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## UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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### THE LABOUR MARKET IN GENERAL

During the period under review (1974 to 1979) the labour market in the European Community was influenced not only by general and cyclical fluctuations but also by persistent structural crises in a number of industrial sectors. Capacities were reduced and automated production techniques accompanied by job cutbacks - were introduced in the iron and steel industry, shipbuilding and the textile and printing trades. At the same time there has been a persistently large demand for jobs on the part of women. During this period unemployment in the Community increased from year to year. The average number of unemployed persons registered with the public employment offices almost doubled from 1974 to 1979, rising from 3.1 to 6.0 million. The percentage of unemployed among the civilian working population rose from 2.9% in 1974 to 5.6% in 1979.

The highest rates of unemployment in the individual Member States were recorded in the following years: 1979 in Belgium (8.8%), Italy (7.6%), and France (6.1%); 1978 in Denmark (6.6%), in the United Kingdom (5.7%) and in Luxembourg (0.8%); 1977 in Ireland (9.8%) and in the Netherlands, and 1975 in the Federal Republic of Germany (4.3%).

### FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT

The rapid increase in female unemployment since 1974 seems to be largely due to an increasing demand for jobs on the part of women which the economy has not yet been able to absorb. Although female employment increased by 2.2% from 1974 to 1978, the number of registered female unemployed in the Community rose from 1.1 million in 1974 to 2.7 million in 1979. Thus the percentage of total unemployment accounted for by women rose from 36% to 45% over the same period. Today almost one unemployed person in two is a woman. A comparison of women as a percentage of total unemployment (45%) with women as a percentage of the civilian working population (30%) shows that women are over-proportionally affected by unemployment in the Community.

### UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG THE WORKING POPULATION UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE

From October 1978 to October 1979 the proportion of total unemployment accounted for by young unemployed persons under 25 years of age - the first problem group - fell from 46.3% to 41.5%. Within this group trends differed by sex. Amongst men the percentage fell from about 40% to 34%, whereas in the case of women it fell from 54% to 49%. The considerably higher percentage of women in this age group indicates that they encounter greater difficulties in initial integration into working life and in reintegration after vocational training than unemployed men of the same age. In most Member States



there were no great changes from year to year. Only in Belgium did the percentage of unemployed men under the age of 25 increase from 29.1% to 30% from October 1974 to October 1975, whereas in the Netherlands the percentage of women increased from 57.5% to 65.0% over the entire period under review.

Latest October 1979 estimates by the Statistical Office for the Community indicate that total unemployed persons under 25 years of age represented about 11% of the civilian working population in the same age bracket. As opposed to this, the general unemployment rate in the Community was only 5.6% at this time. This shows that the working population under the age of 25 is particularly affected by unemployment. Trends in unemployment among young people differ in the individual Member States. The Community average of 11% is considerably exceeded by Belgium (20%), Italy (19%) and France (16%). The figures for the other Member States are under the Community average, and in four Member States - the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark - the rate is about 9%. Unemployment amongst young people is lowest in Luxembourg (2%) and the Federal Republic of Germany (4%).

In the six Member States in which it was possible to break down the unemployment rate among unemployed persons under 25 years of age by sex, female unemployment was consistently higher than unemployment among males of the same age. The unemployment rates amongst women under 25 years of age were as follows in the individual Member States: Federal Republic of Germany (5%), the Netherlands and the United Kingdom (10%), Denmark (12%), France (19%) and Italy (22%). The unemployment rates amongst males of the same age in the individual Member States were as follows: Federal Republic of Germany (3%), Denmark (7%), the Netherlands (8%), the United Kingdom (9%), France (12%) and Italy (17%).

#### DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

In October 1979 more than 40% of unemployed persons were out of work for over six months. Of these about 25% were out of work for over a year. In contrast to the other Member States, where long-term unemployment lay around the Community average, the figures for this group were almost twice as high in Belgium (almost 50%). This may be due to a difference in the system from the other Member States:

In all Member States the percentage of unemployed persons who have been out of work for over a year is alarming, even where it does not exceed the average. This is because the probability of reintegration decreases the longer a person is unemployed. It is certainly more difficult to reintegrate an unemployed person who has been out of work for over a year, and thus lags behind in experience, than someone who has just lost or left a job, even if the change involves several weeks of unemployment.

With respect to the average duration of unemployment in the individual Member States, there seem to be no significant differences in trends by sex. Even among the problem group of long-term unemployed persons there were hardly any fluctuations by sex.

### OCCUPATIONS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

As there is no standardized international nomenclature of occupations it is not possible to supply comparable figures for the Member States or to compile data for the Community as a whole. Only general trends for the Community can be indicated.

It seems that most unemployed males in the Community had unskilled jobs before they became unemployed. This shows that people carrying out repetitive and simple work routines are increasingly under pressure from expanding automation and replacement by machines. Machines, however, can only be operated by people with special vocational qualifications. Thus it is in general more difficult to find employment for unskilled unemployed persons than for those who possess vocational qualifications.

A further significant percentage of unemployed men in the Community were in metal production or processing. No doubt one of the decisive factors influencing unemployment amongst this group is the structural crisis in the iron and steel industry and in shipbuilding.

Unemployed males in the Community belonging to the building trades should not be forgotten. Their existence shows not only that jobs in this sector are very open to seasonal influences but also that they are strongly affected by the state of the economy in general.

In all Member States of the Community women belonging to the clerical sector make up the greatest percentage of the unemployed female working population. One important reason is no doubt the rapid expansion of electronic data processing, which has rendered entire categories of jobs superfluous.

The percentage of unskilled unemployed women in the Community is notably high, although not so much so as among men. As in the case of unskilled unemployed men the chances of finding employment are very limited. A large proportion of unemployed women in the Community had held jobs in the textile and clothing sector. No doubt this is largely due to the structural crisis in the textile industry.

The analysis in this rapid note is based on national breakdowns of the number of registered unemployed which are regularly transmitted to EUROSTAT in standardized form; however owing to differences in legislation and administrative practice they are not fully comparable (cf. Annex). Thus comparisons of unemployment levels in the Member States must be interpreted with great caution.

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EVOLUTION OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED

	BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9	
<b>WOMEN AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL UNEMPLOYED (%)</b>											
(Annual averages)											
	1974	44,3	52,9	36,0	20,9	53,3	59,6	16,5	19,0	25,7	35,9
	1975	42,0	49,1	36,7	21,7	52,3	34,8	20,5	19,5	29,3	36,3
	1976	46,6	52,5	37,3	24,2	57,0	38,7	24,7	19,3	37,2	38,7
	1977	49,8	53,4	39,1	29,5	59,5	39,8	27,9	20,3	42,2	41,3
	1978	50,8	52,7	41,5	33,7	60,3	43,5	29,5	20,8	45,2	42,8
	1979	52,4	53,1	43,8	37,0	62,4	49,3	30,7	22,9	49,3	44,8
<b>UNEMPLOYED UNDER 25 YEARS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL (%)</b>											
(Situation end October)											
		a)			c)		d)		f)	g)	
<u>Males and females</u>	X 1974	28,4	46,9	:	42,9	37,8	:	31,0	:	:	:
	X 1975	28,6	47,7	:	43,3	44,0	:	36,6	:	:	:
	X 1976	28,6	48,0	:	42,9	42,3	:	44,0	:	:	:
	X 1977	29,4	46,3	:	44,8	41,9	58,4	45,7	:	:	:
	X 1978	28,5	46,1	58,2	47,3	42,3	57,3	44,8	:	35,0	46,3*
	X 1979	26,1	46,3	47,3	47,1	41,1	58,6	38,2	22,5	30,9	41,5*
<u>Males</u>	X 1974	25,3	39,0	:	38,1	29,1	:	25,9	:	:	:
	X 1975	26,4	39,7	:	37,9	39,0	:	30,9	:	:	:
	X 1976	24,8	39,1	:	34,9	37,2	:	36,2	:	:	:
	X 1977	25,6	37,1	:	35,6	38,2	52,5	37,3	:	:	:
	X 1978	24,4	37,3	51,4	36,4	40,2	50,2	36,6	:	29,1	39,7*
	X 1979	21,4	37,6	41,3	34,7	39,0	46,9	30,7	19,8	22,5	34,4*
<u>Females</u>	X 1974	31,8	53,7	:	57,5	45,1	:	57,5	:	:	:
	X 1975	31,1	55,5	:	59,1	48,4	:	58,4	:	:	:
	X 1976	32,2	55,2	:	62,5	45,9	:	65,3	:	:	:
	X 1977	32,7	53,9	:	62,8	44,5	66,9	65,1	:	:	:
	X 1978	31,8	53,6	67,2	65,1	43,7	63,4	62,7	:	41,5	54,4*
	X 1979	29,6	53,4	54,4	65,0	42,3	69,1	54,0	31,2	37,4	49,4*
<b>PERSONS UNEMPLOYED FOR SHORT AND LONG DURATION AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT (%) (Situation end October)</b>											
<u>Unemployed of short duration</u> ( $\leq$ 3 months)		b)			j)	i)	e)			h)	
<u>Males and Females</u>	X 1974	:	61,9	:	:	19,6	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1975	42,0	53,6	:	:	23,9	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1976	41,4	53,9	:	41,9	18,0	:	50,0	:	:	:
	X 1977	41,6	49,6	:	40,9	:	:	49,1	:	:	:
	X 1978	40,7	47,7	42,3	41,3	14,6	:	40,2	:	:	:
	X 1979	41,8	44,8	35,4	39,5	25,6	48,4	41,2	:	58,8	:
<u>Males</u>	X 1974	:	61,7	:	:	18,4	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1975	42,1	53,6	:	:	27,8	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1976	41,2	54,9	:	39,1	22,4	:	45,8	:	:	:
	X 1977	42,1	51,3	:	39,2	:	:	45,1	:	:	:
	X 1978	41,6	48,8	40,9	39,7	21,4	:	37,9	:	:	:
	X 1979	43,6	45,5	33,8	38,7	33,4	50,4	38,8	:	61,4	:
<u>Females</u>	X 1974	:	62,0	:	:	20,5	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1975	41,9	53,5	:	:	20,5	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1976	41,6	53,0	:	48,7	14,7	:	61,5	:	:	:
	X 1977	41,1	48,1	:	44,1	:	:	58,4	:	:	:
	X 1978	40,1	46,8	44,2	43,9	10,3	:	45,4	:	:	:
	X 1979	40,6	44,2	37,4	40,5	21,1	46,5	46,1	:	56,8	:
<u>Unemployed of long duration</u> (1 year and more)											
<u>Males and Females</u>	X 1974	:	11,9	:	:	46,5	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1975	9,6	11,1	:	:	32,5	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1976	17,9	15,4	:	22,6	39,6	:	16,6	:	:	:
	X 1977	18,6	17,1	:	23,8	:	:	20,0	:	:	:
	X 1978	20,3	18,4	29,9	24,7	48,1	:	24,6	:	:	:
	X 1979	19,9	21,8	32,8	25,7	49,0	:	26,1	:	14,4	:
<u>Males</u>	X 1974	:	12,6	:	:	53,6	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1975	11,1	9,9	:	:	31,5	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1976	21,4	14,4	:	25,4	36,5	:	19,9	:	:	:
	X 1977	21,2	14,6	:	27,0	:	:	23,7	:	:	:
	X 1978	22,5	15,9	30,9	27,5	36,8	:	28,4	:	:	:
	X 1979	22,3	19,4	33,9	28,9	38,1	:	30,4	:	14,5	:
<u>Females</u>	X 1974	:	11,4	:	:	40,4	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1975	7,9	12,3	:	:	33,4	:	:	:	:	:
	X 1976	14,7	16,2	:	16,0	42,0	:	7,6	:	:	:
	X 1977	16,2	19,1	:	17,6	:	:	11,4	:	:	:
	X 1978	18,5	20,6	28,7	19,9	55,1	:	15,8	:	:	:
	X 1979	18,1	23,7	31,4	21,2	55,3	:	17,1	:	14,3	:

a) September b) September 1974 and 1975 c) November 1974 and 1975 d) July 1974-78  
 e) July 1976 and 1977 f) January 1980 g) July 1978 h) 6 months and more  
 i) March 1980 j) June 1974-1978

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED BY AGE AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

October 1979

	BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
<b>BREAKDOWN OF UNEMPLOYED BY AGE-GROUPS (%)</b>										
(Situation end October 1979)										
a)										
<b>Males and Females</b>	736,7	1 479,9	1 673,6	241,6	372,1	1,2	1 367,6	92,1	122,6	
< 18 years	2,7	7,2	13,1		14,9		9,6		0,7	
18 - 19 years	6,6	39,1	10,5	54,6		58,6	9,9	22,5	6,4	41,5*
20 - 24 years	16,8		23,9		26,2		18,7		23,8	
25 - 34 years	24,6		22,2		26,7		20,8		31,0	24,4*
35 - 44 years	17,5	51,0	12,9	39,1	12,1		12,1		14,6	12,9*
45 - 54 years	15,1		12,2		13,1		11,9		11,3	12,1*
55 - 59 years	12,6		4,0	3,1	5,5		7,5		6,8	5,1*
60 - 64 years	4,1	2,7	0,9	3,2	1,5		9,3		3,5	4,0*
> 65 years	-		0,3	-	-		0,2		1,9	
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0		100,0		100,0	100,0
b)										
<b>Males</b>	316,9	664,9	909,0	133,1	136,3	0,6	925,8	70,3	53,7	
< 18 years	2,1	6,5	11,8		15,8		7,1		0,6	
18 - 19 years	5,2	31,0	8,3	39,9		46,9	7,7	19,8	4,2	34,4*
20 - 24 years	14,1		22,5		23,2		15,9		17,8	
25 - 34 years	21,6		21,4		18,7		20,8		30,5	24,6*
35 - 44 years	19,2	58,9	13,0	50,5	11,5		13,5		16,4	14,9*
45 - 54 years	16,8		14,9		16,0		12,9		12,8	14,4*
55 - 59 years	14,3		6,2	4,5	10,8		8,2		8,7	5,8*
60 - 64 years	6,7	3,6	1,5	5,1	4,0		13,5		5,4	5,9*
> 65 years	-		0,4	-	-		0,3		3,6	
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0		100,0		100,0	100,0
<b>Females</b>	419,8	815,0	764,6	108,5	235,8	0,6	441,9	22,1	68,9	
< 18 years	3,1	7,8	14,6		14,4		14,7		0,7	
18 - 19 years	7,8	45,6	12,9	72,6		69,1	14,7	31,2	8,2	49,4*
20 - 24 years	18,8		25,5		27,9		24,6		28,5	
25 - 34 years	26,7		23,2		31,3		20,8		31,4	24,4*
35 - 44 years	16,3	44,6	12,8	25,0	12,4		9,0		13,1	10,4*
45 - 54 years	13,8		9,2		11,5		9,8		10,2	9,7*
55 - 59 years	11,4		1,5	1,4	2,4		6,1		5,3	4,2*
60 - 64 years	2,1	2,0	0,1	1,0	-				2,0	1,9*
> 65 years	-		-	-	-		0,3		0,6	
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0		100,0		100,0	100,0
<b>DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (%)</b>										
(Situation end October 1979)										
c)										
<b>Males and Females</b>	16,6	20,1	18,0	15,0	25,6	22,9	17,6	:	35,3	
< 1 month	25,2	24,7	17,6	24,5		25,5	23,6	:	34,1	39,9*
1 - < 3 months	18,3	17,0	12,5	19,4	13,4		17,8	:	13,6	17,7*
3 - < 6 months	20,0	16,5	18,9	15,4	12,0		14,9	:		
6 - < 12 months	11,6	14,0			16,1	51,6	12,7	:	17,0	
12 - < 24 months	8,3	7,8	32,9	25,7	32,9		13,4	:		
> 24 months								:		
<b>Males</b>	18,5	22,0	18,2	15,7	33,4	23,7	16,7	:	40,2	39,9*
< 1 month	25,0	23,6	16,6	23,0		26,7	22,1	:	30,5	17,0*
1 - < 3 months	16,4	17,3	12,3	16,6	16,0		16,3	:	12,6	
3 - < 6 months	17,8	17,8	18,0	15,8	12,5		14,5	:		
6 - < 12 months	11,6	12,8			14,4	49,6	13,9	:	16,7	
12 - < 24 months	10,7	6,6	34,9	28,9	23,7		16,5	:		
> 24 months								:		
<b>Females</b>	15,2	18,6	17,7	13,9	21,1	22,2	19,4	:	31,3	39,8
< 1 month	25,4	25,6	18,8	26,6		24,3	26,7	:	37,0	18,6
1 - < 3 months	19,7	16,8	12,8	23,5	12,0		21,0	:	14,5	
3 - < 6 months	21,6	15,4	20,0	14,8	11,6	53,5	15,8	:		
6 - < 12 months	11,6	15,0			17,1		10,2	:	17,2	
12 - < 24 months	6,5	8,7	30,7	21,2	38,2		6,9	:		
> 24 months								:		
a) September										
b) January 1980										
c) March 1980										

## REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual averages

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
<b>UNEMPLOYED (x 1 000)</b>											
										a)	
<b>Males and females</b>	1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	615,1r	67,2	47,9	3 067r
	1975	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	977,6	96,2	113,5	4 612r
	1976	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,8	266,6	0,457	1 358,8r	107,8	118,2	5 238r
	1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 381,9r	206,9	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	106,4	147,0	5 736r
	1978	992,9	1 166,9	1 528,6	205,6	333,4	1,166	1 475,0	99,2	169,8	5 972r
	1979	876,1	1 349,9	1 633,0r	210,0	352,2	1,055	1 390,5	89,6	137,5	6 040r
<b>Males</b>	1974	324,7	234,6	638,6	106,7	58,0	0,023	513,8r	54,4	35,6	1 966r
	1975	622,6	427,5	700,3	153,0	99,1	0,172	777,1	77,4	80,3	2 938r
	1976	566,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 023,5r	87,0	74,2	3 211r
	1977	517,5	499,1	841,0r	145,9	124,6	0,494	1 069,2	84,8	84,9	3 367r
	1978	488,8	551,4	894,6	136,4	132,4	0,659	1 040,2	78,6	93,1	3 417r
	1979	416,9	632,5	920,7r	132,4	132,7	0,535	963,9	69,1	69,7	3 338
<b>Females</b>	1974	257,8	263,1	358,6	28,2	66,1	0,035	101,3	12,8	12,3	1 101
	1975	451,6	412,2	406,6	42,3	108,7	0,093	200,5	18,8	33,2	1 674
	1976	493,8	490,0	440,7	51,0	151,8	0,177	335,3r	20,8	44,0	2 028r
	1977	512,5	572,7	540,9	61,0	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,6	62,1	2 369
	1978	504,1	615,5	634,0	69,2	201,0	0,507	434,8	20,7	76,7	2 556
	1979	459,2	717,4	712,3r	77,6	219,5	0,520	426,6	20,6	67,8	2 702r
<b>CHANGES on previous year (%)</b>											
<b>Males and females</b>	1975/74	+ 84,4	+ 68,7	+ 11,0	+ 44,8	+ 67,4	+ 356,9	+ 58,9	+ 43,2	+ 137,0	+ 50,4
	1976/75	- 1,3	+ 11,2	+ 6,8	+ 7,9	+ 28,3	+ 72,5	+ 39,0	+ 12,1	+ 4,1	+ 13,6
	1977/76	- 2,9	+ 14,8	+ 16,9r	- 1,9	+ 15,4	+ 79,6	+ 9,2	- 1,3	+ 24,4	+ 9,5
	1978/77	- 3,6	+ 8,9	+ 10,8	- 0,6	+ 8,4	+ 42,0	- 0,6	- 6,8	+ 15,5	+ 4,1
	1979/78	- 11,8	+ 15,7	+ 6,8	+ 2,1	+ 5,6	- 9,5	- 5,7	- 9,7	- 19,0	+ 1,1
<b>Males</b>	1975/74	+ 91,7	+ 82,2	+ 9,7	+ 43,4	+ 70,9	+ 647,8	+ 51,2	+ 42,3	+ 125,6	+ 49,4
	1976/75	- 9,0	+ 3,7	+ 5,8	+ 4,4	+ 15,7	+ 62,8	+ 31,7	+ 12,4	- 7,6	+ 9,3
	1977/76	- 8,6	+ 12,5	+ 13,5r	- 8,7	+ 8,6	+ 76,4	+ 4,5	- 2,5	+ 14,4	+ 4,9r
	1978/77	- 5,5	+ 10,5	+ 6,7	- 6,5	+ 6,3	+ 33,4	- 2,7	- 7,3	+ 9,7	+ 1,5
	1979/78	- 14,7	+ 14,7	+ 2,9	- 2,9	+ 0,2	- 18,8	- 7,3	- 12,1	- 25,1	- 2,3
<b>Females</b>	1975/74	+ 68,6	+ 56,7	+ 13,4	+ 50,0	+ 64,4	+ 165,7	+ 97,9	+ 46,9	+ 169,9	+ 52,0
	1976/75	+ 9,3	+ 18,9	+ 8,4	+ 20,6	+ 39,7	+ 90,3	+ 67,2	+ 10,6	+ 32,5	+ 21,1
	1977/76	+ 3,8	+ 16,9	+ 22,7	+ 19,6	+ 20,6	+ 84,7	+ 23,6	+ 3,8	+ 41,1	+ 16,8
	1978/77	- 1,6	+ 7,5	+ 17,2	+ 13,4	+ 9,8	+ 55,0	+ 4,9	+ 4,2	+ 23,5	+ 7,9
	1979/78	- 8,9	+ 16,6	+ 12,4	+ 12,1	+ 9,2	+ 2,6	- 1,9	- 0,5	- 11,6	+ 5,7
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (% of working population)</b>											
<b>Males and females</b>	1974	2,2	2,3	4,8	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,0	2,0	2,9
	1975	4,2	3,9	5,3	4,0	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,5	4,6	4,3
	1976	4,1	4,3	5,6	4,3	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,6	4,7	4,9
	1977	4,0	4,9	6,5r	4,1	7,8	0,5	5,7	9,4	5,8	5,3
	1978	3,9	5,3	7,1	4,1	8,4	0,8	5,7	8,8	6,6	5,5
	1979	3,4	6,1	7,6	4,2	8,8	0,7	5,3	7,9	5,3	5,6
<b>Males</b>	1974	2,0	1,7	4,3	3,1*	2,3	0,0*	3,3	6,7*	2,5	2,9*
	1975	3,9	3,2	4,8	4,4*	3,9	0,2*	4,9	9,5*	5,6	4,3*
	1976	3,6	3,3	5,1	4,5*	4,5	0,3*	6,4	10,7*	5,1	4,7*
	1977	3,3	3,7	5,8	4,1*	4,9	0,5*	6,7	10,5*	5,8	5,0*
	1978	3,1	4,1*	6,2	3,8	5,3	0,6*	6,5	9,7*	6,4	5,0*
	1979	2,6	4,7	6,3	3,7	5,3	0,5*	6,1	8,5*	4,8	4,9*
<b>Females</b>	1974	2,6	3,2	6,1	2,2*	4,9	0,1*	1,1	4,2*	1,2	2,9*
	1975	4,6	5,0	6,5	3,1*	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,0*	3,2	4,4*
	1976	5,1	5,9	6,7	3,6*	10,8	0,4*	3,4	6,6*	4,2	5,2*
	1977	5,2	6,7	7,8	4,2*	12,7	0,7*	4,1	6,8*	5,7	6,0*
	1978	5,1	7,1	9,1	4,6	13,7	1,1*	4,3	6,4*	6,8	6,4*
	1979	4,7	8,3	10,2	5,2	14,9	1,2*	4,2	6,4*	6,0	6,7*

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OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS OF UNEMPLOYED CONTAINING MORE THAN

5% OF TOTAL REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED

		1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	IV 1978	X 1978	IV 1979	X 1979
<u>BR DEUTSCHLAND</u>										
<u>MALES</u>										
8	Producers of metal and metal goods locksmiths, mechanics and the like	17,3	22,7	21,4	20,1	21,1	22,6	21,6	21,7	19,9
20	Warehouse managers, storage and transport workers	8,4	8,3	9,0	9,3	9,9	10,4	10,9	11,1	11,0
21	Organizers, administrative and clerical staff	6,2	5,7	7,3	7,3	6,7	6,7	7,6	7,0	8,2
14	Unskilled labourers	6,6	5,5	5,4	5,7	5,9	6,1	6,1	5,7	5,9
18	Goods and services sales personnel and allied occupations	5,1	5,1	6,0	6,1	5,7	5,7	6,4	5,8	6,6
12	Building trade, fittings and furnishings and allied trades	22,1	20,0	14,8	14,3	13,5	12,5	8,4	10,3	7,4
<u>FEMALES</u>										
21	Organizers, administrative and clerical staff	19,1	22,0	25,7	24,8	22,8	23,0	22,9	21,9	21,8
18	Goods and services sales personnel and allied occupations	13,4	13,2	14,5	15,2	14,8	15,1	14,8	14,8	14,6
8	Producers of metal and metal goods locksmiths, mechanics and the like	9,9	13,4	9,1	7,5	8,0	8,0	8,4	8,4	7,7
30	Cleaning staff	5,9	5,4	5,8	5,7	5,7	5,9	5,7	6,0	5,9
9	Textile and clothing occupations	11,2	7,5	5,8	5,2	5,3	5,3	5,1	5,3	5,1
25	Health and allied occupations	2,8	2,9	4,3	5,3	5,6	5,9	6,0	5,5	5,8
<u>FRANCE</u>										
<u>MALES</u>										
8	Conversion of common metals	10,4	13,6	14,1	15,2	16,0	15,3	16,8	16,5	16,6
1	Handling and storage	19,5	17,4	14,8	14,1	12,9	13,8	12,0	13,3	12,0
6	Construction and maintenance of buildings	9,1	12,9	12,1	11,9	13,1	14,3	11,7	13,5	10,5
20	Clerical work and the like	11,7	10,3	11,2	11,0	10,3	9,8	11,0	10,1	11,3
18	Driving	4,2	4,8	4,7	5,1	5,6	6,0	5,3	6,0	5,6
21	Commerce and the like	6,3	5,2	5,4	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,3	5,3	5,5
26	Designers and technical staff	5,8	5,5	5,0	4,8	4,7	4,3	5,1	4,1	4,8
<u>FEMALES</u>										
20	Clerical work and the like	33,3	34,4	22,0	34,6	33,8	19,8	36,2	32,9	35,6
21	Commerce and the like	13,7	13,2	13,5	14,0	14,4	14,9	14,1	15,2	14,5
22	Domestic service and the like	13,2	12,3	12,0	12,1	12,4	13,0	11,7	12,9	12,4
8	Conversion of common metals	3,0	4,4	5,0	6,1	7,2	7,7	6,5	7,6	6,5
1	Handling and storage	11,7	9,8	6,9	6,2	5,9	6,6	5,1	5,9	4,9
<u>ITALIA</u>										
<u>MALES</u>										
26	Unskilled labourers	19,5	20,2	20,6	:	19,8	(a) 19,3	(a) 19,3	19,3	20,0
25	Managers, employees and junior staff	8,9	9,2	10,2	:	15,3	15,3	16,8	16,3	16,8
16	Construction work	20,3	20,8	20,4	:	17,8	18,5	17,0	18,4	16,3
1	Farmwork, horticulture, animal husbandry	16,9	15,6	15,6	:	13,2	13,4	12,5	13,7	13,0
13	Production of metals and metal and mechanical work	10,7	10,7	10,7	:	10,9	10,4	11,9	11,1	12,2
<u>FEMALES</u>										
1	Farmwork, horticulture, animal husbandry	28,6	26,2	25,7	:	19,5	19,5	17,3	19,0	16,9
25	Managers, employees and junior staff	18,7	20,4	22,1	:	31,3	31,0	35,4	33,6	34,8
26	Unskilled labourers	16,8	17,3	18,2	:	18,3	18,2	17,8	19,1	19,8
8	The spinning, weaving, treating and finishing of textile fibres	9,9	10,6	10,0	:	2,3	2,4	2,1	1,7	1,5
5	Work connected with foodstuffs and drinks	4,7	4,5	4,2	:	3,3	3,4	3,0	3,0	2,8

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		1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	IV 1978	X 1978	IV 1979	X 1979
		<u>NEDERLAND</u>								
	<u>MALES</u>									
25	Not fully able for work	16,2	16,2	20,4	21,3	23,4	24,3	24,2	25,8	25,8
24	Persons in general service	11,9	14,3	13,6	13,5	13,3	13,9	13,2	13,4	12,7
11	Metal workers	11,9	14,1	15,0	13,9	12,5	12,9	12,0	10,6	9,8
4	Construction workers	29,1	25,1	17,5	14,1	11,9	11,3	8,6	11,8	9,3
20	Clerical work, teachers	9,5	9,4	10,1	12,0	13,3	12,0	15,6	13,3	15,6
	<u>FEMALES</u>									
20	Clerical work, teachers	28,4	27,9	27,5	28,0	28,9	25,7	31,5	27,5	30,4
17	Commerce	11,4	11,6	12,0	13,6	14,6	14,0	14,9	14,9	15,9
25	Not fully able for work	9,6	9,5	12,4	12,0	13,0	14,8	11,8	14,9	12,6
24	Persons in general service	10,6	12,3	10,2	10,0	9,4	10,9	8,4	10,3	9,1
18	Hotels, restaurants, etc.	7,1	6,2	6,3	6,1	5,5	6,0	5,2	5,9	5,9
		<u>BELGIQUE/BELGIE</u>								
	<u>MALES</u>									
1	Employed persons	21,7	21,3	23,2	22,6	21,5	17,8	24,9	18,5	25,6
27	Unskilled labourers	29,7	22,8	19,6	18,6	16,9	18,7	15,1	17,4	15,6
13	Mechanics, tool makers, electricians	11,4	16,6	17,9	18,1	18,9	18,1	19,3	18,2	17,2
17	Bricklayers, floor tilers, ceiling plasterers	6,0	7,1	7,2	8,3	9,4	10,1	8,7	10,2	9,1
15	Carpenters, joiners, cabinet makers	3,1	4,3	4,2	4,5	5,2	5,1	5,2	5,7	5,5
	<u>FEMALES</u>									
1	Employed persons	40,9	39,4	39,2	38,4	38,2	36,0	39,9	35,8	40,0
10	Tailors, cutters, furriers	10,9	13,1	14,0	15,1	15,6	15,7	15,3	15,6	14,8
29	Other specialist service workers	10,4	9,5	9,8	10,3	10,8	11,0	10,7	11,8	11,4
13	Mechanics, tool makers, electricians	4,8	5,3	5,5	5,8	5,6	6,0	5,3	5,8	5,2
27	Unskilled labourers	8,5	7,4	6,3	5,6	5,1	5,5	4,8	5,3	4,8
		<u>LUXEMBOURG</u>								
	<u>MALES</u>									
	Unskilled labourers	:	:	46,8	48,8	43,3	45,8	34,9	42,8	38,9
	Employed persons	:	:	16,8	16,8	15,8	14,2	21,0	16,6	20,8
	<u>FEMALES</u>									
	Employed persons	:	:	45,8	45,6	39,8	40,1	38,2	30,1	38,8
	Unskilled labourers	:	:	32,2	31,7	34,7	34,0	36,3	41,9	36,1
	Commerce and the like	:	:	14,1	9,7	8,8	7,7	9,4	10,3	11,5
		<u>UNITED - KINGDOM</u>								
	<u>MALES</u>						(a)		(a)	
19	Miscellaneous, of which: general labourers	47,7	44,3	41,5	40,7	42,1	38,5	42,6	39,9	43,6
14	Processing, making, repairing (metal and electrical)	8,3	9,7	10,5	9,5	9,2	9,7	9,9	9,5	9,8
7	Clerical and related	10,8	9,2	8,6	8,6	8,6	7,8	9,0	7,8	9,1
17	Transport operating, material moving and storing and related	7,7	9,4	10,1	10,0	10,0	9,8	9,7	9,6	9,5
16	Construction, mining and related not identified elsewhere	6,7	7,6	7,9	7,1	7,4	7,8	6,9	7,7	6,2
	<u>FEMALES</u>									
7	Clerical and related	30,3	32,0	33,1	32,8	31,1	28,0	31,5	27,7	31,9
19	General labourers	24,9	25,8	22,1	20,4	21,1	18,1	21,1	18,9	20,6
10	Catering, cleaning, hairdressing and other personal service	15,4	12,9	13,6	14,4	14,6	13,3	13,9	13,8	14,0
8	Selling	9,9	11,5	13,2	13,7	14,0	12,9	13,4	13,3	13,5
3	Professional and related in education, welfare and health	4,4	3,7	4,4	5,8	6,1	5,1	6,7	5,4	6,6

(a) March



