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OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY

- December 1979

Compared with November 1979 the number of unemployed registered at public employment offices in the Community rose by the end of December 1979 to almost 6.2 million. With this increase of about 2%, the percentage of registered unemployed in the civilian working population went up from 5.6% at the end of November to 5.7% at the end of December 1979.

The labour market situation remained almost unchanged compared with the previous month in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium and Italy. Increases in unemployment of between 3 and 4% occurred in Ireland, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, while clear increases were noted in Denmark (+ 13.1%) and the Federal Republic of Germany (+ 3.5%).

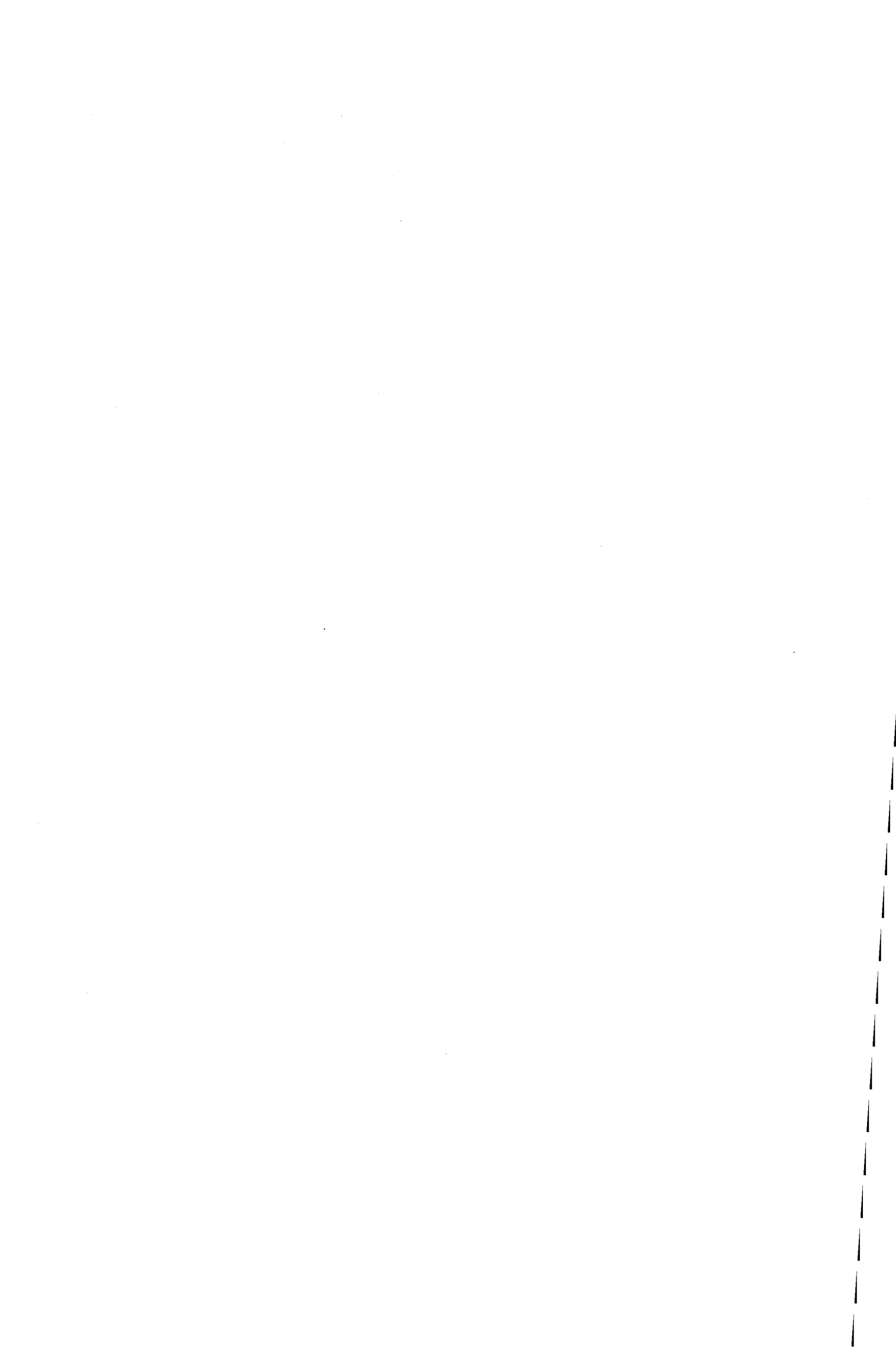
Provisional annual figures indicate that the average total unemployment for the year 1979 was 6 million. This represents a rise of 1.1% on the previous year and an increase in the average rate of unemployment from 5.5 to 5.6% for the Community.

The average figures for 1979 show a significant reduction in unemployment compared with 1978 in the case of some Member States, namely Denmark (- 18.8%), the Federal Republic of Germany (- 11.3%), Luxembourg and Ireland (- 9.5% approximately) and the United Kingdom (- 5.7%). Unemployment was higher than in 1978 in France (+ 15.7%), Italy (+ 6.6%), Belgium (+ 5.6%) and the Netherlands (+ 2.1%).

The rise in the average number unemployed in the Community in 1979 of the order of 1% was the consequence of a reduction in the case of men of 2.3% and an increase in the case of women of 5.6%. The resultant average unemployment rates in 1979 were 4.9% for men and 6.7% for women compared with 5.0% and 6.4% respectively in 1978.

In four Member States the average female unemployment rose appreciably: almost 17% in France, 12% in Italy and in the Netherlands and about 9% in Belgium. Noteworthy reductions occurred only in Denmark (- 11%) and the Federal Republic of Germany (-9%);

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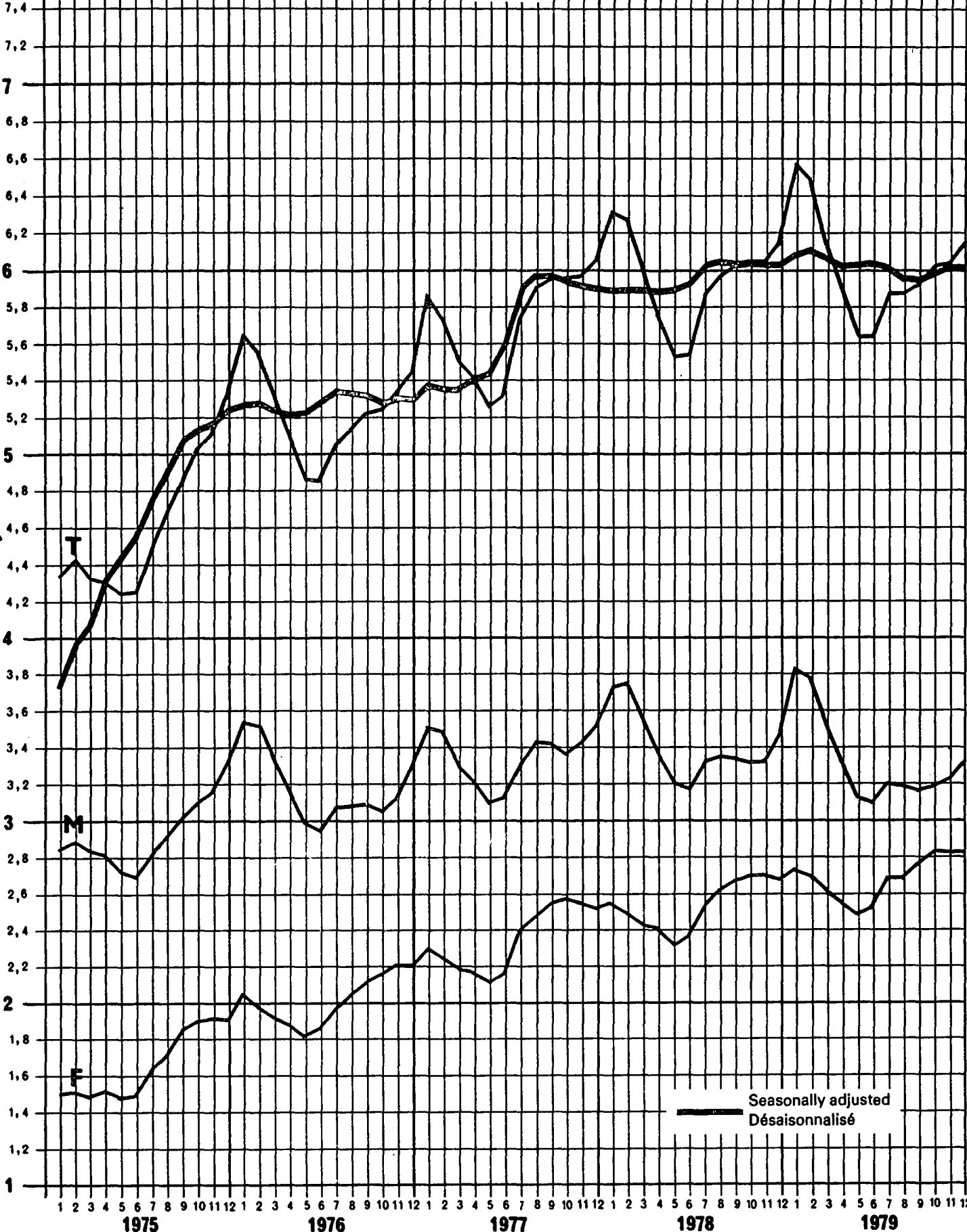
		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
I. Registered unemployed											
a) in thousands											
August 1979	T	798,9	1 302,6	1 515,6	218,0	380,9	0,938	1 455,5	88,8	119,9	5 881,1
September 1979	T	736,8	1 423,9	1 590,0	212,6	380,2	1,020	1 394,5	84,2	118,9	5 942,1
October 1979	T	761,7	1 479,9	1 634,7	207,4	372,1	1,161	1 367,6	84,5	122,6	6 031,7
November 1979	T	799,0	1 472,7	1 623,0r	209,5	368,2	1,177	1 355,2	86,3	124,5r	6 039,6r
	M	360,4	660,4	892,8r	127,2	134,6	0,579	924,4	65,6	56,1r	3 222,1r
	F	438,6	812,3	730,2r	82,3	233,6	0,598	430,8	20,7	68,4r	2 817,5r
December 1979	T	866,8	1 468,9	1 641,1	216,7	366,8	1,217	1 355,5	90,1	147,0	6 154,1
	M	418,0	665,7	895,8	136,2	134,4	0,617	934,2	68,6	75,0	3 328,5
	F	448,8	803,2	745,3	80,5	232,4	0,600	421,3	21,5	72,0	2 825,6
December 1978	T	1 006,7	1 328,3	1 635,5	219,7	347,6	1,187	1 364,3	99,8	185,4	6 188,5
	M	495,0	631,1	942,3	145,2	137,3	0,608	962,5	78,6	101,5	3 494,1
	F	511,7	697,2	693,2	74,5	210,3	0,579	401,8	21,2	83,9	2 694,4
b) % change on											
November 1979	T	+ 8,5	- 0,3	+ 1,1	+ 3,4	- 0,4	+ 3,4	+ 0,0	+ 4,4	+ 18,1	+ 1,9
	M	+ 16,0	+ 0,8	+ 0,3	+ 7,1	- 0,1	+ 6,6	+ 1,1	+ 4,6	+ 33,7	+ 3,3
	F	+ 2,3	- 1,1	+ 2,1	- 2,2	- 0,5	+ 0,3	- 2,2	+ 3,9	+ 5,3	+ 0,3
December 1978	T	- 13,9	+ 10,6	+ 0,3	- 1,4	+ 5,5	+ 2,5	- 0,6	- 9,7	- 20,7	- 0,6
	M	- 15,6	+ 5,5	- 4,9	- 6,2	- 2,1	+ 1,5	- 2,9	- 12,7	- 26,1	- 4,7
	F	- 12,3	+ 15,2	+ 7,5	+ 8,1	+ 10,5	+ 3,6	+ 4,9	+ 1,4	- 14,2	+ 4,9
II. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population											
August 1979	T	3,1	5,9	7,0	4,3	9,5	0,6	5,6	7,8	4,6	5,4
September 1979	T	2,9	6,4	7,4	4,2	9,5	0,7	5,4	7,4	4,6	5,5
October 1979	T	3,0	6,7	7,6	4,1	9,3	0,8	5,3	7,5	4,7	5,6
November 1979	T	3,1	6,7	7,5	4,1	9,2	0,8	5,2	7,6	4,9	5,6
	M	2,3	4,9	6,2	3,6	5,3	0,5*	5,8	8,1*	3,9	4,7
	F	4,4	9,4	10,4	5,5	15,9	1,3*	4,2	6,4*	6,1	7,0
December 1979	T	3,4	6,6	7,6	4,3	9,2	0,8	5,2	8,0	5,7	5,7
	M	2,6	4,9	6,2	3,8	5,3	0,6*	5,9	8,5*	5,1	4,9
	F	4,6	9,3	10,7	5,4	15,8	1,3*	4,2	6,7*	6,4	7,0
December 1978	T	3,9	6,0	7,6	4,4	8,7	0,8	5,2	8,8	7,2	5,7
	M	3,1	4,7	6,5	4,1	5,5	0,6*	6,1	9,7*	6,9	5,1
	F	5,2	8,1	9,9	5,0	14,3	1,3*	4,0	6,6*	7,5	6,7
III. Unemployed < 25 years as % of all registered unemployed											
November 1979	T	:	45,7	:	45,3	39,8	52,5	:	:	31,1	:
December 1979	T	:	44,8	:	43,7	38,5	49,1	:	:	30,6	:
December 1978	T	:	44,1	:	43,2	39,4	49,9	:	:	:	:
IV. Vacancies unfilled at end of month (x 1000)											
November 1979	T	285,1	90,7	:	71,8	5,7	0,2	230,7		1,5	:
December 1979	T	268,2	83,4	:	68,3	5,5	0,1	204,1		1,0	:
December 1978	T	222,3	71,2	:	60,4	5,1	0,2	220,5	2,2	1,5	:

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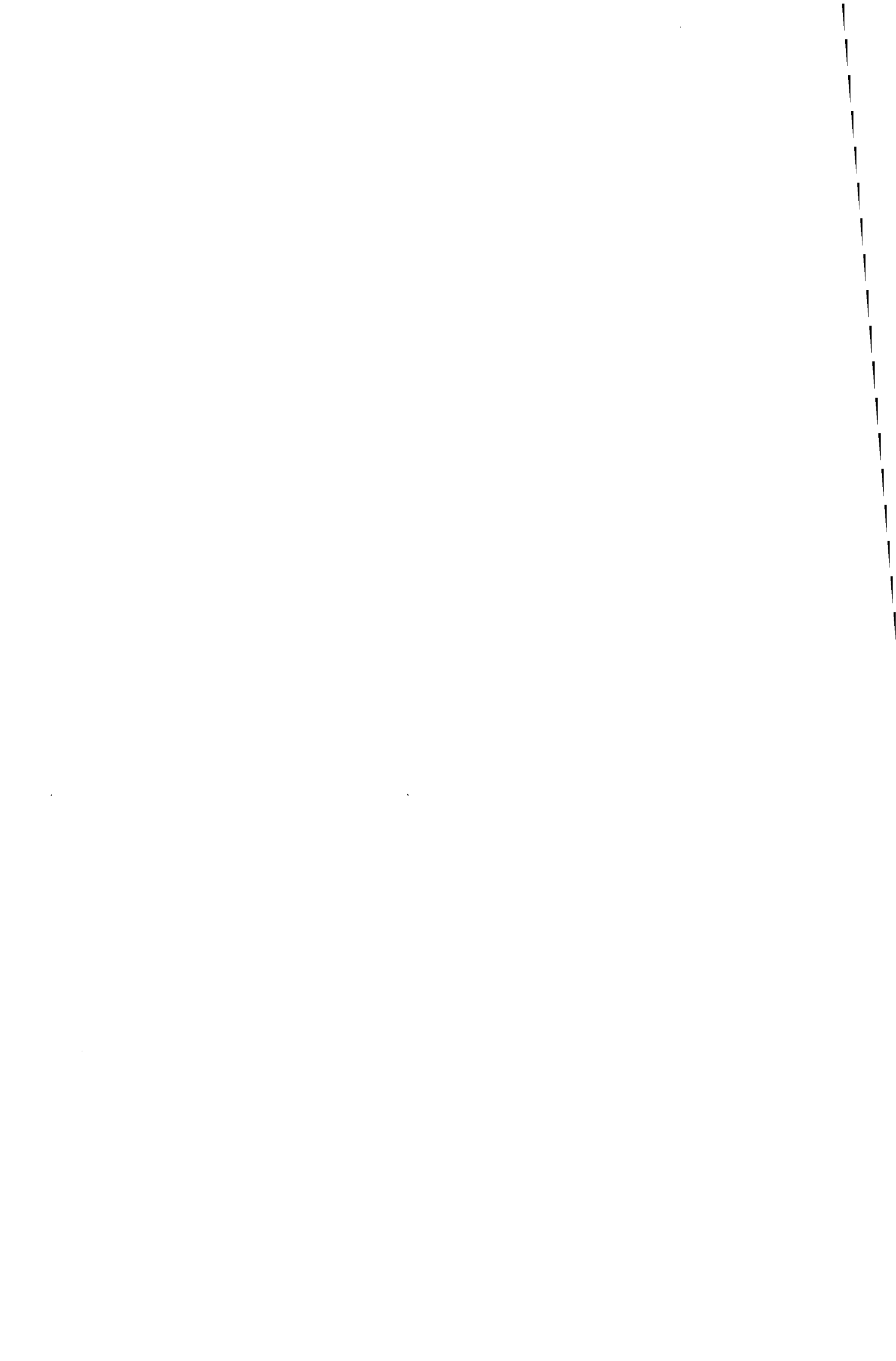
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REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual averages 1974-1979

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9	
. Registered unemployed (1 000's)												
1. Total		1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	615,1r	70,4	47,9	3 070
		1975	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	977,6	98,7	113,5	4 614
		1976	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,8	266,6	0,457	1 358,8r	110,5	118,2	5 241r
		1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 379,6	206,9	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0	5 736
		1978	992,9	1 166,9	1 528,6	205,6	333,4	1,166	1 475,0	100,8	169,8	5 974
		1979p	876,1	1 348,9	1 629,6	210,0	352,2	1,055	1 390,5	91,3	137,8	6 038
2. Males		1974	324,7	234,6	638,6	106,7	58,0	0,023	513,8r	57,2	35,6	1 969
		1975	622,6	427,5	700,3	153,0	99,1	0,172	777,1	79,4	80,3	2 940
		1976	566,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 023,5r	89,4	74,2	3 213r
		1977	517,5	499,1	838,7	145,9	124,6	0,494	1 069,2	87,2	84,9	3 367
		1978	488,8	551,4	894,6	136,4	132,4	0,659	1 040,2	80,0	93,1	3 418
		1979p	416,9	632,5	918,8	132,4	132,7	0,535	963,9	70,6	69,8	3 338
3. Females		1974	267,8	263,1	358,6	28,2	66,1	0,035	101,3	13,2	12,3	1 101
		1975	451,6	412,2	406,6	42,3	108,7	0,093	200,5	19,3	33,2	1 674
		1976	493,8	490,0	440,7	51,0	151,8	0,177	335,3r	21,1	44,0	2 028r
		1977	512,5	572,7	540,9	61,0	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,8	62,1	2 369
		1978	504,1	615,5	634,0	69,2	201,0	0,507	434,8	20,8	76,7	2 556
		1979p	459,2	717,4	710,8	77,6	219,5	0,520	426,6	20,7	68,0	2 700
. Females as % of all registered unemployed												
		1974	44,3	52,9	36,0	20,9	53,3	61,4	16,5	18,8	25,7	35,9
		1975	42,0	49,1	36,7	21,7	52,3	35,2	20,5	19,6	29,3	36,3
		1976	46,6	52,5	37,3	24,2	57,0	36,7	24,7	19,1	37,2	38,7
		1977	49,8	53,4	39,2	29,5	59,5	39,8	27,9	20,0	42,2	41,3
		1978	50,8	52,7	41,5	33,7	60,3	43,5	29,5	20,6	45,2	42,6
		1979p	52,4	53,1	43,6	37,0	62,3	49,3	30,7	22,7	49,3	44,7
I. 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	2,9
		1975	4,2	3,9	5,3	4,0	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,7	4,6	4,3
		1976	4,1	4,3	5,6	4,3	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,7	4,9
		1977	4,0	4,9	6,4	4,1	7,8	0,5	5,7	9,6	5,8	5,3
		1978	3,9	5,3	7,1	4,1	8,4	0,8	5,7	8,9	6,6	5,5
		1979p	3,4	6,1	7,6	4,2	8,8	0,7	5,3	8,1	5,3	5,6
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	2,9*
		1975	3,9	3,2	4,8	4,4*	3,9	0,2*	4,9	9,7*	5,6	4,3*
		1976	3,6	3,3	5,1	4,5*	4,5	0,3*	6,4	11,0*	5,1	4,7*
		1977	3,3	3,7	5,8	4,1*	4,9	0,5*	6,7	10,8*	5,8	5,0*
		1978	3,1	4,1*	6,2	3,8	5,3	0,6*	6,5	9,9*	6,4	5,0*
		1979p	2,6	4,7	6,3	3,7	5,3	0,5*	6,1	8,7*	4,8	4,9*
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	2,9*
		1975	4,6	5,0	6,5	3,1*	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,2*	3,2	4,4*
		1976	5,1	5,9	6,7	3,6*	10,8	0,4*	3,4	6,7*	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*
		1979p	4,7	8,3	10,2	5,2	14,9	1,2*	4,2	6,4*	6,0	6,7*



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.

