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June 2014

Euro area unemployment rate at 11.5%

EU28 at 10.2%

The **euro area**¹ (EA18) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 11.5% in June 2014, down from 11.6% in May 2014⁴, and from 12.0% in June 2013. This is the lowest rate recorded since September 2012. The **EU28**¹ unemployment rate was 10.2% in June 2014, down from 10.3% in May 2014⁴, and from 10.9% in June 2013. This is the lowest rate recorded since March 2012. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

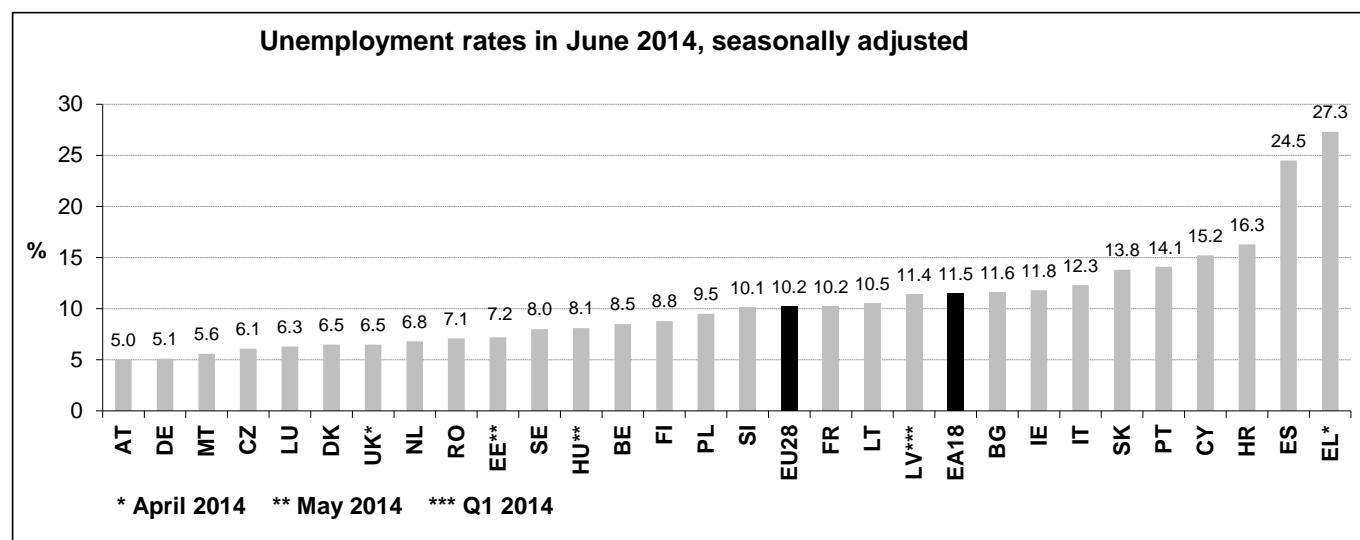
Eurostat estimates that 25.005 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 18.412 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in June 2014. Compared with May 2014, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 198 000 in the **EU28** and by 152 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2013, unemployment fell by 1.537 million in the **EU28** and by 783 000 in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Austria** (5.0%), **Germany** (5.1%) and **Malta** (5.6%), and the highest in **Greece** (27.3% in April 2014) and **Spain** (24.5%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate fell in twenty one Member States, increased in five and remained stable in the **Netherlands** and **Sweden**. The largest decreases were registered in **Portugal** (16.6% to 14.1%), **Hungary** (10.4% to 8.1% between May 2013 and May 2014), **Ireland** (13.6% to 11.8%), and **Spain** (26.2% to 24.5%), and the highest increases in **Finland** (8.1% to 8.8%), **Luxembourg** (5.9% to 6.3%) and **Austria** (4.7% to 5.0%).

In June 2014, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 6.1%, down from 6.3% in May 2014, and from 7.5% in June 2013.



Youth unemployment

In June 2014, 5.129 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.319 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2013, youth unemployment decreased by 506 000 in the **EU28** and by 244 000 in the **euro area**. In June 2014, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 22.0% in the **EU28** and 23.1% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.6% and 23.9% respectively in June 2013. In June 2014, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.8%), **Austria** (9.0%) and the **Netherlands** (10.5%), and the highest in **Greece** (56.3% in April 2014), **Spain** (53.5%) and **Italy** (43.7%).

1. The euro area (EA18) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, 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, 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 103/2014 of 1 July 2014, the May 2014 unemployment rates remain unchanged at 11.6% for the EA18 and 10.3% for the EU28. Among Member States, rates have been revised between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Estonia, Spain, Croatia, Austria, Finland and Sweden. The rate has been revised upwards by 0.5 percentage points for Greece (for March 2014). The revision for Croatia also reflects the inclusion of the latest Census results in the weighting of the LFS.
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, Sweden and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.
8. For Denmark, Estonia, Hungary and the United Kingdom 3-month moving averages of LFS data are used instead of pure monthly indicators.

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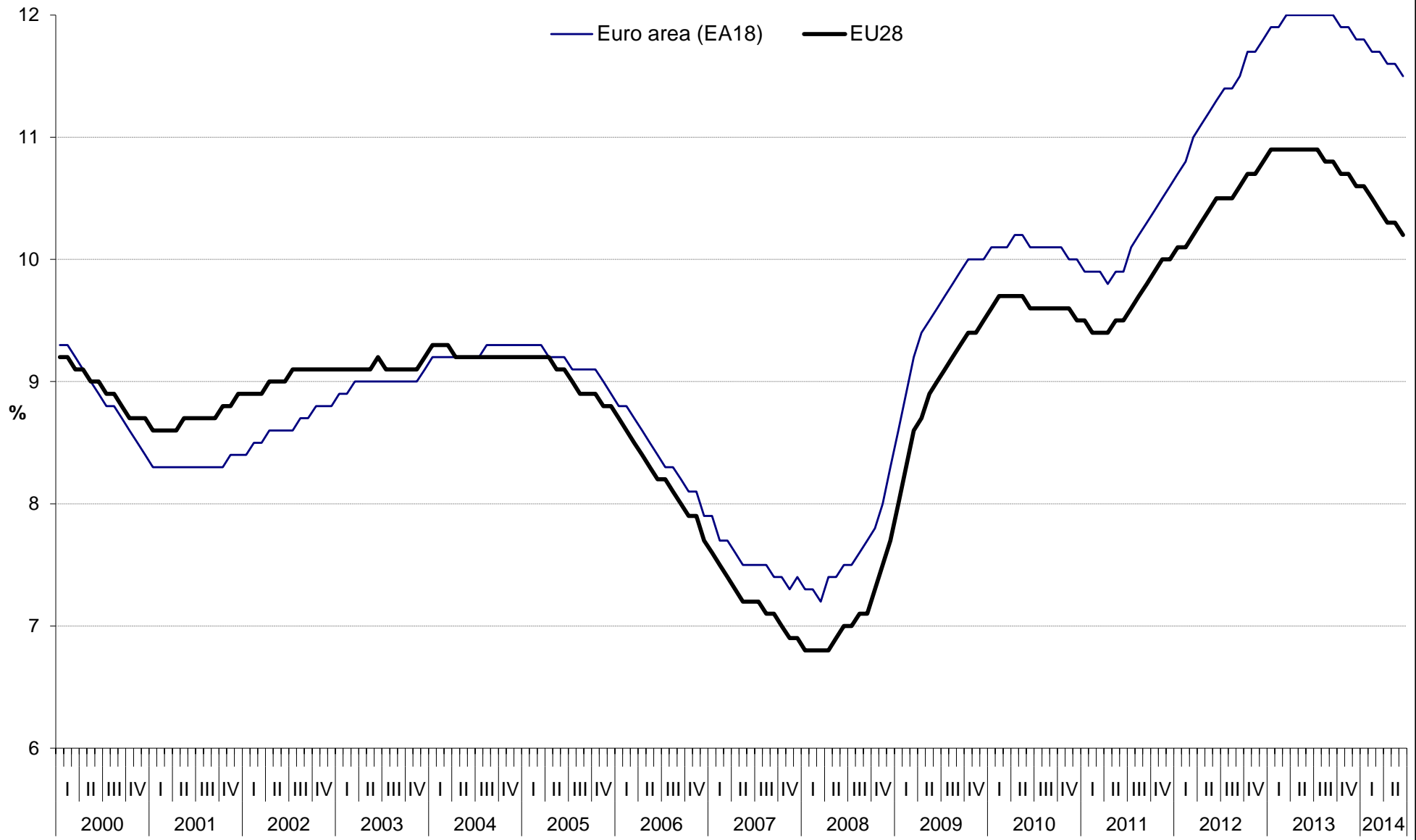
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series

— Euro area (EA18) — EU28



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 13	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jun 13	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14
EA18	12.0	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.5	19 195	18 674	18 581	18 564	18 412
EU28	10.9	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.2	26 542	25 448	25 251	25 203	25 005
Belgium	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	418	417	420	422	423
Bulgaria	12.9	12.1	11.9	11.8	11.6	434	407	399	395	390
Czech Republic	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.1	351	350	333	326	320
Denmark⁸	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.5	195	188	185	184	188
Germany⁷	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	2 257	2 199	2 192	2 178	2 159
Estonia⁸	8.3**	7.6	7.7	7.2	:	57**	51	52	48	:
Ireland	13.6	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	293	257	256	257	255
Greece	27.5*	27.3	27.3	:	:	1 330*	1 305	1 303	:	:
Spain	26.2	25.1	24.9	24.7	24.5	6 071	5 754	5 708	5 674	5 633
France	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.2	3 021	2 978	2 957	2 965	2 983
Croatia	17.5	17.4	17.0	16.6	16.3	327	330	324	318	311
Italy	12.2	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.3	3 127	3 184	3 185	3 231	3 153
Cyprus	16.2	15.9	15.4	15.2	15.2	70	68	65	64	63
Latvia⁶	12.7***	11.4	:	:	:	118***	116	:	:	:
Lithuania	11.8	11.7	11.2	11.0	10.5	172	174	166	161	155
Luxembourg	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	15	16	16	16	16
Hungary⁸	10.4**	7.9	8.0	8.1	:	456**	353	356	364	:
Malta	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.6	12	11	11	11	10
Netherlands⁷	6.8	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.8	613	642	636	623	605
Austria⁷	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.0	206	215	212	214	219
Poland	10.4	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	1 807	1 707	1 685	1 668	1 651
Portugal	16.6	14.8	14.6	14.3	14.1	866	759	750	736	723
Romania	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.1	739	724	702	718	700
Slovenia	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.1	103	104	104	104	102
Slovakia	14.3	13.8	13.9	13.9	13.8	388	375	376	375	372
Finland⁷	8.1	8.4	8.5	8.7	8.8	216	226	227	232	235
Sweden⁷	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	409	414	414	413	413
United Kingdom⁸	7.7*	6.6	6.5	:	:	2 474*	2 128	2 101	:	:
Iceland⁷	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	10	10	10	9	9
Norway	3.5**	3.3	3.3	3.2	:	95**	91	91	87	:
United States	7.5	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.1	11 767	10 444	9 681	9 836	9 507

: Data not available

* April 2013

** May 2013

*** Q1 2013

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 13	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jun 13	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14
EA18	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.2	23.1	3 563	3 415	3 366	3 349	3 319
EU28	23.6	22.5	22.2	22.1	22.0	5 635	5 295	5 214	5 170	5 129
Belgium	23.2	23.7	23.4	23.3	23.2	98	96	95	94	94
Bulgaria	28.7	25.7	24.7	24.1	23.2	66	50	47	45	42
Czech Republic	16.6	16.1	16.1	16.3	16.7	59	58	58	58	60
Denmark⁸	12.9	12.8	12.0	12.5	12.6	55	55	51	53	54
Germany⁷	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	351	347	345	343	340
Estonia⁸	15.5	17.2	19.7	17.4	:	9	10	11	9	:
Ireland	27.5	25.3	24.2	23.6	23.2	59	50	47	45	44
Greece	58.7	56.8	56.3	:	:	180	173	169	:	:
Spain	55.8	53.5	52.9	53.0	53.5	949	866	851	846	839
France	25.0	23.3	22.7	22.5	22.4	704	641	622	615	612
Croatia⁶	51.7	45.0	41.7	41.7	41.7	78	77	76	76	76
Italy	39.4	42.8	43.3	43.1	43.7	649	689	693	706	701
Cyprus⁶	40.1	37.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	15	15	13	13	13
Latvia⁶	21.3	19.7	:	:	:	19	18	:	:	:
Lithuania	22.3	21.0	19.6	19.5	17.7	28	27	26	25	24
Luxembourg	16.7	14.9	14.9	15.1	14.8	3	3	3	3	3
Hungary⁸	28.2	20.1	20.0	20.5	:	88	66	65	67	:
Malta	13.1	13.5	13.3	13.5	13.3	4	4	4	4	4
Netherlands⁷	11.0	11.3	11.0	10.8	10.5	158	157	153	149	145
Austria⁷	9.5	9.5	9.2	8.9	9.0	56	56	53	51	52
Poland	27.3	25.0	24.5	24.0	23.6	410	375	365	356	348
Portugal	38.0	36.5	35.9	34.7	33.5	148	140	140	135	128
Romania⁶	23.6	24.4	:	:	:	189	192	:	:	:
Slovenia⁶	23.2	22.4	22.3	22.3	22.3	18	15	15	15	15
Slovakia	34.1	32.0	32.2	32.4	32.3	75	68	69	69	69
Finland⁷	20.1	20.6	20.7	20.1	20.2	66	68	68	66	66
Sweden⁷	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.5	155	155	155	156	156
United Kingdom⁸	21.1	18.3	17.9	:	:	943	824	807	:	:
Iceland⁷	11.3	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.4	4	3	3	3	3
Norway	8.8	7.8	8.0	7.3	:	33	29	30	37	:

: Data not available

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Jun 13	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jun 13	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14
EA18	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.4	12.1	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.7
EU28	10.9	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.9	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.4
Belgium	8.6	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.2	7.6	7.8	7.9	7.9
Bulgaria	13.8	12.7	12.5	12.4	12.2	11.8	11.3	11.1	11.0	10.9
Czech Republic	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.1	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.6	7.3
Denmark ⁸	6.7	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.1	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.9	7.0
Germany ⁷	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7
Estonia ⁸	8.4	8.3	8.3	7.7	:	7.9	6.8	7.1	6.8	:
Ireland	15.7	13.7	13.5	13.5	13.4	11.0	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Greece	24.6	24.5	24.6	:	:	31.5	30.9	30.7	:	:
Spain	25.7	24.4	24.2	23.9	23.6	26.9	25.9	25.7	25.6	25.6
France	10.4	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.2	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7
Croatia	18.3	15.9	15.5	15.1	14.6	16.6	19.2	18.7	18.3	18.2
Italy	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.3	13.0	13.5	13.5	14.1	13.8
Cyprus	17.0	16.4	15.7	15.5	15.4	15.4	15.3	15.1	14.9	14.9
Latvia ⁶	12.4	12.7	:	:	:	11.0	10.1	:	:	:
Lithuania	13.0	13.0	12.2	12.0	11.4	10.5	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.6
Luxembourg	5.5	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7
Hungary ⁸	10.3	7.6	7.8	8.0	:	10.4	8.1	8.1	8.2	:
Malta	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.6	6.4	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.5
Netherlands ⁷	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.2	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.6
Austria ⁷	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.7
Poland	9.8	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.1	11.2	10.4	10.2	10.0	9.9
Portugal	16.5	14.8	14.6	14.3	14.0	16.8	14.7	14.6	14.3	14.2
Romania	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.7	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.4
Slovenia	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.2	10.9	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.1
Slovakia	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.6	14.7	13.8	13.9	14.0	13.9
Finland ⁷	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.3	7.4	7.8	7.8	8.1	8.2
Sweden ⁷	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7
United Kingdom ⁸	8.2	6.8	6.6	:	:	7.0	6.3	6.3	:	:
Iceland ⁷	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0
Norway	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.3	:	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0	:

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