3	29.7	9.4	8.8	34.1	49.5	28.2	23.8	39.7	7.0	17.2	24.1	16.9
1987	23.4	29.5	9.4	7.6	33.7	49.3	27.8	23.7	37.7	7.3	18.3	20.6	14.3
1988	22.3	25.1	9.7	7.3	35.9	47.8	26.1	22.9	38.5	5.4	15.4	17.4	11.4
1989	20.0	21.8	12.0	5.8	33.9	41.9	23.9	19.9	38.0	4.7	14.5	14.3	8.8
1990	18.4	20.3	12.1	5.0	33.9	38.8	22.0	19.5	35.5	4.4	13.3	13.1	7.9

(1) Data refer to spring.

# Estimates of the number of unemployed, annual averages

(1000)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Ellas (1)	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
<b>Total</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1983	13407	487	247	1921	299	2363	1913	200	1970	5	702	372	2928
1984	14612	496	237	1988	310	2764	2314	221	2097	5	711	405	3064
1985	14917	463	199	2012	304	2948	2424	239	2189	4	603	406	3129
1986	14910	463	156	1796	287	2909	2474	240	2420	4	616	383	3162
1987	14576	447	158	1770	286	2918	2501	239	2373	4	651	321	2908
1988	13870	391	184	1747	304	2813	2376	230	2535	3	609	266	2411
1989	12715	332	219	1603	297	2512	2250	208	2504	3	571	233	1983
1990	11973	318	226	1482	297	2406	2157	202	2312	3	535	223	1814
<b>Males</b>													
1983	7345	211	119	1051	147	1535	854	132	862	3	416	144	1871
1984	7954	207	109	1043	150	1822	1071	147	922	2	414	176	1891
1985	8001	183	83	1038	142	1913	1135	157	945	2	344	181	1877
1986	7831	180	60	879	127	1829	1150	156	1058	2	328	173	1889
1987	7367	179	68	881	128	1610	1119	155	1042	2	305	139	1739
1988	6737	160	84	844	122	1440	1034	150	1089	2	289	107	1418
1989	6003	130	105	748	115	1233	948	136	1059	1	265	92	1170
1990	5615	125	109	675	115	1144	906	130	964	1	234	90	1122
<b>Females</b>													
1983	6062	276	128	870	152	828	1059	68	1109	3	285	228	1057
1984	6658	289	128	945	160	942	1243	74	1176	2	298	229	1173
1985	6917	279	115	974	162	1034	1289	82	1244	2	259	225	1251
1986	7079	282	96	917	160	1080	1324	84	1362	2	289	210	1273
1987	7209	267	90	889	158	1308	1382	84	1332	2	345	182	1170
1988	7133	231	100	903	182	1373	1342	80	1447	2	320	159	994
1989	6712	202	113	856	182	1279	1302	72	1445	1	306	140	813
1990	6358	193	117	806	182	1262	1251	73	1347	1	301	132	692

(1) Data refer to spring.

## Method of estimating unemployment rates for comparison between Member States

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 1989 surveys, except for France, Italy, Spain and Portugal (1990).

# Persons registered at employment offices

(1000)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Ellas	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
<b>Monthly data, not seasonally adjusted</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1990.02	14779	399.2	290.4	2153	163.3	2442	2552	232.2	4176	2.2	370	323.2	1676
9	14181	423.7	260.9	1728	120.2	2300	2554	221.0	4256	1.9	346	295.3	1674
10	14045	420.7	278.7	1687	142.5	2345	2589	218.4	4060	2.2	331	300.2	1671
11	14128	417.4	269.1	1685	168.8	2348	2583	222.9	4070	2.3	330	303.6	1728
12	14449	423.2	275.1	1784	185.3	2351	2612	232.8	4090	2.3	338	304.3	1850
1991.01	14757	423.1	299.8	1874	187.1	2359	2647	241.1	4110	2.5	345	308.3	1960
2	:	418.9	304.0	1869	192.6	2362	2643	243.4	4150	2.2	:	306.5	2045
<b>Males</b>													
1990.02	7499	161.2	139.2	1156	84.9	1007	1190	160.0	2037	1.3	227	103.4	1232
9	6975	170.1	114.8	870	55.3	902	1145	148.5	2032	1.1	204	98.1	1234
10	6948	168.4	120.7	851	65.5	926	1173	147.1	1955	1.3	196	98.7	1244
11	7043	168.3	121.2	859	78.8	926	1187	151.1	1957	1.3	197	100.1	1296
12	7327	172.1	127.6	946	90.9	946	1222	158.1	1963	1.3	200	99.9	1401
1991.01	7539	173.2	143.7	1021	95.6	944	1243	164.3	1967	1.5	204	101.4	1481
2	:	172.8	146.0	1041	98.2	942	1247	165.7	1986	1.3	:	101.8	1548
<b>Females</b>													
1990.02	7280	237.9	151.2	997	78.4	1434	1363	72.2	2139	.9	143	219.8	444
9	7206	253.6	146.1	858	64.9	1398	1409	72.5	2224	.8	142	197.2	440
10	7097	252.3	158.0	836	77.0	1419	1415	71.3	2105	.9	135	201.4	426
11	7084	249.1	147.9	826	90.0	1422	1395	71.8	2113	.9	133	203.5	432
12	7122	251.1	147.5	838	94.4	1406	1390	74.7	2127	.9	138	204.4	450
1991.01	7218	249.9	156.1	853	91.5	1416	1404	76.8	2143	1.0	141	206.8	479
2	:	246.1	158.0	828	94.4	1420	1396	77.7	2164	.9	:	204.7	498
<b>Annual averages</b>													
<b>Males and females</b>													
1983	14190	589.5	277.4	2263	61.6	2207	2068	192.7	2475	2.5	801	252.9	3000
1984	15188	595.0	271.5	2265	71.2	2475	2340	214.2	2720	2.7	822	299.6	3111
1985	15805	557.4	242.0	2305	85.3	2642	2458	230.6	2959	2.6	761	342.0	3220
1986	16117	516.8	212.4	2223	108.1	2759	2517	236.4	3180	2.3	711	367.9	3284
1987	16130	500.8	216.0	2233	110.2	2924	2622	247.3	3317	2.7	685	319.1	2953
1988	15652	459.4	240.0	2237	108.6	2858	2563	241.4	3833	2.5	432	306.2	2370
1989	14601	419.4	262.8	2032	117.8	2550	2532	231.6	3951	2.3	391	311.6	1799
1990	14214	402.8	267.9	1872	140.2	2349	2505	224.7	4135	2.1	345	307.1	1665
<b>Males</b>													
1983	8367	273.8	139.5	1276	37.1	1400	1055	144.5	1273	1.3	550	84.7	2132
1984	8876	273.5	126.3	1276	42.0	1529	1227	159.1	1401	1.4	555	118.9	2168
1985	9122	245.4	104.5	1288	49.8	1599	1273	170.2	1522	1.3	498	150.0	2220
1986	9097	217.6	86.6	1196	58.9	1572	1275	172.0	1644	1.2	454	170.1	2250
1987	8847	208.9	93.7	1210	59.6	1525	1298	176.2	1663	1.5	429	138.2	2046
1988	8202	187.8	106.1	1196	55.7	1360	1225	169.7	1861	1.5	277	112.3	1650
1989	7372	167.5	117.7	1065	57.5	1087	1178	160.0	1904	1.4	241	101.7	1291
1990	7088	161.3	121.6	963	68.1	942	1149	152.1	1989	1.2	208	100.1	1233
<b>Females</b>													
1983	5823	315.6	137.8	988	24.5	807	1012	48.2	1202	1.1	251	168.2	868
1984	6312	321.5	145.3	989	29.2	946	1114	55.1	1319	1.3	267	180.7	943
1985	6684	312.1	137.5	1017	35.5	1043	1186	60.4	1437	1.2	263	191.9	1000
1986	7020	299.1	125.8	1026	49.2	1186	1241	64.4	1537	1.1	257	197.7	1034
1987	7283	292.0	122.3	1023	50.7	1399	1324	71.1	1654	1.1	257	180.9	908
1988	7450	271.6	133.9	1041	52.9	1499	1338	71.7	1972	1.0	155	193.9	720
1989	7229	251.9	145.1	967	60.4	1463	1354	71.6	2047	.9	150	209.9	508
1990	7127	241.5	146.2	909	72.1	1407	1356	72.6	2146	.8	137	207.0	431



## **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 comparable figures. The data should therefore be used only for the identification of trends. They are not suitable for inter-country comparisons of absolute levels.

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, between the ages of 16 and 64 years, without work and immediately available for paid employment for at least 20 hours a week; series provided by the Centraal Bureau voor Statistiek. Since 1988, the figures are based on a combination of registration data provided by the public employment offices and data from the monthly labour force survey. Before 1988, the figures were based on the registration only.

### **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.

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### Unemployment rates for comparison between Member States

The five new Länder and East Berlin, being part of the Federal Republic of Germany (and therefore of the Community) since 3rd October 1990, will be included in the estimation of unemployment rates according to the ILO definition, as soon as the results of the first Community labour force survey for these territories are available. These new territories will be included for the first time in the survey of spring 1991.

### Persons registered at unemployment offices

The system of registration at unemployment offices has been applied in the five new Länder and East Berlin according to the norms and practices already in use in the other Länder of the Federal Republic of Germany. The following table shows the relevant data by sex:

### Number of persons registered at unemployment offices in the five new Länder and East Berlin

(1000)

	1990.09	1990.10	1990.11	1990.12	1991.01	1991.02
Males and females	445	537	589	642	757	787
Males	200	246	268	290	342	357
Females	245	291	322	352	415	430

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