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November 2013

Euro area unemployment rate at 12.1%

EU28 at 10.9%

The **euro area**¹ (EA17) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 12.1% in November 2013, stable since April⁴. The **EU28**¹ unemployment rate was 10.9%, stable since May⁴. In both zones, the rates increased compared with November 2012, when they were 11.8% and 10.8% respectively. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

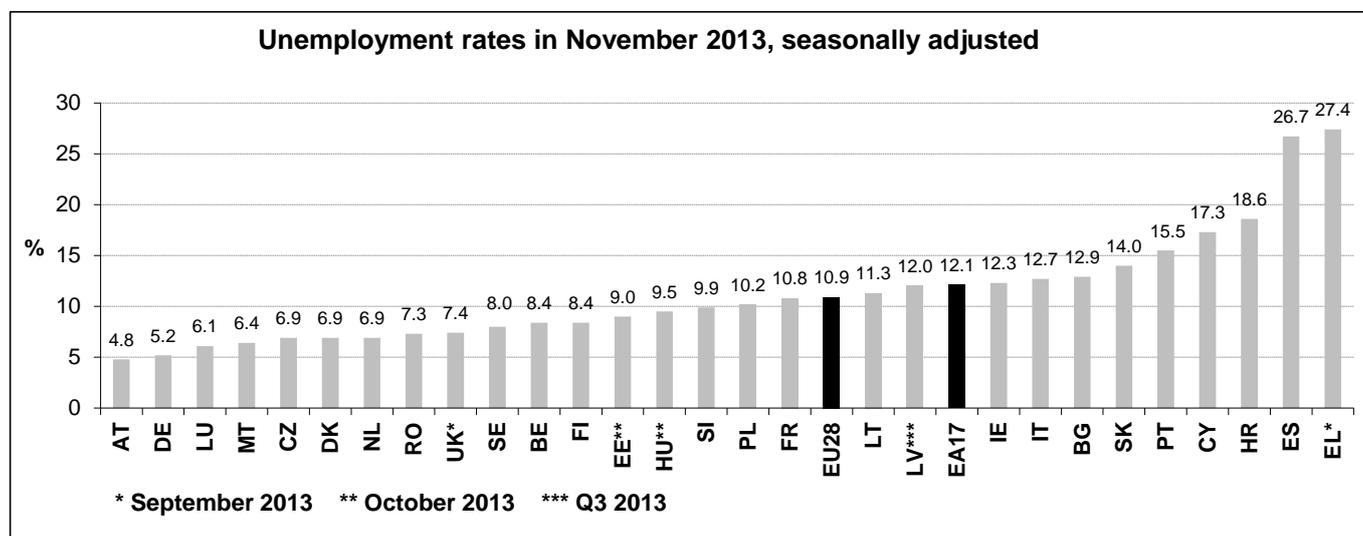
Eurostat estimates that 26.553 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 19.241 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in November 2013. Compared with October 2013, the number of persons unemployed increased by 19 000 in the **EU28** and by 4 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with November 2012, unemployment rose by 278 000 in the **EU28** and by 452 000 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** (6.1%), and the highest in **Greece** (27.4% in September 2013) and **Spain** (26.7%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate increased in fourteen Member States and fell in fourteen. The highest increases were registered in **Cyprus** (13.3% to 17.3%), **Italy** (11.3% to 12.7%), **Greece** (26.0% to 27.4% between September 2012 and September 2013) and the **Netherlands** (5.6% to 6.9%). The largest decreases were observed in **Ireland** (14.3% to 12.3%), **Latvia** (14.0% to 12.0% between the third quarters of 2012 and 2013), **Lithuania** (13.0% to 11.3%), **Portugal** (17.0% to 15.5%) and **Hungary** (11.0% to 9.5% between October 2012 and October 2013).

In November 2013, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 7.0%, down from 7.3% in October 2013 and from 7.8% in November 2012.



Youth unemployment

In November 2013, 5.661 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.575 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with November 2012, youth unemployment decreased by 46 000 in the **EU28** and increased by 2 000 in the **euro area**. In November 2013, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 23.6% in the **EU28** and 24.2% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.4% and 23.9% respectively in November 2012. In November 2013, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.5%) and **Austria** (8.6%), and the highest in **Spain** (57.7%), **Greece** (54.8% in September 2013) and **Croatia** (49.7% in the third 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 comment on EA17 series, while Releases with data for January 2014 onwards will comment on EA18 series.**

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

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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 179/2013 of 29 November 2013, the October 2013 unemployment rates remain unchanged at 12.1% for the EA17 and at 10.9% for the EU28. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Bulgaria, Denmark, Cyprus, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. The rate has been revised downwards by 0.6 percentage points for Belgium and upwards by 0.8 percentage points for Croatia.
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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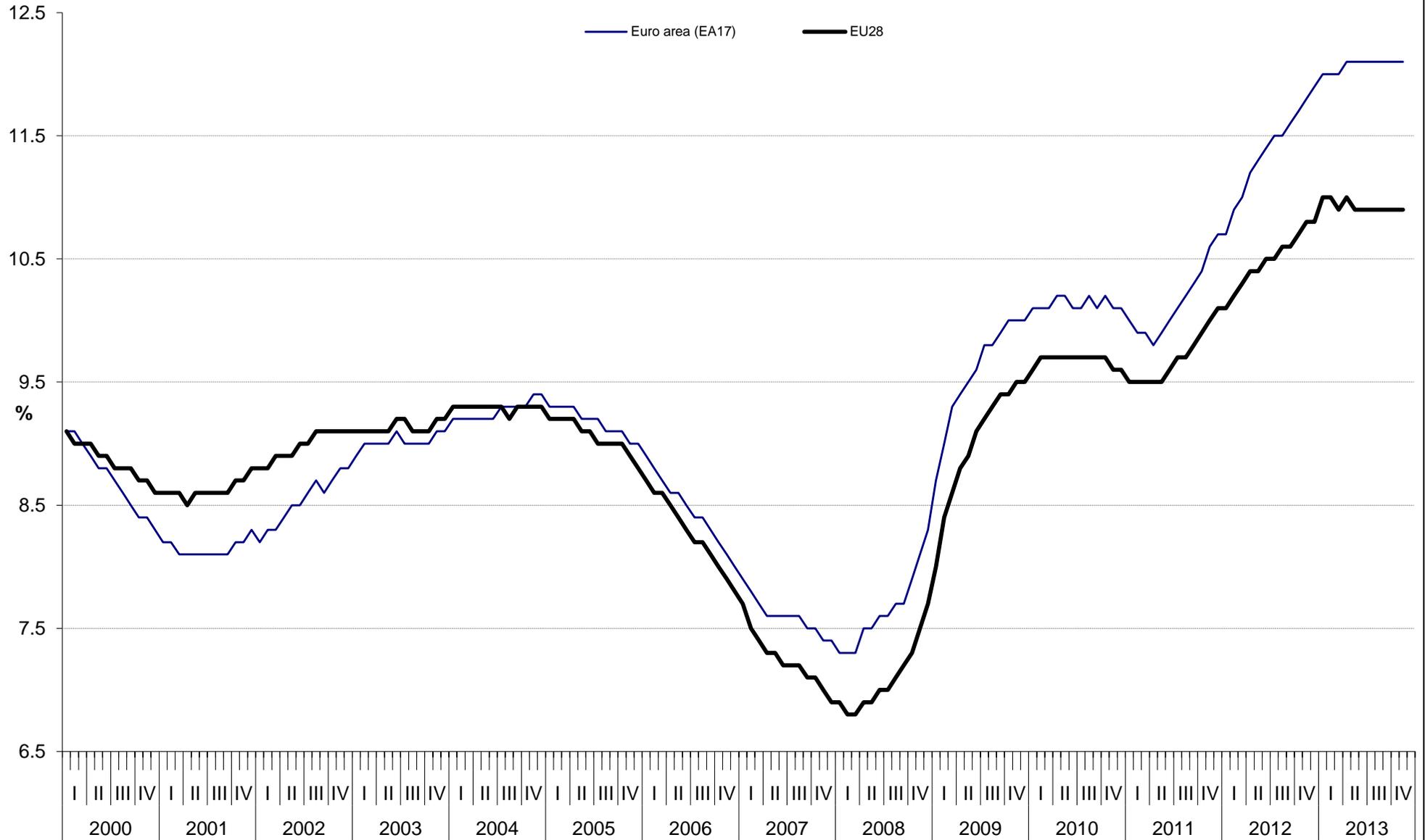
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, Totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Nov 12	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Nov 12	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13
EA17	11.8	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	18 789	19 252	19 301	19 237	19 241
EA18	11.8	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	18 937	19 375	19 423	19 354	19 357
EU28	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	26 275	26 639	26 625	26 534	26 553
Belgium	8.0	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	394	421	419	416	416
Bulgaria	12.6	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.9	422	429	431	434	436
Czech Republic	7.2	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.9	381	366	369	362	365
Denmark	7.1	7.1	6.9	7.0	6.9	208	207	199	201	200
Germany⁷	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	2 291	2 245	2 234	2 220	2 204
Estonia	9.5**	8.4	8.8	9.0	:	66**	58	61	62	:
Ireland	14.3	12.7	12.6	12.5	12.3	307	274	272	269	266
Greece	26.0*	27.3	27.4	:	:	1 299*	1 362	1 376	:	:
Spain	26.2	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.7	6 008	6 027	6 034	6 038	6 014
France	10.6	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.8	3 127	3 193	3 226	3 183	3 193
Croatia	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.4	18.6	297	297	299	302	302
Italy	11.3	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.7	2 903	3 167	3 189	3 196	3 254
Cyprus	13.3	16.7	17.0	17.3	17.3	59	75	76	78	78
Latvia⁶	14.0***	12.0	12.0	:	:	147***	122	122	:	:
Lithuania	13.0	11.6	11.4	11.1	11.3	191	168	166	164	168
Luxembourg	5.2	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	13	15	15	15	15
Hungary	11.0**	10.0	10.0	9.5	:	478**	441	441	420	:
Malta	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.4	12	12	12	13	12
Netherlands⁷	5.6	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	500	629	630	631	621
Austria⁷	4.5	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	197	218	216	210	209
Poland	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	1 797	1 777	1 776	1 778	1 777
Portugal	17.0	16.0	15.8	15.6	15.5	915	851	837	830	824
Romania	6.7	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	669	733	733	736	740
Slovenia	9.3	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.9	94	99	97	98	100
Slovakia	14.4	14.3	14.3	14.2	14.0	389	388	387	381	375
Finland⁷	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	212	217	219	221	223
Sweden	8.3	8.0	8.0	7.9	8.0	424	408	410	407	411
United Kingdom	7.8*	7.6	7.4	:	:	2 478*	2 438	2 377	:	:
Iceland⁷	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	10	10	10	10	10:
Norway	3.3**	3.5	3.4	3.3	:	84**	96	93	90	:
United States	7.8	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.0	12 005	11 374	11 254	11 309	10 860

Source: Eurostat

: Data not available

* September 2012

** October 2012

*** Q3 2012

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Nov 12	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Nov 12	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13
EA17	23.9	23.9	24.1	24.2	24.2	3 573	3 514	3 549	3 569	3 575
EA18	23.9	23.9	24.1	24.2	24.3	3 597	3 537	3 573	3 593	3 599
EU28	23.4	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	5 707	5 599	5 616	5 633	5 661
Belgium	21.7	23.0	23.0	22.7	22.8	92	96	96	95	95
Bulgaria	28.5	28.3	27.8	28.3	28.5	70	63	62	63	63
Czech Republic	19.3	19.2	18.9	18.8	19.1	71	68	68	66	68
Denmark	13.4	13.7	12.8	13.0	12.5	60	60	56	57	55
Germany⁷	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	363	352	347	341	335
Estonia	19.2	15.2	16.8	17.3	:	13	10	11	12	:
Ireland	29.0	26.0	25.4	25.1	24.8	63	55	54	53	52
Greece	58.4	57.7	54.8	:	:	182	171	172	:	:
Spain	54.9	56.7	56.8	57.4	57.7	945	939	956	973	983
France	26.3	24.9	25.3	25.3	25.6	752	694	717	718	729
Croatia⁶	49.6	49.7	49.7	:	:	78	73	73	:	:
Italy	37.6	40.2	40.6	41.4	41.6	636	663	654	662	659
Cyprus⁶	32.5	40.0	40.0	:	:	14	17	17	:	:
Latvia⁶	24.5	24.7	24.7	:	:	24	23	23	:	:
Lithuania	24.7	21.5	21.7	22.2	22.9	31	27	28	30	32
Luxembourg	18.4	19.2	19.6	19.9	19.9	3	3	3	3	3
Hungary	28.3	26.8	26.3	24.7	:	88	84	82	76	:
Malta	14.2	13.4	13.4	13.7	13.7	4	4	4	4	4
Netherlands⁷	9.7	11.4	11.7	11.6	11.4	138	162	167	166	163
Austria⁷	8.5	8.9	9.2	9.1	8.6	51	51	53	53	49
Poland	27.5	27.2	27.6	27.8	27.9	427	405	410	413	414
Portugal	38.7	36.4	36.1	36.5	36.8	158	145	146	149	150
Romania⁶	22.2	23.3	23.3	:	:	181	187	187	:	:
Slovenia⁶	23.0	20.6	20.6	:	:	17	15	15	:	:
Slovakia	35.4	33.2	33.1	33.4	33.3	78	72	70	69	68
Finland⁷	19.4	19.9	19.8	19.7	19.6	65	65	65	65	65
Sweden	24.3	23.5	22.7	21.5	24.1	155	157	150	146	163
United Kingdom	20.6	20.8	20.5	:	:	951	938	927	:	:
Iceland⁷	11.6	11.0	10.9	10.6	10.4	4	4	4	3	3
Norway	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.2	:	37	36	34	31	:

Source: Eurostat
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Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Nov 12	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Nov 12	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13
EA17	11.6	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.1	12.1
EA18	11.7	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.1	12.1
EU28	10.7	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9
Belgium	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	7.5	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.0
Bulgaria	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.5	11.5	11.8	11.9	12.1	12.2
Czech Republic	6.2	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.8	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3
Denmark	7.1	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.1	7.2	6.9	7.2	7.7	7.8
Germany ⁷	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8
Estonia	10.4	9.2	9.4	9.6	:	9.0	7.7	8.2	8.4	:
Ireland	17.0	14.8	14.6	14.4	14.2	11.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.0
Greece	23.3	24.3	24.5	:	:	30.2	31.3	31.4	:	:
Spain	25.7	26.2	26.2	26.3	26.3	26.8	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.1
France	10.5	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.7
Croatia	17.6	18.7	18.8	19.1	19.4	17.8	16.8	17.0	17.6	17.7
Italy	10.5	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.4	12.5	13.0	13.2	13.2	13.2
Cyprus	13.6	17.4	17.7	18.1	18.0	12.9	15.9	16.2	16.4	16.6
Latvia ⁶	15.9	12.7	12.7	:	:	12.6	11.3	11.3	:	:
Lithuania	14.6	12.3	12.2	12.5	12.9	11.4	10.8	10.6	9.7	9.7
Luxembourg	4.7	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.9	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7
Hungary	11.2	10.1	10.1	9.6	:	10.7	10.0	9.9	9.5	:
Malta	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.6	7.0	6.1	6.2	6.1	5.9
Netherlands ⁷	5.8	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	5.4	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.5
Austria ⁷	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.0
Poland	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.1
Portugal	16.9	15.9	15.6	15.5	15.4	17.2	16.2	15.9	15.8	15.6
Romania	7.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5
Slovenia	9.0	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.7	9.7	11.1	10.9	11.0	11.2
Slovakia	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.9	14.9	14.6	14.5	14.4	14.1
Finland ⁷	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.7
Sweden	8.4	8.1	7.7	8.0	8.3	8.3	7.9	8.3	7.8	7.7
United Kingdom	8.1	7.9	7.7	:	:	7.3	7.2	6.9	:	:
Iceland ⁷	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0
Norway	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4	:	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.2	:

Source: Eurostat
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