

Unemployment in the regions of the European Union in 1995

The unemployment rate in the European Union (excluding the French overseas departments) dropped from 11.2% in April 1994 to 10.7% in April 1995. The number of unemployed during the twelve months period, dropped by more than 0.8 million, with the labour market situation showing improvement in 70% of the Union's regions. Notable decreases in the unemployment rates (2-6 percentage points) were recorded in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Thuringen, Halle and Dessau of Germany, in Dytiki Ellada and Voreio Aigaio of Greece, and in the Spanish regions of Canarias, Baleares, Cantabria, Murcia, Galicia, Comunidad Valenciana, as well as in all of the Noreste regions.

In one third of the European Union's regions the rate of unemployment stood above the 10.7% average. The top end of this list comprises regions of Italy (Campania, Calabria, Sicilia, Sardegna), Finland (Itä-Suomi, Pohjois-Suomi) and Spain (Asturias, Cantabria, Pais Vasco, Madrid, Comunidad Valenciana, Canarias and all of the Centro and Sur regions), where, for two consecutive years, more than one quarter of the labour force is without a job. Foremost in the list is, once again, the Spanish region of Andalucia with a 33.3% of unemployment. As a contrast, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg stands on the other end with a rate of 2.7%. Remaining below the 5% mark are the regions of Tuebingen, Oberbayern, Niederbayern and Schwaben in the south of Germany, the islands in the region Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti of Greece, Trentino-Alto Adige in the north of Italy and Madeira and Centro in Portugal.

Within most Member States, unemployment rates in the hardest-hit regions are two to three times and more, 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 three 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 6. The widest gaps between the best-off and the worst-off regions is found in Spain with 20.8 percentage points and in Italy with 22.0 percentage points.

In two thirds of the regions of the European Union, the female unemployment rates decreased in the reference period, particularly in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (-7.2) and Thuringen (-5.9) of Germany, and in Voreio Aigaio (-5.4) of Greece. The level of female unemployment is still higher than the male, throughout the regions of the European Union, with the exception of Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Furthermore, in some 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 Ceuta y Melilla, Extremadura and Andalucia suffer from a female unemployment rate in the vicinity of 45%.

The jobless rate among young people under 25 has risen again in one quarter of the regions. Rates of over 20.5% which is the European Union's average, are encountered in almost all of the regions of France, Greece, Italy and Sweden and in all of the regions of Finland and Spain. The situation is most serious in the south of Italy, with Campania suffering a 68.7% young unemployment rate, and in Spain, where in the region of Ceuta y Melilla, in April 1995, 71.6% of young people in the labour force were not in employment.

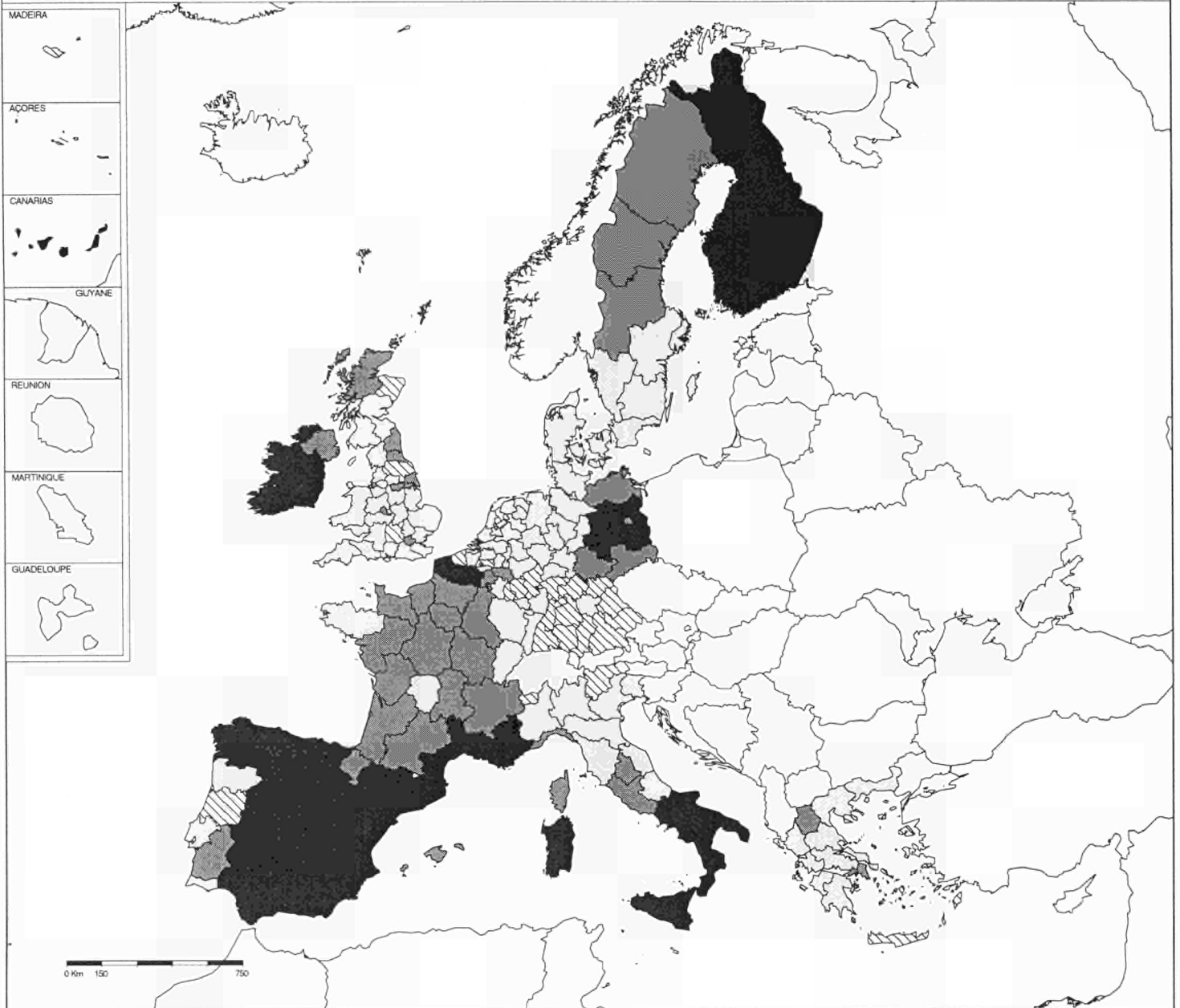
	Total		Males		Females		< 25 years		≥ 25 years	
	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995
EUR15	11.2	10.7	10.2	9.5	12.7	12.4	21.4	20.5	9.5	9.1
EUR12	11.3	10.8	10.2	9.5	13.0	12.7	21.8	20.9	9.6	9.2
BELGIQUE-BELGIE	9.7	9.4	7.7	7.4	12.4	12.3	22.0	21.9	8.1	7.9
REG. BRUXELLES-CAP										
/BRUXXELS HFDST. GEW.	12.9	13.3	12.4	12.8	13.6	14.0	30.3	33.3	11.2	11.4
VLAAMS GEWEST	7.4	6.9	5.4	4.9	10.2	9.9	15.8	14.7	6.3	6.0
ANTWERPEN	8.6	8.1	6.7	6.0	11.6	11.3	18.0	16.8	7.4	7.1
LIMBURG (B)	10.2	9.5	6.0	5.4	16.7	15.8	19.2	18.0	8.8	8.4
OOST-VLAANDEREN	7.1	6.8	5.4	5.1	9.4	9.2	15.3	15.0	6.0	5.8
VLAAMS BRABANT	5.6	5.3	4.4	3.9	7.2	7.1	15.5	13.8	4.7	4.5
WEST-VLAANDEREN	5.8	5.3	4.1	3.6	8.3	7.7	11.6	10.2	4.9	4.6
REGION WALLONNE	13.0	12.9	10.7	10.6	16.2	16.2	31.8	33.2	10.6	10.5
BRABANT WALLON	8.6	8.3	6.8	6.6	11.0	10.6	25.5	27.8	7.1	6.8
HAINAUT	15.5	15.9	13.1	13.3	18.9	19.6	37.9	39.2	12.6	12.9
LIEGE	13.0	12.7	10.7	10.4	16.3	15.9	29.9	29.4	10.9	10.7
LUXEMBOURG (B)	7.5	7.0	5.5	5.0	10.5	9.9	20.2	20.0	5.8	5.3
NAMUR	12.0	12.3	9.9	10.2	15.0	15.4	29.0	35.4	9.7	9.8
DANMARK	8.7	7.1	8.0	6.4	9.4	7.9	11.4	8.8	8.1	6.7
DEUTSCHLAND	8.7	8.2	7.5	7.2	10.3	9.6	8.9	7.8	8.7	8.3
BADEN-WUERTEMBERG	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.8	6.8	5.7	5.5	5.5
STUTTGART	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.9	6.9	5.7	5.5	5.6
KARLSRUHE	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.9	5.9	7.1	6.1	5.6	5.6
FREIBURG	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.3	6.0	5.8	6.7	5.6	5.7	5.5
TUEBINGEN	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.6	5.6	5.5	6.0	5.3	5.1	5.0
BAYERN	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.5	5.6	5.3	5.1	4.6	5.0	4.9
OBERBAYERN	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.1
NIEDERBAYERN	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.4	5.9	5.1	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.7
OBERPFALZ	5.8	5.5	5.0	4.9	6.9	6.3	5.0	4.5	5.9	5.7
OBERFRANKEN	5.6	5.6	4.6	4.7	6.9	6.6	5.3	4.9	5.7	5.7
MITTELFRANKEN	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.6	6.6	6.6	6.1	5.6	6.0	6.1
UNTERFRANKEN	5.8	5.4	5.2	4.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.8	5.4
SCHWABEN	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.3	5.1	4.9	5.1	4.4	4.6	4.6
BERLIN	11.0	11.2	10.5	11.0	11.6	11.4	13.2	12.2	10.7	11.1
BRANDENBURG	15.3	15.1	10.7	10.6	20.3	20.1	13.7	12.5	15.5	15.4
BREMEN	10.9	10.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	10.1	13.3	12.2	10.6	10.5
HAMBURG	7.0	7.6	7.6	8.2	6.2	6.8	8.8	9.1	6.8	7.4
HESSEN	6.2	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.6	6.6	7.3	6.7	6.1	6.2
DARMSTADT	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.7	6.3	5.5	5.7
GIESSEN	7.0	6.6	6.2	5.9	8.1	7.6	8.0	7.0	6.8	6.5
KASSEL	7.5	7.5	6.8	6.9	8.5	8.4	8.3	7.3	7.4	7.5
MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	18.2	12.0	14.1	8.8	22.9	15.7	15.2	9.7	18.6	12.3
NIEDERSACHSEN	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.4	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.0	7.9	7.9
BRAUNSCHWEIG	9.7	9.7	9.1	9.2	10.4	10.4	9.8	9.3	9.6	9.8
HANNOVER	7.9	7.6	7.7	7.4	8.2	8.0	8.4	7.6	7.8	7.6
LUENEBURG	6.3	6.4	5.7	5.9	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.2	6.4
WESER-EMS	7.9	7.9	7.2	7.2	8.9	8.9	8.4	8.0	7.8	7.9
NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	9.1	8.3	8.3	8.2
DUESSELDORF	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.6	8.9	8.8	8.9
KOELN	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.7	8.2	8.3	8.7	8.1	7.8	7.9
MUENSTER	7.6	7.4	7.2	7.0	8.1	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.5	7.4
DETMOLD	7.1	6.8	6.1	5.9	8.7	8.2	7.6	6.8	7.1	6.8
ARNSBERG	9.4	8.9	9.3	8.8	9.6	9.1	10.7	9.2	9.3	8.9
RHEINLAND-PFALZ	6.2	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.7	6.6	7.9	7.3	5.9	6.0
KOBLENZ	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.0	6.2	5.9	6.9	6.2	5.3	5.2
TRIER	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.9	6.2	7.1	6.7	5.3	5.4
RHEINHESSEN-PFALZ	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.6	7.2	7.2	8.9	8.4	6.5	6.7
SAARLAND	9.6	9.1	9.8	9.2	9.2	8.9	11.1	9.8	9.4	9.0
SACHSEN	15.0	13.8	9.7	8.9	20.8	19.2	11.7	10.2	15.5	14.3
SACHSEN-ANHALT	17.5	16.7	12.3	12.5	23.1	21.4	15.0	13.8	17.9	17.1
DESSAU	18.2	15.1	12.3	10.1	24.9	20.9	15.7	12.4	18.5	15.5
HALLE	18.5	15.1	13.3	11.0	24.0	19.5	16.4	13.2	18.8	15.4
MAGDEBURG	16.4	18.6	11.6	14.6	21.8	23.1	13.9	14.8	16.9	19.2
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.8	7.2	6.8	6.5	6.4
THUERINGEN	16.0	11.9	10.7	8.3	22.0	16.1	13.4	9.7	16.4	12.3

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	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995
ELLADA	8.9	9.1	6.0	6.2	13.7	13.8	27.7	27.9	6.2	6.5
VOREIA ELLADA	7.9	9.2	5.4	6.1	12.1	14.2	26.6	28.6	5.4	6.6
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	7.4	9.2	5.4	6.0	10.3	13.9	22.4	22.7	5.1	7.2
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	8.2	9.1	5.7	6.1	12.5	14.0	27.7	28.4	5.7	6.6
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	9.1	13.2	6.8	10.1	13.4	19.1	36.9	44.4	5.7	9.6
THESSALIA	6.9	7.6	3.7	4.6	12.6	12.9	23.7	28.7	5.0	5.0
KENTRIKI ELLADA	8.4	7.4	5.2	4.7	13.8	12.1	30.5	27.1	5.2	4.9
IPEIROS	8.0	7.2	5.8	5.3	11.8	10.7	40.5	31.3	4.6	4.8
IONIA NISIA	3.4	5.3	2.2	4.5	5.1	6.6	12.2	21.2	2.1	3.1
DYTIKI ELLADA	10.5	8.2	6.1	5.5	17.7	12.8	31.2	24.3	6.8	5.9
STEREA ELLADA	10.6	9.2	7.1	5.1	17.8	17.0	38.4	32.1	6.5	6.2
PELOPONNISOS	6.3	6.0	3.5	3.3	10.9	10.5	24.9	27.0	4.0	3.6
ATTIKI	11.1	11.0	7.9	8.0	16.5	15.7	30.8	30.4	8.2	8.1
NISIA AIGAIΟΥ, KRITI	4.2	4.5	2.7	2.6	6.9	7.6	13.4	16.5	2.8	2.7
VOREIO AIGAIO	7.0	4.9	4.4	3.3	13.9	8.5	22.7	21.4	4.6	2.7
NOTIO AIGAIO	3.5	4.8	2.6	3.2	5.5	8.1	10.6	14.4	2.2	3.2
KRITI	3.8	4.1	2.2	2.1	6.3	7.1	12.5	16.4	2.6	2.5
ESPANA	24.4	22.7	20.1	18.1	31.5	30.3	45.4	41.7	19.9	18.8
NOROESTE	20.9	18.5	18.0	14.9	25.1	23.9	45.2	38.4	17.1	15.6
GALICIA	19.7	17.2	17.7	13.9	22.5	21.6	42.5	34.2	16.5	14.7
ASTURIAS	22.5	20.9	18.8	17.0	28.3	27.6	48.5	51.5	17.9	16.4
CANTABRIA	24.4	21.4	17.8	15.9	35.6	31.4	50.9	35.6	19.5	19.1
NORESTE	21.5	19.3	16.1	13.6	30.6	28.7	47.8	39.2	16.8	16.0
PAIS VASCO	25.2	23.0	20.4	17.6	32.9	31.4	55.5	48.1	19.5	18.9
NAVARRA	15.1	12.6	10.3	8.2	23.7	20.6	32.8	25.0	12.1	10.5
RIOJA	18.3	15.9	12.4	10.7	29.3	25.0	33.5	31.1	15.9	13.6
ARAGON	18.2	16.1	11.6	9.5	29.3	27.5	41.7	31.2	14.1	13.5
MADRID	20.9	20.7	17.3	17.2	26.7	26.1	39.8	40.3	17.2	17.1
CENTRO (E)	23.5	22.4	17.9	16.9	34.6	32.9	43.4	41.2	19.3	18.8
CASTILLA-LEON	21.7	20.3	15.7	14.7	32.6	30.4	46.7	43.4	17.2	16.6
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	20.7	20.4	16.3	16.0	30.3	29.4	36.9	35.6	16.7	17.0
EXTREMADURA	32.3	30.5	25.6	23.3	45.9	44.4	46.9	45.7	28.8	27.0
ESTE	22.3	20.3	18.0	15.7	28.8	27.4	40.6	38.2	18.0	16.3
CATALUNA	21.3	19.9	17.5	15.6	27.1	26.5	40.4	38.5	17.0	15.7
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	24.7	22.2	19.5	16.7	33.2	31.0	42.7	39.3	20.5	18.3
BALEARES	17.0	13.8	14.2	11.5	21.1	17.2	30.4	29.5	14.1	10.5
SUR	33.3	31.8	28.6	26.5	41.8	41.0	53.2	49.5	27.8	27.2
ANDALUCIA	34.7	33.3	29.8	28.1	43.6	42.4	54.4	50.9	29.2	28.7
MURCIA	25.1	22.2	21.8	16.5	30.9	31.9	44.6	38.5	19.7	17.8
CEUTA Y MELILLA	27.9	33.0	21.4	26.1	39.7	44.9	66.5	71.6	19.8	25.2
CANARIAS	28.3	23.7	25.2	19.7	33.3	30.0	51.1	41.8	22.4	19.4
FRANCE	12.2	11.2	10.6	9.4	14.1	13.4	27.3	24.9	10.4	9.7
ILE DE FRANCE	10.7	10.0	10.1	9.3	11.3	10.8	18.8	17.0	9.8	9.3
BASSIN PARISIEN	13.2	11.9	11.0	9.5	15.9	14.9	31.4	29.1	10.7	9.8
CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE	13.7	12.4	11.3	9.7	16.9	16.0	31.2	28.0	11.1	10.3
PICARDIE	14.7	12.9	12.3	10.3	17.7	16.1	33.6	29.9	11.9	10.5
HAUTE-NORMANDIE	14.6	12.8	12.5	10.6	17.1	15.6	33.8	28.3	12.0	10.8
CENTRE	11.8	10.7	9.6	8.2	14.5	13.8	28.3	27.8	9.7	8.8
BASSE-NORMANDIE	13.5	12.4	11.6	10.3	15.6	14.9	34.5	35.6	10.6	9.7
BOURGOGNE	11.6	10.8	9.2	8.4	14.6	13.8	28.5	27.2	9.5	8.9
NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS	16.0	15.3	14.4	13.4	18.2	17.8	35.0	33.3	13.1	12.6
EST	9.6	8.7	8.0	6.9	11.8	11.0	21.5	19.5	7.9	7.2
LORRAINE	10.6	9.9	8.9	7.9	12.8	12.4	24.3	22.9	8.6	8.2
ALSACE	8.1	7.1	7.0	5.8	9.6	8.7	16.8	15.8	6.8	5.9
FRANCHE-COMTE	9.9	8.8	7.6	6.5	13.0	11.9	23.4	18.5	8.1	7.5
OUEST	11.5	10.5	9.4	8.1	14.0	13.2	28.5	26.2	9.4	8.6
PAYS DE LA LOIRE	12.0	10.8	9.9	8.3	14.5	13.8	29.5	25.8	9.7	8.8
BRETAGNE	10.4	9.8	8.3	7.6	12.8	12.4	24.6	24.3	8.7	8.2
POITOU-CHARENTES	12.6	10.9	10.5	8.7	15.1	13.6	33.5	30.7	10.2	8.9
SUD-OUEST	12.1	11.0	10.0	8.8	14.7	13.7	30.8	25.7	10.1	9.4
AQUITAINE	13.0	11.8	10.9	9.4	15.6	14.6	33.6	28.4	10.8	10.0
MIDI-PYRENEES	11.4	10.6	9.3	8.5	14.2	13.1	27.5	22.7	9.8	9.3
LIMOUSIN	10.6	9.3	8.8	7.2	12.5	11.7	30.8	24.3	8.5	7.6
CENTRE-EST	11.2	10.2	9.6	8.3	13.0	12.3	28.0	25.8	9.3	8.6
RHONE-ALPES	11.1	10.1	9.6	8.3	12.9	12.2	27.5	25.0	9.3	8.6
AUVERGNE	11.6	10.5	9.7	8.2	13.8	13.2	30.1	29.6	9.5	8.6
MEDITERRANEE	15.4	14.7	13.7	12.6	17.6	17.2	29.2	27.1	13.8	13.3
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON	15.3	14.8	13.0	12.2	18.1	18.1	30.3	28.1	13.4	13.2
PROVENCE-ALPES-COTE D'AZUR	15.6	14.7	14.1	12.9	17.3	16.8	28.8	26.6	14.0	13.3
CORSE	14.8	13.8	11.6	12.5	19.9	15.3	27.6	27.3	13.1	12.3
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	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995
IRELAND	14.7	14.3	14.6	14.1	14.8	14.8	23.3	22.0	12.6	12.5
ITALIA	11.3	12.0	8.8	9.3	15.5	16.7	31.8	33.3	7.9	8.5
<i>NORD OVEST</i>	8.7	8.7	6.4	6.0	12.3	12.7	27.3	26.6	5.7	5.9
PIEMONTE	8.3	8.0	6.0	5.2	11.8	12.0	26.5	24.4	5.1	5.2
VALLE DAOSTA	5.7	5.9	4.9	4.0	6.7	8.5	15.5	18.8	4.0	4.3
LIGURIA	10.3	10.9	7.6	8.2	14.5	14.9	31.6	34.9	7.6	7.9
LOMBARDIA	6.0	6.1	4.2	4.1	8.8	9.1	17.1	16.0	4.0	4.3
<i>NORD EST</i>	6.1	6.0	4.2	3.5	9.2	10.0	14.7	14.5	4.4	4.4
TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	4.1	3.9	3.0	2.7	5.9	5.6	8.0	8.3	3.3	3.0
VENETO	6.3	6.0	4.2	3.3	9.9	10.3	14.6	13.7	4.6	4.4
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA	6.7	8.0	5.0	5.1	9.2	12.3	21.8	23.9	4.3	5.4
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	6.5	6.3	4.3	3.4	9.6	10.3	18.6	18.3	4.7	4.5
<i>CENTRO (I)</i>	7.7	8.0	4.8	4.7	12.1	12.8	22.4	23.6	5.6	5.7
TOSCANA	8.0	8.2	5.0	4.7	12.6	13.4	21.8	24.7	5.9	5.7
UMBRIA	8.7	10.1	6.2	5.6	12.8	17.2	32.6	31.8	5.1	7.2
MARCHE	6.4	6.3	3.6	4.3	10.6	9.2	17.5	16.6	5.1	4.7
LAZIO	10.7	12.8	8.2	9.9	15.1	17.7	40.6	47.8	7.2	8.3
<i>ABRUZZO-MOLISE</i>	11.1	10.8	7.1	6.8	17.8	17.4	36.1	33.2	7.7	8.1
ABRUZZO	9.4	9.1	5.5	5.5	16.0	15.0	32.1	27.6	6.4	6.9
MOLISE	17.3	17.5	13.1	12.2	23.9	26.0	49.6	52.2	12.6	12.9
<i>CAMPANIA</i>	22.8	25.9	18.0	21.4	32.4	34.8	59.8	68.7	15.6	18.4
SUD	17.1	18.8	14.1	15.0	23.3	26.4	46.2	48.2	12.4	13.7
PUGLIA	14.8	15.9	12.6	12.6	19.7	23.3	41.4	42.7	10.2	11.1
BASILICATA	16.3	19.1	12.3	15.4	23.9	25.9	50.3	46.7	11.4	14.9
CALABRIA	21.9	23.9	17.8	19.6	29.0	31.5	55.4	60.6	16.9	18.3
SICILIA	21.7	23.3	17.9	19.1	30.9	33.2	55.1	59.7	15.5	16.9
SARDEGNA	20.1	20.8	16.0	16.6	28.1	29.7	47.7	52.8	14.7	14.7
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHE)	3.4	2.7	2.9	1.9	4.1	4.2	7.5	6.5	2.7	2.2
NEDERLAND	7.0	7.3	6.3	6.2	7.9	8.9	10.2	12.4	6.3	6.3
<i>NOORD-NEDERLAND</i>	8.5	8.9	7.7	7.5	9.5	10.9	12.9	15.8	7.5	7.4
GRONINGEN	9.2	9.6	8.3	8.1	10.3	11.7	13.4	16.4	8.3	8.2
FRIESLAND	7.9	8.4	7.3	7.1	8.8	10.2	13.3	16.3	6.6	6.6
DRENTHE	8.4	8.8	7.6	7.4	9.5	10.7	11.8	14.5	7.7	7.6
<i>OOST-NEDERLAND</i>	6.7	7.1	6.1	6.0	7.6	8.6	9.1	11.1	6.2	6.1
OVERIJSEL	7.5	7.9	6.9	6.7	8.3	9.6	11.3	13.8	6.5	6.4
GELDERLAND	6.3	6.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	8.1	7.9	9.6	6.0	5.9
FLEVOLAND	6.7	6.9	6.0	5.8	7.6	8.5	8.2	10.1	6.3	6.3
<i>WEST-NEDERLAND</i>	7.0	7.3	6.3	6.2	7.9	8.9	10.3	12.6	6.3	6.3
UTRECHT	5.8	6.1	5.3	5.2	6.6	7.5	8.8	10.8	5.2	5.2
<i>NOORD-HOLLAND</i>	7.3	7.6	6.6	6.4	8.3	9.4	11.0	13.4	6.6	6.6
ZUID-HOLLAND	7.2	7.5	6.5	6.3	8.1	9.2	10.3	12.6	6.5	6.5
ZEELAND	6.4	6.8	5.9	5.8	7.2	8.3	10.5	12.9	5.5	5.5
<i>ZUID-NEDERLAND</i>	6.6	6.9	5.9	5.8	7.4	8.4	9.7	11.8	5.9	5.9
NOORD-BRABANT	6.5	6.9	6.0	5.8	7.4	8.4	10.0	12.2	5.8	5.8
LIMBURG (NL)	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.7	7.5	8.4	9.1	11.1	6.1	6.1
OSTERREICH	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
PORTUGAL	6.7	7.1	5.9	6.5	7.8	7.8	14.5	16.0	5.3	5.5
<i>CONTINENTE</i>	6.8	7.1	6.0	6.6	7.7	7.7	14.5	16.1	5.3	5.6
NORTE	5.8	6.3	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.6	10.7	12.9	4.7	4.9
CENTRO (P)	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.7	5.6	4.1	13.0	8.9	3.1	3.2
LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO	8.3	9.1	7.2	8.5	9.6	9.9	18.5	22.9	6.7	7.1
ALENTEJO	11.4	11.4	8.4	8.0	15.7	15.9	24.6	27.0	8.7	8.8
ALGARVE	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.9	8.0	6.9	20.9	13.7	5.1	5.4
ACORES	6.6	7.8	4.1	5.0	11.2	13.4	16.6	16.7	3.9	5.6
MADEIRA	4.6	4.6	3.3	3.4	6.2	6.2	11.5	11.5	3.0	3.3
SUOMI/FINLAND	19.4	18.1	21.4	19.6	17.2	16.4	37.6	35.8	17.6	16.2
<i>MANNER-SUOMI</i>	19.5	18.2	21.5	19.7	17.3	16.5	37.6	35.8	17.6	16.3
UUSIMAA	16.2	15.2	19.2	17.7	13.3	12.8	31.7	29.7	14.7	13.7
ETELÄ-SUOMI	20.0	18.3	21.2	18.7	18.7	17.7	38.9	36.3	18.1	16.4
ITÄ-SUOMI	22.6	21.7	25.4	24.2	19.4	18.9	40.5	40.1	20.6	19.6
VÄLI-SUOMI	19.7	18.2	20.5	18.7	18.7	17.5	38.0	37.1	17.7	16.0
POHJOIS-SUOMI	22.4	21.2	24.7	23.4	19.7	18.6	43.6	42.2	20.0	18.7
AHVENANMAA/ÅLAND	7.2	6.2	8.2	6.8	6.1	5.5	29.7	25.5	6.0	5.2

	Total		Males		Females		< 25 years		≥ 25 years	
	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995	04/1994	04/1995
SVERIGE	9.6	9.1	11.3	10.1	7.8	8.0	23.4	20.4	7.8	7.6
STOCKHOLM	8.3	7.7	9.5	8.7	7.1	6.7	19.0	15.6	7.0	6.7
ÖSTRA MELLANSVERIGE	9.5	9.1	11.1	10.2	7.8	8.0	25.1	22.2	7.5	7.4
SMÅLAND MED ÖARNA	8.1	7.3	9.0	7.3	7.3	7.3	18.5	15.4	6.7	6.2
SYDSVERIGE	9.3	9.1	10.6	9.8	8.0	8.3	21.3	19.5	7.7	7.8
VÄSTSVERIGE	10.0	9.4	11.3	9.8	8.5	9.0	24.8	21.5	7.9	7.9
NORRA MELLANSVERIGE	11.1	10.7	13.8	12.1	8.1	9.1	25.6	24.2	9.1	9.0
MELLERSTA NORRLAND	11.0	10.3	14.5	13.2	7.3	7.2	28.1	25.7	8.6	8.3
ÖVRE NORRLAND	12.5	12.0	16.4	15.6	8.3	8.1	32.8	28.0	9.7	9.9
UNITED KINGDOM	9.8	8.8	11.5	10.1	7.5	7.0	16.5	15.4	8.4	7.5
<i>NORTH</i>	11.4	11.0	14.4	13.5	7.5	7.7	19.1	19.3	9.7	9.2
CLEVELAND, DURHAM	11.6	11.1	14.8	13.9	7.6	7.5	19.3	19.5	10.0	9.3
CUMBRIA	8.0	7.7	9.5	9.1	6.0	5.9	13.9	13.7	6.7	6.5
NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR	12.4	12.1	15.9	14.9	8.1	8.5	20.8	21.1	10.6	10.2
YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	9.7	9.1	11.7	10.7	7.1	7.0	17.1	16.6	8.2	7.6
HUMBERSIDE	10.3	10.2	12.0	11.8	7.9	8.0	18.5	19.3	8.6	8.4
NORTH YORKSHIRE	6.3	5.9	7.0	6.3	5.4	5.3	10.8	10.3	5.5	5.1
SOUTH YORKSHIRE	11.9	11.2	14.7	13.4	8.2	8.1	19.8	19.3	10.1	9.4
WEST YORKSHIRE	9.4	8.6	11.5	10.1	6.8	6.6	16.9	15.8	7.8	7.1
<i>EAST MIDLANDS</i>	8.8	7.8	10.3	9.0	6.8	6.2	15.3	14.1	7.5	6.6
DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	10.0	9.0	12.1	10.7	7.3	6.7	17.0	16.0	8.5	7.6
LEICS., NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	7.5	6.5	8.5	7.3	6.1	5.5	13.1	11.7	6.4	5.5
LINCOLNSHIRE	8.3	7.3	9.2	7.9	7.1	6.5	15.0	13.6	7.0	6.2
<i>EAST ANGLIA</i>	7.5	6.7	8.5	7.3	6.2	6.0	12.4	11.3	6.5	5.8
<i>SOUTH EAST (UK)</i>	9.7	8.6	11.2	9.7	7.9	7.3	16.0	14.6	8.6	7.6
BEDFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE	7.7	6.2	8.7	6.9	6.3	5.3	12.7	10.9	6.8	5.4
BERKS.,BUCKS., OXFORDSHIRE	6.2	5.2	7.2	5.8	5.0	4.3	10.3	9.0	5.5	4.5
SURREY, EAST-WEST SUSSEX	7.1	5.9	8.4	6.7	5.6	4.9	11.8	10.1	6.4	5.2
ESSEX	8.8	7.7	9.9	8.4	7.3	6.6	14.5	13.2	7.6	6.6
GREATER LONDON	13.0	12.0	14.9	13.5	10.6	10.2	21.0	19.9	11.5	10.6
HAMPSHIRE, ISLE OF WIGHT	7.8	6.5	9.1	7.4	6.0	5.3	12.9	11.1	6.8	5.6
KENT	9.2	8.2	10.9	9.4	6.9	6.6	15.3	14.2	8.0	7.1
<i>SOUTH WEST (UK)</i>	8.6	7.6	10.0	8.6	6.9	6.3	13.9	13.2	7.6	6.5
AVON, GLOUCS., WILTSHIRE	8.0	6.9	9.3	7.8	6.5	5.8	12.7	11.5	7.1	6.0
CORNWALL, DEVON	9.8	9.1	11.4	10.3	7.8	7.7	16.3	16.9	8.5	7.7
DORSET, SOMERSET	8.2	7.0	9.6	7.9	6.4	5.7	13.2	11.8	7.3	6.1
<i>WEST MIDLANDS</i>	10.0	8.8	11.5	9.9	8.0	7.3	17.0	16.1	8.5	7.4
HEREFORD-WORCS., WARWICKS.	7.2	6.1	8.0	6.6	6.2	5.5	12.4	11.4	6.3	5.3
SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE	7.5	6.5	8.5	7.2	6.2	5.6	12.9	12.1	6.4	5.4
WEST MIDLANDS (COUNTY)	12.9	11.4	15.0	13.1	9.9	9.2	21.2	20.2	11.0	9.6
<i>NORTH WEST (UK)</i>	10.2	9.2	12.4	11.0	7.4	6.9	18.6	18.1	8.4	7.5
CHESHIRE	7.6	6.8	8.8	7.7	6.0	5.6	13.7	13.2	6.4	5.6
GREATER MANCHESTER	10.3	9.2	12.6	11.1	7.4	6.9	18.4	17.7	8.6	7.5
LANCASHIRE	7.9	7.0	9.7	8.4	5.6	5.3	14.2	13.8	6.6	5.7
MERSEYSIDE	14.4	13.4	17.8	16.2	10.1	9.8	26.9	26.8	11.7	10.7
<i>WALES</i>	9.7	8.7	11.8	10.4	6.9	6.5	17.9	16.3	8.0	7.1
CLWYD, DYFED, GWYNEDD, POWYS	8.8	8.0	10.2	9.0	6.9	6.7	16.4	14.9	7.3	6.6
GWENT, MID-S-W GLAMORGAN	10.2	9.1	12.9	11.3	6.8	6.4	18.8	17.2	8.4	7.4
<i>SCOTLAND</i>	9.6	8.8	11.7	10.5	7.1	6.6	16.0	14.8	8.3	7.5
BORD.-CENTR.-FIFE-LOTH.-TAY.	8.8	8.1	10.7	9.8	6.5	6.2	14.9	14.1	7.5	6.9
DUMFR.-GALLOWAY, STRATHCLYDE	10.9	9.7	13.5	12.0	7.7	7.0	18.3	16.4	9.2	8.2
HIGHLANDS, ISLANDS	12.1	10.6	13.8	11.8	9.8	9.0	16.1	14.8	11.3	9.8
GRAMPIAN	5.9	5.7	6.6	6.1	5.1	5.2	9.5	9.7	5.2	4.9
<i>NORTHERN IRELAND</i>	14.5	13.0	16.9	15.2	11.1	10.0	20.2	17.5	13.2	12.0

Unemployment rates – total



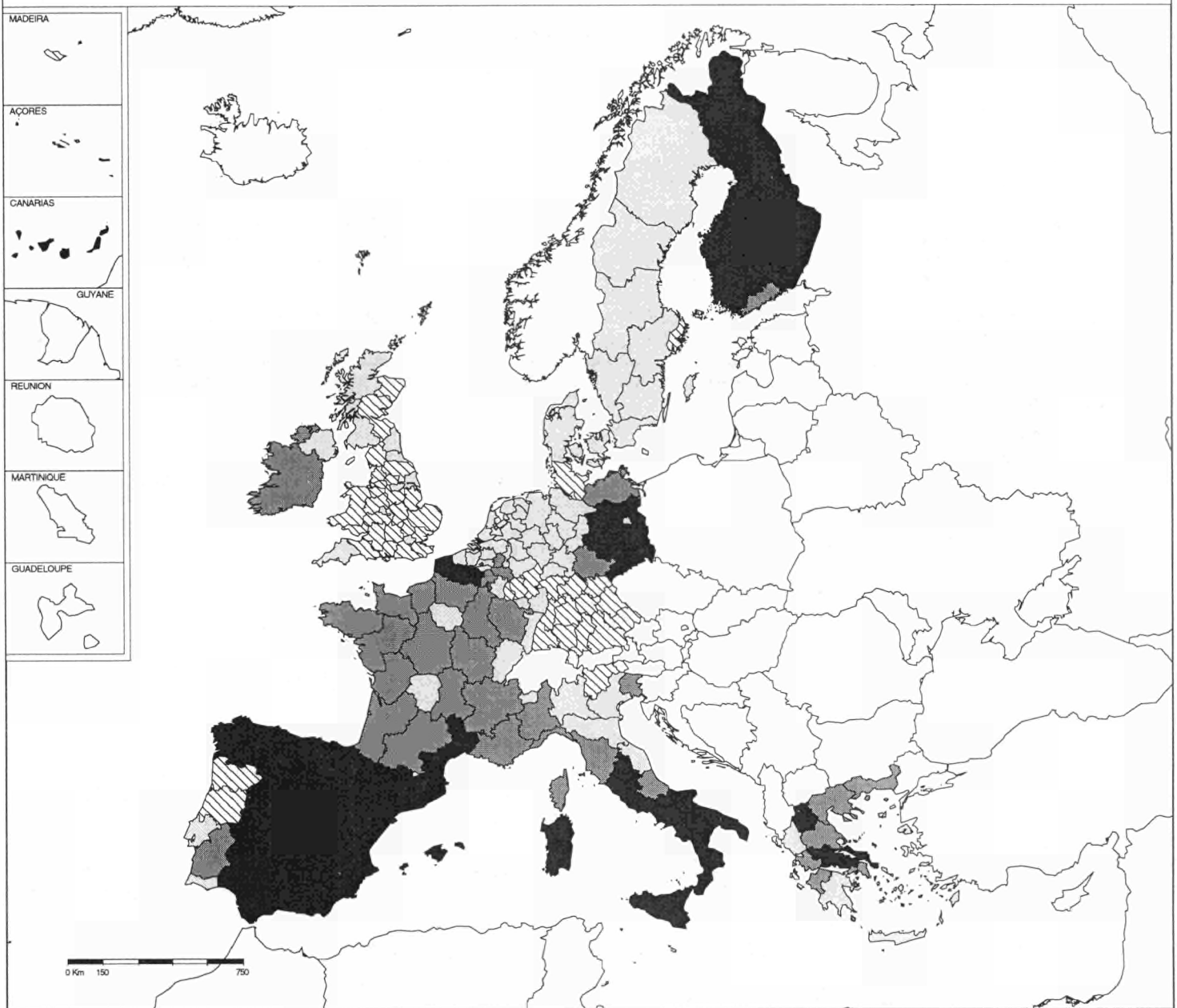
April 1995
 EUR15 = 10.7%

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|  | >= 14% |  | < 6% |
|  | 10 - 14% |  | not available |
|  | 6 - 10% | | |

Source:
 Attribute Data: REGIO Data Base
 Geographic Base: GISCO (NUTS)
 Cartography and geographic information management: GISCO -04/96



Unemployment rates – females



April 1995
 EUR15 = 12.4%

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|  | >= 17% |  | < 7% |
|  | 12 - 17% |  | not available |
|  | 7 - 12% | | |

Source:
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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 1994 and 1995 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 1995 for Belgium, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and United Kingdom, and the 1994 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 are taken from the LFS, and: Spain, Netherlands where the national labour force surveys are 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 are used.

NOTES

Revision of the estimated unemployment rates

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

Non available data:

- France: no data available for the overseas departments (D.O.M.)
- Austria: no data available

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