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September 2013

Euro area unemployment rate at 12.2%

EU28 at 11.0%

The **euro area**¹ (EA17) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 12.2% in September 2013, stable compared with August⁴. The **EU28**¹ unemployment rate was 11.0%, also stable compared with August⁴. In both zones, rates have risen compared with September 2012, when they were 11.6% and 10.6% respectively. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

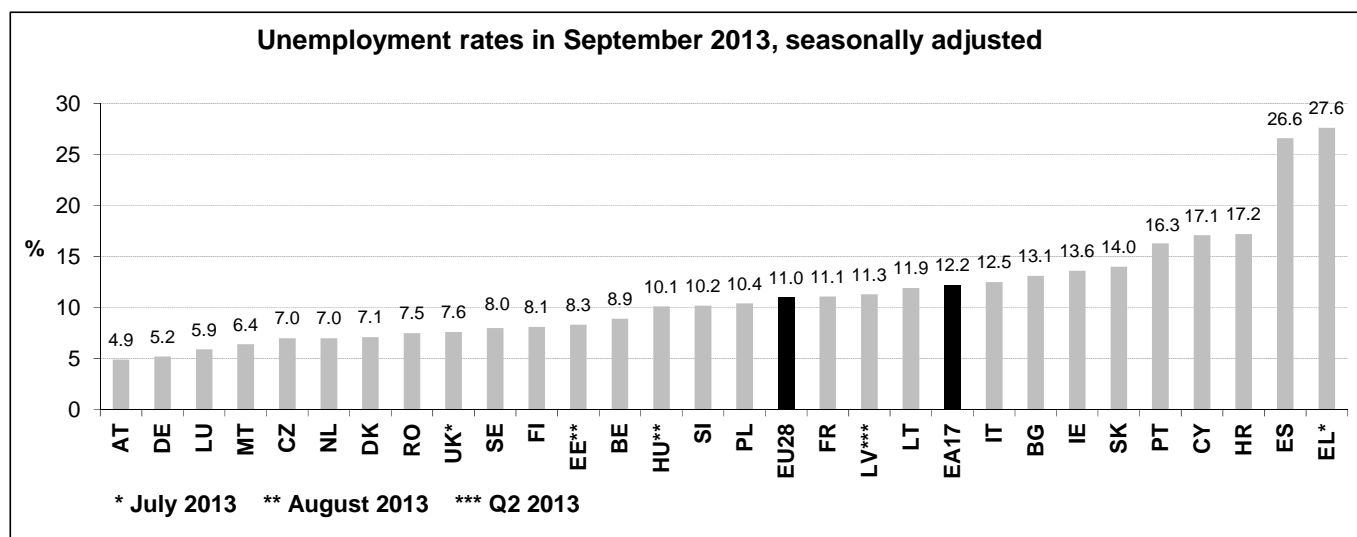
In September 2013, 26.872 million men and women were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 19.447 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with August 2013, the number of persons unemployed went up by 61 000 in the **EU28** and by 60 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with September 2012, unemployment rose by 978 000 in the **EU28** and by 996 000 in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Austria** (4.9%), **Germany** (5.2%) and **Luxembourg** (5.9%), and the highest in **Greece** (27.6% in July 2013) and **Spain** (26.6%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate increased in sixteen Member States, fell in eleven and remained stable in the **Czech Republic**. The highest increases were registered in **Cyprus** (12.7% to 17.1%) and **Greece** (25.0% to 27.6% between July 2012 and July 2013). The largest decreases were observed in **Latvia** (15.6% to 11.3% between the second quarters of 2012 and 2013) and **Estonia** (10.0% to 8.3% between August 2012 and August 2013).

In September 2013, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 7.2%, down from 7.3% in August 2013 and from 7.8% in September 2012.



Youth unemployment

In September 2013, 5.584 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.548 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with September 2012 youth unemployment decreased by 57 000 in the **EU28**, but increased by 8 000 in the **euro area**. In September 2013, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 23.5% in the **EU28** and 24.1% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.1% and 23.6% respectively in September 2012. In September 2013, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.7%) and **Austria** (8.7%), and the highest in **Greece** (57.3% in July 2013), **Spain** (56.5%) and **Croatia** (52.8% in the third quarter of 2013).

1. The euro area (EA17) consists of Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.
The EU28 includes Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Croatia (HR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE) and the United Kingdom (UK).
The tables also include Iceland (IS), Norway (NO) and the United States (US).
2. Non-seasonally adjusted and trend data can be found in the statistical database on the Eurostat website. For further details please refer to the *Unemployment statistics* article in Statistics Explained:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Unemployment_statistics
3. Eurostat produces harmonised unemployment rates for individual EU Member States, the euro area and the EU. These unemployment rates are based on the definition recommended by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The measurement is based on a harmonised source, the European Union Labour Force Survey (LFS).
Based on the ILO definition, Eurostat defines unemployed persons as persons aged 15 to 74 who:
 - are without work;
 - are available to start work within the next two weeks;
 - and have actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks.The *unemployment rate* is the number of people unemployed as a percentage of the labour force. The *labour force* is the total number of people employed plus unemployed. In this news release unemployment rates are based on employment and unemployment data covering persons aged 15 to 74.
4. The data in this News Release are normally subject to small revisions, caused by the updates to the seasonally adjusted series whenever new monthly data are added. Larger revisions can occur when the most recent LFS data are included in the calculation process. Compared with the rates published in News Release 140/2013 of 1 October 2013, the August 2013 unemployment rates were revised from 12.0% to 12.2% for the EA17 and from 10.9% to 11.0% for the EU28. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Greece (for July 2013), Spain and Italy. For Denmark the rate has been revised upwards by 0.5 percentage points. This revision is also due to the use, starting from this month, of direct monthly estimates from the LFS. Over the period January 2007 - August 2013 revisions for Denmark range between -0.4 and +0.5 percentage points. The average absolute revision over that period amounts to 0.1 percentage points.
5. The *youth unemployment rate* is the number of people aged 15 to 24 unemployed as a percentage of the labour force of the same age. Therefore, the youth unemployment rate should not be interpreted as the share of jobless people in the overall youth population. For further details please refer to the *Youth unemployment* article in Statistics Explained:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Youth_unemployment
6. Latvia: quarterly data for all series.
Croatia, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: quarterly data for youth unemployment.
7. For Germany, Austria, Finland and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

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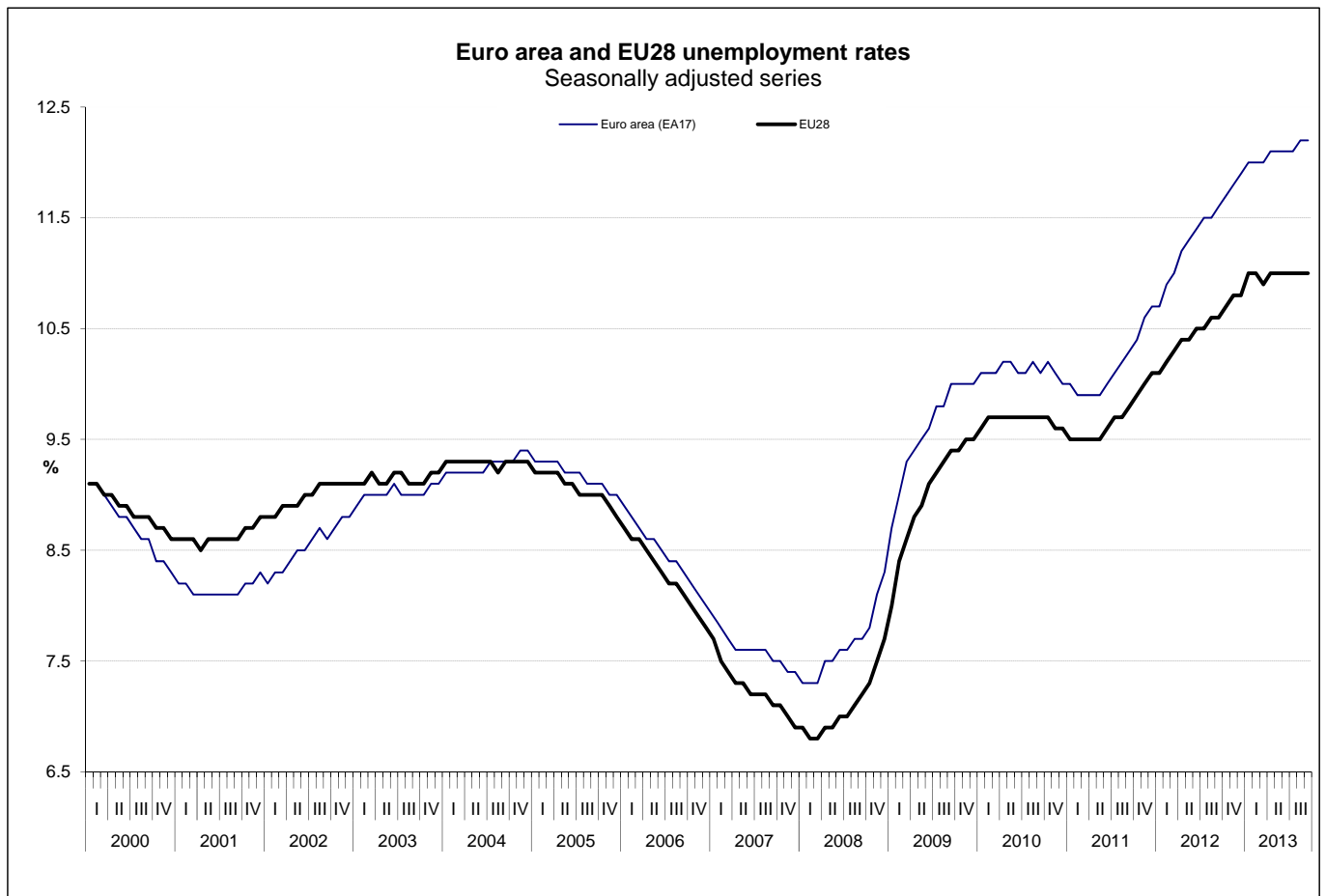
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Seasonally adjusted unemployment

Totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Sep 12	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Sep 12	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Sep 13
EA17	11.6	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.2	18 451	19 261	19 314	19 387	19 447
EU28	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	25 894	26 704	26 735	26 811	26 872
BE	7.7	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	376	426	436	440	444
BG	12.3	12.9	13.1	13.1	13.1	412	437	442	442	446
CZ	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.0	369	362	367	368	371
DK	7.4	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.1	216	195	202	206	205
DE[†]	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	2 287	2 267	2 258	2 249	2 239
EE	10.0**	8.0	8.0	8.3	:	69**	56	56	57	:
IE	14.7	13.8	13.7	13.6	13.6	316	299	297	295	295
EL	25.0*	27.5	27.6	:	:	1248*	1 373	1 374	:	:
ES	25.8	26.4	26.5	26.6	26.6	5 935	6 008	6 030	6 035	6 050
FR	10.4	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.1	3 040	3 222	3 252	3 253	3 287
HR	16.4	17.0	16.9	16.9	17.2	284	285	285	284	284
IT	10.9	12.1	12.1	12.4	12.5	2 803	3 101	3 099	3 166	3 194
CY	12.7	16.2	16.3	16.9	17.1	56	72	72	75	76
LV^b	15.6***	11.3	:	:	:	146***	114	:	:	:
LT	13.0	11.9	12.1	12.3	11.9	192	173	177	180	174
LU	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.9	13	15	15	15	15
HU	10.7**	10.4	10.2	10.1	:	467**	456	450	442	:
MT	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.4	12	12	12	12	12
NL	5.4	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	481	613	626	629	630
AT[†]	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	194	204	212	217	215
PL	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.4	1 780	1 809	1 795	1 787	1 786
PT	16.4	16.7	16.5	16.5	16.3	887	887	876	873	864
RO	6.9	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	691	746	739	744	747
SI	9.5	10.5	10.3	10.3	10.2	96	106	104	104	102
SK	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.0	14.0	380	386	380	377	375
FI[†]	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	211	215	215	216	217
SE	8.1	7.9	7.8	8.0	8.0	410	405	399	407	409
UK	7.8*	7.7	7.6	:	:	2 496*	2 463	2 452	:	:
IS[†]	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	10	10	10	10	10
NO	3.1**	3.3	3.6	3.5	:	83**	90	97	96	:
US	7.8	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.2	12 093	11 805	11 514	11 374	11 254

Source: Eurostat

: Data not available

* July 2012

** August 2012

*** Q2 2012

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Sep 12	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Sep 12	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Sep 13
EA17	23.6	23.9	24.0	24.0	24.1	3 540	3 533	3 523	3 526	3 548
EU28	23.1	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	5 641	5 613	5 575	5 570	5 584
BE	20.9	23.4	23.9	24.0	24.0	87	99	101	101	101
BG	26.6	29.0	28.9	28.3	28.3	66	67	67	65	65
CZ	19.0	18.5	18.8	19.1	18.8	71	67	69	69	68
DK	13.4	12.9	12.9	13.6	13.5	60	55	57	60	60
DE ⁷	8.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.7	364	356	357	355	351
EE	19.4	15.3	15.5	14.9	:	13	10	10	10	:
IE	29.9	28.2	28.5	28.4	28.0	67	60	61	61	60
EL	57.7	57.6	57.3	:	:	182	172	171	:	:
ES	54.5	56.1	56.5	56.5	56.5	948	928	930	932	947
FR	25.5	25.8	25.9	25.6	26.1	720	720	722	708	727
HR ⁶	44.5	51.7	52.8	52.8	52.8	69	78	76	76	76
IT	36.0	39.1	39.5	40.2	40.4	621	643	634	664	654
CY ⁶	28.0	39.9	43.9	43.9	43.9	12	16	18	18	18
LV ⁶	29.6	20.1	:	:	:	29	18	:	:	:
LT	25.7	22.6	22.1	21.9	21.0	31	28	27	27	26
LU	18.1	18.7	18.2	18.4	18.8	3	3	3	3	3
HU	30.0	28.1	27.8	26.9	:	93	89	88	85	:
MT	14.5	13.6	13.4	13.2	13.2	4	4	4	4	4
NL	9.7	11.0	11.5	11.4	11.7	138	158	164	162	167
AT ⁷	8.9	9.3	9.2	8.7	8.7	53	56	55	51	51
PL	27.0	26.4	26.3	26.2	26.3	413	394	382	375	375
PT	39.3	38.3	37.4	36.9	36.9	170	147	139	136	135
RO ⁶	22.4	23.2	:	:	:	189	187	:	:	:
SI ⁶	22.9	25.1	23.7	23.7	23.7	17	20	18	18	18
SK	34.4	33.9	32.4	31.5	31.1	77	75	71	68	65
FI ⁷	19.1	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.2	64	66	65	65	65
SE	23.4	23.7	23.0	23.5	22.8	153	153	151	157	150
UK	20.2	21.1	20.9	:	:	925	943	936	:	:
IS ⁷	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	4	4	4	4	4
NO	8.7	8.6	9.5	9.4	:	33	33	37	36	:

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Sep 12	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Sep 12	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Sep 13
EA17	11.5	12.0	12.0	12.1	12.1	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3
EU28	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.7	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
BE	7.9	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.4	7.4	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.3
BG	13.6	14.0	14.2	14.3	14.4	10.8	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7
CZ	6.0	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.9	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4
DK	7.6	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.3	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1
DE ⁷	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8
EE	10.4	8.2	8.3	9.0	:	8.8	7.8	7.6	7.5	:
IE	17.7	15.9	15.8	15.6	15.5	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.4
EL	22.9	24.7	25.0	:	:	30.2	31.2	31.1	:	:
ES	25.4	25.9	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.2	27.1	27.1	27.0	27.0
FR	10.2	10.8	10.9	10.9	11.0	10.5	11.0	11.2	11.2	11.3
HR	16.5	18.0	17.9	17.9	18.0	16.3	15.8	15.8	15.9	16.2
IT	10.2	11.6	11.6	11.9	12.0	11.9	12.9	12.8	13.0	13.2
CY	13.3	16.6	16.6	17.1	17.3	12.0	15.7	15.9	16.6	16.9
LV ⁶	15.0	11.8	:	:	:	13.4	10.8	:	:	:
LT	14.8	13.2	13.1	13.3	12.8	11.2	10.6	11.2	11.3	11.1
LU	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
HU	11.0	10.3	10.2	10.1	:	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.1	:
MT	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	7.5	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5
NL	5.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.3	5.4	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.6
AT ⁷	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0
PL	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.6	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3
PT	16.7	16.5	16.2	16.2	16.0	16.0	17.0	16.8	16.8	16.6
RO	7.4	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.3	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.6
SI	8.8	10.0	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.3	11.1	11.0	10.9	10.5
SK	13.5	13.9	13.7	13.5	13.4	14.7	14.7	14.6	14.6	14.7
FI ⁷	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4
SE	8.2	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.3
UK	8.2	8.2	8.1	:	:	7.3	7.0	7.1	:	:
IS ⁷	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.7
NO	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.7	:	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.4	:

Source: Eurostat : Data not available