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June 2019

Euro area unemployment at 7.5%

EU28 at 6.3%

The **euro area** (EA19) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 7.5% in June 2019, down from 7.6% in May 2019 and from 8.2% in June 2018. This is the lowest rate recorded in the **euro area** since July 2008. The **EU28** unemployment rate was 6.3% in June 2019, stable compared with May 2019 and down from 6.8% in June 2018. This remains the lowest rate recorded in the **EU28** since the start of the EU monthly unemployment series in January 2000. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

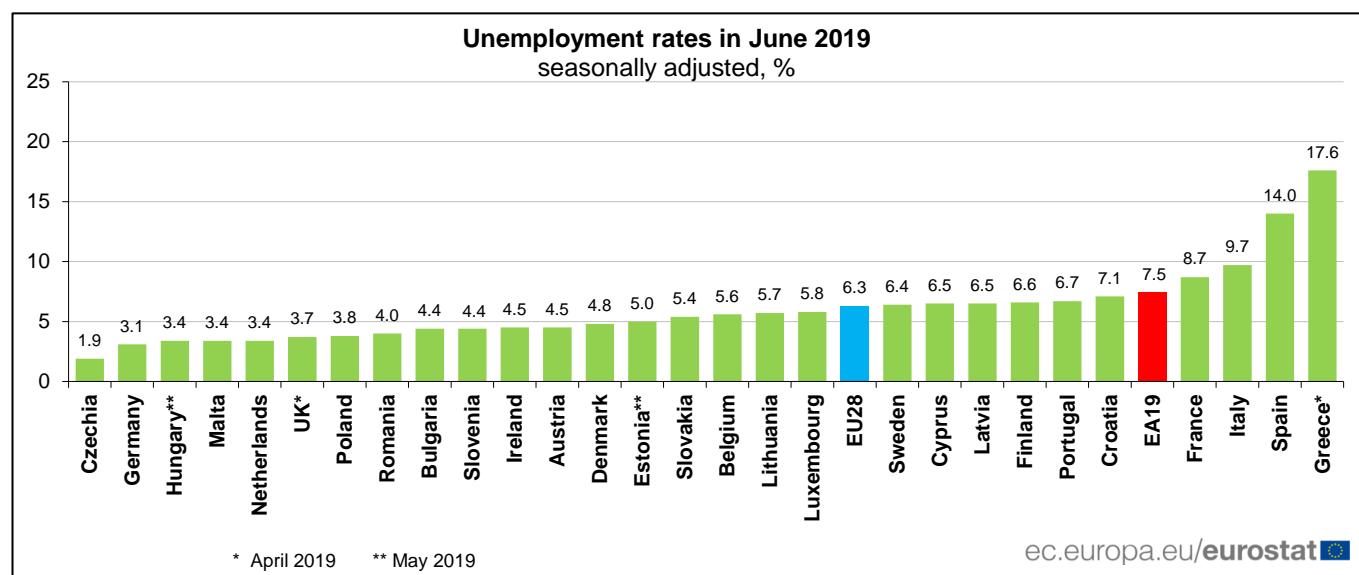
Eurostat estimates that 15.674 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 12.377 million in the **euro area**, were unemployed in June 2019. Compared with May 2019, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 36 000 in the **EU28** and by 45 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2018, unemployment fell by 1.205 million in the **EU28** and by 1.032 million in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates in June 2019 were recorded in **Czechia** (1.9%) and **Germany** (3.1%). The highest unemployment rates were observed in **Greece** (17.6% in April 2019) and **Spain** (14.0%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate fell in 24 Member States and remained stable in **Estonia** and **Poland**, while it increased in **Sweden** (from 6.3% to 6.4%) and **Luxembourg** (from 5.6% to 5.8%). The largest decreases were registered in **Greece** (from 19.8% to 17.6% between April 2018 and April 2019), **Cyprus** (from 8.3% to 6.5%), **Croatia** (from 8.6% to 7.1%), **Ireland** (from 5.9% to 4.5%) and **Slovakia** (from 6.7% to 5.4%).

In June 2019, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 3.7%, up from 3.6% in May 2019 and down from 4.0% in June 2018.



Youth unemployment

In June 2019, 3.176 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 2.251 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2018, youth unemployment decreased by 239 000 in the **EU28** and by 179 000 in the **euro area**. In June 2019, the youth unemployment rate was 14.1% in the **EU28** and 15.4% in the **euro area**, compared with 15.2% and 17.0% respectively in June 2018. In June 2019, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (5.5%), the **Netherlands** (6.5%) and **Czechia** (6.6%), while the highest were recorded in **Greece** (39.6% in the first quarter of 2019), **Spain** (32.4%) and **Italy** (28.1%).

Geographical information

The **euro area (EA19)** includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The **European Union (EU28)** includes Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Methods and definitions

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.

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.

When data for the most recent month are not available for a Member State, EU and EA aggregates are calculated using the latest data available for that Member State.

Country notes

Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden and Iceland: the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Portugal, the United Kingdom and Norway: 3-month moving averages of LFS data are used instead of pure monthly indicators.

Revisions and timetable

The data in this News Release can be subject to revisions, caused by updates to the seasonally adjusted series whenever new monthly data are added; the inclusion of the most recent LFS data in the calculation process; update of seasonal adjustment models with complete annual data.

Compared with the rates published in News Release [106/2019](#) of 1 July 2019, the May 2019 unemployment rate for EA19 has been revised upwards from 7.5% to 7.6%, while the unemployment rate for the EU28 remains unchanged. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points (pp) downwards for Denmark and Finland (both by 0.2 pp). The unemployment rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points upwards for Spain (by 0.5 pp).

For more information

Eurostat [website section](#) on employment and unemployment

Eurostat [database section](#) on unemployment, including non-seasonally adjusted and trend data

Eurostat [Statistics Explained article](#) on unemployment

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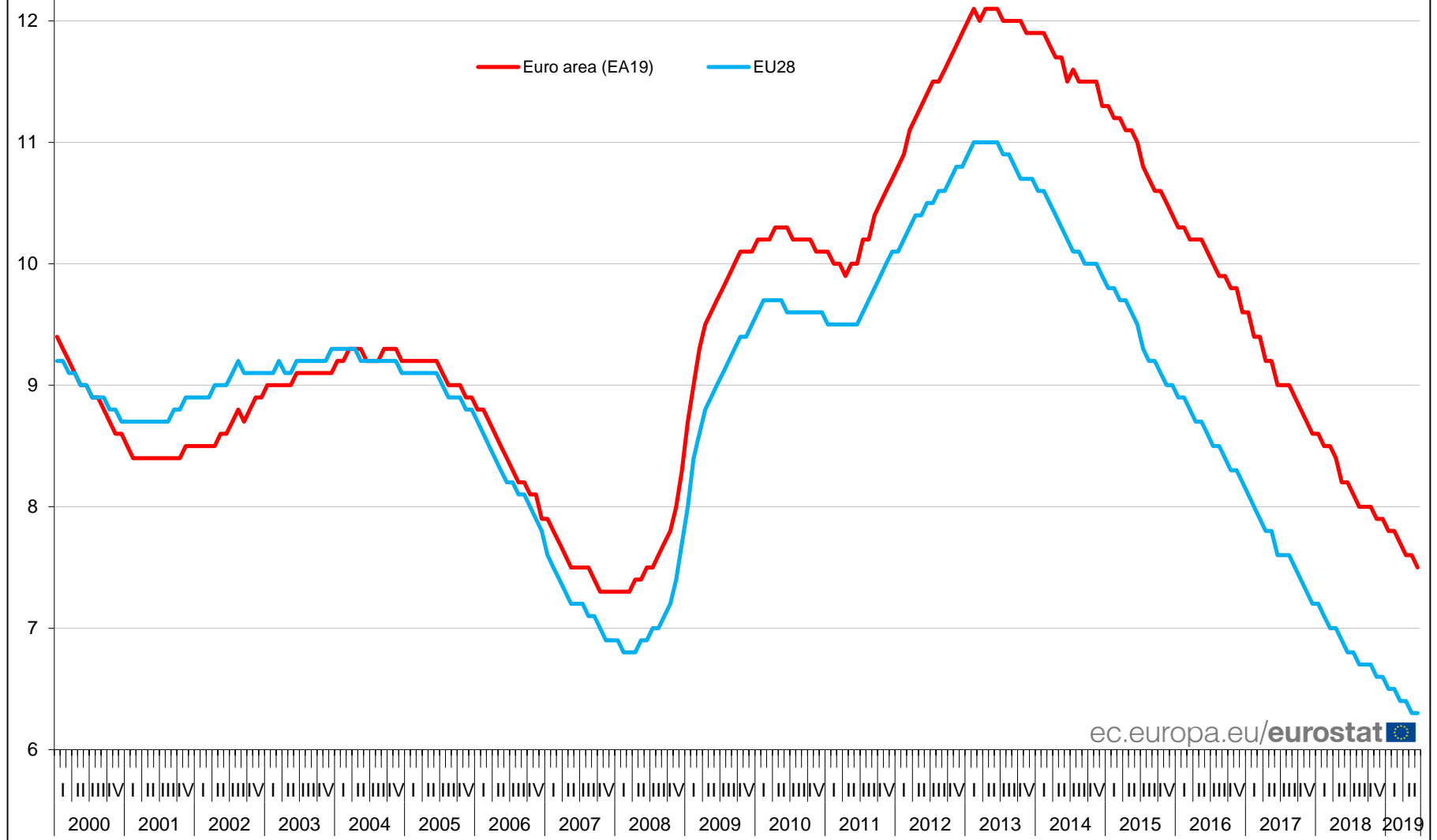
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Unemployment rates seasonally adjusted series, %



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Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 18	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jun 18	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19
EA19	8.2	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	13 409	12 573	12 505	12 422	12 377
EU28	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	16 879	15 881	15 768	15 710	15 674
Belgium	6.1	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	308	276	276	279	284
Bulgaria	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.4	174	156	152	150	149
Czechia	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.9	127	110	110	113	105
Denmark	5.0	5.3	5.1	4.9	4.8	150	163	156	148	145
Germany	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	1 472	1 391	1 378	1 360	1 342
Estonia	5.0**	4.0	5.0	5.0	:	35**	28	35	35	:
Ireland	5.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	140	114	112	109	110
Greece	19.8*	18.2	17.6	:	:	941*	861	834	:	:
Spain	15.1	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.0	3 447	3 258	3 258	3 245	3 227
France	9.0	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	2 684	2 579	2 569	2 573	2 586
Croatia	8.6	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.1	156	129	128	127	127
Italy	10.8	10.1	10.0	9.8	9.7	2 813	2 615	2 606	2 554	2 525
Cyprus	8.3	7.2	6.9	6.6	6.5	36	32	30	29	28
Latvia	7.6	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.5	75	63	62	62	63
Lithuania	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.7	90	88	85	85	84
Luxembourg	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	17	17	17	17	17
Hungary	3.7**	3.4	3.4	3.4	:	170**	158	161	161	:
Malta	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	9	9	9	9	9
Netherlands	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	354	307	300	302	313
Austria	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.5	220	216	213	209	204
Poland	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	646	630	633	642	650
Portugal	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.7	355	334	340	342	344
Romania	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	379	347	354	351	352
Slovenia	5.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	54	46	47	46	46
Slovakia	6.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.4	183	153	151	150	148
Finland	7.5	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	205	184	183	182	180
Sweden	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	342	346	346	347	349
United Kingdom	4.0*	3.7	3.7	:	:	1 352*	1 247	1 245	:	:
Iceland	2.9**	3.2	3.4	3.5	:	6**	7	7	7	:
Norway	3.9**	3.5	3.3	3.4	:	108**	99	92	95	:
United States	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7	6 506	6 202	5 864	5 864	5 988

The source datasets are available [here](#) (rates) and [here](#) (in 1000 persons).

: Data not available

* April 2018

** May 2018

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 18	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jun 18	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19
EA19	17.0	15.9	15.7	15.6	15.4	2 430	2 310	2 281	2 276	2 251
EU28	15.2	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.1	3 415	3 224	3 210	3 218	3 176
Belgium	18.2	15.1	14.8	14.8	14.8	68	58	58	58	58
Bulgaria	13.4	11.1	11.1	11.4	12.0	20	16	15	16	16
Czechia	7.5	6.8	7.3	7.2	6.6	22	20	21	21	19
Denmark	9.3	10.0	8.8	8.4	8.1	44	46	41	39	37
Germany	6.2	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	264	243	242	241	240
Estonia	10.0	7.0	11.8	13.5	:	6	4	6	8	:
Ireland	14.3	11.3	10.3	10.0	10.1	41	33	30	29	30
Greece	39.2	39.6	:	:	:	97	93	:	:	:
Spain	34.1	34.0	33.2	32.7	32.4	518	517	508	503	498
France	20.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.1	579	580	585	591	597
Croatia	24.1	20.5	20.3	20.3	20.3	37	32	31	31	31
Italy	32.7	29.9	30.4	29.7	28.1	507	466	471	455	427
Cyprus	20.4	16.4	:	:	:	8	6	:	:	:
Latvia	11.0	12.8	11.5	10.7	10.3	7	9	7	7	6
Lithuania	10.8	10.5	10.8	10.7	10.1	12	12	12	12	11
Luxembourg	14.9	14.3	14.6	14.2	14.6	3	3	3	3	3
Hungary	10.3	11.3	11.9	11.5	:	34	37	39	38	:
Malta	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.9	9.3	3	3	3	3	3
Netherlands	7.2	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.5	104	94	91	92	97
Austria	9.6	8.1	8.1	8.6	8.9	51	43	42	45	47
Poland	11.7	10.0	10.4	10.7	10.9	151	122	127	132	135
Portugal	20.0	17.2	17.1	19.4	18.9	75	63	63	72	70
Romania	17.1	15.4	:	:	:	106	93	:	:	:
Slovenia	8.8	9.1	10.7	10.7	10.7	7	7	8	8	8
Slovakia	15.0	13.7	13.1	12.7	12.3	29	23	22	22	21
Finland	17.1	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.6	55	54	54	53	53
Sweden	16.7	17.3	17.5	17.8	17.3	103	107	106	105	104
United Kingdom	11.0	10.5	11.0	:	:	464	439	459	:	:
Iceland	6.8	7.4	7.4	7.5	:	2	2	2	2	:
Norway	9.9	9.8	9.4	9.4	:	36	36	34	33	:

The source datasets are available [here](#) (rates) and [here](#) (in 1000 persons).

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Belgium, Croatia, Greece, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: quarterly data

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Jun 18	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jun 18	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19
EA19	7.9	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	8.6	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9
EU28	6.6	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6
Belgium	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.1
Bulgaria	5.7	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1
Czechia	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4
Denmark	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.6	5.2	5.7	5.4	4.9	4.9
Germany	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7
Estonia	4.9	3.9	4.7	4.6	:	5.0	4.2	5.2	5.5	:
Ireland	6.0	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.7	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3
Greece	15.3	14.5	14.5	:	:	24.1	22.9	21.7	:	:
Spain	13.6	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.5	16.9	16.2	16.0	15.9	15.7
France	9.0	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.6	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8
Croatia	7.9	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.6	9.4	8.1	7.9	7.7	7.7
Italy	9.9	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.0	12.0	11.1	11.1	10.8	10.7
Cyprus	8.0	6.4	6.0	5.7	5.5	8.6	8.2	7.9	7.6	7.6
Latvia	9.1	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.2	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.3
Lithuania	6.7	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.6
Luxembourg	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Hungary	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	:	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	:
Malta	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.7
Netherlands	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	4.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
Austria	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5
Poland	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3
Portugal	6.4	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.1	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.3
Romania	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3
Slovenia	4.9	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3
Slovakia	6.2	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	7.3	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7
Finland	7.7	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0
Sweden	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1
United Kingdom	3.9	3.8	3.9	:	:	4.0	3.5	3.5	:	:
Iceland	3.0	3.8	4.0	4.2	:	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	:
Norway	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.6	:	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.2	:

The source dataset is available [here](#).

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