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MONTHLY STATISTICS OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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The percentage of the civilian working population registered as unemployed at the end of April 1977 in the European Community is estimated at 5.2%; this compares with 5.3% in March 1977 and 4.9% in April 1976. The total number registered as unemployed at end April was some 5.4 million, a reduction of more than 100,000 compared with the previous month.

At the Community level the end April total represents a decrease of 2.2% compared with end March 1977. Indeed, the total of registered unemployed fell between March and April 1977 in most Member States: -6.8% in the Netherlands, -4.9% in the Federal Republic of Germany, -3.5% in Italy, -2.0% in France and Ireland, -1.3% in Belgium and -0.5% in Denmark; in the United Kingdom, there was a slight increase (0.6%). There was no change in Luxemburg.

Compared with a year earlier, (end April 1976), the total for the Community as a whole at end April 1977 represents an increase of 6.1% but the change was different in different countries. In three countries there was a decrease: the Netherlands (-6.1%), the Federal Republic of Germany (-5.0%) and Ireland (-0.4%); in the other countries there were increases: +32.7% in Denmark, +15.2% in Belgium, +11.5% in France, +8.7% in the United Kingdom and +7.6% in Italy.

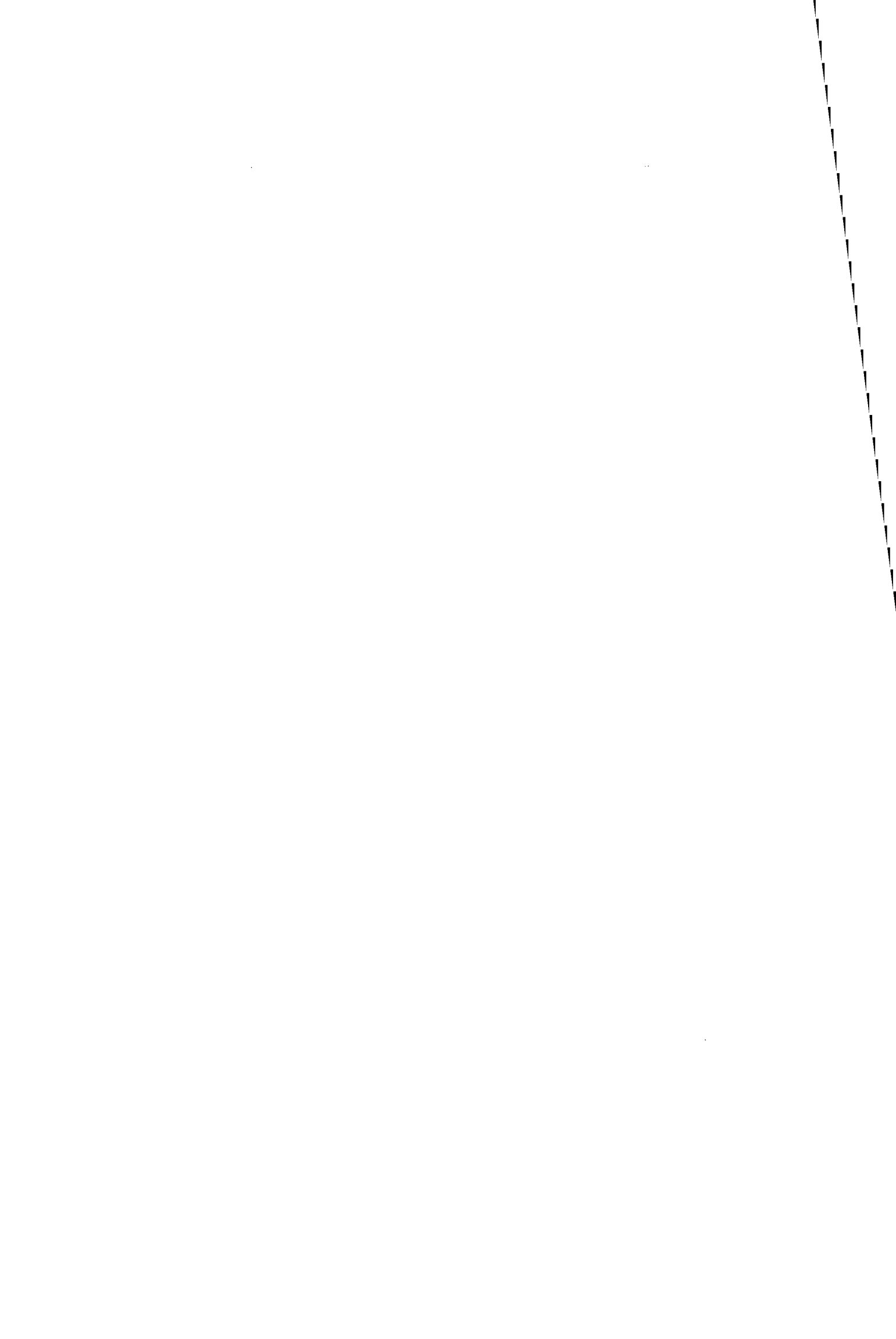
Unemployment has changed in a different way for men and women; for men the level has remained roughly the same (an increase of 0.9% between April 1976 and April 1977); over the same period the number of female registered unemployed has increased by 14.7%.

The number of unfilled vacancies at end April was slightly higher than at the end of the previous month.

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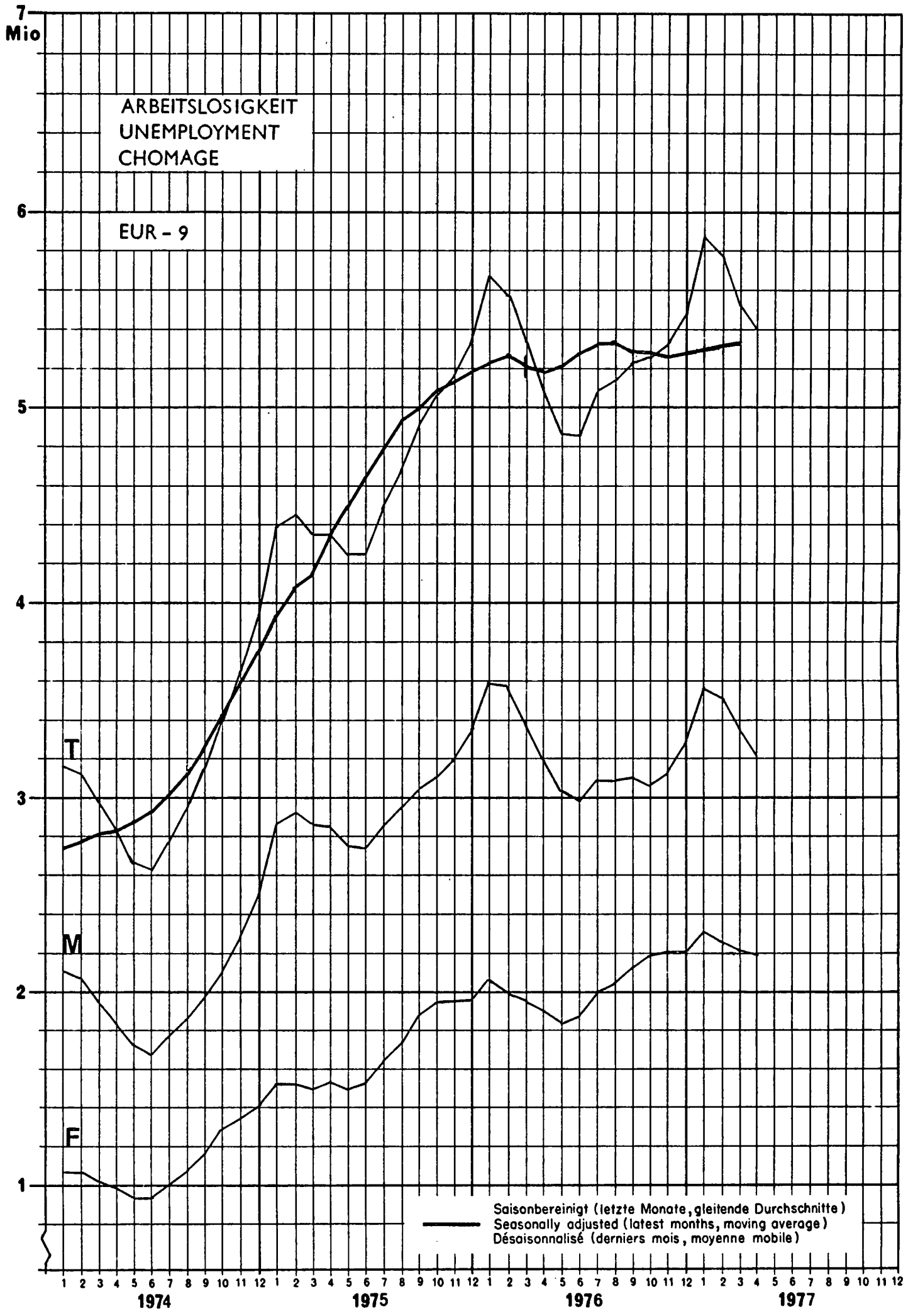


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I. Registered unemployed (000's)											
Ø 1974	T	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,0	614,9	70,4	47,9	3 070
Ø 1975	T	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,3	977,6	98,7	113,5	4 614
Ø 1976	T	1 060,3	933,5	1 182,6	210,8	266,6	0,5	1 360,0	110,5	118,2	5 243
March 1976	T	1 190,2	938,2	1 218,0	215,9	241,7	0,4	1 284,9	113,3	116,9	5 320
June 1976	T	921,0	813,0	1 142,8	194,1	238,0	0,3	1 331,8	107,1	99,2	4 848
September 1976	T	898,7	955,4	1 205,0	206,9	291,3	0,4	1 455,7	106,8	111,8	5 232
January 1977	T	1 248,9	1 068,4	1 314,3	225,8	292,5	0,7	1 448,2	116,1	160,5	5 876
February 1977	T	1 213,7	1 055,0	1 300,5	219,0	235,2	0,7	1 421,8	115,4	160,8	5 772
March 1977	T	1 084,2	1 020,6	1 295,0	201,5	279,9	0,7	1 383,8	114,0	148,0	5 528
	M	569,5	480,1	795,1	150,8	112,4	0,4	1 028,5	91,5	91,8	3 320
	F	514,7	540,5	499,9	50,7	167,5	0,3	355,3	22,5	56,2	2 208
April 1977	T	1 039,4	999,9	1 249,7	187,7	276,3	0,7	1 392,3	111,7	197,3	5 405
	M	522,8	473,1	763,3	139,1	110,4	0,4	1 032,4	89,8	88,1	3 219
	F	516,6	526,8	46,4	48,6	165,9	0,3	359,9	21,9	59,2	2 186
April 1976	T	1 093,7	896,9	1 161,2	199,8	239,8	0,4	1 281,1	112,2	111,0	5 096
	M	593,0	440,5	737,0	157,3	104,9	0,2	994,1	91,7	71,1	3 190
	F	500,7	456,4	424,2	42,5	134,9	0,2	287,0	20,5	39,9	1 906
I. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population											
Ø 1974	T	2,2	2,3	5,2	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,3	2,0	2,9
Ø 1975	T	4,1	3,9	5,7	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,8	4,6	4,4
Ø 1976	T	4,1	4,3	6,1	4,5	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,8	5,0
March 1976	T	4,6	4,3	6,3	4,6	6,2	0,3	5,0	10,0	4,8	5,1
June 1976	T	3,6	3,8	5,9	4,1	6,1	0,2	5,2	9,5	4,0	4,6
September 1976	T	3,5	4,4	6,2	4,4	7,4	0,2	5,7	9,5	4,6	5,0
January 1977	T	4,8	4,9	6,8	4,8	7,5	0,5	5,7	10,3	6,5	5,6
February 1977	T	4,7	4,9	6,7	4,6	7,3	0,5	5,6	10,2	6,6	5,5
March 1977	T	4,2	4,7	6,7	4,3	7,1	0,5	5,4	10,1	6,0	5,3
April 1977	T	4,0	4,6	6,4	4,0	7,1	0,5	5,5	9,9	6,0	5,2
April 1976	T	4,2	4,1	6,0	4,2	6,1	0,3	5,0	9,9	4,5	4,9



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III. New registrations to unemployment (000's)											
During January 1977	T	416,8	222,4	:	36,0	44,8	1,0	:	:	:	:
During February 1977	T	267,0	187,3	:			1,1	361,5	:	:	:
During March 1977	T	258,2	189,5	:	32,4		1,5	341,1	:	:	:
IV. Unemployed under 25 years											
a) as a % of all registered unemployed											
June 1976	T	(a) 25,7	37,6	:	42,7	34,8	:	(b) 42,0	:	:	:
September 1976	T	28,6	46,3	:	44,1	43,9	:	:	:	:	:
December 1976	T	:	46,3	:	39,4	39,1	:	:	:	:	:
February 1977	T	:	41,3	:	37,3	36,7	:	(c) 36,6	:	:	:
March 1977	T	:	39,9	:	36,9		:	:	:		:
March 1976	T	:	39,1	:	36,9	37,2	:	:	:		:
b) in thousands											
March 1977	T	:	407,7	:	74,3		:	:	:		:
	M	:	148,5	:	46,3		:	:	:		:
	F	:	259,1	:	28,0		:	:	:		:
March 1976	T	:	367,0	:	79,6	90,0	:	:	:		:
	M	:	142,2	:	55,4	33,7	:	:	:		:
	F	:	224,8	:	24,2	56,3	:	:	:		:
V. Unemployed foreigners (000's)											
February 1977	T	107,7	:	:	14,3		:	:	:		:
March 1977	T	102,8	:	:			:	:	:		:
VI. Vacancies											
a) recorded during the month											
January 1977	T	160,2	76,9	:	19,3	10,0	1,0	:	2,3	15,4	:
February 1977	T	190,9	73,8	:		14,1	1,2		2,1	15,8	:
March 1977	T	229,3	87,6	:	28,0	12,8	1,4	186,4	2,1	19,6	:
b) unfilled at end of month											
February 1977	T	224,5	98,2	:	42,2	3,9	0,2	133,9	1,7	1,3	:
March 1977	T	244,1	104,9	:	45,4	3,4	0,2	144,3	1,5	1,7	:
April 1977	T	246,1	103,3	:	46,5	3,6	0,2	159,7		2,1	:

(a) May (b) July (c) January



TECHNICAL NOTE CONCERNING FIGURES OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES

This Statistical Telegram is based on national data on numbers of persons registered at public employment offices. The information is obtained by regular transmission to the Statistical Office of the European Communities. The definitions have been standardized in a number of respects but complete comparability is not possible; national legislation and administrative practices are too different. The statistics are therefore useful mainly for studies of trends. Similarly the bases of calculation of the percentages of registered unemployment in the civilian working population have been standardized in a number of respects. They are therefore somewhat better suited for comparison of trends than are unemployment rates calculated nationally on different bases in the various countries. However, it must be emphasized that the degree of standardization is insufficient to permit reliable comparison either of absolute levels or of rates of unemployment; any such analysis must be made with extreme caution.

For registered unemployment, the following data have been used :

- F.R. OF GERMANY** : Unemployed according to the definition of the Bundesanstalt für Arbeit, namely persons without job seeking permanent work for at least 20 hours a week.
- FRANCE** : As defined by the Ministère du Travail and registered at the Agence National 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 employment exchange 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 do not have or no longer have a job, and are seeking full-time work for 30 hours or more a week.
- BELGIUM** : Persons out of work on register at 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 on the labour market and registered at the Administration de l'Emploi.
- UNITED KINGDOM** : Unemployed persons registered for employment at a local employment office or careers office on the date of the monthly count who on that day have no job and are capable of and available for work for more than 30 hours a week. These statistics are compiled by Department of Employment for Great-Britain and Department of Manpower-Services for Northern Ireland.
- IRELAND** : Unemployed persons on the Live register capable of work and available for a job comprising claimants to Unemployment Benefits, applicants for Unemployment Assistance and certain other registered persons.
- 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. In some cases, this may not be the usual national understanding of registered unemployment.

Situation at the end of the month means at the last day of the month except for United Kingdom where they refer to the second Thursday of the month, Ireland to the last Friday of the month and Denmark to the last Wednesday of the month. All registrations during the month are included and the totals shown gross, that is, without deduction of registrations cancelled during the month.

The national data published are absolute figures without seasonal adjustment. For comparison figures for the corresponding month of the previous year are shown. For the chart, seasonal adjustment has been 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 have been used. The figures shown are annual average or mid-year estimates of the latest common available year for all countries (i.e. 1975).

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

T	Total	*	estimated by EUROSTAT
M	Men	p	preliminary
F	Females	:	not available
Ø	Average	blank	not yet available
		r	revised

