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Monthly statistics of registered unemployed in the Community

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The number of unemployed persons registered at public employment offices in the Community has remained practically unaltered at 5.9 million for the last three months, this being the figure for end-September 1979 also. Unemployment as a percentage of the civilian working population has likewise remained stable at 5.4%.

Despite this marked stability at Community level, individual Member-states showed very divergent trends in unemployment. Compared with the previous month five countries show a considerable reduction in numbers unemployed, namely the Federal Republic of Germany (- 7.8%), Denmark (- 6.3%), Ireland (- 5.2%), the United Kingdom (- 4.2%) and the Netherlands (- 2.5%). In Belgium unemployment remained practically unchanged, as for the Community as a whole. For Italy a slight increase (+ 1%) was observed while sharp rises occurred in France (+9.3%) and Luxembourg (+8.7%).

In comparison with the corresponding month of the previous year, the labour market situation eased considerably in the Community as a whole, overall unemployment showing a reduction of 2.4%. Here again, however, individual countries show differing trends. In most Member-states reductions were well above the Community average: Denmark (- 29.5%), the Federal Republic of Germany (- 14.8%), Luxembourg (- 12.6%), the United Kingdom (- 8.1%) and Ireland (- 8.1%). Italy, with a reduction of 0.5% was under the Community average while unemployment rose in France (+ 10.8%), in Belgium (+ 7.2%) and, to a lesser extent, in the Netherlands (+ 1.1%).

The improvement compared with September 1978 affected male unemployment only, which fell by 5.1% in the Community as a whole. In contrast, female unemployment showed a rise of 0.9%. Compared with the previous month, the number of unemployed men declined by 1% while that of unemployed women increased by the same percentage.

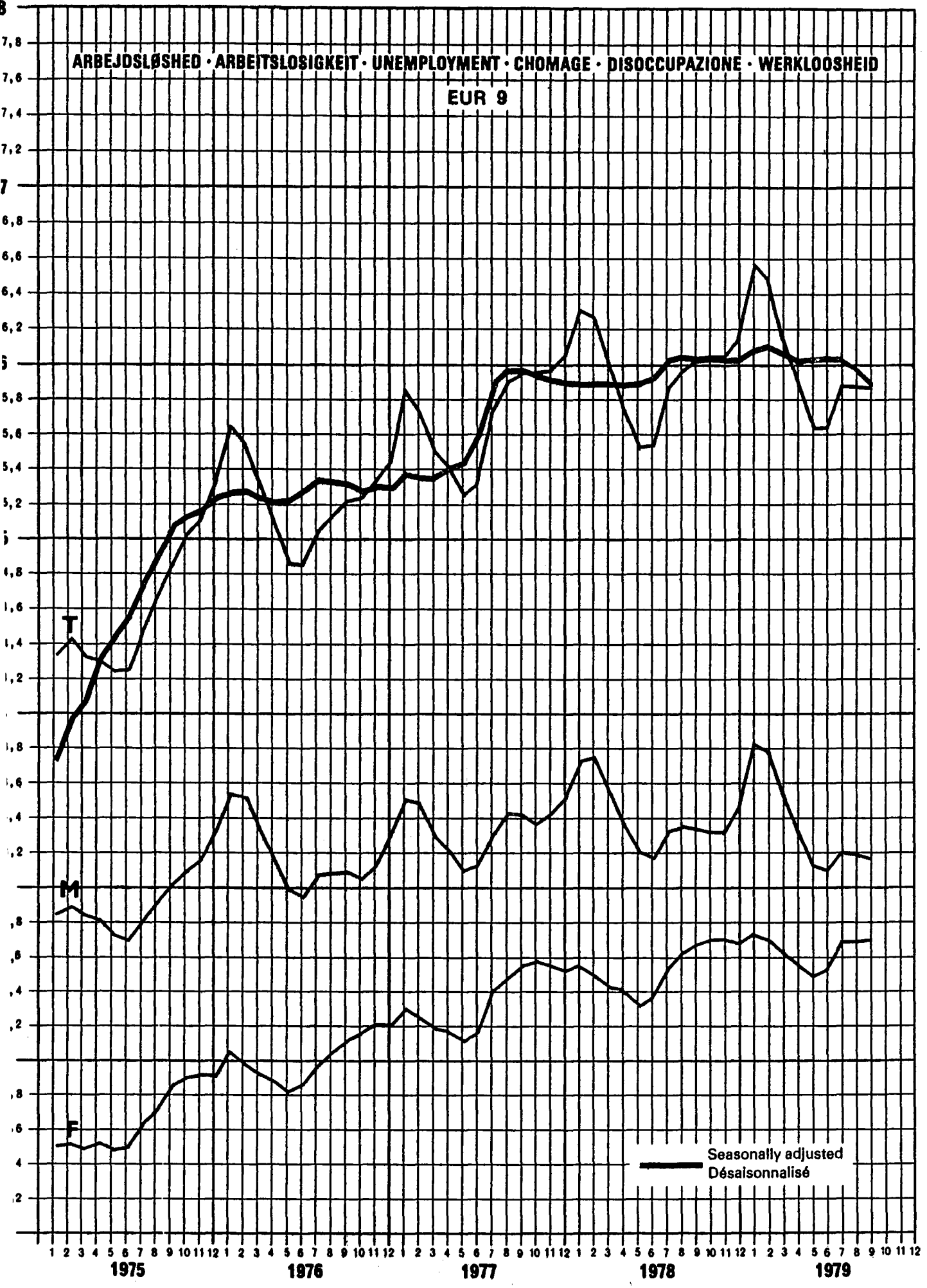
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			BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
<b>I. Registered unemployed a) in thousands</b>												
May	1979	T	775,1	1 258,9	1 574,6	188,2	322,5	0,882	1 299,3	91,2	123,5	5 634,2
June	1979	T	763,2	1 233,0	1 578,4	198,3	315,3	0,795	1 343,9	89,0	113,4	5 635,3
July	1979	T	803,7	1 256,6	1 571,9	211,2	367,9	0,929	1 464,0	88,9	120,9	5 886,0
		T	798,9	1 302,6	1 515,6r	218,0	380,9	0,938	1 455,5	88,8	119,9r	5 881,1r
		M	446,9	609,0	867,4r	128,9	142,8	0,455	974,9	67,4	53,9r	3 191,7r
		F	452,0	693,6	648,2r	89,1	238,1	0,483	480,6	21,4	66,0r	2 689,4r
September	1979	T	736,8	1 423,9	1 530,7p	212,6	380,2	1,020	1 394,5	84,2	112,4	5 876,3
		M	316,4	647,7	880,2p	124,7	141,2	0,499	936,1	64,2	48,3	3 151,3
		F	420,4	776,2	650,5p	87,9	239,0	0,521	458,4	20,0	64,1	2 717,0
September	1978	T	864,3	1 284,6	1 538,8	210,3	354,5	1,167	1 517,7	91,6	159,4	6 022,4
		M	388,7	593,4	881,9	130,6	138,7	0,585	1 041,1	73,0	81,2	3 329,2
		F	475,6	691,2	656,9	79,7	215,8	0,582	476,6	18,6	78,2	2 693,2
<b>b) % change on</b>												
August	1979	T	- 7,8	+ 9,3	+ 1,0	- 2,5	- 0,2	+ 8,7	- 4,2	- 5,2	- 6,3	- 0,1
		M	- 8,8	+ 6,4	+ 1,5	- 3,3	- 1,1	+ 9,7	- 4,0	- 4,7	- 10,4	- 1,0
		F	- 7,0	+ 11,9	+ 0,4	- 1,3	+ 0,4	+ 7,9	- 4,6	- 6,5	- 2,9	+ 1,0
September	1978	T	- 14,8	+ 10,8	- 0,5	+ 1,1	+ 7,2	- 12,6	- 8,1	- 8,1	- 29,5	- 2,4
		M	- 18,6	+ 9,2	- 0,2	- 4,5	+ 1,8	- 14,7	- 10,1	- 12,1	- 40,5	- 5,1
		F	- 11,6	+ 12,3	- 1,0	+ 10,3	+ 10,8	- 10,5	- 3,8	+ 7,5	- 18,0	+ 0,9
<b>II. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population</b>												
May	1979	T	3,0	5,7	7,3	3,7	8,1	0,6	5,0	8,0	4,8	5,2
June	1979	T	3,0	5,6	7,3	3,9	7,9	0,5	5,2	7,9	4,4	5,2
July	1979	T	3,1	5,7	7,3	4,2	9,2	0,6	5,6	7,8	4,7	5,4
August	1979	T	3,1	5,9	7,0	4,3	9,5	0,6	5,6	7,8	4,6	5,4
		M	2,2	4,5	6,0	3,6	5,7	0,4*	6,1	8,3*	3,7	4,7
		F	4,6	8,1	9,3	5,9	16,2	1,1*	4,7	6,6*	5,9	6,7
September	1979	T	2,9	6,4	7,1	4,2	9,5	0,7	5,4	7,4	4,3	5,4
		M	2,0	4,8	6,1	3,5	5,6	0,5*	5,9	7,9*	3,3	1,6
		F	4,3	9,0	9,3	5,9	16,2	1,2*	4,5	6,2*	5,7	6,8
September	1978	T	3,4	5,8	7,2	4,2	8,9	0,8	5,8	8,1	6,2	5,5
		M	2,5	4,4	6,1	3,7	5,5	0,6*	6,6	9,0*	5,5	4,9
		F	4,8	8,0	9,4	5,3	14,7	1,3*	4,7	5,8*	7,0	6,7
<b>III. Unemployed &lt; 25 years as % of all registered unemployed</b>												
August	1979	T	:	41,0	:	49,6	43,3	57,0	:	:	32,7	:
September	1979	T		45,0	:	48,7	42,7	57,8	:	:	31,4	:
September	1978	T	28,5	45,0	:	48,3	43,6	60,9	:	:	:	:
<b>IV. Vacancies unfilled at end of month (x 1000)</b>												
August	1979	T	338,7	95,7	:	70,2	5,9	0,3	247,6	:	2,3	:
September	1979	T	320,2	104,4	:	68,0	6,0	0,3	252,9	:	1,8	:
September	1978	T	251,5	94,7	:	62,6	5,6	0,4	232,8	3,0	1,8	:



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**REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Annual averages 1974 - 1978**

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
<b>Registered unemployed (1 000's)</b>											
	1974	582,5	497,7	887,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	615,1r	70,4	47,9	3 070
<b>1. Total</b>	1975	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	877,6	98,7	113,5	4 814
	1976	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,8	266,8	0,457	1 358,8r	110,5	118,2	5 241r
	1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 379,8	<u>206,9</u>	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0	5 736
	1978	892,8	1 168,9	1 528,6	205,6	333,4	1,166	1 475,0	100,8	169,8	5 974
<b>2. Males</b>	1974	324,7	234,8	638,6	108,7	58,0	0,023	513,8r	57,2	35,6	1 969
	1975	622,8	427,5	700,3	153,0	99,1	0,172	777,1	79,4	80,3	2 940
	1976	586,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 023,5r	89,4	74,2	3 810r
	1977	517,5	499,1	838,7	<u>145,9</u>	124,8	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
<b>3. Females</b>	1974	267,8	263,1	358,6	28,2	66,1	0,035	101,3	13,2	12,3	1 101
	1975	451,8	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	<u>61,0</u>	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,8	62,1	2 369
	1978	504,1	615,5	834,0	69,2	201,0	0,507	434,8	20,8	78,7	2 556
<b>Females as % of all registered unemployed</b>	1974	44,3	52,8	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	19,8	29,3	36,3
	1976	46,6	52,5	37,3	24,2	57,0	38,7	24,7	19,1	37,2	38,7
	1977	48,8	53,4	39,2	<u>29,5</u>	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	42,8
<b>Unemployment rates</b>											
<b>1. Total registered unemployed as % of working popu- lation</b>	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
<b>2. Male unemployed as % of male working population</b>	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*	4,8	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*
<b>3. Female unemployed as % of female working population</b>	1974	2,8	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	3,8	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*





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.

