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July 2016

Euro area unemployment at 10.1%

EU28 at 8.6%

The **euro area** (EA19) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 10.1% in July 2016, stable compared to June 2016 and down from 10.8% in July 2015. This remains the lowest rate recorded in the **euro area** since July 2011. The **EU28** unemployment rate was 8.6% in July 2016, stable compared to June 2016 and down from 9.4% in July 2015. This remains the lowest rate recorded in the **EU28** since March 2009. These figures are published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

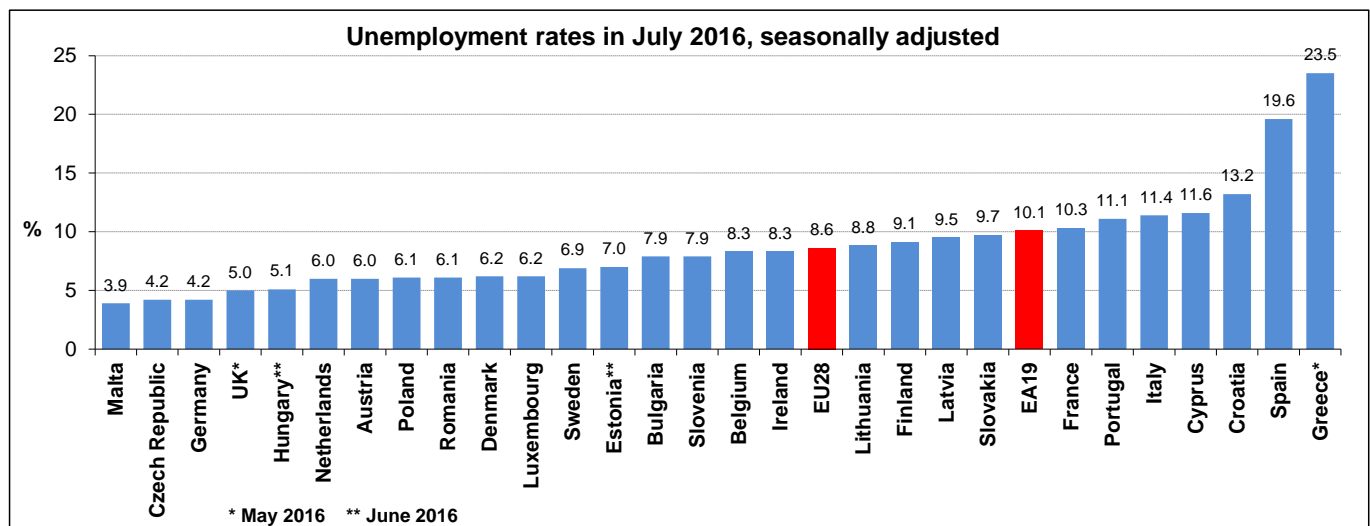
Eurostat estimates that 21.063 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 16.307 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in July 2016. Compared with June 2016, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 29 000 in the **EU28** and by 43 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2015, unemployment fell by 1.688 million in the **EU28** and by 1.034 million in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates in July 2016 were recorded in **Malta** (3.9%) as well as in the **Czech Republic** and **Germany** (both 4.2%). The highest unemployment rates were observed in **Greece** (23.5% in May 2016) and **Spain** (19.6%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate in July 2016 fell in twenty-four Member States, remained stable in **Denmark**, while it increased in **Estonia** (from 6.1% to 7.0% between June 2015 and June 2016), **Austria** (from 5.7% to 6.0%) and **Belgium** (from 8.1% to 8.3%). The largest decreases were registered in **Cyprus** (from 15.0% to 11.6%), **Croatia** (from 16.5% to 13.2%) and **Spain** (from 21.9% to 19.6%).

In July 2016, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 4.9%, stable compared to June 2016 and down from 5.3% in July 2015.



Youth unemployment

In July 2016, 4.276 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 2.969 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2015, youth unemployment decreased by 310 000 in the **EU28** and by 136 000 in the **euro area**. In July 2016, the youth unemployment rate was 18.8% in the **EU28** and 21.1% in the **euro area**, compared with 20.2% and 22.1% respectively in July 2015. In July 2016, the lowest rates were observed in **Malta** (7.1%) and **Germany** (7.2%), and the highest in **Greece** (50.3% in May 2016), **Spain** (43.9%) and **Italy** (39.2%).

Geographical information

The **euro area (EA19)** includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The **European Union (EU28)** includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Methods and definition

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.

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.

Country notes

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

Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Portugal, the United Kingdom and Norway: 3-month moving averages of LFS data are used instead of pure monthly indicators.

Revisions and timetable

The data in this News Release can be subject to revisions, caused by updates to the seasonally adjusted series whenever new monthly data are added; the inclusion of the most recent LFS data in the calculation process; update of seasonal adjustment models with complete annual data.

Compared with the rates published in News Release [150/2016](#) of 29 July 2016, the June 2016 unemployment rate remains unchanged for both the EA19 and the EU28. Among Member States, rates have been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points (pp) downwards for Romania (by 0.4 pp), Latvia (by 0.3 pp) and Estonia (by 0.2 pp, data for May 2016). The unemployment rate has been revised by more than 0.1 pp upwards for Bulgaria (by 0.8 pp), Lithuania (by 0.7 pp), Ireland (by 0.6 pp) as well as for Greece and France (both by 0.2 pp, April data for Greece).

For more information

Eurostat [website section](#) on employment and unemployment

Eurostat [database section](#) on unemployment, including non-seasonally adjusted and trend data

Eurostat [Statistics Explained article](#) on unemployment

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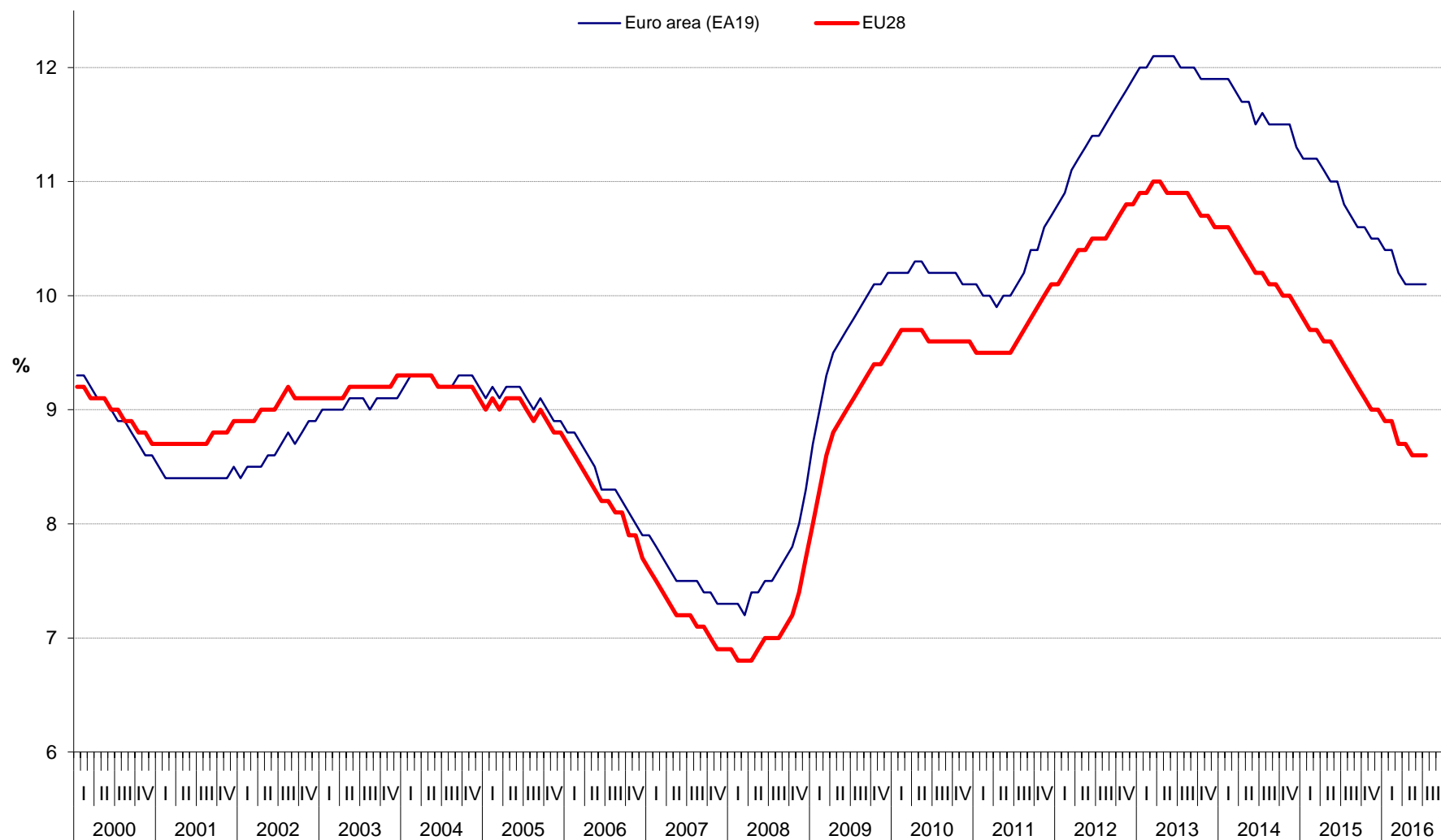
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jul 15	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Jul 15	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16
EA19	10.8	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	17 341	16 392	16 326	16 350	16 307
EU28	9.4	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	22 751	21 180	21 126	21 092	21 063
Belgium	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.3	402	405	410	414	407
Bulgaria	9.2	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	306	264	262	262	259
Czech Republic	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	263	214	214	221	222
Denmark	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	182	185	186	186	186
Germany	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	1 927	1 826	1 825	1 823	1 816
Estonia	6.1**	6.4	6.5	7.0	:	41**	44	46	49	:
Ireland	9.2	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.3	198	182	183	184	183
Greece	25.0*	23.5	23.5	:	:	1 197*	1 126	1 123	:	:
Spain	21.9	20.2	20.1	19.9	19.6	5 021	4 624	4 585	4 525	4 464
France	10.5	9.9	9.9	10.1	10.3	3 107	2 909	2 917	2 976	3 059
Croatia	16.5	13.6	13.3	13.2	13.2	314	250	244	243	241
Italy	11.7	11.5	11.4	11.6	11.4	2 988	2 964	2 945	2 983	2 944
Cyprus	15.0	12.2	11.9	11.8	11.6	63	49	48	47	46
Latvia	10.1	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	100	95	94	95	94
Lithuania	9.2	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.8	134	118	121	124	130
Luxembourg	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	18	17	17	17	17
Hungary	6.9**	5.4	5.2	5.1	:	310**	249	237	233	:
Malta	5.4	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	11	8	8	8	8
Netherlands	6.8	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.0	603	572	560	550	541
Austria	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.0	249	261	273	275	270
Poland	7.4	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	1 284	1 084	1 082	1 072	1 056
Portugal	12.3	11.6	11.2	11.1	11.1	628	592	573	566	567
Romania	6.8	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.1	624	553	555	534	546
Slovenia	9.3	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.9	94	80	80	79	78
Slovakia	11.4	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.7	312	277	274	270	267
Finland	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	253	243	243	242	242
Sweden	7.4	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	383	367	366	364	363
United Kingdom	5.5*	4.9	5.0	:	:	1 806*	1 634	1 643	:	:
Iceland	3.9	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	7	6	6	6	6
Norway	4.4**	4.6	4.7	4.8	:	123**	129	131	135	:
United States	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	8 265	7 916	7 467	7 796	7 763

The source datasets are available [here](#) (rates) and [here](#) (in 1000 persons).

: Data not available

* May 2015

** June 2015

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jul 15	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Jul 15	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16
EA19	22.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	3 105	2 985	2 983	2 973	2 969
EU28	20.2	18.8	18.9	18.8	18.8	4 586	4 295	4 312	4 277	4 276
Belgium	21.1	20.7	20.7	20.7	:	82	77	77	77	:
Bulgaria	21.7	15.4	15.2	15.3	14.5	40	26	25	25	24
Czech Republic	12.5	10.1	10.8	11.5	11.4	43	34	36	38	38
Denmark	11.3	11.8	11.3	11.7	11.9	51	57	55	58	58
Germany	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	285	304	305	305	304
Estonia	11.5	12.5	14.1	15.8	:	6	7	8	9	:
Ireland	20.5	17.3	17.6	18.2	17.8	38	35	36	37	37
Greece	48.5	47.3	50.3	:	:	136	130	130	:	:
Spain	47.5	45.6	45.3	45.2	43.9	751	682	671	655	634
France	24.8	24.2	24.3	24.5	24.4	688	678	679	678	674
Croatia	43.8	29.5	29.5	29.5	:	71	51	51	51	:
Italy	39.0	36.6	36.9	37.3	39.2	600	577	580	591	614
Cyprus	32.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	:	12	8	8	8	:
Latvia	14.8	18.0	18.9	18.8	17.5	12	14	15	15	13
Lithuania	16.5	14.8	15.5	16.2	16.5	20	18	19	20	20
Luxembourg	17.2	17.6	17.4	17.3	17.0	4	4	4	4	3
Hungary	17.5	14.1	13.6	13.1	:	60	49	47	46	:
Malta	13.8	7.2	6.6	6.8	7.1	4	2	2	2	2
Netherlands	11.3	11.2	11.1	10.8	10.8	159	159	158	152	152
Austria	10.3	10.2	11.1	11.3	11.3	58	57	62	65	66
Poland	20.3	17.4	17.2	17.0	16.6	276	245	244	239	233
Portugal	31.2	29.4	27.9	26.6	26.3	114	108	102	97	97
Romania	21.2	21.0*	:	:	:	145	128*	:	:	:
Slovenia	14.7	15.0	15.0	15.0	:	11	10	10	10	:
Slovakia	26.6	24.8	24.9	24.6	24.0	55	50	50	49	47
Finland	22.4	21.8	21.8	21.7	21.7	72	68	68	68	68
Sweden	20.5	19.0	18.9	18.6	19.7	130	123	123	122	122
United Kingdom	14.7	13.5	13.7	:	:	662	606	618	:	:
Iceland	8.3	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	3	2	2	2	2
Norway	10.7	11.6	11.5	11.0	:	41	43	42	40	:

The source datasets are available [here](#) (rates) and [here](#) (in 1000 persons).

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Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: quarterly data

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Jul 15	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Jul 15	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16
EA19	10.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	11.0	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
EU28	9.3	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	9.5	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.8
Belgium	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.6	7.4	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.9
Bulgaria	10.0	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1
Czech Republic	4.1	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	6.0	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.0
Denmark	6.0	5.7	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.4
Germany	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9
Estonia	5.5	7.2	7.8	8.2	:	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.7	:
Ireland	10.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	7.5	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9
Greece	21.7	19.6	19.5	:	:	28.8	28.4	28.5	:	:
Spain	20.6	18.6	18.4	18.2	17.9	23.4	22.1	22.0	21.8	21.6
France	11.0	10.2	10.2	10.4	10.6	10.0	9.5	9.6	9.7	10.0
Croatia	15.6	14.2	13.8	13.4	13.0	17.5	12.9	12.7	13.0	13.3
Italy	11.1	10.6	10.5	10.7	10.6	12.5	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.6
Cyprus	14.9	11.9	11.5	11.4	11.2	15.1	12.5	12.3	12.1	12.1
Latvia	11.6	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.3	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.8
Lithuania	10.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	10.2	8.3	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.4
Luxembourg	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	7.2	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8
Hungary	6.5	5.3	5.3	5.2	:	7.2	5.6	5.0	4.9	:
Malta	5.6	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2
Netherlands	6.4	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.5
Austria	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.4	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.5
Poland	7.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9	7.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4
Portugal	12.2	11.5	11.1	10.9	10.8	12.3	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.3
Romania	7.4	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.9	5.9	5.1	5.2	4.9	5.0
Slovenia	8.0	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.2	10.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7
Slovakia	10.2	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	12.9	11.4	11.3	11.1	11.0
Finland	10.0	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.1	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0
Sweden	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5
United Kingdom	5.5	5.1	5.1	:	:	5.2	4.8	4.8	:	:
Iceland	4.0	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Norway	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.5	:	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	:

The source dataset is available [here](#).

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