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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 November 2014, stable compared with October 2014<sup>4</sup>, but down from 11.9% in November 2013. The **EU28**<sup>1</sup> unemployment rate was 10.0% in November 2014, down from 10.1% in October 2014 and from 10.7% in November 2013. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

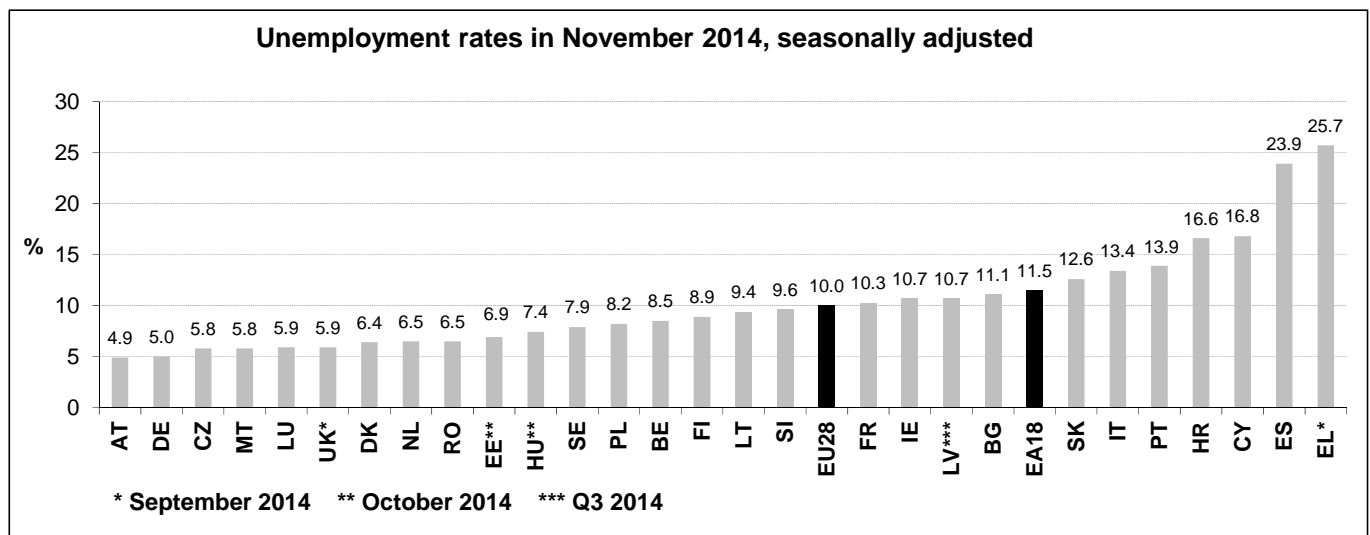
Eurostat estimates that 24.423 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 18.394 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in November 2014. Compared with October 2014, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 19 000 in the **EU28** and increased by 34 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with November 2013, unemployment fell by 1.487 million in the **EU28** and by 522 000 in the **euro area**.

### Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates in November 2014 were recorded in **Austria** (4.9%) and **Germany** (5.0%), and the highest in **Greece** (25.7% in September 2014) and **Spain** (23.9%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate in November 2014 fell in twenty-two Member States, increased in four and remained stable in **Belgium** and **Slovenia**. The largest decreases were registered in **Greece** (28.0% to 25.7% between September 2013 and September 2014), **Hungary** (9.5% to 7.4% between October 2013 and October 2014) and **Spain** (25.8% to 23.9%), and the highest increases in **Italy** (12.5% to 13.4%) and **Finland** (8.3% to 8.9%).

In November 2014, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 5.8%, stable compared to October 2014, and down from 7.0% in November 2013.



## Youth unemployment

In November 2014, 5.101 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.409 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with November 2013, youth unemployment decreased by 354 000 in the **EU28** and by 58 000 in the **euro area**. In November 2014, the youth unemployment rate<sup>5</sup> was 21.9% in the **EU28** and 23.7% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.2% and 23.9% respectively in November 2013. In November 2014, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.4%), **Austria** (9.4%) and the **Netherlands** (9.7%), and the highest in **Spain** (53.5%), **Greece** (49.8% in September 2014), **Croatia** (45.5% in the third quarter 2014) and **Italy** (43.9%).

1. Up to 31 December 2014, the euro area (EA18) included Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. From 1 January 2015 the euro area (EA19) also includes Lithuania.

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).

As part of Eurostat's guidelines for the dissemination of data when the euro area is enlarged, the aggregate data series commented on in this News Release refer to the official composition of the euro area in the most recent month for which data is available. **Thus News Releases with data for months up to December 2014 comment on EA18 series, while Releases with data for January 2015 onwards will comment on EA19 series.**

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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://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Unemployment\\_statistics](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/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 180/2014 of 28 November 2014, the October 2014 unemployment rate remains unchanged at 11.5% for the EA18 and has been revised from 10.0% to 10.1% for the EU28. Among Member States, rates have been revised between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Bulgaria, France, Malta and Portugal. The rate has been revised upwards by 0.6 percentage points for Croatia, by 0.9 percentage points for Slovenia and by 1.2 percentage points for Cyprus.

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://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Youth\\_unemployment](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/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://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/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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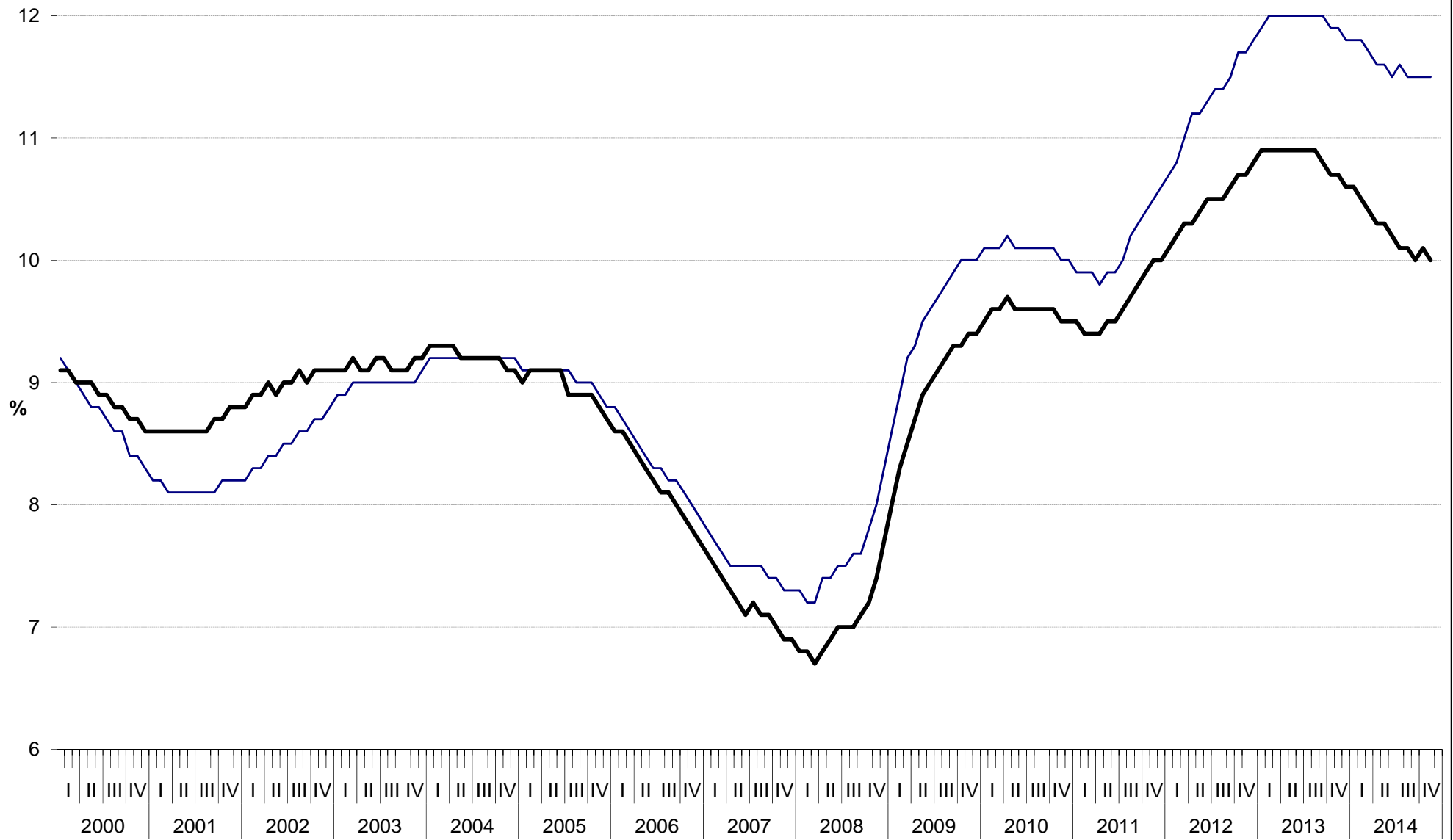
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# Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates

Seasonally adjusted series

— Euro area (EA18) — EU28



### Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Nov 13	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Nov 13	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14
<b>EA18</b>	11.9	11.5	11.5	11.5	<b>11.5</b>	18 916	18 275	18 297	18 360	<b>18 394</b>
<b>EA19</b>	11.9	11.5	11.5	11.5	<b>11.5</b>	19 078	18 420	18 440	18 507	<b>18 532</b>
<b>EU28</b>	10.7	10.1	10.0	10.1	<b>10.0</b>	25 910	24 446	24 389	24 442	<b>24 423</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	<b>8.5</b>	418	428	427	423	<b>421</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	12.9	11.5	11.5	11.3	<b>11.1</b>	435	388	388	382	<b>374</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	6.8	6.0	5.8	5.8	<b>5.8</b>	359	319	307	307	<b>308</b>
<b>Denmark<sup>8</sup></b>	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	196	192	190	188	<b>188</b>
<b>Germany<sup>7</sup></b>	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	<b>5.0</b>	2 132	2 110	2 117	2 117	<b>2 108</b>
<b>Estonia<sup>8</sup></b>	8.7**	7.6	7.4	6.9	:	59**	52	50	47	:
<b>Ireland</b>	12.2	11.2	11.1	10.9	<b>10.7</b>	265	240	237	234	<b>230</b>
<b>Greece</b>	28.0*	26.0	25.7	:	:	1364*	1 242	1 241	:	:
<b>Spain</b>	25.8	24.2	24.1	24.0	<b>23.9</b>	5 958	5 533	5 506	5 495	<b>5 468</b>
<b>France</b>	10.2	10.4	10.3	10.2	<b>10.3</b>	2 991	3 036	3 019	3 003	<b>3 028</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	17.3	16.8	16.7	16.6	<b>16.6</b>	317	323	321	321	<b>321</b>
<b>Italy</b>	12.5	12.7	12.9	13.3	<b>13.4</b>	3 193	3 245	3 322	3 417	<b>3 457</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	16.6	16.3	16.3	16.5	<b>16.8</b>	72	71	71	72	<b>73</b>
<b>Latvia<sup>6</sup></b>	11.7***	10.7	10.7	:	:	116***	105	105	:	:
<b>Lithuania</b>	11.1	9.8	9.7	9.9	<b>9.4</b>	163	145	143	147	<b>138</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	<b>5.9</b>	15	15	16	15	<b>15</b>
<b>Hungary<sup>8</sup></b>	9.5**	7.6	7.3	7.4	:	413**	337	325	328	:
<b>Malta</b>	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.8	<b>5.8</b>	12	12	12	12	<b>12</b>
<b>Netherlands<sup>7</sup></b>	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.5	<b>6.5</b>	621	586	580	581	<b>585</b>
<b>Austria<sup>7</sup></b>	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	<b>4.9</b>	222	221	226	223	<b>217</b>
<b>Poland</b>	10.0	8.6	8.5	8.3	<b>8.2</b>	1 743	1 497	1 471	1 450	<b>1 426</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	15.4	13.5	13.3	13.6	<b>13.9</b>	804	693	684	696	<b>714</b>
<b>Romania</b>	7.1	6.8	6.7	6.7	<b>6.5</b>	651	630	624	620	<b>617</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	<b>9.6</b>	96	98	97	96	<b>96</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	14.1	13.1	12.9	12.8	<b>12.6</b>	382	358	351	346	<b>341</b>
<b>Finland<sup>7</sup></b>	8.3	8.7	8.8	8.9	<b>8.9</b>	223	232	235	238	<b>239</b>
<b>Sweden<sup>7</sup></b>	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	<b>7.9</b>	411	411	410	410	<b>410</b>
<b>United Kingdom<sup>8</sup></b>	7.4*	5.9	5.9	:	:	2.394*	1 925	1 920	:	:
<b>Iceland<sup>7</sup></b>	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.7	<b>4.6</b>	10	9	9	9	<b>9</b>
<b>Norway<sup>8</sup></b>	3.3**	3.7	3.7	3.8	:	93**	102	101	103	:
<b>United States</b>	7.0	6.1	5.9	5.8	<b>5.8</b>	10 838	9 636	9 180	9 042	<b>9 119</b>

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\* September 2013

\*\* October 2013

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

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Nov 13	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Nov 13	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14
<b>EA18</b>	23.9	23.5	23.5	23.6	<b>23.7</b>	3 467	3 343	3 363	3 385	<b>3 409</b>
<b>EA19</b>	23.9	23.4	23.4	23.5	<b>23.6</b>	3 494	3 366	3 385	3 410	<b>3 431</b>
<b>EU28</b>	23.2	21.7	21.8	21.8	<b>21.9</b>	5 455	5 031	5 066	5 077	<b>5 101</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	23.6	20.9	20.8	21.2	<b>21.6</b>	97	86	85	86	<b>87</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	27.0	22.3	22.1	21.7	<b>21.4</b>	58	46	46	44	<b>43</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	19.2	15.5	15.0	14.7	<b>15.6</b>	68	55	53	53	<b>56</b>
<b>Denmark<sup>8</sup></b>	12.9	12.3	12.6	11.6	<b>11.4</b>	56	55	57	53	<b>52</b>
<b>Germany<sup>7</sup></b>	7.9	7.6	7.5	7.5	<b>7.4</b>	337	321	317	313	<b>310</b>
<b>Estonia<sup>8</sup></b>	21.8	14.7	13.7	13.9	:	13	8	8	8	:
<b>Ireland</b>	25.7	23.3	22.6	22.1	<b>21.8</b>	53	45	44	42	<b>42</b>
<b>Greece</b>	57.0	49.2	49.8	:	:	178	155	157	:	:
<b>Spain</b>	54.9	54.0	53.8	53.7	<b>53.5</b>	921	850	855	861	<b>858</b>
<b>France</b>	23.6	24.5	24.9	25.2	<b>25.4</b>	652	672	695	706	<b>714</b>
<b>Croatia<sup>6</sup></b>	47.7	45.5	45.5	:	:	72	77	77	:	:
<b>Italy</b>	41.4	43.3	42.7	43.3	<b>43.9</b>	667	706	706	711	<b>729</b>
<b>Cyprus<sup>6</sup></b>	40.3	34.8	34.8	:	:	17	15	15	:	:
<b>Latvia<sup>6</sup></b>	22.9	20.3	20.3	:	:	22	17	17	:	:
<b>Lithuania</b>	21.0	17.1	16.6	17.5	<b>15.5</b>	27	23	22	25	<b>22</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	15.5	18.3	18.2	18.3	<b>18.4</b>	3	3	3	3	<b>3</b>
<b>Hungary<sup>8</sup></b>	24.6	21.0	19.7	19.8	:	78	69	66	66	:
<b>Malta</b>	12.7	13.3	13.2	13.2	<b>13.5</b>	4	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
<b>Netherlands<sup>7</sup></b>	11.4	10.1	9.8	9.7	<b>9.7</b>	164	140	136	136	<b>136</b>
<b>Austria<sup>7</sup></b>	9.7	8.9	9.5	9.9	<b>9.4</b>	56	51	55	57	<b>55</b>
<b>Poland</b>	27.1	23.8	23.6	23.4	<b>23.2</b>	400	341	338	334	<b>331</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	35.6	33.2	33.0	33.3	<b>34.5</b>	136	128	125	124	<b>128</b>
<b>Romania<sup>6</sup></b>	24.4	23.3	23.3	:	:	168	160	160	:	:
<b>Slovenia<sup>6</sup></b>	20.1	20.4	20.4	:	:	14	14	14	:	:
<b>Slovakia</b>	33.3	29.9	29.0	29.2	<b>29.2</b>	69	64	61	61	<b>61</b>
<b>Finland<sup>7</sup></b>	19.7	20.3	20.4	20.5	<b>20.7</b>	66	67	67	68	<b>68</b>
<b>Sweden<sup>7</sup></b>	23.0	22.8	22.8	22.9	<b>23.0</b>	154	152	152	153	<b>154</b>
<b>United Kingdom<sup>8</sup></b>	19.7	16.0	16.3	:	:	901	715	728	:	:
<b>Iceland<sup>7</sup></b>	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.0	<b>9.9</b>	3	3	3	3	<b>3</b>
<b>Norway<sup>8</sup></b>	9.1	8.4	7.8	7.7	:	34	31	29	28	:

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

	Males					Females				
	Nov 13	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Nov 13	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14
EA18	11.8	11.3	11.3	11.4	<b>11.4</b>	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.7	<b>11.7</b>
EA19	11.8	11.3	11.3	11.4	<b>11.4</b>	12.0	11.7	11.7	11.7	<b>11.7</b>
EU28	10.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	<b>9.9</b>	10.8	10.2	10.2	10.2	<b>10.2</b>
Belgium	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.8	<b>8.8</b>	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.3	<b>8.2</b>
Bulgaria	13.9	12.4	12.4	12.2	<b>12.0</b>	11.9	10.4	10.4	10.2	<b>10.1</b>
Czech Republic	5.7	5.0	4.9	4.9	<b>4.9</b>	8.1	7.4	7.0	7.0	<b>7.0</b>
Denmark <sup>8</sup>	6.2	6.5	6.7	6.4	<b>6.5</b>	7.4	6.6	6.3	6.5	<b>6.3</b>
Germany <sup>7</sup>	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4	<b>5.4</b>	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	<b>4.6</b>
Estonia <sup>8</sup>	9.6	8.4	7.8	6.9	:	8.2	6.7	7.0	6.9	:
Ireland	13.7	12.6	12.3	12.1	<b>11.8</b>	10.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	<b>9.3</b>
Greece	24.9	23.2	22.8	:	:	31.3	29.5	29.5	:	:
Spain	25.2	23.1	22.9	22.9	<b>22.7</b>	26.6	25.5	25.4	25.3	<b>25.3</b>
France	10.2	10.4	10.4	10.4	<b>10.5</b>	10.2	10.4	10.2	10.0	<b>10.2</b>
Croatia	17.3	16.0	15.9	16.1	<b>16.1</b>	17.2	17.8	17.5	17.3	<b>17.1</b>
Italy	11.9	11.9	12.1	12.5	<b>12.5</b>	13.4	13.7	14.0	14.3	<b>14.6</b>
Cyprus	17.7	17.6	17.6	17.9	<b>18.4</b>	15.4	14.9	14.9	14.9	<b>15.0</b>
Latvia <sup>6</sup>	12.3	11.4	11.4	:	:	10.7	10.1	10.1	:	:
Lithuania	12.1	11.0	10.8	11.6	<b>10.7</b>	10.2	8.7	8.7	8.2	<b>8.1</b>
Luxembourg	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	<b>5.8</b>	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.1	<b>6.1</b>
Hungary <sup>8</sup>	9.1	7.4	7.1	7.2	:	9.5	7.8	7.6	7.6	:
Malta	6.8	6.3	6.1	6.1	<b>6.1</b>	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	<b>5.5</b>
Netherlands <sup>7</sup>	7.3	6.7	6.6	6.6	<b>6.7</b>	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	<b>6.3</b>
Austria <sup>7</sup>	4.9	5.3	5.6	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	5.3	4.7	4.5	4.4	<b>4.5</b>
Poland	9.5	8.1	7.9	7.8	<b>7.7</b>	10.8	9.3	9.1	9.0	<b>8.9</b>
Portugal	15.1	12.6	12.5	13.3	<b>13.8</b>	15.8	14.3	14.1	13.9	<b>13.9</b>
Romania	7.7	7.3	7.1	7.1	<b>7.0</b>	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	<b>5.9</b>
Slovenia	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	<b>9.0</b>	10.4	10.7	10.6	10.5	<b>10.5</b>
Slovakia	14.2	12.7	12.4	12.2	<b>12.0</b>	14.0	13.7	13.5	13.4	<b>13.3</b>
Finland <sup>7</sup>	8.9	9.4	9.6	9.8	<b>9.8</b>	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.9	<b>7.9</b>
Sweden <sup>7</sup>	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0	<b>8.0</b>	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.7	<b>7.7</b>
United Kingdom <sup>8</sup>	7.6	6.2	6.2	:	:	6.7	5.7	5.6	:	:
Iceland <sup>7</sup>	5.6	4.8	4.7	4.6	<b>4.5</b>	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8	<b>4.8</b>
Norway <sup>8</sup>	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.9	:	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.6	:

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