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## Euro area unemployment rate at 12.1%

EU28 at 10.9%

The **euro area**<sup>1</sup> (EA17) seasonally-adjusted<sup>2</sup> unemployment rate<sup>3</sup> was 12.1% in October 2013, down from 12.2% in September<sup>4</sup>. The **EU28**<sup>1</sup> unemployment rate was 10.9%, stable compared with September<sup>4</sup>. In both zones, rates have risen compared with October 2012, when they were 11.7% and 10.7% respectively. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

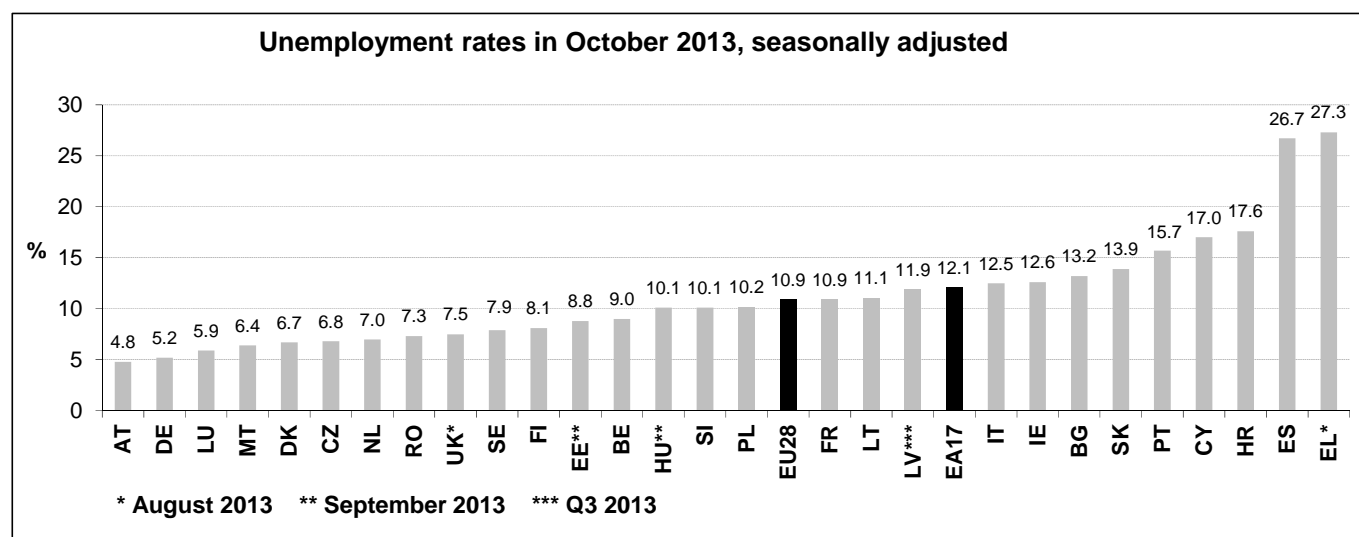
In October 2013, 26.654 million men and women were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 19.298 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with September 2013, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 75 000 in the **EU28** and by 61 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with October 2012, unemployment rose by 512 000 in the **EU28** and by 615 000 in the **euro area**.

### Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Austria** (4.8%), **Germany** (5.2%) and **Luxembourg** (5.9%), and the highest in **Greece** (27.3% in August 2013) and **Spain** (26.7%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate increased in half of the Member States and fell in half. The highest increases were registered in **Cyprus** (13.2% to 17.0%), **Greece** (25.5% to 27.3% between August 2012 and August 2013) and the **Netherlands** (5.5% to 7.0%). The largest decreases were observed in **Latvia** (14.0% to 11.9% between the third quarters of 2012 and 2013), **Ireland** (14.5% to 12.6%) and **Lithuania** (13.0% to 11.1%).

In October 2013, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 7.3%, up from 7.2% in September 2013 and down from 7.9% in October 2012.



## Youth unemployment

In October 2013, 5.657 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.577 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with October 2012 youth unemployment decreased by 29 000 in the **EU28**, but increased by 15 000 in the **euro area**. In October 2013, the youth unemployment rate<sup>5</sup> was 23.7% in the **EU28** and 24.4% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.3% and 23.7% respectively in October 2012. In October 2013, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.8%), **Austria** (9.4%) and the **Netherlands** (11.6%), and the highest in **Greece** (58.0% in August 2013), **Spain** (57.4%) and **Croatia** (52.4% 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](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 159/2013 of 31 October 2013, the September 2013 unemployment rate remained unchanged at 12.2% for the EA17 and was revised from 11.0% to 10.9% for the EU28. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Denmark, Greece (for July 2013), Cyprus, Poland and Romania. The rate has been revised downwards by 0.5 percentage points for Lithuania and Portugal and by 0.9 percentage points for Ireland.
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](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, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

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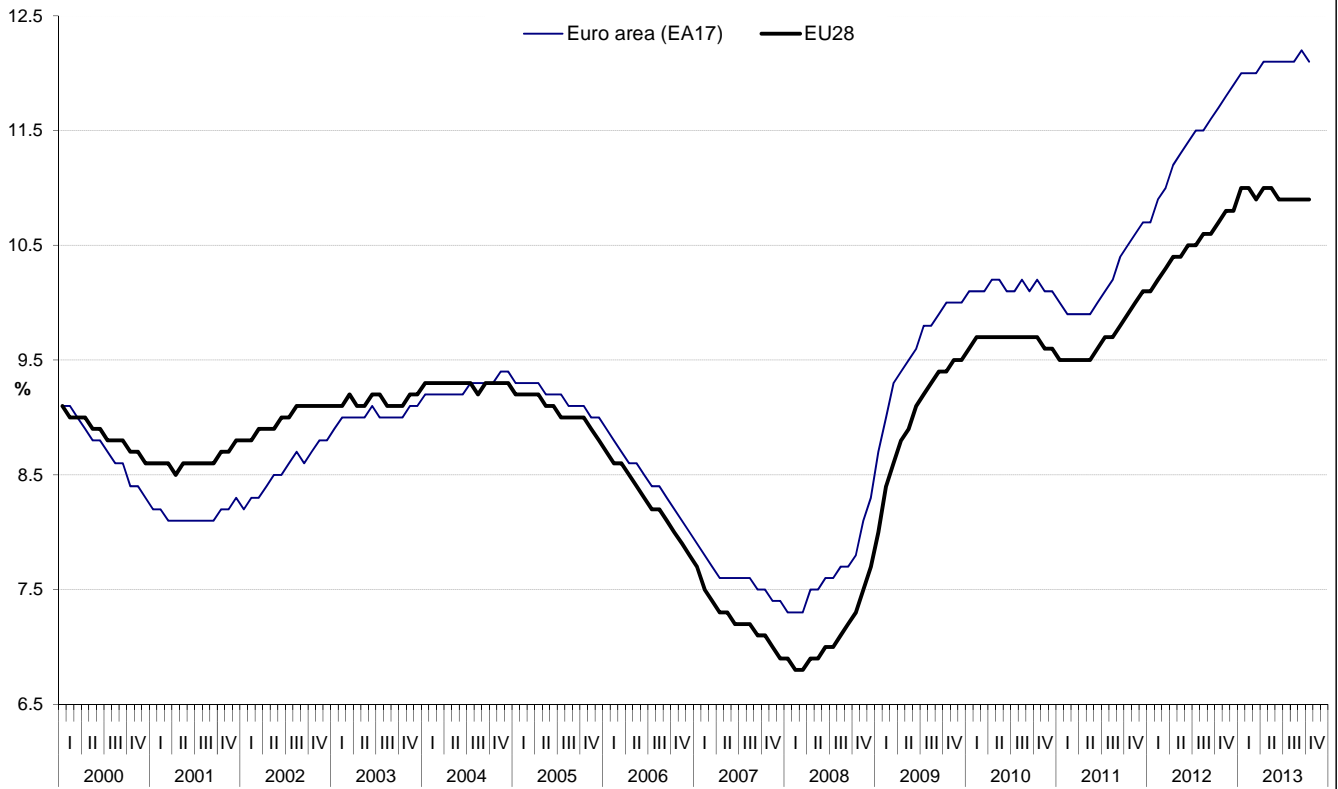
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**Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates**  
Seasonally adjusted series



**Seasonally adjusted unemployment**  
Totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Oct 12	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Oct 12	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13
<b>EA17</b>	11.7	12.1	12.1	12.2	<b>12.1</b>	18 683	19 259	19 318	19 359	<b>19 298</b>
<b>EU28</b>	10.7	10.9	10.9	10.9	<b>10.9</b>	26 142	26 653	26 693	26 729	<b>26 654</b>
<b>BE</b>	7.8	8.7	8.8	8.9	<b>9.0</b>	385	436	440	444	<b>447</b>
<b>BG</b>	12.5	13.0	13.1	13.1	<b>13.2</b>	417	441	442	445	<b>449</b>
<b>CZ</b>	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.9	<b>6.8</b>	379	368	366	368	<b>359</b>
<b>DK</b>	7.3	7.0	7.1	6.8	<b>6.7</b>	213	202	206	197	<b>193</b>
<b>DE<sup>1</sup></b>	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	<b>5.2</b>	2 293	2 258	2 246	2 233	<b>2 219</b>
<b>EE</b>	9.5**	8.1	8.4	8.8	:	66**	56	58	61	:
<b>IE</b>	14.5	13.2	12.8	12.7	<b>12.6</b>	312	282	275	272	<b>269</b>
<b>EL</b>	25.5*	27.3	27.3	:	:	1270*	1 359	1 365	:	:
<b>ES</b>	26.0	26.6	26.6	26.6	<b>26.7</b>	5 966	6 030	6 035	6 046	<b>6 058</b>
<b>FR</b>	10.5	11.0	11.0	11.1	<b>10.9</b>	3 085	3 242	3 238	3 268	<b>3 227</b>
<b>HR</b>	17.4	16.9	17.0	17.2	<b>17.6</b>	296	285	284	285	<b>286</b>
<b>IT</b>	11.3	12.1	12.4	12.5	<b>12.5</b>	2 902	3 100	3 166	3 191	<b>3 189</b>
<b>CY</b>	13.2	16.1	16.6	16.8	<b>17.0</b>	59	71	74	75	<b>75</b>
<b>LV<sup>o</sup></b>	14.0***	11.9	11.9	11.9	:	147***	122	122	122	:
<b>LT</b>	13.0	11.5	11.6	11.4	<b>11.1</b>	191	166	168	166	<b>164</b>
<b>LU</b>	5.1	5.8	5.8	5.8	<b>5.9</b>	13	15	15	15	<b>15</b>
<b>HU</b>	10.8**	10.2	10.1	10.1	:	472**	450	442	442	:
<b>MT</b>	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	12	12	12	12	<b>12</b>
<b>NL<sup>1</sup></b>	5.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	<b>7.0</b>	491	626	629	630	<b>631</b>
<b>AT<sup>1</sup></b>	4.6	4.8	5.0	4.9	<b>4.8</b>	199	211	217	216	<b>210</b>
<b>PL</b>	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	<b>10.2</b>	1 787	1 786	1 776	1 774	<b>1 776</b>
<b>PT</b>	16.9	16.2	16.0	15.8	<b>15.7</b>	910	862	852	838	<b>831</b>
<b>RO</b>	6.8	7.3	7.3	7.3	<b>7.3</b>	682	726	733	733	<b>736</b>
<b>SI</b>	9.4	10.3	10.3	10.2	<b>10.1</b>	95	104	104	102	<b>101</b>
<b>SK</b>	14.3	14.0	14.0	13.9	<b>13.9</b>	385	379	376	374	<b>369</b>
<b>FI<sup>1</sup></b>	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.1	<b>8.1</b>	212	215	215	216	<b>216</b>
<b>SE</b>	8.0	7.8	8.0	8.0	<b>7.9</b>	407	399	407	409	<b>406</b>
<b>UK</b>	7.8*	7.6	7.5	:	:	2 479*	2 450	2 428	:	:
<b>IS<sup>1</sup></b>	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	<b>5.6</b>	10	10	10	10	<b>11</b>
<b>NO</b>	3.1**	3.6	3.5	3.4	:	83**	97	96	93	:
<b>US</b>	7.9	7.4	7.3	7.2	<b>7.3</b>	12 290	11 514	11 374	11 254	<b>11 309</b>

Source: Eurostat

: Data not available

\* August 2012

\*\* September 2012

\*\*\* Q3 2012

### Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Oct 12	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Oct 12	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13
EA17	23.7	24.0	24.1	24.3	<b>24.4</b>	3 562	3 531	3 534	3 562	<b>3 577</b>
EU28	23.3	23.6	23.6	23.7	<b>23.7</b>	5 686	5 614	5 621	5 641	<b>5 657</b>
BE	21.4	23.7	23.7	23.7	<b>23.4</b>	91	100	99	100	<b>99</b>
BG	28.0	28.9	28.4	28.3	<b>28.8</b>	69	67	65	65	<b>65</b>
CZ	19.6	19.0	19.2	18.8	<b>18.6</b>	73	69	68	67	<b>64</b>
DK	13.5	12.9	13.7	12.8	<b>12.9</b>	61	56	60	56	<b>57</b>
DE <sup>7</sup>	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	<b>7.8</b>	362	362	362	358	<b>352</b>
EE	17.9	15.8	15.2	16.7	:	12	11	10	11	:
IE	29.5	27.0	26.6	26.3	<b>26.0</b>	65	57	55	54	<b>54</b>
EL	57.6	57.7	58.0	:	:	180	170	170	:	:
ES	54.9	56.6	56.7	56.8	<b>57.4</b>	950	935	938	955	<b>972</b>
FR	26.0	25.8	25.5	26.0	<b>25.8</b>	740	718	703	721	<b>714</b>
HR <sup>b</sup>	49.7	52.4	52.4	52.4	:	78	75	75	75	:
IT	36.4	39.4	40.2	40.5	<b>41.2</b>	628	634	662	654	<b>663</b>
CY <sup>b</sup>	32.3	43.3	43.3	43.3	:	14	18	18	18	:
LV <sup>b</sup>	24.5	24.9	24.9	24.9	:	24	23	23	23	:
LT	25.2	21.4	21.5	21.7	<b>22.2</b>	31	27	27	28	<b>30</b>
LU	18.4	17.8	18.0	18.3	<b>18.7</b>	3	3	3	3	<b>3</b>
HU	29.3	27.8	27.0	26.5	:	91	88	84	82	:
MT	14.6	13.2	13.1	13.1	<b>13.0</b>	4	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
NL <sup>7</sup>	9.8	11.5	11.4	11.7	<b>11.6</b>	140	164	162	167	<b>166</b>
AT <sup>7</sup>	8.5	9.3	9.0	9.2	<b>9.4</b>	50	55	52	54	<b>55</b>
PL	27.1	27.1	27.2	27.5	<b>27.7</b>	420	405	406	411	<b>414</b>
PT	38.9	37.0	36.4	36.2	<b>36.5</b>	162	147	145	146	<b>149</b>
RO <sup>b</sup>	22.2	23.2*	:	:	:	181	187*	:	:	:
SI <sup>b</sup>	23.0	23.8	23.8	23.8	:	17	18	18	18	:
SK	35.4	32.5	31.6	31.3	<b>31.5</b>	78	71	68	66	<b>65</b>
FI <sup>7</sup>	19.2	19.9	19.9	19.9	<b>19.9</b>	65	65	65	65	<b>65</b>
SE	24.0	22.9	23.4	22.6	<b>21.2</b>	156	151	156	149	<b>144</b>
UK	20.3	20.9	20.8	:	:	938	936	935	:	:
IS <sup>7</sup>	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.7	<b>11.7</b>	4	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
NO	9.4	9.5	9.4	8.7	:	36	36	36	33	:

### Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Oct 12	July 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Oct 12	July 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13
EA17	11.6	12.0	12.1	12.1	<b>12.0</b>	11.9	12.2	12.2	12.2	<b>12.2</b>
EU28	10.7	10.9	10.9	10.9	<b>10.9</b>	10.8	10.9	10.9	11.0	<b>10.9</b>
BE	8.2	9.1	9.2	9.4	<b>9.5</b>	7.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	<b>8.3</b>
BG	13.5	14.2	14.2	14.3	<b>14.4</b>	11.3	11.8	11.7	11.8	<b>11.9</b>
CZ	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.8	<b>5.6</b>	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.3	<b>8.3</b>
DK	7.3	7.1	7.3	6.6	<b>6.2</b>	7.3	6.8	6.9	7.1	<b>7.2</b>
DE <sup>7</sup>	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	<b>5.5</b>	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.8	<b>4.8</b>
EE	10.1	8.4	9.1	9.3	:	8.9	7.8	7.7	8.2	:
IE	17.4	15.3	15.0	14.8	<b>14.6</b>	11.0	10.5	10.2	10.2	<b>10.2</b>
EL	23.2	24.5	24.3	:	:	29.9	31.0	31.4	:	:
ES	25.6	26.1	26.2	26.3	<b>26.4</b>	26.4	27.1	27.0	27.1	<b>27.2</b>
FR	10.3	10.8	10.8	10.9	<b>10.7</b>	10.6	11.2	11.2	11.3	<b>11.1</b>
HR	17.3	17.9	17.9	18.0	<b>18.3</b>	17.4	15.8	15.9	16.3	<b>17.0</b>
IT	10.4	11.6	11.9	12.0	<b>12.0</b>	12.5	12.8	13.0	13.2	<b>13.2</b>
CY	13.8	16.5	17.0	17.2	<b>17.3</b>	12.5	15.7	16.2	16.5	<b>16.6</b>
LV <sup>b</sup>	15.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	:	12.6	11.1	11.1	11.1	:
LT	14.6	12.2	12.3	12.2	<b>12.5</b>	11.4	10.7	10.8	10.6	<b>9.7</b>
LU	4.6	5.1	5.1	5.2	<b>5.1</b>	5.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	<b>6.7</b>
HU	11.1	10.2	10.1	10.2	:	10.7	10.3	10.0	9.9	:
MT	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	<b>6.5</b>	7.2	6.6	6.5	6.5	<b>6.4</b>
NL <sup>7</sup>	5.6	7.4	7.4	7.3	<b>7.3</b>	5.4	6.5	6.6	6.6	<b>6.7</b>
AT <sup>7</sup>	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.9	<b>4.7</b>	4.2	4.7	4.8	5.0	<b>4.9</b>
PL	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.6	<b>9.6</b>	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	<b>11.0</b>
PT	16.9	16.1	15.9	15.6	<b>15.5</b>	16.9	16.4	16.2	16.0	<b>15.8</b>
RO	7.2	7.8	7.9	7.9	<b>7.9</b>	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.6	<b>6.5</b>
SI	9.0	9.8	9.9	9.9	<b>9.9</b>	9.9	11.0	10.9	10.5	<b>10.3</b>
SK	13.9	13.6	13.5	13.3	<b>13.2</b>	14.8	14.5	14.6	14.7	<b>14.7</b>
FI <sup>7</sup>	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	<b>8.7</b>	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	<b>7.5</b>
SE	8.3	8.0	8.0	7.7	<b>7.9</b>	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.3	<b>7.8</b>
UK	8.1	8.1	7.9	:	:	7.2	7.1	7.1	:	:
IS <sup>7</sup>	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	<b>4.9</b>
NO	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	:	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.3	: