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Unemployment in the regions of the European Union in 1994

The unemployment rate in the European Union (excluding the French overseas departments) rose from 10.5% in April 1993 to 11.3% in April 1994. The number of unemployed during the twelve months period, rose by more than 1.3 million, with the labour market situation showing for another year a notable deterioration in more than half of the Union's regions. The most striking rises in the rates of unemployment (+ 3-5 percentage points) were recorded in certain regions in Spain, in the south of Italy, in the five new German Länder and in the French regions of Basse-Normandie, Corse, Picardie and Champagne-Ardenne.

The rate of unemployment stood above 20% in some regions of Italy (Sardegna, Sicilia and Campania), Finland (Itä-Suomi, Pohjois-Suomi) and several regions of Spain, in some of which (Comunidad Valenciana, Murcia, Pais Vasco, Ceuta y Melilla, Canarias and Extremadura) more than one quarter of the labour force is now without a job. Top of this list is the Spanish region of Andalucia with a distressing 34.7% of unemployment. As a contrast the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Oberbayern of Germany are once more on the other end, with rates of 3.4% and 4.0% respectively. Remaining still below 5% are the regions of Tuebingen and Bayern in the south of Germany, Madeira and Centro in Portugal, Trentino-Alto Adige in the north of Italy and (on the basis of the 1993 estimations) Kriti of Greece.

Within most Member States, unemployment rates in the hardest-hit regions are two to three times as high as in the regions with the lowest percentage of jobless. Internal differences between regions are widest in Germany, where the new Länder show four to five times higher unemployment rates than some regions of the south, and in Italy, where the differences in the north and the south are as high as a factor of more than 5. The widest gap between the best-off and the worst-off regions is found in Spain with 19.5 percentage points.

The level of female unemployment is still noticeable higher than the male, throughout the regions of the European Union, with the exception of the United Kingdom. Furthermore, the rise of unemployment between April 1993 and April 1994 was steeper for women than for men. In numerous regions of Spain and the south of Italy, over on third of the female working population are now without a job, while the Spanish regions of Extremadura and Andalucia suffer from a female unemployment rate in the vicinity of 50%.

The jobless rate among young people under 25 has risen again. With rates of over 30% the situation is most serious in Hainaut and Bruxelles (Belgium), Dytiki Makedonia (Greece), all of the Spanish (Ceuta y Melilla 66.6%) and Finnish regions, Nord-Pas-De-Calais and other French regions (mainly of Bassin Parisien), Liguria and the south of Italy, with Campania suffering a 60.1% young unemployment rate.

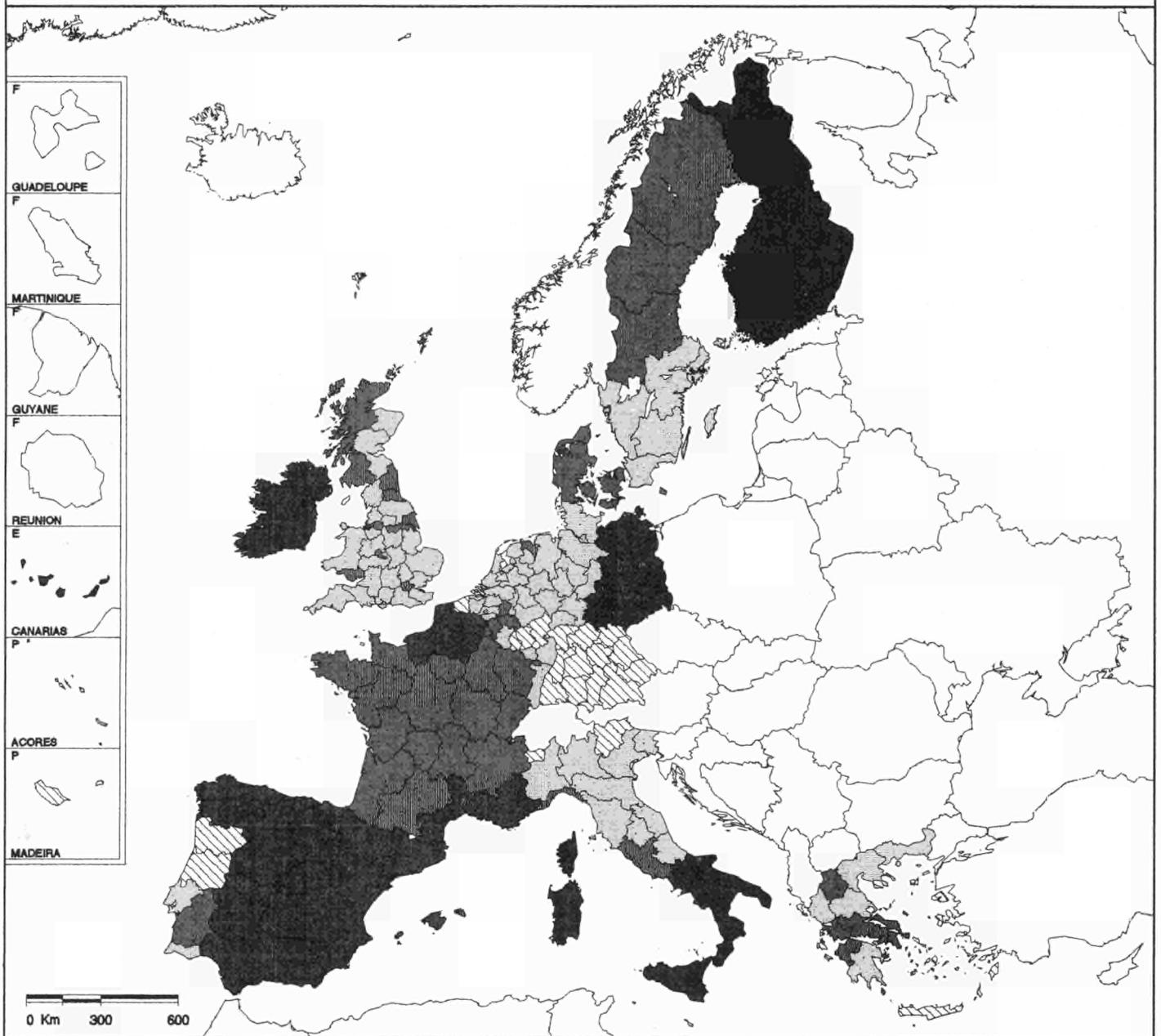
	Total		Males		Females		< 25 years		>= 25 years	
	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994
EUR15	10.5	11.3	9.6	10.2	11.8	12.8	20.4	21.3	8.8	9.6
EUR12	10.6	11.4	9.5	10.2	12.1	13.1	20.8	21.7	8.8	9.6
BELGIQUE-BELGIE	8.1	9.7	6.2	7.7	10.8	12.4	18.4	22.0	6.8	8.1
<i>VLAAMS GEWEST</i>	6.1	7.4	4.2	5.4	8.8	10.3	12.6	15.8	5.3	6.3
<i>REGION WALLONNE</i>	11.1	12.9	8.8	10.7	14.2	16.1	28.1	31.8	9.0	10.6
<i>BRUXELLES-BRUSSEL</i>	10.4	12.9	9.7	12.5	11.5	13.6	24.6	30.1	9.0	11.1
<i>ANTWERPEN</i>	7.1	8.6	5.1	6.7	10.4	11.7	14.2	17.9	6.2	7.5
<i>BRABANT</i>	7.2	9.0	6.2	8.0	8.7	10.3	17.9	22.9	6.2	7.6
<i>HAINAUT</i>	13.4	15.4	10.8	13.1	17.3	18.8	33.1	37.9	10.8	12.5
<i>LIEGE</i>	11.0	13.0	8.9	10.7	13.7	16.3	24.6	29.9	9.2	10.9
<i>LIMBURG (B)</i>	8.3	10.3	4.5	5.9	13.5	16.7	16.1	19.4	7.2	8.9
<i>LUXEMBOURG (B)</i>	6.3	7.5	4.5	5.5	8.9	10.5	17.8	20.4	4.8	5.8
<i>NAMUR</i>	10.3	11.9	8.1	9.9	13.5	14.9	30.7	29.0	8.1	9.7
<i>OOST-VLAANDEREN</i>	6.0	7.1	4.5	5.4	8.0	9.4	12.5	15.3	5.1	6.0
<i>WEST-VLAANDEREN</i>	4.9	5.8	3.2	4.1	7.3	8.3	9.7	11.7	4.2	5.0
DANMARK	10.7	10.7	10.5	10.3	11.0	11.2	14.6	13.8	9.9	10.1
BR DEUTSCHLAND	7.6	8.6	6.4	7.4	9.3	10.3	7.5	8.2	7.7	8.7
<i>BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG</i>	4.5	5.4	4.2	5.3	4.9	5.6	5.4	6.1	4.4	5.3
<i>STUTTGART</i>	4.4	5.5	4.2	5.4	4.7	5.5	5.5	6.3	4.2	5.3
<i>KARLSRUHE</i>	4.6	5.5	4.3	5.4	5.1	5.6	5.5	6.5	4.5	5.4
<i>FREIBURG</i>	4.7	5.7	4.4	5.6	5.1	5.9	5.5	6.3	4.6	5.6
<i>TUEBINGEN</i>	4.2	4.9	3.9	4.7	4.6	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.1	4.9
<i>BAYERN</i>	4.2	4.8	3.8	4.4	4.7	5.3	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.9
<i>OBEBAYERN</i>	3.4	4.0	3.2	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.4	4.0
<i>NIEDERBAYERN</i>	4.4	4.6	3.9	3.9	5.1	5.6	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.6
<i>OBERRPFALZ</i>	5.6	5.6	4.9	4.8	6.4	6.6	4.9	4.6	5.7	5.7
<i>OBERRFRANKEN</i>	4.9	5.4	4.1	4.5	5.8	6.5	4.3	4.8	5.0	5.5
<i>MITTELFRAKKNEN</i>	4.6	5.9	4.3	5.5	5.1	6.3	4.8	5.6	4.6	5.9
<i>UNTERFRANKEN</i>	4.8	5.6	4.1	5.1	5.9	6.4	4.7	5.3	4.9	5.7
<i>SCHWABEN</i>	4.0	4.5	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.5
<i>BERLIN</i>	10.2	11.1	9.7	10.4	10.8	11.8	12.1	12.0	9.9	10.9
<i>BRANDENBURG</i>	13.3	15.9	9.3	10.7	17.6	21.7	12.6	13.4	13.4	16.3
<i>BREMEN</i>	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.8	9.1	9.7	11.3	11.4	9.2	10.2
<i>HAMBURG</i>	6.1	6.8	6.5	7.4	5.6	6.0	6.7	7.5	6.0	6.7
<i>HESSEN</i>	5.0	6.0	4.7	5.9	5.5	6.3	5.7	6.8	4.9	5.9
<i>DARMSTADT</i>	4.4	5.4	4.3	5.5	4.5	5.3	5.0	6.2	4.3	5.3
<i>GIESSEN</i>	5.9	6.8	5.1	6.2	7.1	7.8	6.8	7.0	5.8	6.8
<i>KASSEL</i>	6.3	7.3	5.5	6.7	7.5	8.3	6.9	7.9	6.2	7.2
<i>MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN</i>	15.8	18.8	12.4	14.4	19.4	23.6	14.0	14.7	16.0	19.4
<i>NIEDERSACHSEN</i>	7.0	7.7	6.2	7.3	8.1	8.4	6.7	7.6	7.0	7.8
<i>BRAUNSCHWEIG</i>	8.2	9.3	7.2	8.8	9.8	10.1	8.0	8.2	8.3	9.5
<i>HANNOVER</i>	6.9	7.6	6.4	7.5	7.5	7.7	6.2	7.7	7.0	7.6
<i>LUENEBURG</i>	5.6	6.2	4.9	5.7	6.8	7.1	6.2	7.0	5.6	6.1
<i>WESER-EMS</i>	7.0	7.8	6.2	7.1	8.3	8.9	6.5	7.3	7.2	7.9
<i>NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN</i>	7.2	8.0	6.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	7.3	8.0	7.2	8.0
<i>DUESSELDORF</i>	7.7	8.5	7.4	8.6	8.3	8.4	7.7	8.3	7.7	8.6
<i>KOELN</i>	6.9	7.5	6.5	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.1	8.0	6.9	7.4
<i>MUENSTER</i>	6.9	7.2	6.3	7.0	7.7	7.4	6.8	7.3	6.9	7.1
<i>DETMOLD</i>	6.1	6.7	4.9	5.8	7.8	8.0	6.3	6.6	6.1	6.7
<i>ARNSBERG</i>	7.8	9.0	7.4	8.8	8.4	9.2	7.9	8.8	7.8	9.0
<i>RHEINLAND-PFALZ</i>	5.1	5.9	4.7	5.6	5.8	6.4	5.7	6.7	5.0	5.8
<i>KOBLENZ</i>	4.4	5.4	4.1	4.9	5.0	6.0	4.7	6.3	4.4	5.2
<i>TRIER</i>	4.6	5.2	4.2	5.0	5.3	5.5	6.4	5.6	4.4	5.2
<i>RHEINHESSEN-PFALZ</i>	5.8	6.5	5.3	6.3	6.5	7.0	6.4	7.2	5.7	6.4
<i>SAARLAND</i>	8.0	9.1	8.1	9.3	8.0	8.7	8.1	10.1	8.0	9.0
<i>SACHSEN</i>	12.8	15.8	8.5	9.9	17.2	22.3	10.7	11.9	13.1	16.4
<i>CHEMNITZ</i>	:	17.3	:	10.7	:	24.8	:	12.3	:	18.2
<i>DRESDEN</i>	:	15.4	:	9.9	:	21.3	:	11.2	:	16.1
<i>LEIPZIG</i>	:	14.1	:	8.9	:	20.0	:	12.4	:	14.4
<i>SACHSEN-ANHALT</i>	15.1	18.5	10.8	12.7	19.6	24.8	13.6	15.4	15.3	19.0
<i>DESSAU</i>	:	19.3	:	12.8	:	26.4	:	15.1	:	19.9
<i>HALLE</i>	:	18.3	:	12.8	:	24.0	:	15.0	:	18.8
<i>MAGDEBURG</i>	:	18.4	:	12.6	:	24.8	:	15.9	:	18.8
<i>SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN</i>	5.7	6.4	5.5	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.1	6.9	5.7	6.3
<i>THUERINGEN</i>	14.2	16.9	9.7	11.0	18.7	23.5	12.1	12.9	14.5	17.6

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	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994
ELLADA	9.4		6.1		15.0		28.8		6.4	
VOREIA ELLADA	8.7		5.5		14.2		27.5		6.0	
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	7.5		4.7		11.5		19.6		5.4	
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	9.0		5.6		14.7		27.1		6.4	
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	11.9		9.0		17.3		45.1		6.9	
THESSALIA	7.8		4.2		14.4		30.0		5.0	
KENTRIKI ELLADA	8.5		4.8		15.1		31.2		5.0	
IPEIROS	8.9		5.3		15.1		41.0		5.4	
IONIA NISIA	4.5		3.3		6.6		17.1		2.7	
DYTIKI ELLADA	10.2		6.4		16.6		29.3		6.6	
STEREA ELLADA	10.1		5.3		19.9		35.8		5.6	
PELOPONNISOS	6.6		3.0		13.0		30.2		3.6	
ATTIKI	11.7		8.1		17.6		31.9		8.5	
NISIA AIGAIΟΥ, KRITI	4.5		3.1		6.9		16.7		2.3	
VOREIO AIGAIO	5.5		3.8		9.5		19.4		3.5	
NOTIO AIGAIO	4.8		3.4		7.8		16.0		2.3	
KRITI	4.0		2.7		6.0		16.4		2.1	
ESPANA	22.3	24.4	18.7	20.1	28.5	31.5	42.5	45.4	17.7	19.9
NOROESTE	18.7	20.9	15.7	18.0	23.1	25.1	40.9	45.1	15.0	17.1
GALICIA	17.7	19.7	15.5	17.7	21.0	22.5	36.0	42.5	14.8	16.5
ASTURIAS	20.5	22.5	16.2	18.8	27.5	28.3	52.0	48.5	15.1	17.9
CANTABRIA	20.0	24.4	15.9	17.8	27.4	35.6	43.6	50.9	15.7	19.5
NORESTE	19.5	21.5	14.6	16.1	28.1	30.6	42.2	47.8	15.3	16.8
PAIS VASCO	23.3	25.2	18.1	20.4	32.4	32.9	52.4	55.5	18.0	19.5
NAVARRA	13.1	15.1	9.3	10.3	19.9	23.7	23.5	32.8	11.2	12.1
RIOJA	14.2	18.3	10.0	12.4	23.4	29.3	30.7	33.5	11.2	15.9
ARAGON	16.0	18.2	11.4	11.6	24.3	29.3	33.9	41.7	12.7	14.1
MADRID	17.2	20.9	14.5	17.3	21.7	26.7	33.9	39.8	13.9	17.2
CENTRO (E)	21.9	23.5	16.7	17.9	32.5	34.6	42.4	43.4	17.4	19.3
CASTILLA-LEON	20.1	21.7	14.2	15.7	31.1	32.6	45.7	46.7	15.3	17.2
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	19.4	20.7	15.3	16.3	28.5	30.3	33.9	36.9	15.7	16.7
EXTREMADURA	30.2	32.3	24.5	25.6	41.7	45.9	49.5	46.9	25.5	28.8
ESTE	20.5	22.3	16.7	18.0	26.5	28.8	38.8	40.6	16.0	18.0
CATALUNA	18.8	21.3	15.2	17.5	24.6	27.1	37.2	40.4	14.4	17.0
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	23.8	24.7	19.5	19.5	31.0	33.2	42.3	42.7	19.2	20.5
BALEARES	16.3	17.0	14.6	14.2	19.1	21.1	32.7	30.4	13.0	14.1
SUR	31.0	33.3	28.1	28.6	36.5	41.8	51.2	53.2	25.4	27.8
ANDALUCIA	32.1	34.7	29.5	29.8	37.3	43.6	52.3	54.4	26.6	29.2
MURCIA	24.4	25.1	20.5	21.8	31.1	30.9	44.7	44.6	18.6	19.7
CEUTA Y MELILLA	23.0	27.9	15.1	21.4	37.7	39.6	52.3	66.6	17.0	19.8
CANARIAS	27.8	28.3	23.9	25.2	34.8	33.3	46.6	51.1	23.1	22.4
FRANCE	11.2	12.2	9.6	10.6	13.2	14.1	24.7	27.2	9.4	10.4
ILE DE FRANCE	9.6	10.9	9.1	10.4	10.1	11.4	16.3	18.8	8.8	9.9
BASSIN PARISIEN	11.3	13.3	9.2	11.3	13.9	15.8	26.7	31.4	9.1	11.0
CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE	11.0	13.8	9.0	11.6	13.6	16.7	27.2	31.2	8.7	11.4
PICARDIE	11.9	14.8	9.8	12.7	14.6	17.6	28.5	33.6	9.4	12.2
HAUTE-NORMANDIE	13.1	14.8	11.0	13.0	15.7	17.0	27.9	33.7	10.8	12.4
CENTRE	11.0	11.9	8.7	9.9	13.7	14.4	24.7	28.3	9.0	9.9
BASSE-NORMANDIE	9.6	13.5	7.9	11.9	11.7	15.4	25.4	34.5	7.4	10.8
BOURGOGNE	11.2	11.7	8.8	9.5	14.2	14.5	27.0	28.5	9.0	9.7
NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS	14.3	16.3	12.6	14.9	16.7	18.0	30.7	35.0	11.5	13.5
EST	8.9	9.7	7.2	8.3	11.3	11.6	20.8	21.5	7.2	8.1
LORRAINE	10.4	10.7	8.4	9.2	13.2	12.6	26.1	24.3	8.3	8.8
ALSACE	6.9	8.3	5.6	7.3	8.7	9.5	15.2	16.8	5.6	7.0
FRANCHE-COMTE	9.3	10.0	7.2	7.8	11.9	12.9	20.7	23.3	7.6	8.2
OUEST	10.8	11.6	8.4	9.8	13.6	13.9	25.7	28.5	8.7	9.6
PAYS DE LA LOIRE	11.1	12.1	8.8	10.2	13.7	14.4	27.9	29.5	8.8	9.9
BRETAGNE	9.6	10.5	7.4	8.7	12.3	12.7	23.8	24.5	7.9	8.8
POITOU-CHARENTES	12.5	12.8	9.7	10.9	16.1	15.0	24.5	33.4	10.5	10.5
SUD-OUEST	11.1	12.3	9.0	10.4	13.5	14.6	27.2	30.8	9.2	10.4
AQUITAINE	12.9	13.3	10.6	11.3	15.7	15.5	27.7	33.6	10.9	11.1
MIDI-PYRENEES	9.7	11.7	7.9	9.7	12.0	14.2	28.0	27.4	8.0	10.0
LIMOUSIN	9.1	10.7	7.4	9.1	11.1	12.5	22.8	30.8	7.4	8.7
CENTRE-EST	11.4	11.4	9.6	10.1	13.5	13.0	27.3	27.9	9.4	9.6
RHONE-ALPES	11.6	11.3	10.0	10.1	13.5	12.8	26.8	27.5	9.7	9.6
AUVERGNE	10.5	11.8	8.1	10.1	13.4	13.8	29.9	30.0	8.3	9.7
MEDITERRANEE	14.6	15.9	12.8	14.5	16.9	17.6	29.6	29.2	12.8	14.2
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON	14.8	15.7	12.6	13.7	17.5	18.1	31.4	30.2	12.8	13.8
PROVENCE-ALPES-COTE DAZUR	14.6	16.1	13.2	15.0	16.5	17.3	29.0	28.7	12.9	14.4
CORSE	11.9	15.2	9.0	12.3	17.5	19.9	23.6	27.5	10.4	13.5
DEPARTEMENTS D'OUTRE-MER	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IRELAND	15.7	15.2	15.5	15.0	16.0	15.7	25.3	24.1	13.2	13.0

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	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994
ITALIA	10.3	11.4	7.8	9.0	14.7	15.6	29.9	31.8	6.7	7.9
<i>NORD OVEST</i>	7.5	8.9	5.6	6.5	10.5	12.4	27.1	27.8	4.3	5.7
PIEMONTE	6.7	8.4	5.1	6.1	9.2	11.8	25.0	26.9	3.6	5.1
VALLE DAOSTA	4.4	5.7	2.6	4.9	7.1	6.7	11.6	15.7	3.0	4.0
LIGURIA	9.9	10.5	7.2	8.0	14.7	14.5	35.3	32.2	6.1	7.6
LOMBARDIA	6.0	6.1	4.3	4.3	8.6	8.9	19.2	17.5	3.6	4.0
<i>NORD EST</i>	5.9	6.3	4.0	4.3	9.1	9.4	15.3	14.9	4.0	4.4
TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	3.8	4.3	2.9	3.1	5.5	6.1	7.0	8.3	3.1	3.4
VENETO	5.9	6.5	3.9	4.4	9.1	10.1	14.8	15.0	3.9	4.7
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA	7.8	6.8	5.1	5.1	12.0	9.3	27.6	21.7	4.8	4.3
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	6.6	6.6	4.5	4.4	9.7	9.7	20.5	18.9	4.6	4.6
<i>CENTRO (I)</i>	7.9	7.9	5.0	4.9	12.5	12.4	23.1	22.5	5.4	5.7
TOSCANA	8.6	8.2	5.2	5.1	13.9	12.8	23.3	22.1	6.0	6.0
UMBRIA	7.2	8.9	5.7	6.2	9.2	13.2	29.8	32.2	4.1	5.2
MARCHE	6.8	6.6	4.1	3.7	11.1	10.9	19.7	17.5	4.8	5.2
LAZIO	10.3	11.0	7.4	8.4	15.3	15.5	36.9	41.4	6.3	7.2
CAMPANIA	18.3	23.1	14.2	18.4	26.9	32.3	47.3	60.1	12.1	15.7
ABRUZZI-MOLISE	10.2	11.3	6.5	7.4	16.4	17.8	34.3	36.0	6.2	7.7
ABRUZZI	9.4	9.6	5.8	5.7	15.5	16.1	32.2	32.1	5.6	6.4
MOLISE	12.9	17.6	8.8	13.6	19.6	23.9	42.4	49.3	8.3	12.7
SUD	15.8	17.5	12.9	14.4	21.5	23.8	37.7	46.5	11.3	12.6
PUGLIA	13.8	15.1	11.8	12.8	17.8	20.0	34.5	41.2	9.1	10.3
BASILICATA	12.1	16.9	9.3	12.9	16.6	24.5	28.6	52.6	9.3	11.5
CALABRIA	21.0	22.3	16.2	18.0	29.9	29.9	47.4	56.3	15.9	17.1
SICILIA	16.8	21.9	12.6	18.1	25.7	30.9	43.1	54.9	11.3	15.6
SARDEGNA	19.7	20.3	15.2	16.2	28.1	28.2	47.2	47.6	13.7	14.7
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHE)	2.3	3.4	1.9	3.1	3.2	3.8	4.4	6.3	2.0	2.9
NEDERLAND	6.2	7.6	5.4	6.5	7.5	9.1	10.5	11.1	5.3	6.8
<i>NOORD-NEDERLAND</i>	8.1	9.3	6.7	7.7	10.3	11.7	15.6	14.2	6.3	8.1
GRONINGEN	8.2	10.0	7.0	8.4	10.0	12.5	17.5	14.7	6.2	8.9
FRIESLAND	8.4	8.6	6.8	7.1	11.1	11.4	16.4	14.5	6.3	7.2
DRENTHE	7.5	9.2	6.2	7.7	9.5	11.3	12.6	13.3	6.3	8.2
<i>OOST-NEDERLAND</i>	6.0	7.3	5.0	6.1	7.6	9.2	9.2	10.1	5.3	6.7
OVERIJSSSEL	6.3	8.2	5.3	6.7	8.0	10.5	11.0	12.4	5.1	7.0
GELDERLAND	5.9	6.9	4.8	5.7	7.6	8.7	8.0	8.6	5.4	6.5
FLEVOLAND	5.9	7.3	5.2	6.2	6.8	8.9	9.9	11.0	5.0	6.5
<i>WEST-NEDERLAND</i>	6.0	7.6	5.5	6.9	6.8	8.5	9.8	11.2	5.2	6.8
UTRECHT	5.0	6.3	4.5	5.7	5.7	7.2	8.6	9.6	4.2	5.6
NOORD-HOLLAND	6.7	7.9	6.6	7.4	6.8	8.7	10.7	12.1	5.8	7.1
ZUID-HOLLAND	5.9	7.8	5.1	7.1	7.0	8.8	9.5	11.2	5.0	7.0
ZEELAND	6.7	7.0	5.5	5.8	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.5	5.8	6.4
<i>ZUID-NEDERLAND</i>	6.1	7.1	5.0	5.8	7.7	9.2	10.9	10.5	5.1	6.4
NOORD-BRABANT	6.1	7.1	4.9	5.6	7.9	9.3	10.9	10.8	5.0	6.3
LIMBURG (NL)	6.1	7.2	5.2	6.0	7.4	8.9	10.9	9.9	5.1	6.6
ÖSTERREICH	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
PORTUGAL	5.1	6.7	4.4	5.9	6.0	7.8	11.7	14.5	3.8	5.3
<i>CONTINENTE</i>	5.2	6.8	4.5	5.9	6.0	7.7	11.8	14.6	3.9	5.3
NORTE	4.4	5.8	3.8	5.0	5.1	6.7	8.0	10.0	3.5	4.8
CENTRO (P)	3.6	4.4	2.5	3.2	4.8	5.9	8.9	11.7	2.6	3.4
LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO	6.3	8.3	6.0	7.9	6.7	8.9	17.9	20.7	4.5	6.4
ALENTEJO	8.5	11.7	6.3	8.9	11.8	15.7	20.8	25.7	6.0	8.7
ALGARVE	5.0	6.4	4.8	6.2	5.3	6.8	10.2	13.5	4.3	5.6
ACORES	4.8	6.9	2.2	3.2	9.8	13.5	11.0	14.7	3.1	4.7
MADEIRA	3.6	4.8	3.5	4.8	3.7	4.8	9.0	11.3	2.3	3.1
SUOMI/FINLAND	17.6	19.4	20.0	21.4	14.8	17.2	34.9	37.4	15.6	17.6
<i>MANNER-SUOMI</i>	17.6	18.2	20.1	20.4	14.9	15.6	35.0	36.9	15.6	16.2
UUSIMAA	14.3	16.4	17.5	19.2	11.0	13.4	29.4	33.6	12.7	14.7
ETELÄ-SUOMI	18.4	19.1	20.2	20.6	16.3	17.4	36.4	35.6	16.3	17.3
ITÄ-SUOMI	20.3	21.5	23.2	23.8	16.9	18.8	38.8	41.1	18.1	19.4
VÄLI-SUOMI	17.6	18.8	19.0	20.1	15.8	17.3	34.8	38.1	15.5	16.8
POHJOIS-SUOMI	20.8	21.8	24.0	24.3	17.0	19.0	39.0	45.0	18.4	19.3
AHVENANMAA/ÅLAND	5.7	7.2	6.9	8.0	4.5	6.3	16.9	41.7	4.7	6.0
SVERIGE	9.0	9.6	10.8	11.3	7.0	7.8	21.5	23.4	7.3	7.8
STOCKHOLM	8.1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ÖSTRA MELLANSVERIGE	9.1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SMÅLAND MED ÖARNA	7.5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SYDSVERIGE	9.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VÄSTSVERIGE	9.1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NORRA MELLANSVERIGE	10.1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MELLERSTA NORRLAND	10.8	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ÖVRE NORRLAND	10.5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

	Total		Males		Females		< 25 years		≥ 25 years	
	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994	04/1993	04/1994
UNITED KINGDOM	10.4	9.7	12.4	11.5	7.7	7.3	17.6	16.6	8.8	8.3
<i>NORTH</i>	11.5	11.6	14.6	14.4	7.5	7.4	21.3	19.5	9.5	9.8
CLEVELAND, DURHAM	12.0	11.9	15.3	14.8	7.7	7.5	22.0	19.9	9.9	10.1
CUMBRIA	8.4	8.3	10.0	10.0	6.2	6.2	16.7	15.2	6.7	6.9
NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR	12.1	12.4	15.5	15.7	7.8	7.8	22.2	20.7	10.1	10.6
<i>YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE</i>	10.2	9.7	12.5	11.8	7.3	7.0	18.6	17.3	8.4	8.1
HUMBERSIDE	11.8	10.8	14.0	12.6	8.7	8.2	20.7	19.1	9.8	9.0
NORTH YORKSHIRE	6.6	6.3	7.4	7.1	5.6	5.5	10.9	10.1	5.7	5.5
SOUTH YORKSHIRE	12.0	11.7	14.8	14.3	8.2	7.8	22.0	20.1	9.7	9.9
WEST YORKSHIRE	9.8	9.3	12.2	11.5	6.8	6.5	18.2	17.2	8.0	7.7
<i>EAST MIDLANDS</i>	9.1	8.7	10.9	10.3	6.7	6.6	16.6	15.6	7.5	7.3
DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	9.9	9.9	12.0	11.9	7.1	7.1	18.2	17.6	8.2	8.4
LEICS., NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	8.2	7.3	9.8	8.6	6.2	5.9	15.1	13.2	6.8	6.1
LINCOLNSHIRE	8.5	8.2	9.7	9.2	6.8	7.1	15.4	15.1	7.1	6.9
<i>EAST ANGLIA</i>	8.4	7.2	9.8	8.2	6.6	5.9	14.5	12.0	7.1	6.1
<i>SOUTH EAST (UK)</i>	10.5	9.6	12.4	11.2	8.2	7.7	16.4	15.9	9.3	8.4
BEDFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE	8.4	7.4	9.9	8.6	6.5	5.9	13.5	12.7	7.3	6.4
BERKS., BUCKS., OXFORDSHIRE	6.9	6.0	8.3	7.0	5.2	4.6	10.3	9.2	6.2	5.3
SURREY, EAST-WEST SUSSEX	8.0	7.1	9.7	8.5	5.8	5.3	13.0	12.1	7.0	6.2
ESSEX	9.8	8.6	11.4	9.8	7.7	7.0	16.3	15.1	8.4	7.3
GREATER LONDON	13.9	13.1	16.1	15.2	11.2	10.8	21.2	21.5	12.4	11.5
HAMPSHIRE, ISLE OF WIGHT	8.9	7.7	10.7	9.1	6.5	5.8	13.7	12.2	7.8	6.8
KENT	9.6	9.0	11.6	10.7	7.0	6.7	15.9	15.6	8.3	7.8
<i>SOUTH WEST (UK)</i>	9.6	8.4	11.5	9.9	7.3	6.6	15.9	13.7	8.3	7.3
AVON, GLOUCS., WILTSHIRE	9.0	7.9	10.8	9.4	6.7	6.2	14.7	12.7	7.8	6.9
CORNWALL, DEVON	10.9	9.6	12.8	11.1	8.5	7.7	17.9	15.6	9.4	8.3
DORSET, SOMERSET	9.1	8.0	10.9	9.5	6.8	6.1	15.6	13.2	7.8	7.0
<i>WEST MIDLANDS</i>	10.9	9.9	12.8	11.5	8.3	7.8	19.0	17.1	9.2	8.4
HEREFORD-WORCS., WARWICKS.	8.5	7.3	9.6	8.2	7.0	6.3	13.9	12.1	7.3	6.3
SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE	8.5	7.5	9.8	8.6	6.7	6.2	14.6	12.7	7.1	6.4
WEST MIDLANDS (COUNTY)	13.4	12.4	16.1	14.8	9.8	9.3	23.7	22.0	11.2	10.5
<i>NORTH WEST (UK)</i>	10.6	10.2	13.0	12.4	7.4	7.2	19.8	18.9	8.6	8.4
CHESHIRE	8.4	8.0	9.9	9.3	6.4	6.2	15.7	14.6	6.9	6.7
GREATER MANCHESTER	10.5	10.1	13.1	12.4	7.3	7.0	19.3	18.2	8.6	8.3
LANCASHIRE	8.6	8.1	10.7	10.0	6.0	5.7	16.5	15.4	7.1	6.7
MERSEYSIDE	14.0	14.0	17.4	17.1	9.5	9.8	26.5	26.3	11.2	11.4
<i>WALES</i>	9.7	9.6	12.2	11.7	6.5	6.7	17.6	17.9	8.0	7.9
CLWYD, DYFED, GWYNEDD, POWYS	9.1	8.9	10.7	10.3	6.9	7.1	16.2	16.3	7.5	7.4
GWENT, MID-S-W GLAMORGAN	10.1	10.1	13.1	12.6	6.3	6.5	18.4	18.9	8.2	8.2
<i>SCOTLAND</i>	10.1	9.7	12.2	11.8	7.4	7.0	17.0	16.5	8.5	8.2
BORD.-CENTR.-FIFE-LOTH.-TAY.	9.1	8.8	11.0	10.8	6.8	6.4	15.2	15.0	7.7	7.5
DUMFR.-GALLOWAY, STRATHCLYDE	11.5	10.8	14.2	13.2	8.0	7.6	19.9	19.0	9.5	9.0
HIGHLANDS, ISLANDS	13.5	13.2	14.9	14.8	11.5	10.9	20.2	19.8	12.1	12.0
GRAMPIAN	5.6	6.2	6.2	7.0	4.9	5.3	8.5	9.6	5.0	5.4
<i>NORTHERN IRELAND</i>	15.1	14.4	17.5	16.8	11.6	10.8	21.5	20.5	13.5	13.0

Unemployment rates - total - April 1994*



EUR15 = 11,3 %



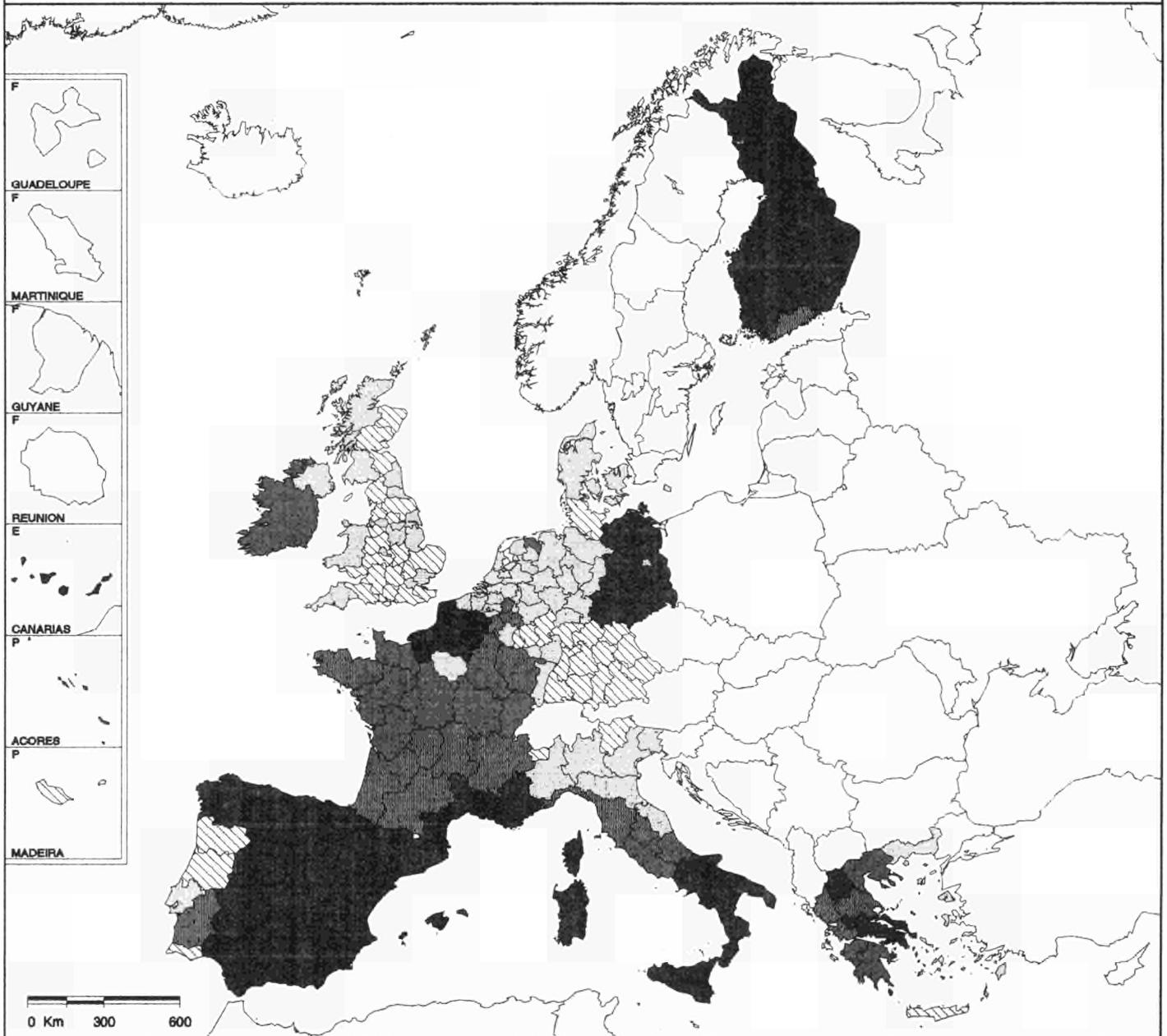
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*GR: 1993
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Unemployment rates - females - April 1994*



EUR15 = 12,8 %

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| ■ ≥ 17 % | ▨ < 7 % |
| ■ 12 - 17 % | □ data not available |
| ■ 7 - 12 % | |

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METHOD USED FOR THE CALCULATION OF REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

The unemployment rates are obtained by dividing the estimated number of unemployed in April of 1993 and 1994 by the corresponding figures of the working population. These data (numerator, denominator) are firstly estimated at national level and then are broken down by region.

I. Estimation of unemployment for comparison between the Member States of the European Union

1. Estimation basis: the Community Labour Force Survey (LFS)

The LFS, carried out in spring (2nd quarter), provides for each Member State:

- the number of the unemployed, broken down by sex and age, i.e. males under 25, females under 25, males aged 25 years and over and females aged 25 years and over, thus four categories in all.
- the working population (or labour force), which is the total of the employed and the unemployed, broken down into the same four categories.

The most recent LFS data used at national level were: the 1994 for Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Portugal and United Kingdom, and the 1993 for the other Member States, with the exception of Finland, Sweden (national labour force survey used) and Austria (no estimations produced due to significant differences in definitions, between national labour force survey and Community LFS).

The definition of unemployment used in the LFS corresponds to that of the International Labour Office (ILO) which was agreed upon by the 13th International Conference of Labour Statisticians. According to this definition, which can differ significantly from those used by national administrations, unemployed persons are those who, during the reference period of the interview, were aged 15 years or over, without work, available for work within the next two weeks and had used an active method of seeking work at some time during the previous four weeks.

It should be noted that the above definition is the result of a more restrictive application of the ILO guidelines, in comparison to the one used by Eurostat up to December 1994. Together with the national statistical offices and the OECD, Eurostat undertook a revision of the method of calculating the unemployment rates with effect from the beginning of 1995, the aim being the improvement of the degree of international comparability. From 1992, in some Member States, this revision introduces a break in the series.

2. Updating of unemployment and working population

The updating of the number of unemployed provided by the LFS is done according to the trend of the number of persons registered at unemployment offices. For Italy, Spain, Portugal and United Kingdom the figures are updated with the results of the quarterly national labour force survey in conjunction with data on the registered at unemployment offices. For Finland and Sweden the number of unemployed in the monthly labour force survey is used. The LFS results are not updated for Greece.

The working population is calculated by adding the estimated unemployment figures to the employment data which are provided by the most recent LFS available.

II. Regional breakdown of the number of unemployed and the working population

The estimated unemployment data for April for each category and for each Member State, are subsequently regionalised on the basis of the number of persons registered at unemployment offices in April of the reference year. Exceptions stand: for Italy, Portugal and Greece where the regional unemployment structures were taken from the 1993 LFS, and: Spain, Netherlands where the 1993 and 1994 national labour force surveys were used.

The estimated working population data for April for each category and for each Member State, are subsequently regionalised according to the results of the latest available LFS. For Spain, Netherlands, Finland and Sweden, the national labour force surveys were used.

NOTES

Revision of the estimated unemployment rates

Revised regional unemployment rates will be made available when the results of the LFS survey for the reference year become available.

Non available data:

- Germany: no data available for the new Länder for 1993 at NUTS 2
- Greece: no data available for 1994
- France: no data available for the overseas departments (D.O.M.)
- Austria: no data available
- Sweden: only 1993 total available for the regions

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