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## Euro area unemployment rate at 11.5%

EU28 at 10.0%

The **euro area**<sup>1</sup> (EA18) seasonally-adjusted<sup>2</sup> unemployment rate<sup>3</sup> was 11.5% in October 2014, stable compared with September 2014<sup>4</sup>, but down from 11.9% in October 2013. The **EU28**<sup>1</sup> unemployment rate was 10.0% in October 2014, also stable compared with September 2014 and down from 10.7% in October 2013. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

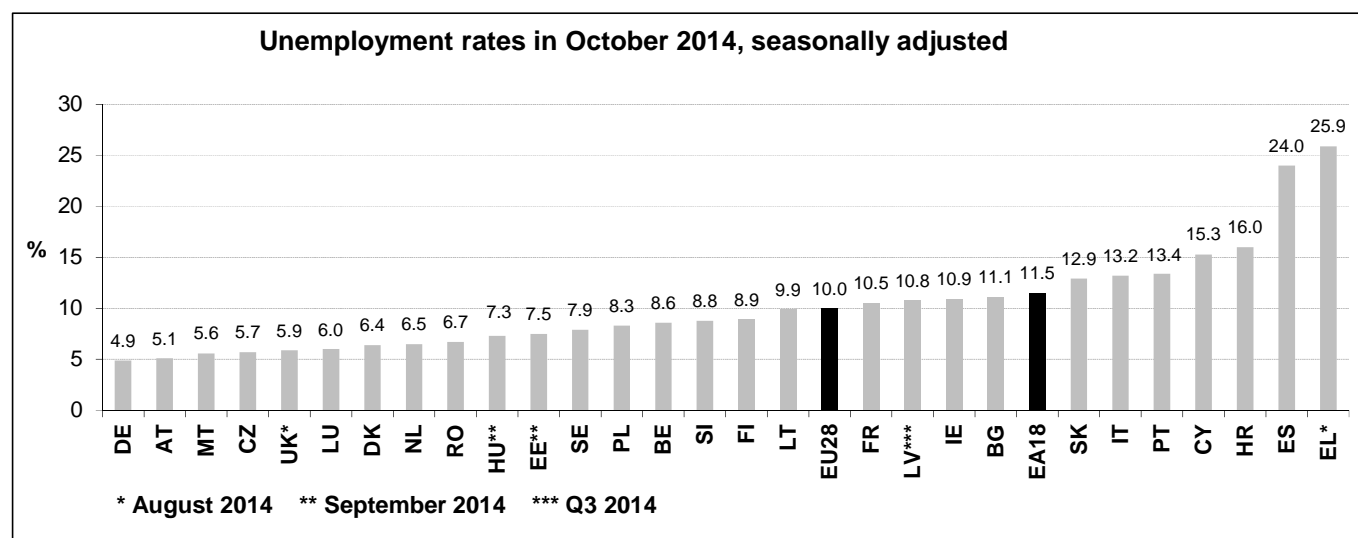
Eurostat estimates that 24.413 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 18.395 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in October 2014. Compared with September 2014, the number of persons unemployed increased by 42 000 in the **EU28** and by 60 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with October 2013, unemployment fell by 1.549 million in the **EU28** and by 547 000 in the **euro area**.

### Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Germany** (4.9%) and **Austria** (5.1%), and the highest in **Greece** (25.9% in August 2014) and **Spain** (24.0%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate in October 2014 fell in twenty-two Member States, increased in five and remained stable in **Luxembourg**. The largest decreases were registered in **Hungary** (10.0% to 7.3% between September 2013 and September 2014), **Portugal** (15.6% to 13.4%), **Spain** (26.0% to 24.0%), **Bulgaria** (13.0% to 11.1%) and **Greece** (27.8% to 25.9% between August 2013 and August 2014), and the highest increases were registered in **Italy** (12.3% to 13.2%) and **Finland** (8.3% to 8.9%).

In October 2014, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 5.8%, down from 5.9% in September 2014, and from 7.2% in October 2013.



## Youth unemployment

In October 2014, 4.983 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.356 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with October 2013, youth unemployment decreased by 504 000 in the **EU28** and by 141 000 in the **euro area**. In October 2014, the youth unemployment rate<sup>5</sup> was 21.6% in the **EU28** and 23.5% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.3% and 24.0% respectively in October 2013. In October 2014, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.7%), the **Netherlands** (9.7%) and **Austria** (10.0%), and the highest in **Spain** (53.8%), **Greece** (49.3% in August 2014), **Italy** (43.3%) and **Croatia** (41.5% in the third quarter 2014).

1. The euro area (EA18) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. The EU28 includes Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Croatia (HR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE) and the United Kingdom (UK). The tables also include Iceland, Norway and the United States.
2. Non-seasonally adjusted and trend data can be found in the statistical database on the Eurostat website. For further details please refer to the *Unemployment statistics* article in Statistics Explained: [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics\\_explained/index.php/Unemployment\\_statistics](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Unemployment_statistics)
3. Eurostat produces harmonised unemployment rates for individual EU Member States, the euro area and the EU. These unemployment rates are based on the definition recommended by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The measurement is based on a harmonised source, the European Union Labour Force Survey (LFS). Based on the ILO definition, Eurostat defines unemployed persons as persons aged 15 to 74 who:
  - are without work;
  - are available to start work within the next two weeks;
  - and have actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks.The *unemployment rate* is the number of people unemployed as a percentage of the labour force. The *labour force* is the total number of people employed plus unemployed. In this news release unemployment rates are based on employment and unemployment data covering persons aged 15 to 74.
4. The data in this News Release are normally subject to small revisions, caused by the updates to the seasonally adjusted series whenever new monthly data are added. Larger revisions can occur when the most recent LFS data are included in the calculation process. Compared with the rates published in News Release 166/2014 of 31 October 2014, the September 2014 unemployment rate remain unchanged at 11.5% for the EA18. The rate has been revised from 10.1% to 10.0% for the EU28. Among Member States, rates have been revised between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Greece (for July 2014), Italy, Malta, Poland, Portugal and Romania. The rate has been revised downwards by 1.6 percentage points for Lithuania. The whole time-series for Portugal has been revised following a change of methodology starting from this month. Over the period February 1998 – September 2014 the average absolute revision amounts to 0.3 percentage points.
5. The *youth unemployment rate* is the number of people aged 15 to 24 unemployed as a percentage of the labour force of the same age. Therefore, the youth unemployment rate should not be interpreted as the share of jobless people in the overall youth population. For further details please refer to the *Youth unemployment* article in Statistics Explained: [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics\\_explained/index.php/Youth\\_unemployment](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Youth_unemployment)
6. Latvia: quarterly data for all series.  
Croatia, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: quarterly data for youth unemployment.
7. For Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data. For Sweden and Iceland, seasonally adjusted data are available in the online data base on the Eurostat website: [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/statistics/search\\_database](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/statistics/search_database)
8. For Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, the United Kingdom and Norway 3-month moving averages of LFS data are used instead of pure monthly indicators.

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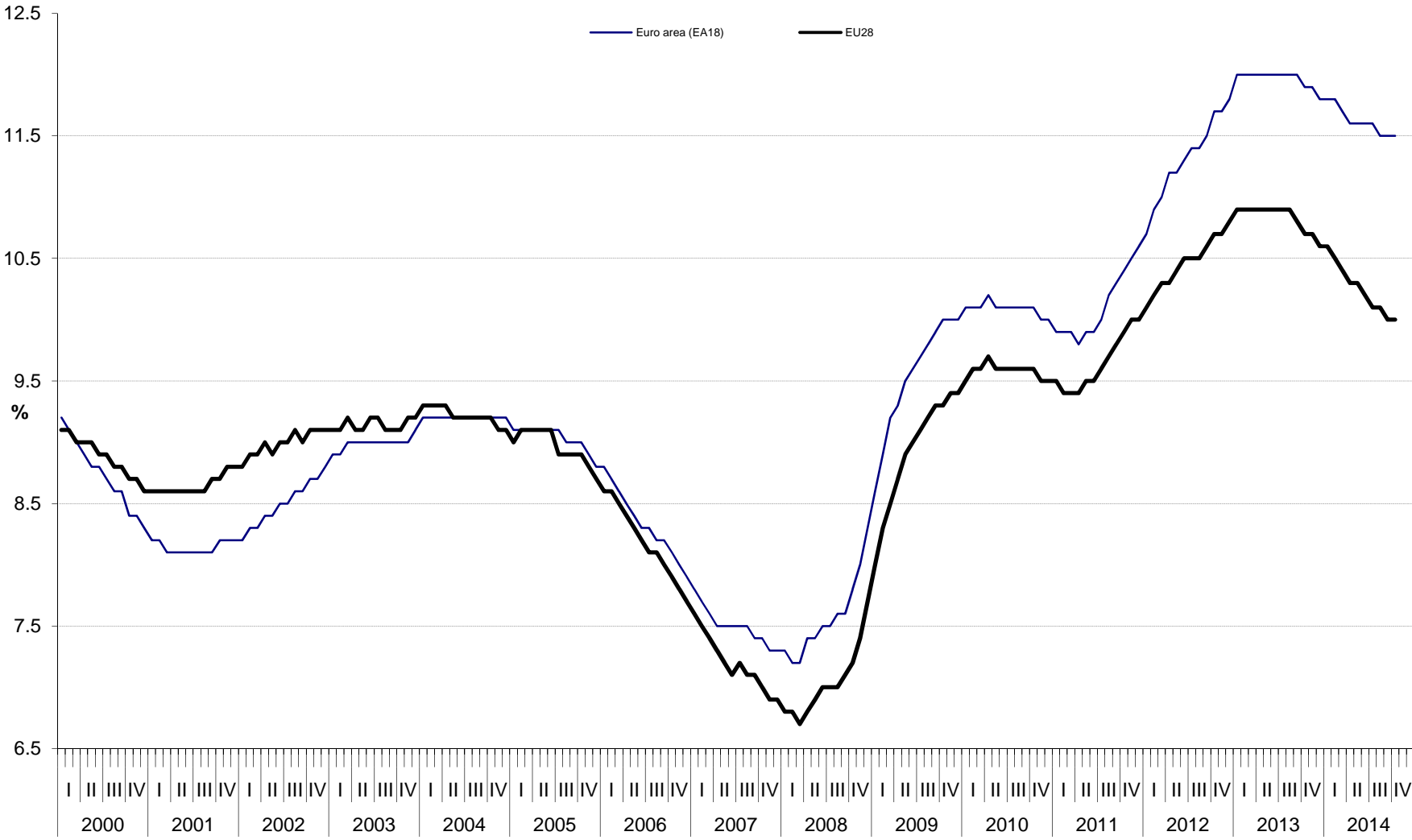
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### Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



### Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Oct 13	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Oct 13	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
<b>EA18</b>	11.9	11.6	11.5	11.5	<b>11.5</b>	18 942	18 438	18 305	18 335	<b>18 395</b>
<b>EU28</b>	10.7	10.1	10.1	10.0	<b>10.0</b>	25 962	24 614	24 437	24 371	<b>24 413</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	<b>8.6</b>	420	422	423	425	<b>425</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	13.0	11.3	11.2	11.2	<b>11.1</b>	436	377	375	374	<b>367</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	6.8	5.8	6.3	5.7	<b>5.7</b>	357	307	331	301	<b>300</b>
<b>Denmark<sup>8</sup></b>	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.5	<b>6.4</b>	197	191	191	191	<b>186</b>
<b>Germany<sup>7</sup></b>	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	<b>4.9</b>	2 143	2 082	2 082	2 076	<b>2 062</b>
<b>Estonia<sup>8</sup></b>	8.4**	7.6	7.7	7.5	:	57**	51	52	51	:
<b>Ireland</b>	12.4	11.3	11.2	11.1	<b>10.9</b>	268	243	240	238	<b>235</b>
<b>Greece</b>	27.8*	26.1	25.9	:	:	1 354*	1 263	1 242	:	:
<b>Spain</b>	26.0	24.3	24.2	24.1	<b>24.0</b>	6 010	5 578	5 539	5 515	<b>5 509</b>
<b>France</b>	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.5	<b>10.5</b>	2 987	3 098	3 102	3 101	<b>3 093</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	17.6	16.5	16.4	16.1	<b>16.0</b>	324	306	301	295	<b>293</b>
<b>Italy</b>	12.3	12.8	12.7	12.9	<b>13.2</b>	3 124	3 285	3 245	3 320	<b>3 410</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	16.9	15.7	15.5	15.2	<b>15.3</b>	74	68	67	66	<b>66</b>
<b>Latvia<sup>6</sup></b>	11.7***	10.8	10.8	10.8	:	117***	106	106	106	:
<b>Lithuania</b>	11.1	10.3	9.8	9.7	<b>9.9</b>	162	152	145	143	<b>147</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	<b>6.0</b>	15	16	16	16	<b>16</b>
<b>Hungary<sup>8</sup></b>	10.0**	7.7	7.5	7.3	:	442**	347	337	325	:
<b>Malta</b>	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.6	<b>5.6</b>	13	11	11	11	<b>11</b>
<b>Netherlands<sup>7</sup></b>	7.0	6.7	6.6	6.5	<b>6.5</b>	631	594	585	580	<b>581</b>
<b>Austria<sup>7</sup></b>	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	<b>5.1</b>	219	222	222	227	<b>225</b>
<b>Poland</b>	10.1	8.8	8.6	8.5	<b>8.3</b>	1 753	1 525	1 496	1 471	<b>1 450</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	15.6	13.9	13.5	13.3	<b>13.4</b>	810	720	693	685	<b>688</b>
<b>Romania</b>	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.7	<b>6.7</b>	653	633	630	623	<b>620</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	9.6	9.1	9.1	9.0	<b>8.8</b>	96	93	92	91	<b>89</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	14.3	13.2	13.2	13.0	<b>12.9</b>	386	358	357	351	<b>347</b>
<b>Finland<sup>7</sup></b>	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.8	<b>8.9</b>	221	230	231	235	<b>239</b>
<b>Sweden<sup>7</sup></b>	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	<b>7.9</b>	410	411	411	411	<b>412</b>
<b>United Kingdom<sup>8</sup></b>	7.6*	6.0	5.9	:	:	2 469*	1 936	1 909	:	:
<b>Iceland<sup>7</sup></b>	5.4	5.0	5.1	5.1	<b>5.1</b>	10	10	10	10	<b>10</b>
<b>Norway<sup>8</sup></b>	3.4**	3.4	3.7	3.7	:	95**	94	101	100	:
<b>United States</b>	7.2	6.2	6.1	5.9	<b>5.8</b>	11 238	9 689	9 636	9 180	<b>9 042</b>

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\* August 2013

\*\* September 2013

\*\*\* Q3 2013

### Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Oct 13	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Oct 13	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
<b>EA18</b>	24.0	23.5	23.4	23.4	<b>23.5</b>	3 497	3 360	3 339	3 343	<b>3 356</b>
<b>EU28</b>	23.3	21.7	21.6	21.6	<b>21.6</b>	5 487	5 014	4 981	4 981	<b>4 983</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	24.0	23.3	23.4	23.9	<b>24.0</b>	99	94	94	96	<b>96</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	27.4	22.6	21.9	22.0	<b>21.5</b>	59	45	43	43	<b>41</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	19.0	16.4	15.6	14.7	<b>14.2</b>	66	58	56	52	<b>51</b>
<b>Denmark<sup>8</sup></b>	13.1	12.9	12.5	12.8	<b>12.6</b>	57	56	56	58	<b>57</b>
<b>Germany<sup>7</sup></b>	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	<b>7.7</b>	337	330	329	328	<b>326</b>
<b>Estonia<sup>8</sup></b>	17.9	12.9	14.5	13.5	:	11	7	8	8	:
<b>Ireland</b>	25.9	23.7	23.4	22.7	<b>22.2</b>	54	46	45	44	<b>42</b>
<b>Greece</b>	57.6	49.9	49.3	:	:	179	157	153	:	:
<b>Spain</b>	55.1	54.0	54.1	53.8	<b>53.8</b>	927	852	852	856	<b>863</b>
<b>France</b>	23.8	24.1	24.1	24.3	<b>24.3</b>	660	655	656	664	<b>665</b>
<b>Croatia<sup>6</sup></b>	48.0	41.5	41.5	41.5	:	73	61	61	61	:
<b>Italy</b>	41.4	42.8	43.3	42.7	<b>43.3</b>	670	711	707	704	<b>708</b>
<b>Cyprus<sup>6</sup></b>	40.4	34.8	34.8	34.8	:	17	15	15	15	:
<b>Latvia<sup>6</sup></b>	23.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	:	22	18	18	18	:
<b>Lithuania</b>	21.2	18.5	17.1	16.6	<b>17.5</b>	27	25	23	22	<b>25</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	15.5	16.2	15.8	15.6	<b>15.6</b>	3	3	2	2	<b>2</b>
<b>Hungary<sup>8</sup></b>	25.4	20.7	20.7	19.3	:	79	68	67	63	:
<b>Malta</b>	12.9	11.3	10.8	10.6	<b>10.4</b>	4	3	3	3	<b>3</b>
<b>Netherlands<sup>7</sup></b>	11.6	10.4	10.1	9.8	<b>9.7</b>	166	145	140	136	<b>136</b>
<b>Austria<sup>7</sup></b>	9.6	9.2	8.9	9.5	<b>10.0</b>	56	52	51	55	<b>58</b>
<b>Poland</b>	27.3	23.9	23.8	23.6	<b>23.4</b>	402	345	340	337	<b>334</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	37.1	34.3	33.2	33.0	<b>33.3</b>	144	132	128	126	<b>126</b>
<b>Romania<sup>6</sup></b>	24.4	24.3*	:	:	:	168	159*	:	:	:
<b>Slovenia<sup>6</sup></b>	20.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	:	14	11	11	11	:
<b>Slovakia</b>	33.7	29.8	29.7	29.0	<b>29.5</b>	70	61	60	57	<b>57</b>
<b>Finland<sup>7</sup></b>	19.8	20.1	20.1	20.1	<b>20.2</b>	66	66	66	66	<b>67</b>
<b>Sweden<sup>7</sup></b>	23.1	22.7	22.7	22.7	<b>22.7</b>	154	151	151	151	<b>151</b>
<b>United Kingdom<sup>8</sup></b>	19.9	15.5	15.6	:	:	913	692	689	:	:
<b>Iceland<sup>7</sup></b>	10.4	10.1	10.2	10.2	<b>10.2</b>	3	3	3	3	<b>3</b>
<b>Norway<sup>8</sup></b>	8.0	7.8	8.4	8.0	:	31	29	31	29	:

: Data not available \*Q2 2014

### Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Oct 13	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Oct 13	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
<b>EA18</b>	11.8	11.4	11.3	11.4	<b>11.4</b>	12.1	11.8	11.7	11.7	<b>11.7</b>
<b>EU28</b>	10.6	10.0	9.9	9.9	<b>10.0</b>	10.8	10.3	10.2	10.1	<b>10.1</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	8.7	9.3	9.3	9.4	<b>9.3</b>	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.6	<b>7.7</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	13.8	12.3	12.3	12.3	<b>12.1</b>	12.0	10.1	10.0	10.0	<b>9.8</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	5.7	4.9	4.9	4.8	<b>4.8</b>	8.1	7.1	7.9	6.8	<b>6.7</b>
<b>Denmark<sup>8</sup></b>	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.7	<b>6.4</b>	7.4	6.8	6.6	6.3	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Germany<sup>7</sup></b>	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	<b>5.3</b>	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.6	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Estonia<sup>8</sup></b>	9.3	8.2	8.6	8.1	:	7.9	6.9	6.7	7.0	:
<b>Ireland</b>	14.0	12.8	12.6	12.3	<b>12.0</b>	10.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	<b>9.5</b>
<b>Greece</b>	24.6	23.1	23.1	:	:	31.9	30.0	29.5	:	:
<b>Spain</b>	25.5	23.3	23.1	23.0	<b>22.9</b>	26.6	25.5	25.5	25.4	<b>25.4</b>
<b>France</b>	10.2	10.6	10.7	10.8	<b>10.8</b>	10.2	10.4	10.4	10.3	<b>10.2</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	17.8	14.7	14.5	14.2	<b>14.1</b>	17.5	18.6	18.7	18.4	<b>18.2</b>
<b>Italy</b>	11.5	12.0	11.9	12.1	<b>12.4</b>	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.9	<b>14.3</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	18.2	17.0	16.7	16.3	<b>16.4</b>	15.5	14.4	14.2	14.1	<b>14.1</b>
<b>Latvia<sup>6</sup></b>	12.3	11.5	11.5	11.5	:	10.8	10.1	10.1	10.1	:
<b>Lithuania</b>	12.0	11.7	11.0	10.8	<b>11.6</b>	10.2	8.9	8.7	8.7	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.9	<b>5.9</b>	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Hungary<sup>8</sup></b>	9.5	7.6	7.3	6.9	:	9.6	7.9	7.8	7.7	:
<b>Malta</b>	6.9	5.9	5.8	5.6	<b>5.6</b>	6.2	5.6	5.6	5.6	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Netherlands<sup>7</sup></b>	7.3	6.9	6.7	6.6	<b>6.6</b>	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.4	<b>6.4</b>
<b>Austria<sup>7</sup></b>	4.7	5.3	5.3	5.6	<b>5.7</b>	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.5	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Poland</b>	9.5	8.3	8.1	8.0	<b>7.9</b>	10.8	9.4	9.2	9.1	<b>9.0</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	15.2	13.0	12.6	12.6	<b>12.8</b>	16.0	14.9	14.3	14.1	<b>14.0</b>
<b>Romania</b>	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.1	<b>7.1</b>	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.1	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	8.8	8.2	8.1	8.1	<b>7.9</b>	10.5	10.2	10.2	10.0	<b>9.9</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	14.3	12.9	12.9	12.7	<b>12.6</b>	14.3	13.5	13.5	13.3	<b>13.2</b>
<b>Finland<sup>7</sup></b>	8.9	9.2	9.4	9.7	<b>9.9</b>	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.8	<b>7.8</b>
<b>Sweden<sup>7</sup></b>	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.1	<b>8.1</b>	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.7	<b>7.7</b>
<b>United Kingdom<sup>8</sup></b>	7.5	6.2	6.1	:	:	6.7	5.6	5.6	:	:
<b>Iceland<sup>7</sup></b>	5.7	5.1	5.1	5.2	<b>5.2</b>	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Norway<sup>8</sup></b>	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.8	:	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	:

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