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MONTHLY STATISTICS OF THE REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY

APRIL 1978

At the end of April 1978, the number of unemployed persons registered at public employment offices in the Community had declined somewhat to 5.8 million. This represents 5.5 % of the civilian working population, the same level as in July 1977 (the March 1978 figure was 5.7 %).

The reduction compared with the previous month amounts to 3.1 % for the Community as a whole and is probably to a large extent seasonal in character, although it is more pronounced than that between March and April 1977 (- 2.2 %). The seasonally corrected figures indicate little change in the overall level of unemployment.

Reductions in unemployment between March and April greater than the Community average occur in Denmark (- 11.4 %), Luxembourg (- 10.3 %), The Federal Republic of Germany (- 9.0 %) and the Netherlands (- 6.3 %). In no Member Country is an increase recorded.

Because of its largely seasonal character, the reduction compared with the previous month affects mainly the male unemployed : - 4.7 % for the Community compared with - 0.7 % in the case of females. This applies, sometimes to a greater extent, for most Member Countries ; in Denmark, the United Kingdom and Italy, however, a slight rise is apparent in the number of females registered.

For these countries which provide monthly figures on unemployed persons aged under 25 years, a steady reduction in the numbers has continued between October 1977 and April 1978. This amounts to some 34 % in France, 19 % in Belgium, 15 % in the Netherlands and 7 % in Luxembourg. Furthermore, in France and Belgium about two-thirds of the unemployed aged under 25 years are women while in the Netherlands and Luxembourg this proportion is 45 %.

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		BR DEUTSCH LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
<b>I. Registered unemployed</b>											
<b>a) in thousands</b>											
December 1977	T	1 090,7	1 144,9	1 494,3	219,4	334,2	1,291	1 480,8	109,8	167,6	6 047
January 1978	T	1 213,5	1 126,1	1 554,6	224,8	334,6	1,397	1 548,5	111,1	191,0	6 306
February 1978	T	1 224,1	1 108,2	1 571,4	219,0	324,7	1,328	1 508,7	110,5	193,0	6 261
March 1978	T	1 099,0	1 088,4	1 531,1 <sup>r</sup>	203,0	316,0	1,271	1 461,0	109,5	187,5	5 997 <sup>r</sup>
	M	584,7	521,0	920,9 <sup>r</sup>	142,5	127,1	0,813	1 058,4	87,3	114,3	3 557 <sup>r</sup>
	F	514,3	567,4	610,2 <sup>r</sup>	60,5	188,9	0,458	402,6	22,2	73,2	2 440 <sup>r</sup>
April 1978	T	1 000,4	1 065,2	1 520,7 <sup>p</sup>	190,2	311,6	1,140	1 451,8	104,8	166,2	5 812p
	M	495,0	511,3	905,9 <sup>p</sup>	131,4	124,4	0,696	1 045,4	83,6	91,3	3 389p
	F	505,4	553,9	615,2 <sup>p</sup>	58,8	187,2	0,444	406,4	21,2	74,9	2 423p
April 1977	T	1 039,2	999,9	1 260,8	191,1	276,3	0,674	1 392,3	111,7	147,3	5 419
	M	522,8	473,1	771,3	139,8	110,4	0,390	1 032,4	89,8	88,1	3 228
	F	516,4	526,8	489,5	51,3	165,9	0,284	359,9	21,9	59,2	2 191
<b>b) % change on</b>											
<b>- previous month</b>											
	T	- 9,0	- 2,1	- 0,7	- 6,3	- 1,4	- 10,3	- 0,6	- 4,3	- 11,4	- 3,1
	M	- 15,3	- 1,9	- 1,7	- 7,8	- 2,1	- 14,4	- 1,2	- 4,2	- 20,1	- 4,7
	F	- 1,7	- 2,4	+ 0,8	- 2,8	- 0,9	- 3,1	+ 0,9	- 4,5	+ 2,3	- 0,7
<b>- corresponding month of previous year</b>											
	T	- 3,7	+ 6,5	+ 20,6	- 0,5	+ 12,8	+ 69,1	+ 4,3	- 6,2	+ 12,8	+ 7,2
	M	- 5,3	+ 8,1	+ 17,4	- 6,0	+ 12,7	+ 78,5	+ 1,3	- 6,9	+ 3,6	+ 5,0
	F	- 2,1	+ 5,1	+ 25,7	+ 14,6	+ 12,8	+ 56,3	+ 12,9	- 3,2	+ 26,5	+ 10,6
<b>II. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population</b>											
December 1977	T	4,3	5,2	7,6	4,6	8,5	0,9	5,8	9,7	6,7	5,7
January 1978	T	4,7	5,2	7,9	4,7	8,5	0,9	6,0	9,8	7,6	6,0
February 1978	T	4,8	5,1	8,0	4,6	8,2	0,9	5,9	9,8	7,7	5,9
March 1978	T	4,3	5,0	7,8 <sup>r</sup>	4,3	8,0	0,9	5,7	9,7	7,5	5,7
	M	3,7	3,9	6,6 <sup>r</sup>	4,1*	5,0	0,8*	6,7	10,7*	7,9	5,3
	F	5,3	6,8	10,7 <sup>r</sup>	4,8*	13,4	1,1*	4,1	7,0*	7,0	6,5
April 1978	T	3,9	4,9	7,7 <sup>p</sup>	4,0	7,9	0,8	5,6	9,3	6,7	5,5 <sup>p</sup>
	M	3,1	3,8	6,5 <sup>p</sup>	3,8*	4,9	0,7*	6,6	10,3*	6,3	5,0 <sup>p</sup>
	F	5,2	6,6	10,7 <sup>p</sup>	4,6*	13,3	1,0*	4,1	6,7*	7,1	6,4 <sup>p</sup>
April 1977	T	4,1	4,6	6,4	4,0	7,0	0,5	5,4	9,9	5,9	5,1
	M	3,3	3,5	5,5	4,0*	4,4	0,4*	6,5	11,0*	6,1	4,8
	F	5,3	6,3	8,6	4,0*	11,8	0,7*	3,7	6,9*	5,6	5,8
<b>III. Unemployed under 25 years as % of all registered unemployed</b>											
March 1978	T	:	35,6	:	38,7	36,4	47,0	:	:	:	:
April 1978	T	:	35,1	:	38,6	35,3	47,5	:	:	:	:
April 1977	T	:	39,3	:	36,8	34,7	:	:	:	:	:
<b>IV. Vacancies (000's) unfilled at end of month</b>											
March 1978	T	247,5	87,6	:	53,1	3,0	0,2	186,1		1,4	:
April 1978	T	257,1	90,6	:	66,9	3,1	0,3	204,1		1,9	:
April 1977	T	246,1	103,3	:	46,5	3,6	0,2	155,7	1,7	2,1	:



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<b>V. Unemployed under 25 years</b>											
<b>a) in thousands</b>											
October 1977	T	:(a)	557,8	:	92,7	141,8	0,585	:	:	:	:
November 1977	T	:	525,5	:	90,5	138,0	0,664	:	:	:	:
December 1977	T	:	487,1	:	91,2	131,1	0,681	:	:	:	:
January 1978	T	:	420,7	:	91,0	127,5	0,733	576,9	:	:	:
February 1978	T	:	400,9	:	85,8	121,3	0,650	:	:	:	:
	M	:	144,5	:	49,5	43,4	0,364	:	:	:	:
	F	:	256,4	:	36,3	77,9	0,286	:	:	:	:
March 1978	T	:	382,3	:	78,6	115,0	0,598	:	:	:	:
	M	:	136,2	:	44,3	39,8	0,338	:	:	:	:
	F	:	246,1	:	34,3	75,2	0,260	:	:	:	:
March 1977	T	:	407,7	:	75,6	99,7	:	:	:	:	:
	M	:	148,5	:	46,7	32,3	:	:	:	:	:
	F	:	259,2	:	28,9	67,4	:	:	:	:	:
<b>b) in %</b>											
October 1977	T	:	46,3	:	44,8	41,9	58,4	:	:	:	:
November 1977	T	:	44,6	:	43,0	40,6	56,2	:	:	:	:
December 1977	T	:	42,5	:	41,6	39,2	52,7	:	:	:	:
January 1978	T	:	37,5	:	40,5	38,1	52,5	37,3	:	:	:
February 1978	T	:	36,4	:	39,2	37,4	48,9	:	:	:	:
	M	:	27,6	:	31,7	32,5	42,7	:	:	:	:
	F	:	44,6	:	57,9	40,7	60,2	:	:	:	:
March 1978	T	:	35,1	:	38,7	36,4	47,0	:	:	:	:
	M	:	26,1	:	31,1	31,3	41,6	:	:	:	:
	F	:	43,4	:	56,7	39,8	56,8	:	:	:	:
March 1977	T	:	39,9	:	36,9	35,6	:	:	:	:	:
	M	:	30,9	:	30,8	28,7	:	:	:	:	:
	F	:	48,0	:	54,2	40,2	:	:	:	:	:
<b>VI. Unemployed foreigners (000's)</b>											
October 1977	T	88,0	:	:	13,9	45,6	:	:	:	:	:
November 1977	T	97,2	:	:	14,2	46,8	:	:	:	:	:
December 1977	T	105,7	115,5	:	14,6	46,0	:	:	:	:	:
January 1978	T	114,2	:	:	15,6	46,9	:	:	:	:	:
February 1978	T	119,1	:	:	15,7	46,7	:	:	:	:	:
March 1978	T	114,0	118,5	:	15,3	46,4	:	:	:	:	:
<b>VII. New registrations to unemployment (000's)</b>											
October 1977	T	294,1	274,9	:	42,2	50,8	1,382	499,6	:	:	:
November 1977	T	286,6	228,1	:	51,5	42,9	1,256	388,2	:	:	:
December 1977	T	278,6	200,4	:	43,2	42,9	0,972	338,6	:	:	:
January 1978	T	393,2	228,1	:	40,1	47,3	1,243	337,3	:	:	:
February 1978	T	265,5	181,6	:	41,9	40,3	1,010	357,8	:	:	:
March 1978	T	234,0	195,4	:	36,5	46,8	1,234	345,9	:	:	:
<b>VIII. Vacancies (000's) recorded during the month</b>											
October 1977	T	167,2	71,1	:	28,0	11,6	1,164	248,3	2,7	17,4	:
November 1977	T	153,4	67,3	:	19,9	9,4	1,012	190,1	3,0	17,9	:
December 1977	T	121,2	57,6	:	17,6	9,2	0,778	176,5	2,7	13,5	:
January 1978	T	170,5	64,7	:	17,4	11,2	1,096	151,4	2,8	16,2	:
February 1978	T	169,7	56,5	:	19,3	10,1	0,934	205,2	2,9	15,5	:
March 1978	T	204,7	71,6	:	26,9	14,1	1,248	201,3		18,3	:

a) September 1977 : 267,8 (29,4 %)



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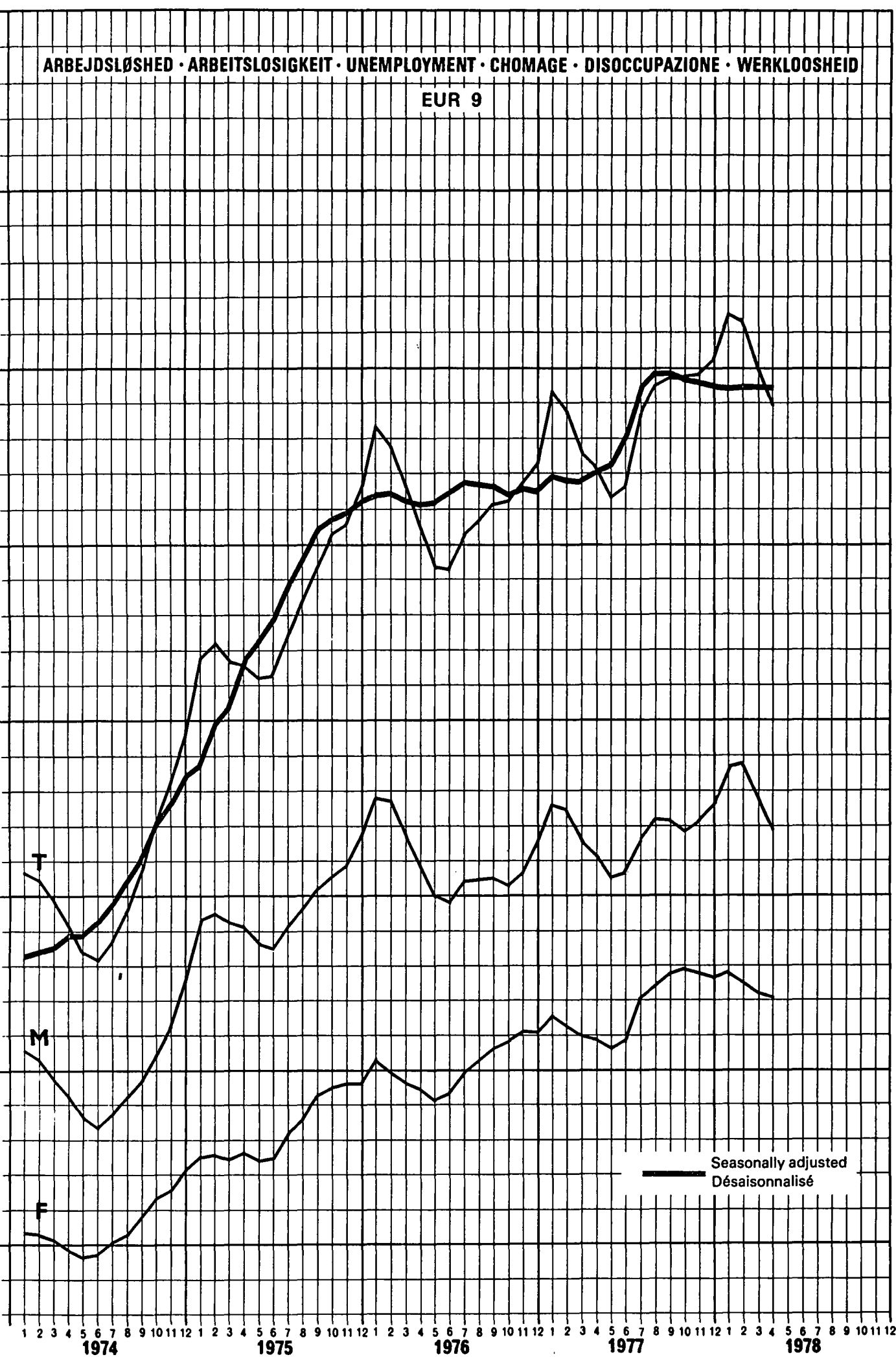
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## REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual averages 1974-1977

		BR DEUTSCH LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
<b>I. Registered unemployed (000's)</b>											
1. Total	1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	614,9	70,4	47,9	3 070
	1975	074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	977,6	98,7	121,7	4 614
	1976	060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,9	266,6	0,457	1 360,0	110,5	122,0	5 242
	1977	030,0	071,8	1 377,8	206,9	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0	5 735
2. Males	1974	324,7	234,6	638,6	106,7	58,0	0,023	513,6	57,2	35,6	1 969
	1975	622,6	427,5	700,3	153,0	99,1	0,172	777,1	79,4	85,4	2 940
	1976	566,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 022,3	89,4	77,1	3 212
	1977	517,5	499,1	839,9	145,9	124,6	0,494	1 069,2	87,2	84,9	3 369
3. Females	1974	267,8	263,1	358,6	28,2	66,1	0,035	101,3	13,2	12,3	1 101
	1975	451,6	412,2	406,6	42,3	108,7	0,093	200,5	19,3	36,3	1 674
	1976	493,8	490,0	440,7	51,1	151,8	0,177	337,7	21,1	44,9	2 030
	1977	512,5	572,7	537,9	61,0	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,8	62,1	2 366
<b>II. Females as % of all registered unemployed</b>											
	1974	44,3	52,9	36,0	20,9	53,3	61,4	16,5	18,8	25,7	35,9
	1975	42,0	49,1	36,7	21,7	52,3	35,2	20,5	19,6	29,3	36,3
	1976	46,6	52,5	37,3	24,2	57,0	38,7	24,8	19,1	37,2	38,7
	1977	49,8	53,4	39,0	29,5	59,5	39,8	27,9	20,0	42,2	41,3
<b>III. Unemployment rates</b>											
1. Total registered unemployed as % of working population	1974	2,2	2,3	5,2	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,3	2,0	2,9
	1975	4,2	3,9	5,7	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,8	4,6	4,4
	1976	4,1	4,3	6,0	4,4	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,7	5,0
	1977	4,0	4,9	7,0	4,3	7,8	0,6	5,8	9,7	5,9	5,4
2. Male unemployed as % of male working population	1974	2,0	1,7	4,6	3,1*	2,3	0,0*	3,3	7,0*	2,5	2,9*
	1975	3,9	3,2	5,0	4,4*	3,9	0,2*	4,9	9,7*	6,0	4,4*
	1976	3,6	3,3	5,3	4,6*	4,5	0,3*	6,4	10,9*	5,3	4,8*
	1977	3,3	3,7	6,0	4,2*	4,9	0,5*	6,7	10,7*	6,0	5,0*
3. Female unemployed as % of female working population	1974	2,7	3,2	6,6	2,3*	4,9	0,1*	1,1	4,3*	1,2	2,9*
	1975	4,6	5,0	7,3	3,3*	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,2*	3,5	4,5*
	1976	5,1	5,8	7,7	4,0*	10,8	0,4*	3,3	6,8*	4,3	5,4*
	1977	5,2	6,8	9,4	4,8*	13,0	0,8*	4,2	6,9*	5,9	6,3*



TECHNICAL NOTE

This statistical telegram is based on national data on numbers of persons registered at public employment offices, regularly transmitted to the Statistical Office of the European Communities in as standard a format as possible. In some cases, this may differ from the usual national understanding of unemployment.

A satisfactory degree of comparability can not be attained as long as legislation and administrative practices remain very different from one Member-State to the other. Data should, therefore, be used only for analysis of trends, they are not suitable for a comparison of absolute levels.

For registered unemployment, the following data are used :

- F.R. of GERMANY : Unemployed according to the definition of the Bundesanstalt für Arbeit, namely persons without a job seeking permanent work for at least 20 hours a week.
- FRANCE : As defined by the Ministère du Travail and registered at the Agence Nationale pour l'emploi : persons without work available to start work immediately and seeking permanent employment for at least 30 hours a week.
- ITALY : Persons registered in classes I and II on public employment office lists provided by the Ministero del Lavoro e della Previdenza Sociale. These comprise unemployed persons who have worked before as well as young persons under 21 years and other persons seeking their first job, including those who have finished their legal military service and are seeking work.
- NETHERLANDS : Persons under 65 years, as normally covered by statistics of the Ministerie van Sociale Zaken, who did not yet have or no longer have a job, and are seeking work for 25 hours or more a week.
- BELGIUM : Persons out of work on the register of the Office National de l'Emploi, comprising unemployed persons receiving benefit, other persons seeking work who are obliged to register and persons seeking work registered voluntarily.
- LUXEMBOURG : Persons without a job between 16 and 65 years seeking full-time work (at least 40 hours per week) provided they are available for employment and registered at the Administration de l'Emploi.
- UNITED KINGDOM : Unemployed persons registered for employment at a local employment office or careers office at the date of the monthly count who on that day have no job and are capable of and available for work ordinarily for more than 30 hours a week. These statistics are compiled by the Department of Employment for Great-Britain and the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland.
- IRELAND : Unemployed persons registered at local employment offices, capable of work and available for work, comprising claimants to Unemployment Benefit, applicants for Unemployment Assistance and certain other classes.
- DENMARK : Unemployed persons aged from about 16 years seeking work, whether or not they are members of the trade unions' unemployment insurance funds, as counted by Danmarks Statistik.

According to agreements reached in the working party of the Statistical Office, the standardized figures in principle do not include short-time work for economic and meteorological reasons, unemployed persons taking part in vocational training schemes and persons for whom work has been provided by public initiatives in order to avoid unemployment.

The situation at the end of the month means that at the last day of the month except for United Kingdom where the data refer to the second Thursday of the month, Ireland to the last Friday of the month and Denmark to the Wednesday preceding the last complete week of the month. New registrations to unemployment cover all registrations during the month, without deduction of registrations cancelled during the month.

The national data published are absolute figures without seasonal adjustment. For the chart, seasonal adjustment is done for EUR-9 according to the EUROSTAT method.

Civilian working population comprises persons in employment and unemployed, excluding armed forces. For calculation of the percentage of registered unemployed in the civilian working population, national estimates standardized according to OECD definitions are used. The figures shown are annual average or mid-year estimates of the latest common available year for all countries.

Figures of unfilled vacancies relate solely to vacancies notified to public employment offices and are not a measure of total vacancies. Employers may be able to recruit workers without necessarily seeking the assistance of public employment offices.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Ø	Average	M	Males	*	Estimated by EUROSTAT	p	Preliminary
T	Total	F	Females	r	Revised	:	Not available

The detailed table on the unemployed under 25 years, the foreign unemployed and registrations during the month is published only every three months.

