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For the first time in more than half a year the number of registered unemployed fell at the end of April 1979 to just under 6 million. Following a decline of more than 227,000, the number of unemployed persons registered at public employment offices stood at 5,9 million at the end of April 1979. There was a corresponding fall in the percentage of registered unemployed in the civilian working population, from 5.7% in the preceding month to 5.5%.

Unemployment was reduced compared with the previous month in all Member States of the Community. For the Community as a whole the fall in numbers unemployed amounted to - 3.7%. In most Member States the reduction was, however, considerably greater: in Luxembourg - 15.2%, Denmark - 14.5%, Federal Republic of Germany - 8.6%, Netherlands - 7.7% and United Kingdom - 4.4%. In Belgium (-3.0%), France (-1.7%) and Italy (- 0.4%) the declines were less, sometimes by a considerable amount, than the Community average.

As in the previous month, men were principally affected by the fall in unemployment. At the end of April 1979 there were about 193.000 or 5.5% fewer unemployed men than in March. In contrast the number of unemployed women declined only by some 34,000 or 1.3%. Whereas male unemployment declined sometimes considerably in all Member States, unemployment among females showed little significant reduction and in Italy rose by 1.5%.

Despite the substantial fall in unemployment for the Community as a whole, the number registered as unemployed at public employment offices at the end of April 1979 was about 2.9% above its level one year previously. For the individual Member States this comparison shows differing trends. Lower unemployment figures than in the previous year occur in Luxembourg (- 17.7%), Denmark (-16.8%), the Federal Republic of Germany (-12.5%) and in the United Kingdom (-7.7%); the numbers unemployed are higher in France (+21.2%), Italy (+13.1%), Belgium (+5.3%) and the Netherlands (+ 1.7%).

Detailed quarterly table

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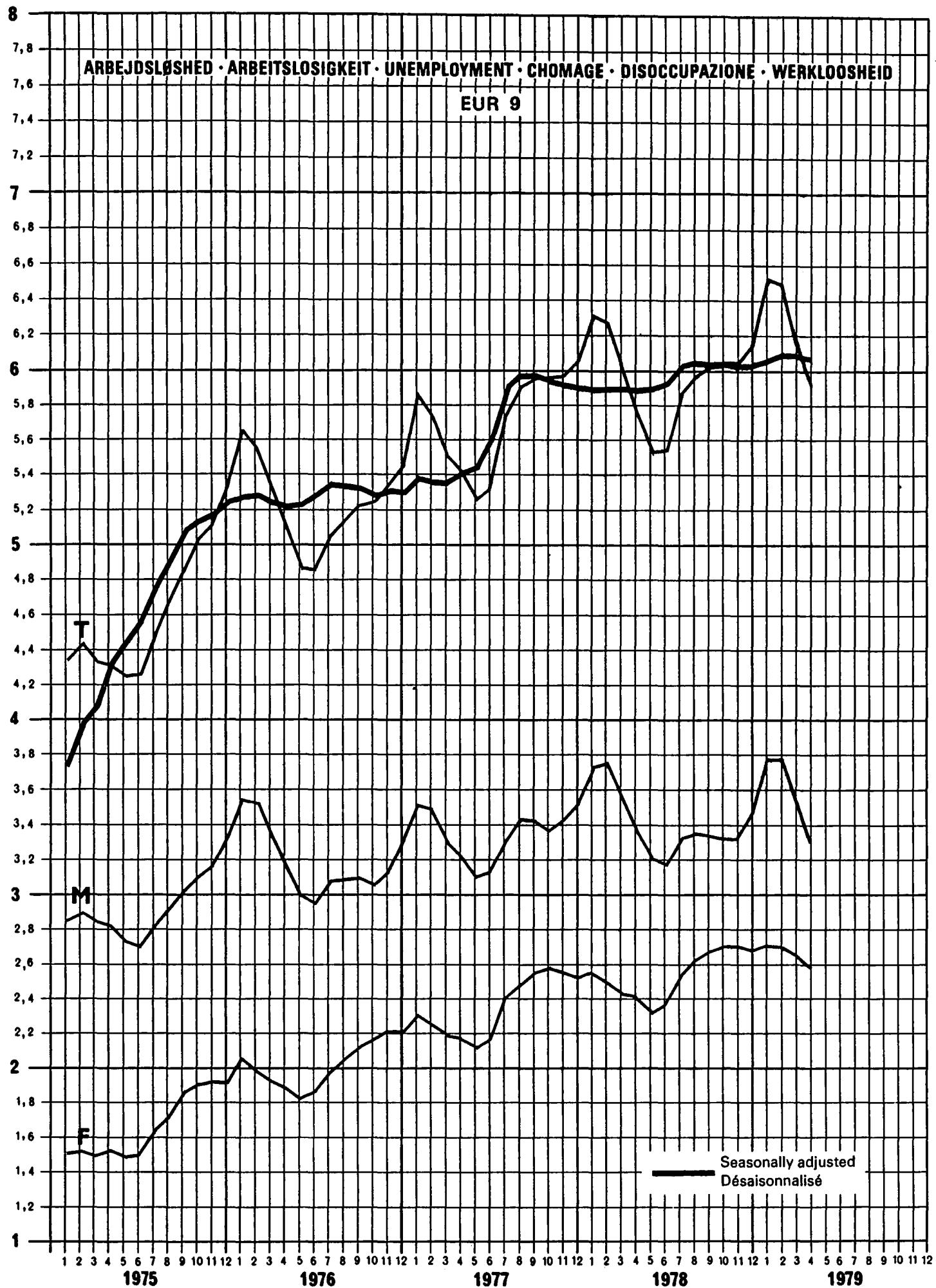
		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
I. Registered unemployed											
a) in thousands											
December	1978	T	1 006,7	1 328,3	1 595,6	219,7	347,6	1,187	1 364,3	99,8	185,4
January	1979	T	1 171,4	1 356,2	1 684,0	229,0	344,8	1,261	1 455,3	101,6	177,1
February	1979	T	1 134,1	1 341,9	1 707,9	225,8	341,2	1,236	1 451,9	:	180,9
March	1979	T	957,7	1 313,0	1 682,2r	209,7	338,5r	1,106	1 402,3	a) :	161,7r
		M	481,6	634,6	968,0r	141,8	132,9r	0,599	1 005,5	:	91,8r
		F	476,1	678,4	714,2r	67,9	205,6r	0,507	396,8	:	69,9r
April	1979	T	875,5	1 290,6	1 675,2p	193,5	328,2	0,938	1 340,6	:	138,3p
		M	409,4	625,1	950,2p	127,7	124,4	0,470	959,2	:	70,5p
		F	466,1	665,5	725,0p	65,8	203,8	0,468	381,4	:	67,8p
April	1978	T	1 000,4	1 065,2	1 480,6	190,2	311,6	1,140	1 451,8	104,8	166,2
		M	495,0	511,3	873,9	131,4	124,4	0,696	1 045,4	83,6	91,3
		F	505,4	553,9	606,7	58,8	187,2	0,444	406,4	21,2	74,9
b) % change on											
March	1979	T	- 8,6	- 1,7	- 0,4	- 7,7	- 3,0	- 15,2	- 4,4	:	- 14,5
		M	- 15,0	- 1,5	- 1,8	- 9,9	- 6,4	- 21,5	- 4,6	:	- 23,2
		F	- 2,1	- 1,9	+ 1,5	- 3,1	- 0,9	- 7,7	- 3,9	:	- 3,0
April	1978	T	- 12,5	+ 21,2	+ 13,1	+ 1,7	+ 5,3	- 17,7	- 7,7	:	- 16,8
		M	- 17,3	+ 22,3	+ 8,7	- 2,8	+ 0	- 32,5	- 8,2	:	- 22,8
		F	- 7,8	+ 20,1	+ 19,5	+ 11,9	+ 8,9	+ 5,4	- 6,2	:	- 9,5
II. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population											
December	1978	T	3,9	6,1	7,5	4,6	8,8	0,8	5,2	8,8	7,3
January	1979	T	4,6	6,2	7,9	4,8	8,7	0,9	5,6	9,0	7,0
February	1979	T	4,4	6,1	8,0	4,7	8,6	0,8	5,6	:	7,1
March	1979	T	3,8	6,0	7,9r	4,4	8,5r	0,8	5,4	6,4r	5,7
		M	3,1	4,7*	6,7	4,1*	5,3r	0,6*	6,3	6,3r	5,2
		F	4,9	8,0*	10,3r	5,0*	14,3r	1,2*	3,9	6,4r	6,7
April	1979	T	3,4	5,9	7,8	4,1	8,3	0,6	5,2	:	5,4
		M	2,6	4,7*	6,6	3,7*	4,9	0,5*	6,0	:	4,8
		F	4,8	7,9*	10,4	4,9*	14,1	1,1*	3,8	:	6,2
April	1978	T	3,9	4,9	6,9	4,0	7,9	0,8	5,6	9,3	6,5
		M	3,1	3,8*	6,0	3,8*	4,9	0,7*	6,6	10,3	6,3
		F	5,2	6,6*	8,7	4,3*	13,0	1,0*	4,0	6,7	6,9
III. Unemployed < 25 years as % of all registered unemployed											
March	1979	T	:	39,0	:	40,2	36,7	42,6	:	29,4	:
April	1979	T	:	38,6	:	40,2	35,0	47,4	:	:	:
April	1978	T	:	34,5	:	38,6	35,3	47,5	:	:	:
IV. Vacancies unfilled at end of month (x 1000)											
March	1979	T	302,5	80,2	:	59,8	5,6	0,3	227,3r	:	2,2
April	1979	T	313,2	84,9	:	64,5	5,3	0,2	250,1	:	2,4
April	1978	T	257,1	90,6	:	66,9	3,1	0,3	204,1	2,3	1,9

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V. Unemployed < 25 years											
a) in thousands											
October 1978	T	:	619,2	:	98,4	149,5	0,605	:	:	:	:
November 1978	T	:	599,8	:	94,7	144,0	0,620	:	:	:	:
December 1978	T	:	586,0	:	95,0	137,0	0,592	:	:	:	:
January 1979	T	:	544,9	:	95,7	131,1	0,429	524,7	:	50,6	:
February 1979	T	:	532,8	:	92,2	126,2	0,555	:	:	51,5	:
	M	:	204,1	:	50,4	45,1	0,262	:	:	23,9	:
	F	:	328,7	:	41,8	81,1	0,293	:	:	27,6	:
March 1979	T	:	511,9	:	84,2	124,3	0,471	:	:	47,6	:
	M	:	192,6	:	44,5	43,8	0,210	:	:	20,8	:
	F	:	319,3	:	39,7	80,5	0,261	:	:	26,8	:
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	:	:	:	:
b) in %											
October 1978	T	:	46,1	:	47,3	42,3	57,3	:	:	:	:
November 1978	T	:	45,1	:	45,4	40,9	54,8	:	:	:	:
December 1978	T	:	44,1	:	43,2	39,4	49,9	:	:	:	:
January 1979	T	:	40,2	:	41,8	38,0	34,0	36,1	:	28,6	:
February 1979	T	:	39,7	:	40,8	37,0	44,9	:	:	28,5	:
	M	:	31,4	:	32,4	33,4	38,2	:	:	22,1	:
	F	:	47,5	:	59,5	39,4	53,3	:	:	38,0	:
March 1979	T	:	39,0	:	40,2	36,7	42,6	:	:	29,4	:
	M	:	30,3	:	31,4	33,0	35,1	:	:	22,7	:
	F	:	47,1	:	58,5	39,2	51,5	:	:	38,3	:
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	:	:	:	:
VI. Unemployed foreigners (000's)											
October 1978	T	95,8	:	:	14,3	49,2	:	:	:	:	:
November 1978	T	100,8	:	:	14,6	49,6	:	:	:	:	:
December 1978	T	108,9	133,2	:	15,2	49,5	:	:	:	:	:
January 1979	T	119,1	:	:	16,3	49,3	:	:	:	:	:
February 1979	T	117,3	:	:	16,5	49,1	:	:	:	:	:
March 1979	T	105,9	142,9	:	16,3	49,0	:	:	:	:	:
VII. New registrations to unemployment during the month (000's)											
October 1978	T	271,8	318,8	:	42,5	57,6	1,321	401,9	:	:	:
November 1978	T	246,9	245,6	:	50,8	44,0	1,393	386,2	:	:	:
December 1978	T	264,3	209,1	:	45,4	40,6	1,018	341,7	:	:	:
January 1979	T	414,7	258,7	:	46,2	47,3	1,242	344,5	:	:	:
February 1979	T	239,0	200,7	:	31,8	41,0	1,075	368,2	:	:	:
March 1979	T	214,7	203,5	:	31,2	44,6	1,533	335,2	:	:	:
VIII. Vacancies recorded during the month (000's)											
October 1978	T	157,4	69,7	:	26,5	16,1	1,215	239,7	:	20,2	:
November 1978	T	142,5	62,7	:	19,3	13,0	1,258	223,2	:	18,8	:
December 1978	T	116,4	47,4	:	13,8	11,0	0,866	204,5	:	12,4	:
January 1979	T	150,9	61,7	:	11,5	13,3	1,120	157,4	:	:	:
February 1979	T	175,5	59,4	:	15,2	13,8	1,048	199,6	:	:	:
March 1979	T	210,8	70,4	:	21,5	18,1	1,627	204,3	:	:	:

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REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual averages 1974 - 1978

	BR DEUTSCH LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
I. Registered unemployed (1 000's)										
1. Total	1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	614,9	70,4	47,9
	1975	674,2	839,7	106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	977,6	98,7	113,5
	1976	1 060,3	933,5	181,7	210,8	266,6	0,457	1 360,0	110,5	118,2
	1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	377,8	206,9	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0
	1978	992,9	1 186,9	523,3r	205,6	333,4	1,166	1 475,0	100,8	169,8
2. Males	1974	324,7	234,6	638,6	106,7	58,0	0,023	513,6	57,2	35,6
	1975	622,6	427,5	700,3	153,0	99,1	0,172	777,1	79,4	80,3
	1976	566,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 022,3	89,4	74,2
	1977	517,5	499,1	839,9	145,9	124,6	0,494	1 089,2	87,2	84,9
	1978	488,8	551,4	892,8r	138,4	132,4	0,659	1 040,2	80,0	93,1
3. Females	1974	267,8	263,1	358,6	28,2	66,1	0,035	101,3	13,2	12,3
	1975	451,6	412,2	406,6	42,3	108,7	0,093	200,5	19,3	33,2
	1976	493,8	490,0	440,7	51,0	151,8	0,177	337,7	21,1	44,0
	1977	512,5	572,7	537,9	61,0	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,8	62,1
	1978	504,1	615,5	630,5r	69,2	201,0	0,507	434,8	20,8	78,7
II. Females as % of all registered unemployed										
	1974	44,3	52,9	36,0	20,9	53,3	81,4	16,5	18,8	25,7
	1975	42,0	49,1	36,7	21,7	52,3	35,2	20,5	19,6	29,3
	1976	46,6	52,5	37,3	24,2	57,0	38,7	24,8	19,1	37,2
	1977	49,8	53,4	39,0	29,5	59,5	39,8	27,9	20,0	42,2
	1978	50,8	52,7	41,4r	33,7	60,3	43,5	29,5	20,6	45,2
III. Unemployment rates										
1. Total registered unemployed as % of working population	1974	2,2	2,3	4,8	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,3	2,0
	1975	4,2	3,9	5,2	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,7	4,6
	1976	4,1	4,3	5,5	4,4	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,7
	1977	4,0	4,9	6,4	4,3	7,8	0,6	5,7	9,7	5,8
	p 1978	3,9	5,3	7,1	4,3	8,4	0,8	5,7	8,9	6,7
2. Male unemployed as % of male working population	1974	2,0	1,7	4,3	3,1*	2,3	0,0*	3,3	7,0*	2,5
	1975	3,9	3,2	4,6	4,4*	3,9	0,2*	4,9	9,7*	5,6
	1976	3,6	3,3	4,9	4,7*	4,5	0,3*	6,4	11,0*	5,1
	1977	3,3	3,7	5,6	4,3*	4,9	0,5*	6,7	10,8*	5,8
	p 1978	3,1	4,1*	6,2	4,0*	5,2	0,6*	6,5	9,9*	6,4
3. Female unemployed as % of female working population	1974	2,6	3,2	6,1	2,2*	4,9	0,1*	1,1	4,3*	1,2
	1975	4,6	5,0	6,8	3,2*	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,2*	3,2
	1976	5,1	5,9	7,1	3,8*	10,8	0,4*	3,4	6,7*	4,2
	1977	5,2	6,8	8,2	4,5*	12,7	0,7*	4,1	6,9*	5,7
	p 1978	5,1	7,3	9,1	5,1*	13,9	1,2*	4,3	6,5*	7,0

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 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 average of the daily figures for the week 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.

