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DECEMBER 1977 AND BRIEF REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

At the end of December 1977, the number of persons registered as unemployed in the Community was slightly over six million, or 5.7 % of the working population. The seasonally adjusted figures suggest that there has been a slight downward trend over the past few months.

Compared with the previous month, the number of registered unemployed dropped in France, Belgium and the United Kingdom and rose in other countries. For the Community as a whole, these countervailing changes resulted in an overall increase of 80 000 unemployed, viz. + 100 000 men and - 20 000 women.

Compared with December 1976, the overall increase was 10.2 %, made up of + 6.8 % men and + 15.4 % women.

The proportion of men registered as unemployed in the Community in 1977, expressed as a percentage of the male working population, varied between 4.6 % and 5.3 %, while the corresponding proportion for females varied between 5.6% and 6.8 %.

On the whole, the level of registered unemployed in the Community was higher in 1977 than in 1976. Only three countries saw a drop in their annual average : the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands and Ireland. However these reductions were not sufficient to offset the increases in the other countries. For the Community as a whole this amounted to an increase in the average annual total registered unemployed of 9.3 % between 1977 and 1976, corresponding to + 6.0 % for men and + 14.3 % for women.

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Over the past five years (1973-1977), the development in the level of unemployment in the Community has been different from that observed in the United States and Japan.

However, it should be born in mind that in those two countries, unemployment levels are assessed on the basis of monthly labour force sample surveys (with direct questioning of individuals), and are not based on figures drawn up by employment offices.

The figures should not therefore be used to compare the levels of unemployment in the different countries, but simply to provide an indication of trends.

The greatest rate of increase was observed in 1975 as well for the EC as in the USA and Japan. Before this period, a similar trend was observed in each region; after, a relatively modest increase occurred in the EEC and Japan, while in the USA a decrease was noted since 1976. However, the level of unemployment remains higher in the USA than in the EC or Japan.

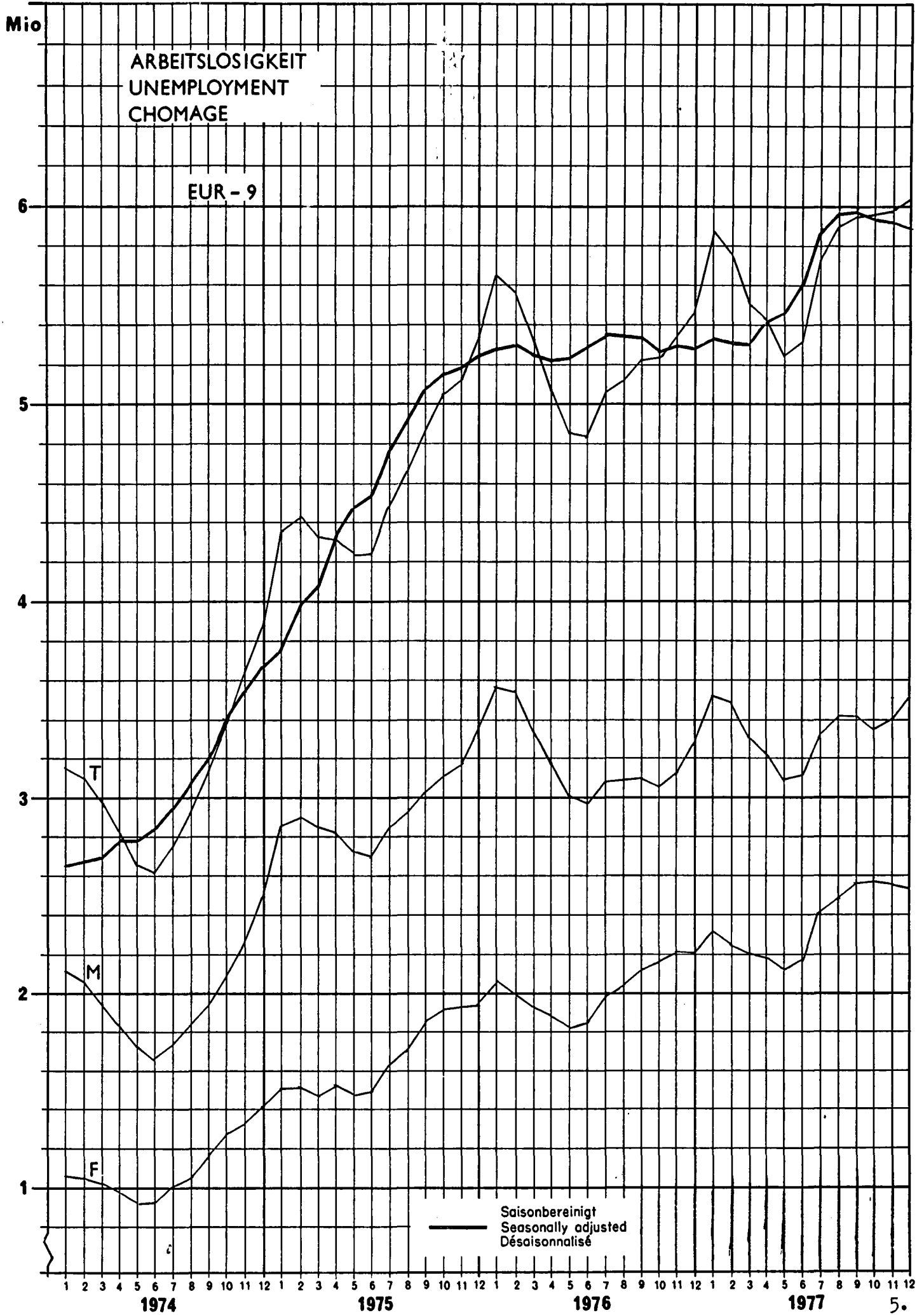
Separate analysis for male and female unemployed shows that in the EC and the United States, the proportion of unemployed women, expressed as a percentage of the female working population, is higher than the equivalent figure for men, whereas in Japan the inverse situation obtains.

		1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Unemployment, annual average (000's)						
EC	T	2.596	3.070	4.614	5.242	5.728 p
USA	T	4.304	5.076	7.830	7.288	6.855 *
Japan	T	680	730	1.000	1.080	1.110 *
EC	T	- 9,5	+ 18,3	+ 50,3	+ 13,6	+ 9,3
USA	T	- 11,1	+ 17,9	+ 54,3	- 6,9	- 5,9 *
Japan	T	- 6,9	+ 7,4	+ 37,0	+ 8,0	+ 2,8 *
Proportion of unemployed as % of civilian working population						
EC	T	2,5	2,9	4,4	5,0	5,4
	M	2,6*	2,9*	4,3*	4,7*	5,0*
	F	2,4*	2,9*	4,5*	5,5*	6,3*
USA	T	4,9	5,6	8,5	7,5	7,1*
	M	4,1	4,8	7,9	7,0	
	F	6,0	6,7	9,3	8,6	
Japan	T	1,3	1,4	1,9	2,0	2,1*
	M	1,3	1,4	2,0	2,2	
	F	1,2	1,3	1,7	1,7	

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I. Registered unemployed											
a) in thousands											
∅ 1974	T	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,057	614,9	70,4	47,9	3 070
∅ 1975	T	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,264	977,6	98,7	113,5	4 614
∅ 1976	T	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,8	266,6	0,457	1 360,0	110,5	118,2	5 242 ^P
∅ 1977	T	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 375,0	203,5	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0	5 728 ^P
December 1976	T	1 089,9	1 036,9	1 218,4	217,6	289,7	0,696	1 371,0	114,4	144,6	5 483
March 1977	T	1 084,2	1 020,6	1 295,0	201,5	279,9	0,674	1 383,8	114,0	148,0	5 528
June 1977	T	931,0	967,7	1 280,3	186,5	272,9	0,593	1 450,1	106,4	128,4	5 324
September 1977	T	911,2	1 175,1	1 484,3	205,3	337,5	0,881	1 609,1	103,6	140,5	5 967
October 1977	T	954,4	1 205,8	1 469,9	203,5	338,2	1,001	1 518,3	103,7	150,1	5 945
November 1977	T	1 004,3	1 179,4	1 469,7	207,2	340,0	1,182	1 499,1	105,0	157,3	5 963 ^F
	M	481,6	540,3	869,2	141,7	139,8	0,703	1 063,2	83,4	85,3	3 405 ^F
	F	522,7	639,1	600,5	65,5	200,2	0,479	435,9	21,6	72,0	2 558 ^F
December 1977	T	1 090,7	1 144,9	1 498,5	216,0	334,2	1,291	1 480,8	109,8	167,6	6 044 ^P
	M	559,3	533,2	879,2	152,3	137,2	0,796	1 060,7	87,1	95,6	3 505 ^P
	F	531,4	611,7	619,1	63,7	197,0	0,495	420,1	22,7	72,0	2 539 ^P
December 1976	T	1 089,9	1 036,9	1 218,4	217,6	289,7	0,696	1 371,0	114,4	144,6	5 483
	M	573,4	479,5	757,5	162,2	120,1	0,437	1 008,0	91,5	90,2	3 283
	F	516,6	557,4	460,9	55,4	169,6	0,259	363,0	22,9	54,4	2 200
b) % change on											
- previous month	T	+ 8,6	- 2,9	+ 1,9	+ 4,2	- 1,7	+ 9,2	- 1,2	+ 4,6	+ 6,5	+ 1,4
	M	+ 16,1	- 1,3	+ 1,2	+ 7,5	- 1,9	+ 13,2	- 0,2	+ 4,4	+ 12,1	+ 2,9
	F	+ 1,7	- 4,3	+ 3,1	- 2,7	- 1,6	+ 3,3	- 3,6	+ 5,1	0	- 0,7
- corresponding month of previous year	T	+ 0,1	+ 10,4	+ 23,0	- 0,7	+ 15,4	+ 85,5	+ 8,0	- 4,0	+ 15,9	+ 10,2
	M	- 2,5	+ 11,2	+ 16,1	- 6,1	+ 14,2	+ 82,2	+ 5,2	- 4,8	+ 6,0	+ 6,8
	F	+ 2,9	+ 9,7	+ 34,3	+ 15,0	+ 16,2	+ 91,1	+ 15,7	- 0,9	+ 32,4	+ 15,4
II. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population											
∅ 1974	T	2,2	2,3	5,2	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,3	2,0	2,9
∅ 1975	T	4,2	3,9	5,7	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,8	4,6	4,4
∅ 1976	T	4,1	4,3	6,0	4,4	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,7	5,0
∅ 1977	T	4,0	4,9	7,0	4,3	7,8	0,6	5,8	9,7	5,9	5,4
December 1976	T	4,3	4,8	6,2	4,6	7,3	0,5	5,3	10,1	5,8	5,2
March 1977	T	4,2	4,7	6,6	4,2	7,1	0,5	5,4	10,1	5,9	5,3
June 1977	T	3,6	4,4	6,5	3,9	6,9	0,4	5,6	9,4	5,1	5,1
September 1977	T	3,6	5,4	7,5	4,3	8,6	0,6	6,3	9,2	5,6	5,7
October 1977	T	3,7	5,5	7,5	4,3	8,6	0,7	5,9	9,2	6,0	5,6
November 1977	T	3,9	5,4	7,5	4,3	8,6	0,8	5,8	9,3	6,3	5,7
December 1977	T	4,3	5,2	7,6	4,5	8,5	0,9	5,8	9,7	6,7	5,7
December 1976	T	4,3	4,8	6,2	4,6	7,4	0,5	5,3	10,1	5,8	5,2

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III. New registrations to unemployment (000's)											
During September 1977	T	247,9	338,1	:	55,3	59,9	1,539	360,5	:	:	:
During October 1977	T	294,1	274,9	:	42,2	50,8	1,382 ^T	499,6	:	:	:
During November 1977	T	286,6	228,1	:			1,256	388,2	:	:	:
IV. Unemployed under 25 years											
a) as a % of all registered unemployed											
March 1977	T	:	39,9	:	36,9	35,6	:	(a)36,6	:	:	:
May 1977	T	26,6	38,3	:	37,0	33,9	(b)43,0	:	:	:	:
July 1977	T	:	40,3	:	44,0	42,5	54,6	45,5	:	:	:
October 1977	T	(c)21,6	46,3	:	45,0	41,9	58,4	:	:	:	:
November 1977	T	:	44,6	:	43,1	40,6	56,2	:	:	:	:
November 1976	T	:	47,3	:	41,0	40,8	:	:	:	:	:
b) In thousands											
November 1977	T	235,8	525,5	:	89,3	138,0	0,664	:	:	:	:
	M	108,1	189,7	:	48,4	51,1	0,356	:	:	:	:
	F	127,7	335,8	:	40,9	86,9	0,308	:	:	:	:
November 1976	T	:	492,5	:	84,6	119,1	:	:	:	:	:
	M	:	183,4	:	50,1	42,5	:	:	:	:	:
	F	:	309,1	:	34,5	76,6	:	:	:	:	:
V. Unemployed foreigners (000's)											
October 1977	T	88,0	:	:	13,9	45,6	:	:	:	:	:
November 1977	T	97,2	:	:	14,2		:	:	:	:	:
VI. Vacancies											
a) recorded during the month											
September 1977	T	184,2	100,9	:	33,1	12,0	1,344	181,2	3,7	18,8	:
October 1977	T	167,2	71,1	:	28,0	11,6	1,164	248,3	2,7	17,4	:
November 1977	T	163,4	67,3	:		9,4	1,012	190,1		17,9	:
November 1976	T	157,0	74,8	:	21,5	9,0	1,138	:	:	17,2	:
b) unfilled at end of month											
October 1977	T	220,2	109,0	:	62,9	2,8	0,124	169,1	2,2	1,7	:
November 1977	T	199,1	97,5	:	56,3	2,8	0,171	159,9		1,3	:
December 1977	T	185,9	86,6	:	50,5	2,7	0,130	154,4		1,0	:
December 1976	T	185,9	95,0	:	42,8	3,4	0,129	:	:	1,1	:

a) January 1977 b) June 1977
o) September 1977





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 for an employment 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 ordinarily 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 Wednesday preceding the last complete week 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. 1976).

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	Males	p	preliminary
F	Females	:	not available
Ø	Average	blank	not yet available
		r	revised

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Persons registered at public employment offices - Year 1977

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I. Registered unemployed (000's)											
1. Total											
	01/77	1 248,9	1 068,4	1 314,3	225,8	292,5	0,737	1 448,2	116,1	159,4	5 874,3
	02/77	1 213,7	1 055,0	1 300,5	219,0	285,2	0,677	1 421,8	115,4	161,3	5 772,6
	03/77	1 084,2	1 020,6	1 295,0	201,5	279,9	0,674	1 383,8	114,0	148,0	5 527,7
	04/77	1 039,2	999,9	1 278,2	187,7	276,3	0,674	1 392,3	111,7	147,3	5 433,3
	05/77	946,5	976,1	1 282,2	179,8	274,4	0,609	1 341,7	108,8	134,5	5 244,6
	06/77	931,0	967,7	1 280,3	186,5	272,9	0,593	1 450,1	106,4	128,4	5 323,9
	07/77	972,6	1 004,3	1 381,7	201,4	325,3	0,703	1 622,4	106,7	131,8	5 746,9
	08/77	963,5	1 063,9	1 445,5	208,7	335,3	0,825	1 635,8	107,3	138,2	5 899,0
	09/77	911,2	1 175,1	1 484,3	205,3	337,5	0,881	1 609,1	103,6	140,5	5 967,5
	10/77	954,4	1 205,8	1 469,9	203,5	338,2	1,001	1 518,3	103,7	150,1	5 944,9
	11/77	1 004,3	1 179,4	1 469,7	207,2	340,0	1,182	1 499,1	105,0	157,3	5 963,2
	12/77	1 090,7	1 144,9	1 498,3	216,0	334,2	1,291	1 480,8	109,8	167,6	6 043,6
Annual average		1 030,0	1 071,8	1 375,0	203,5	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0	5 728,3
2. Males											
	01/77	699,5	497,9	816,7	170,6	121,3	0,460	1 074,1	93,3	104,1	3 578,0
	02/77	676,3	494,7	809,2	166,2	116,7	0,398	1 055,5	92,6	104,9	3 516,5
	03/77	569,6	480,1	795,1	150,8	112,4	0,413	1 028,5	91,5	91,8	3 320,2
	04/77	522,8	473,1	781,2	139,0	110,4	0,390	1 032,4	89,8	88,1	3 237,2
	05/77	464,1	461,4	788,6	131,9	109,1	0,363	994,3	87,4	76,5	3 113,7
	06/77	451,2	455,1	782,7	132,6	107,5	0,391	1 050,8	85,5	70,8	3 136,6
	07/77	465,0	471,3	843,3	141,4	131,0	0,428	1 132,7	84,9	73,7	3 343,7
	08/77	453,3	498,4	885,4	142,1	135,5	0,491	1 143,5	85,5	74,1	3 418,3
	09/77	424,2	535,1	895,4	137,4	136,4	0,511	1 124,3	82,8	74,5	3 410,6
	10/77	442,8	548,0	870,6	136,0	137,7	0,587	1 070,8	82,3	79,8	3 368,6
	11/77	481,6	540,3	869,2	141,7	139,8	0,703	1 063,2	83,4	85,3	3 405,2
	12/77	559,3	533,2	879,2	152,3	137,2	0,796	1 060,7	87,1	95,6	3 505,4
Annual average		517,5	499,1	834,7	145,2	124,6	0,494	1 069,2	87,2	84,9	3 362,9
3. Females											
	01/77	549,4	570,5	497,6	55,2	171,2	0,277	374,1	22,8	55,3	2 296,4
	02/77	537,4	560,3	491,3	52,8	168,5	0,279	366,3	22,8	56,4	2 256,1
	03/77	514,6	540,5	499,9	50,7	167,5	0,261	355,3	22,5	56,2	2 207,5
	04/77	516,4	526,8	497,0	48,7	165,9	0,284	359,9	21,9	59,2	2 196,1
	05/77	482,4	514,7	493,6	47,9	165,3	0,246	347,4	21,4	58,0	2 130,9
	06/77	479,8	512,6	497,6	53,9	165,4	0,202	399,3	20,9	57,6	2 187,3
	07/77	507,6	533,0	538,4	60,0	194,3	0,275	489,7	21,8	58,1	2 403,2
	08/77	510,2	565,5	560,1	66,6	199,8	0,334	492,3	21,8	64,1	2 480,7
	09/77	487,0	640,0	588,9	67,9	201,1	0,370	484,8	20,8	66,0	2 556,9
	10/77	511,6	657,8	599,3	67,5	200,5	0,414	447,5	21,4	70,3	2 576,3
	11/77	522,7	639,1	600,5	65,5	200,2	0,479	435,9	21,6	72,0	2 558,0
	12/77	531,4	611,7	619,1	63,7	197,0	0,495	420,1	22,7	72,0	2 538,2
Annual average		512,5	572,7	540,3	58,4	183,1	0,326	414,4	21,9	62,1	2 365,7
II. Registered unemployed females as % of all registered unemployed											
	01/77	44,0	53,4	37,9	24,4	58,5	37,6	25,8	19,6	34,7	39,1
	02/77	44,3	53,1	37,8	24,1	59,1	41,2	25,8	19,8	35,0	39,1
	03/77	47,5	53,0	38,6	25,2	59,8	38,7	25,7	19,7	38,0	39,9
	04/77	49,7	52,7	38,9	25,9	60,0	42,1	25,8	19,6	40,2	40,4
	05/77	51,0	52,7	38,5	26,6	60,2	40,4	25,9	19,7	43,1	40,6
	06/77	51,5	53,0	38,9	28,9	60,6	34,1	27,5	19,6	44,9	41,1
	07/77	52,2	53,1	39,0	29,8	59,7	39,1	30,2	20,4	44,1	41,8
	08/77	53,0	53,2	38,7	31,9	59,6	40,5	30,1	20,3	46,4	42,1
	09/77	53,4	54,5	39,7	33,1	59,6	42,0	30,1	20,1	47,0	42,8
	10/77	53,6	54,6	40,8	33,2	59,3	41,4	29,5	20,6	46,8	43,3
	11/77	52,0	54,2	40,1	31,6	58,9	40,5	29,1	20,6	45,8	42,7
	12/77	48,7	53,4	41,3	29,5	58,9	38,3	28,4	20,7	43,0	42,0
Annual average		49,3	53,4	39,3	28,7	59,5	39,7	27,9	20,1	42,2	41,3



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III. Registered unem- ployed											
1) Total as % of working pop.	01/77	4,9	4,9	6,7	4,7	7,4	0,5	5,6	10,3	6,4	5,6
	02/77	4,7	4,8	6,6	4,6	7,2	0,5	5,5	10,2	6,5	5,5
	03/77	4,2	4,7	6,6	4,2	7,1	0,5	5,4	10,1	5,9	5,3
	04/77	4,1	4,6	6,5	3,9	7,0	0,5	5,4	9,9	5,9	5,2
	05/77	3,7	4,5	6,5	3,8	7,0	0,4	5,2	9,6	5,4	5,0
	06/77	3,6	4,4	6,5	3,9	6,9	0,4	5,6	9,4	5,1	5,1
	07/77	3,8	4,6	7,0	4,2	8,3	0,5	6,3	9,5	5,3	5,5
	08/77	3,8	4,9	7,4	4,4	8,5	0,6	6,4	9,5	5,5	5,6
	09/77	3,6	5,4	7,5	4,3	8,6	0,6	6,3	9,2	5,6	5,7
	10/77	3,7	5,5	7,5	4,3	8,6	0,7	5,9	9,2	6,0	5,6
	11/77	3,9	5,4	7,6	4,3	8,6	0,8	5,8	9,3	6,3	5,7
	12/77	4,3	5,2 ^p	7,6	4,5	8,5	0,9	5,8	9,7	6,7	5,7
Annual average		4,0	4,9	7,0	4,3	7,8	0,6	5,8	9,7	5,9	5,4
2) Males as % of masc. working population	01/77	4,4	3,7	5,9	*4,9	4,8	*0,4	6,8	*11,5	7,2	*5,3
	02/77	4,3	3,7	5,8	*4,8	4,6	*0,4	6,7	*11,4	7,2	*5,2
	03/77	3,6	3,6	5,7	*4,3	4,4	*0,4	6,5	*11,3	6,3	*4,9
	04/77	3,3	3,5	5,6	*4,0	4,4	*0,4	6,5	*11,0	6,1	*4,8
	05/77	2,9	3,4	5,7	*3,8	4,3	*0,3	6,3	*10,8	5,3	*4,6
	06/77	2,8	3,4	5,6	*3,8	4,2	*0,4	6,6	*10,5	4,9	*4,6
	07/77	2,9	3,5	6,1	*4,0	5,2	*0,4	7,1	*10,4	5,1	*5,0
	08/77	2,9	3,7	6,4	*4,1	5,3	*0,5	7,2	*10,5	5,1	*5,1
	09/77	2,7	4,0	6,4	*3,9	5,4	*0,5	7,1	*10,2	5,1	*5,1
	10/77	2,8	4,1	6,2	*3,9	5,4	*0,6	6,7	*10,1	5,5	*5,0
	11/77	3,0	4,0	6,2	*4,1	5,5	*0,7	6,7	*10,3	5,9	*5,1
	12/77	3,5	4,0 ^p	6,3	*4,4	5,4	*0,8	6,7	*10,7	6,6	*5,2
Annual average		3,3	3,7	6,0	*4,2	4,9	*0,5	6,7	*10,7	6,0	*5,0
3) Females as % of fem. working population	01/77	5,6	6,8	8,7	*4,3	12,2	*0,6	3,8	*7,2	5,3	*6,1
	02/77	5,5	6,7	8,6	*4,1	12,0	*0,6	3,7	*7,2	5,4	*6,0
	03/77	5,3	6,4	8,7	*4,0	11,9	*0,6	3,6	*7,1	5,4	*5,8
	04/77	5,3	6,3	8,7	*3,8	11,8	*0,7	3,7	*6,9	5,6	*5,8
	05/77	4,9	6,1	8,6	*3,8	11,7	*0,6	3,5	*6,8	5,5	*5,6
	06/77	4,9	6,1	8,7	*4,2	11,8	*0,5	4,1	*6,6	5,5	*5,8
	07/77	5,2	6,4	9,4	*4,7	13,8	*0,6	5,0	*6,9	5,5	*6,4
	08/77	5,2	6,7	9,8	*5,2	14,2	*0,8	5,0	*6,9	6,1	*6,6
	09/77	5,0	7,6	10,3	*5,3	14,3	*0,9	4,9	*6,6	6,3	*6,8
	10/77	5,2	7,8	10,5	*5,3	14,3	*1,0	4,5	*6,8	6,7	*6,8
	11/77	5,4	7,6	10,5	*5,1	14,2	*1,1	4,4	*6,8	6,9	*6,8
	12/77	5,4	7,3 ^p	10,8	*5,0	14,0	*1,2	4,3	*7,2	6,9	*6,7
Annual average		5,2	6,8	9,4	*4,6	13,0	*0,8	4,2	*6,9	5,9	*6,3

Source : National data standardised for Community use - Summary of the monthly
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These statistics should be mainly used for studies of trends, comparison of level should only be made with extreme caution because of differences in legislation and administrative procedures between countries.

