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Euro area unemployment rate at 12.0%

EU28 at 10.8%

The **euro area**¹ (EA18) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 12.0% in January 2014, stable since October 2013⁴. It was also 12.0% in January 2013. The **EU28**¹ unemployment rate was 10.8% in January 2014, stable since October 2013⁴. It was 11.0% in January 2013. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

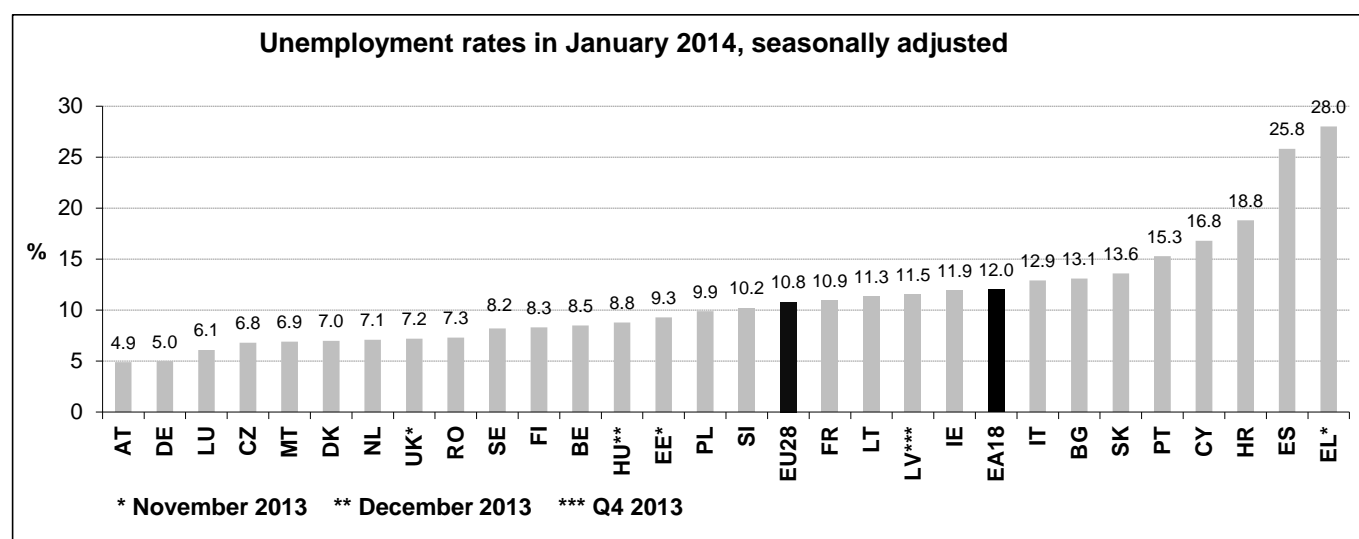
Eurostat estimates that 26.231 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 19.175 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in January 2014. Compared with December 2013, the number of persons unemployed increased by 17 000 in both the **EU28** and the **euro area**. Compared with January 2013, unemployment decreased by 449 000 in the **EU28**, and by 67 000 in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Austria** (4.9%), **Germany** (5.0%) and **Luxembourg** (6.1%), and the highest in **Greece** (28.0% in November 2013) and **Spain** (25.8%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate increased in thirteen Member States, fell in thirteen and remained stable in **Austria** and **Slovenia**. The highest increases were registered in **Cyprus** (14.4% to 16.8%), **Greece** (26.3% to 28.0% between November 2012 and November 2013), **Croatia** (17.4% to 18.8%), **Italy** (11.8% to 12.9%) and the **Netherlands** (6.0% to 7.1%). The largest decreases were observed in **Latvia** (14.3% to 11.5% between the fourth quarters of 2012 and 2013), **Portugal** (17.6% to 15.3%), **Hungary** (11.1% to 8.8% between December 2012 and December 2013), **Ireland** (13.8% to 11.9%), and **Lithuania** (12.8% to 11.3%).

In January 2014, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 6.6%, down from 6.7% in December 2013 and from 7.9% in January 2013.



Youth unemployment

In January 2014, 5.556 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.539 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with January 2013, youth unemployment decreased by 171 000 in the **EU28** and by 87 000 in the **euro area**. In January 2014, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 23.4% in the **EU28** and 24.0% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.7% and 24.1% respectively in January 2013. In January 2014, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.6%), **Austria** (10.5%) and the **Netherlands** (11.1%), and the highest in **Greece** (59.0% in November 2013), **Spain** (54.6%) and **Croatia** (49.8% in the fourth quarter of 2013).

1. Up to 31 December 2013, the euro area (EA17) included Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. From 1 January 2014 the euro area (EA18) also includes Latvia.

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).

As part of Eurostat's guidelines for the dissemination of data when the euro area is enlarged, the aggregate data series commented on in this News Release refer to the official composition of the euro area in the most recent month for which data is available. **Thus News Releases with data for months up to December 2013 commented on EA17 series, while Releases with data for January 2014 onwards comment on EA18 series.**

Eurostat's guidelines can be found on the Eurostat website:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/GUIDE_ENLARG_2007/EN/GUIDE_ENLARG_2007-EN.PDF

The tables also include Iceland, Norway and the United States.

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 17/2014 of 31 January 2014, the December 2013 unemployment rate remains unchanged at 12.0% for the EA18 and has been revised from 10.7% to 10.8% for the EU28. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Denmark, Cyprus and Romania. The rate has been revised downwards by 0.5 percentage points for Lithuania.

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, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

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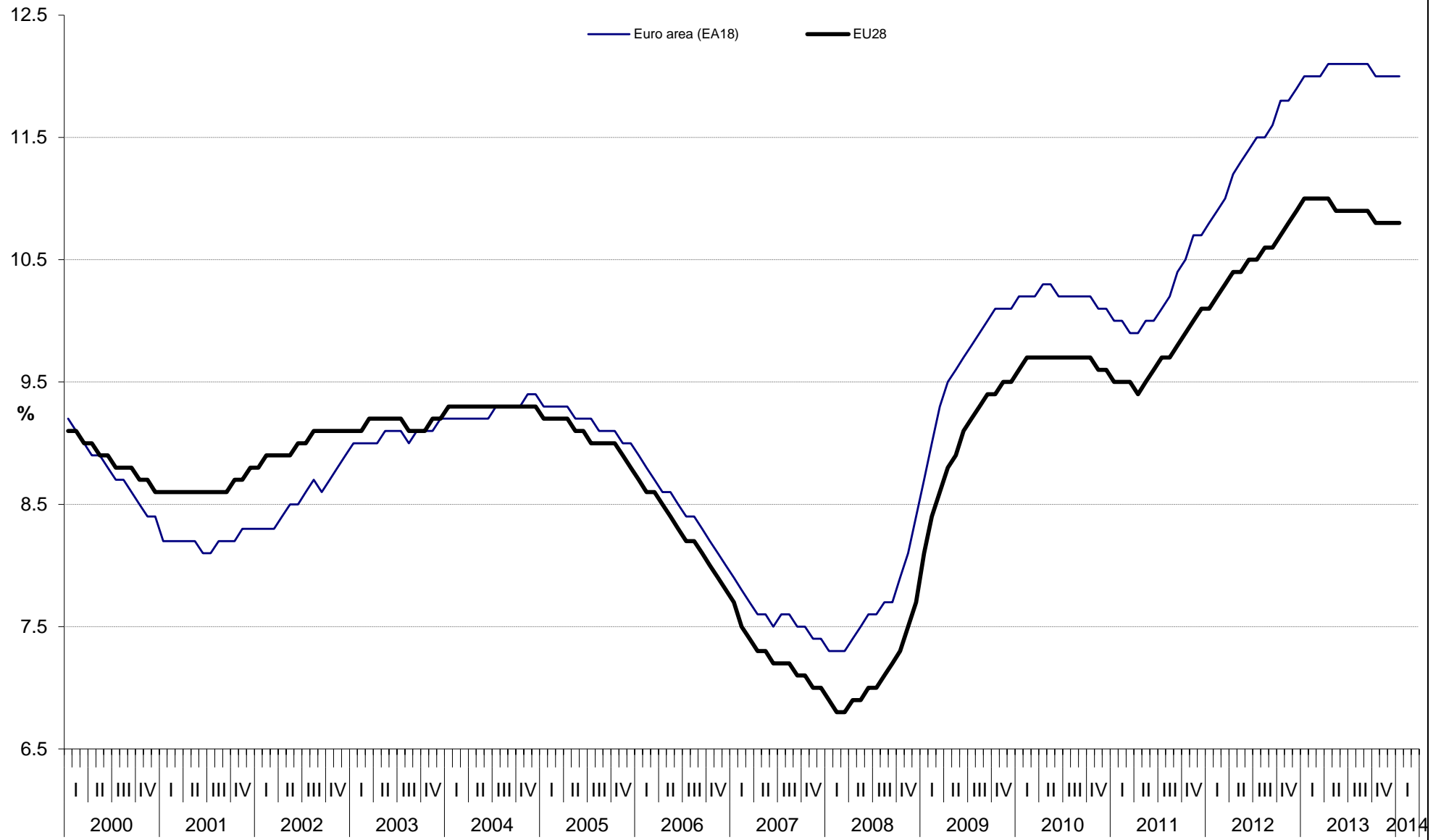
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, Totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jan 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Jan 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14
EA18	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	19 242	19 275	19 273	19 158	19 175
EA17	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	19 103	19 159	19 157	19 043	19 056
EU28	11.0	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	26 680	26 360	26 361	26 214	26 231
Belgium	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	410	416	417	417	420
Bulgaria	12.8	12.9	12.9	13.0	13.1	431	434	436	439	442
Czech Republic	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	377	357	359	358	359
Denmark	7.4	6.9	6.8	7.2	7.0	214	200	198	207	203
Germany⁷	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	2 292	2 217	2 194	2 168	2 143
Estonia	9.7*	9.1	9.3	:	:	66*	63	65	:	:
Ireland	13.8	12.4	12.2	12.0	11.9	295	267	264	260	258
Greece	26.3*	27.7	28.0	:	:	1 304*	1 376	1 382	:	:
Spain	26.5	26.3	26.2	25.9	25.8	6 050	5 969	5 931	5 862	5 836
France	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.9	3 169	3 181	3 184	3 194	3 199
Croatia	17.4	18.4	18.7	18.7	18.8	288	302	303	301	302
Italy	11.8	12.5	12.8	12.7	12.9	3 033	3 188	3 262	3 233	3 293
Cyprus	14.4	17.0	17.0	17.2	16.8	64	76	76	77	74
Latvia⁶	14.3***	11.5	11.5	11.5	:	131***	116	116	116	:
Lithuania	12.8	11.1	10.9	10.9	11.3	188	161	159	160	167
Luxembourg	5.4	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	14	15	15	16	16
Hungary	11.1**	9.5	9.3	8.8	:	482**	420	412	391	:
Malta	6.4	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.9	12	13	13	13	13
Netherlands⁷	6.0	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.1	535	631	621	628	634
Austria⁷	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	214	220	219	221	219
Poland	10.6	10.1	10.1	10.0	9.9	1 829	1 754	1 748	1 733	1 718
Portugal	17.6	15.6	15.4	15.3	15.3	936	828	820	815	814
Romania	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	708	736	737	732	730
Slovenia	10.2	9.7	9.9	10.1	10.2	103	98	100	102	102
Slovakia	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.8	13.6	389	380	374	370	367
Finland⁷	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.3	215	219	221	221	221
Sweden	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.2	403	407	412	410	420
United Kingdom	7.7*	7.2	7.2	:	:	2 475*	2 315	2 326	:	:
Iceland⁷	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	10	10	10	10	10
Norway	3.6**	3.4	3.5	3.6	:	95**	91	96	99	:
United States	7.9	7.2	7.0	6.7	6.6	12 386	11 238	10 838	10 342	10 212

: Data not available

* November 2012

** December 2012

*** Q4 2012

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jan 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Jan 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14
EA18	24.1	24.0	24.1	24.0	24.0	3 626	3 547	3 550	3 534	3 539
EA17	24.1	24.0	24.1	24.0	24.0	3 602	3 526	3 528	3 512	3 517
EU28	23.7	23.3	23.4	23.3	23.4	5 727	5 557	5 570	5 542	5 556
Belgium	22.6	23.4	23.8	23.9	24.3	94	96	97	98	99
Bulgaria	27.8	28.6	28.9	29.4	30.0	68	64	64	66	68
Czech Republic	18.7	19.0	19.2	19.1	19.1	69	66	68	68	67
Denmark	13.1	13.2	13.0	13.6	13.7	58	58	57	59	60
Germany⁷	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	354	351	346	342	338
Estonia	20.0	18.3	22.7	:	:	13	12	16	:	:
Ireland	28.2	25.6	25.4	25.7	26.0	61	53	52	53	54
Greece	60.0	58.9	59.0	:	:	184	173	173	:	:
Spain	55.8	55.8	55.3	54.6	54.6	965	921	918	900	898
France	26.1	25.2	25.5	25.6	25.4	746	717	728	732	727
Croatia⁶	50.4	49.8	49.8	49.8	:	76	73	73	73	:
Italy	38.4	41.5	41.7	41.7	42.4	645	670	670	674	690
Cyprus⁶	35.9	40.3	40.3	40.3	:	15	16	16	16	:
Latvia⁶	23.6	23.5	23.5	23.5	:	22	22	22	22	:
Lithuania	23.1	20.8	20.4	20.5	21.1	29	26	25	25	27
Luxembourg	18.5	20.6	20.6	21.0	21.4	3	3	3	3	3
Hungary	28.4	25.5	25.1	24.5	:	88	79	78	77	:
Malta	13.6	14.4	14.5	15.1	15.3	4	4	4	4	5
Netherlands⁷	10.3	11.6	11.4	11.3	11.1	147	166	164	160	156
Austria⁷	9.1	9.8	9.7	10.1	10.5	53	58	56	60	62
Poland	27.7	27.4	27.4	27.3	27.4	425	402	402	400	397
Portugal	40.3	35.1	34.8	34.4	34.7	161	136	132	129	130
Romania⁶	23.1	23.6*	:	:	:	185	187*	:	:	:
Slovenia⁶	21.4	23.3	23.3	23.3	:	16	18	18	18	:
Slovakia	34.4	33.0	32.9	32.3	31.3	77	69	68	66	65
Finland⁷	19.8	19.7	19.6	19.6	19.7	66	65	65	65	65
Sweden	23.5	21.4	24.1	22.6	22.9	155	145	162	149	153
United Kingdom	20.9	20.1	20.0	:	:	948	905	901	:	:
Iceland⁷	11.5	10.8	10.6	10.6	10.8	4	4	4	4	4
Norway	9.6	8.3	9.2	9.6	:	38	32	35	37	:

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Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Jan 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Jan 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14
EA18	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2
EA17	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2
EU28	10.9	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9
Belgium	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2
Bulgaria	13.9	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.4	11.6	12.1	12.3	12.5	12.7
Czech Republic	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2
Denmark	7.1	6.4	6.3	6.7	6.8	7.7	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.3
Germany ⁷	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8
Estonia	10.8	9.8	9.8	:	:	8.6	8.5	8.9	:	:
Ireland	16.1	14.0	13.6	13.4	13.3	11.0	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.3
Greece	23.8	24.6	24.9	:	:	30.2	32.0	32.2	:	:
Spain	26.1	25.7	25.5	25.1	25.0	26.9	27.0	27.0	26.8	26.8
France	10.7	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.8
Croatia	17.4	19.5	19.9	20.2	20.5	17.2	17.2	17.3	17.0	16.6
Italy	11.0	11.8	12.1	12.0	12.2	12.9	13.4	13.6	13.6	13.8
Cyprus	14.6	18.0	17.9	18.2	17.4	14.1	15.9	16.0	16.1	16.1
Latvia ⁶	14.0	11.9	11.9	11.9	:	11.6	11.1	11.1	11.1	:
Lithuania	14.6	12.2	12.1	12.2	12.5	11.0	10.1	9.8	9.7	10.2
Luxembourg	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.4	6.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0
Hungary	11.5	9.5	9.1	8.5	:	10.8	9.6	9.5	9.2	:
Malta	6.4	6.8	6.7	6.9	7.1	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.7
Netherlands ⁷	6.4	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	5.6	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.8
Austria ⁷	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.1
Poland	9.9	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.2	11.5	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.7
Portugal	17.8	15.3	15.0	14.9	15.0	17.4	16.0	15.9	15.8	15.7
Romania	7.6	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5
Slovenia	9.8	8.6	8.7	8.9	8.8	10.7	11.0	11.3	11.6	11.8
Slovakia	13.8	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.8	14.9	14.3	14.1	13.8	13.4
Finland ⁷	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	7.3	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7
Sweden	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.1	8.4	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.9
United Kingdom	8.3	7.6	7.6	:	:	7.3	6.7	6.8	:	:
Iceland ⁷	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2
Norway	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.8	:	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	:

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