

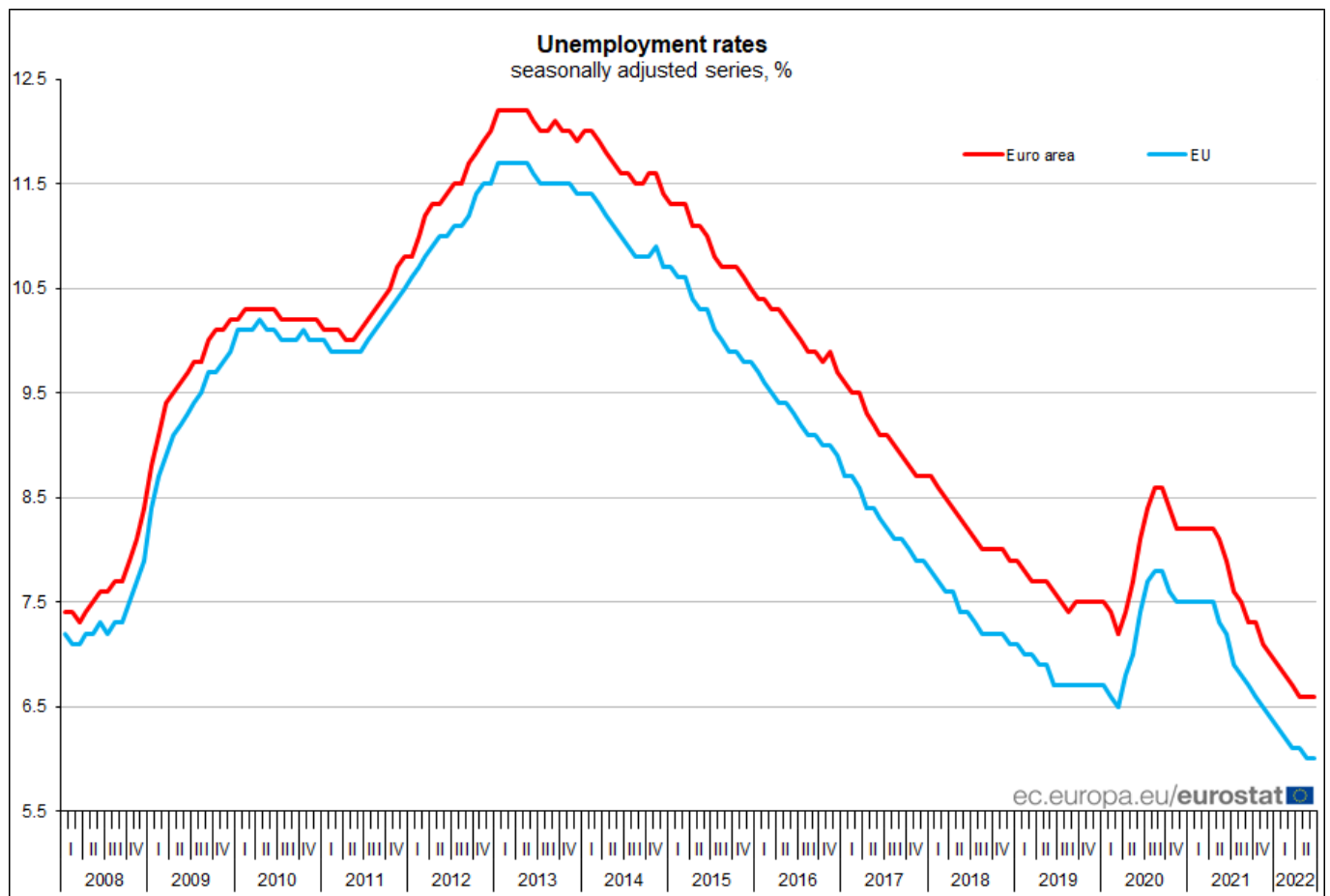
June 2022

Euro area unemployment at 6.6%

EU at 6.0%

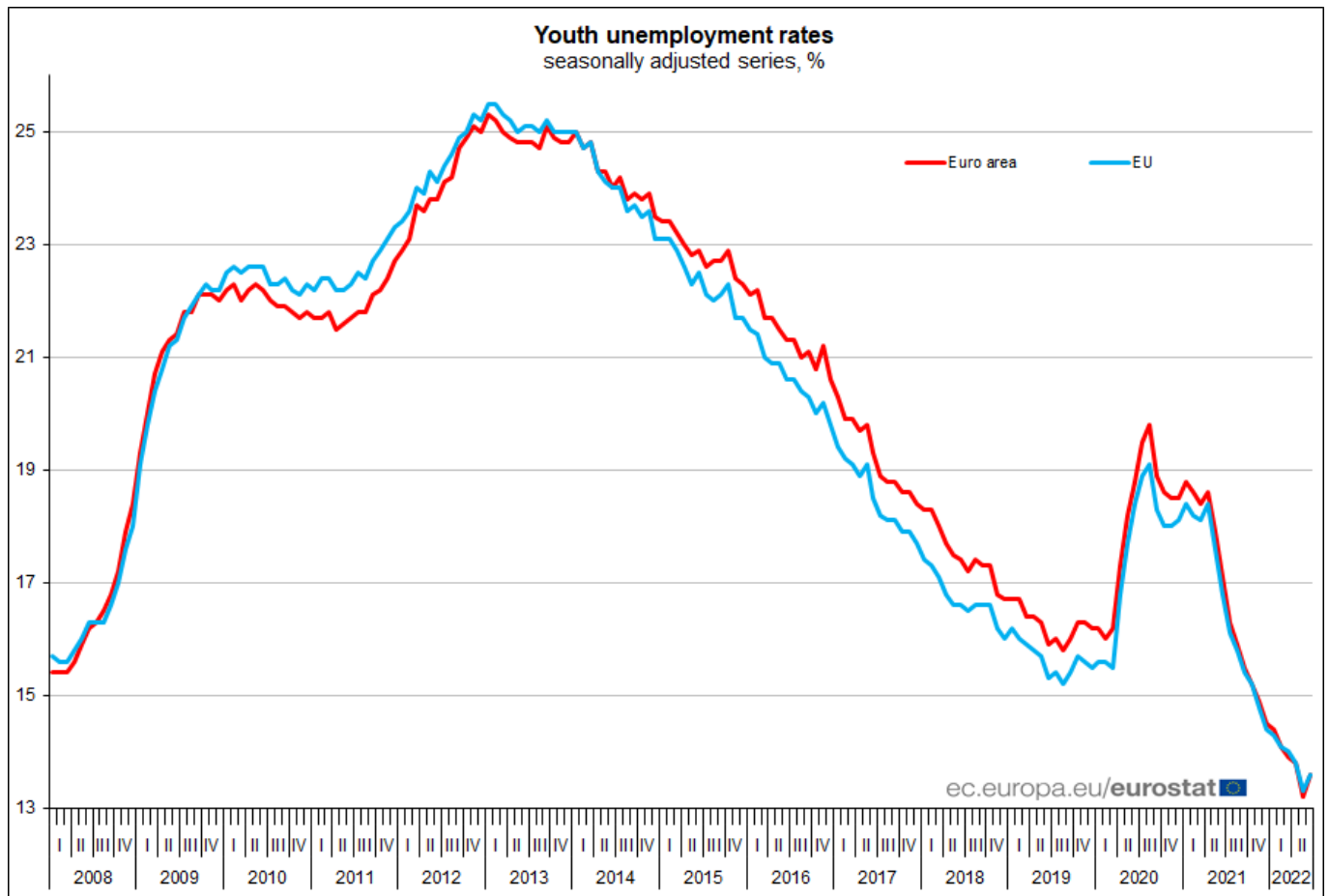
In June 2022, the **euro area** seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6%, stable compared with May 2022 and down from 7.9% in June 2021. The **EU** unemployment rate was 6.0% in June 2022, also stable compared with May 2022 and down from 7.2% in June 2021. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

Eurostat estimates that 12.931 million men and women in the **EU**, of whom 10.925 million in the **euro area**, were unemployed in June 2022. Compared with June 2021, unemployment decreased by 2.311 million in the **EU** and by 1.957 million in the **euro area**.



Youth unemployment

In June 2022, 2.546 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU**, of whom 2.073 million were in the **euro area**. In June 2022, the youth unemployment rate was 13.6% in both the **EU** and the **euro area**, up from 13.3% in the EU and up from 13.2% in the euro area. Compared with May 2022, youth unemployment increased by 59 thousand in the **EU** and by 64 thousand in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2021, youth unemployment decreased by 527 thousand in the **EU** and by 450 thousand in the **euro area**.



Unemployment by sex

In June 2022, the unemployment rate for women was 6.4% in the **EU**, stable compared with May 2022. The unemployment rate for men was 5.7% in June 2022, also stable compared with the previous month. In the **euro area**, the unemployment rate for women was 7.0% and the unemployment rate for men was 6.2%, both stable compared with May 2022.

Additional labour market indicators

The estimates in this News Release are based on the globally used International Labour Organisation (ILO) standard definition of unemployment, which counts as unemployed people without a job who have been actively seeking work in the last four weeks and are available to start work within the next two weeks.

To capture in full the unprecedented labour market situation triggered by the COVID-19 outbreak, the data on unemployment have been complemented by additional indicators, e.g. underemployed part-time workers, persons seeking work but not immediately available and persons available to work but not seeking, released together with [LFS data for the fourth quarter of 2021](#). LFS data for the second quarter of 2022 will be released on 4 October 2022.

Geographical information

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

European Union (EU27): 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 and Sweden.

Methods and definitions

Eurostat publishes 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 data 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.

Series published before 31 March 2022 have been **seasonally adjusted** using the seasonal factors estimated in the period up to December 2019 included. Series published as of 31 March 2022 are seasonally adjusted using seasonal models estimated in the period up to December 2021 included.

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, Finland, Sweden as well as Iceland and Norway: the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

Denmark, Estonia and Portugal: 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 [72/2022](#) of 30 June 2022, the unemployment rate for May 2022 remained unchanged for the euro area and was revised downwards for the EU from 6.1% to 6.0%. Among EU Member States, the rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points (pp) downwards for Spain (by 0.5 pp) and Denmark (by 0.3 pp). The rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points upwards for Estonia (by 0.3 pp) and Finland (by 0.2 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 articles on [unemployment](#) and on [youth unemployment](#)

Eurostat [metadata](#) on adjusted unemployment series and [methodological note](#) regarding COVID-19 outbreak

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Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 21	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jun 21	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22
Euro area	7.9	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	12 882	11 149	10 974	10 900	10 925
EU	7.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	15 242	13 193	13 028	12 957	12 931
Belgium	6.2	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.5	324	275	280	289	293
Bulgaria	5.3	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.3	171	148	140	139	140
Czechia	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	150	122	130	131	128
Denmark	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	144	138	138	141	139
Germany	3.6	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	1 555	1 277	1 256	1 245	1 240
Estonia	6.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.7	45	39	39	41	41
Ireland	6.3	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.8	161	136	131	128	135
Greece	15.0	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.3	700	601	592	596	594
Spain	15.3	13.2	12.8	12.6	12.6	3 579	3 088	2 998	2 947	2 975
France	8.1	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	2 439	2 213	2 182	2 184	2 177
Croatia	7.7	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	139	115	113	113	114
Italy	9.4	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.1	2 353	2 090	2 082	2 035	2 031
Cyprus	8.8	5.6	5.2	4.9	5.1	41	26	25	23	24
Latvia	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	74	64	62	61	60
Lithuania	7.4	6.1	6.2	6.0	5.8	109	89	91	88	85
Luxembourg	5.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	17	14	14	14	14
Hungary	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.0	198	158	163	172	146
Malta	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	10	9	9	9	9
Netherlands	4.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	405	327	316	323	339
Austria	6.2	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.3	283	198	202	223	199
Poland	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	591	475	475	471	465
Portugal	6.7	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.1	344	307	308	311	314
Romania	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	443	461	458	451	440
Slovenia	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	46	41	41	40	39
Slovakia	6.9	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0	190	175	174	171	169
Finland	7.9	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	218	184	182	181	181
Sweden	9.0	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	498	434	432	431	431
Iceland	6.2*	3.8	3.6	3.5	:	13*	8	8	8	:
Norway	5.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	145	95	93	93	94
Switzerland	5.2	4.3	:	:	:	257	212	:	:	:
United States	5.9	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	9 530	5 880	5 886	5 893	5 950

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* May 2021

Source datasets: une_rt_m (rates) and une_rt_m (in 1 000 persons)

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 21	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jun 21	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22
Euro area	17.1	13.9	13.8	13.2	13.6	2 523	2 100	2 082	2 009	2 073
EU	16.8	14.0	13.8	13.3	13.6	3 073	2 590	2 565	2 487	2 546
Belgium	18.7	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.5	74	58	58	58	58
Bulgaria	15.9	12.0	11.3	11.6	12.2	19	16	15	15	15
Czechia	7.2	7.0	8.4	6.6	7.7	19	19	23	18	21
Denmark	9.0	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.4	38	37	37	39	38
Germany	7.0	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	303	237	235	233	233
Estonia	18.8	17.2	14.9	21.4	21.2	10	9	8	12	12
Ireland	15.6	7.1	5.5	4.9	5.4	50	25	20	19	22
Greece	31.8	28.2	30.0	30.1	29.5	72	64	70	75	74
Spain	35.9	29.4	28.3	27.3	27.9	573	476	466	451	469
France	19.1	16.6	16.2	15.8	15.3	588	536	528	515	500
Croatia	22.4	16.1	15.9	15.9	15.9	32	23	23	23	23
Italy	29.2	24.7	23.5	21.4	23.1	426	366	351	321	354
Cyprus	18.3	16.0	11.7	11.7	11.7	7	6	4	4	4
Latvia	15.9	11.1	10.7	10.4	10.3	9	7	6	6	6
Lithuania	18.4	14.3	12.9	11.4	10.6	18	14	13	12	11
Luxembourg	17.1	14.5	14.0	13.7	13.7	4	3	3	3	3
Hungary	13.7	10.0	11.5	10.5	9.1	42	30	35	31	26
Malta	9.4	7.3	6.6	6.7	6.8	2	2	2	2	2
Netherlands	9.3	7.1	6.9	7.2	7.5	155	124	121	127	131
Austria	10.9	7.0	11.6	8.8	10.2	56	35	59	46	51
Poland	12.9	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.6	137	101	96	92	90
Portugal	24.7	20.4	20.6	18.5	19.3	85	66	68	60	62
Romania	20.7	22.7	:	:	:	113	116	:	:	:
Slovenia	14.6	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.9	10	7	6	6	6
Slovakia	21.1	20.8	20.8	20.3	19.8	30	28	28	27	26
Finland	17.8	13.6	13.4	13.3	13.3	56	42	42	41	41
Sweden	25.1	22.2	21.9	21.6	21.3	156	144	143	143	143
Iceland	11.1	9.5	9.0	8.7	:	3	3	3	3	:
Norway	12.8	10.0	7.0	11.6	10.2	54	41	28	50	42
Switzerland	9.5	7.4	:	:	:	55	42	:	:	:

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

Source datasets: [une_rt_m](#) (rates) and [une_rt_m](#) (in 1 000 persons)

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by sex

	Males					Females				
	Jun 21	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jun 21	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22
Euro area	7.4	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.2	8.3	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0
EU	6.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	7.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4
Belgium	6.3	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.9	6.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Bulgaria	5.3	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.3	5.3	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.3
Czechia	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.5	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.1
Denmark	4.7	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9
Germany	4.0	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Estonia	6.9	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.2	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.2
Ireland	6.5	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.7	6.2	5.1	4.8	4.6	5.0
Greece	11.8	9.3	9.4	9.2	8.6	19.0	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.8
Spain	13.5	11.6	11.2	11.0	11.1	17.4	15.0	14.6	14.3	14.3
France	8.0	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.3	8.1	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1
Croatia	7.5	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	8.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0
Italy	8.6	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.1	10.6	9.4	9.7	9.6	9.4
Cyprus	8.1	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.2	9.4	6.3	5.8	5.6	6.1
Latvia	9.2	7.7	7.4	7.2	7.1	6.5	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7
Lithuania	7.8	6.0	6.1	5.9	5.8	7.1	6.2	6.3	6.0	5.7
Luxembourg	4.9	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
Hungary	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.2	4.3	2.8	3.1	3.6	2.8
Malta	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.3	2.9	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.6
Netherlands	3.9	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	4.5	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.6
Austria	6.3	4.4	4.4	5.3	4.5	6.0	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.0
Poland	3.3	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	3.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Portugal	6.1	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.9	7.3	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.3
Romania	5.6	5.8	5.6	6.0	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.3	4.6	4.6
Slovenia	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.5	4.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Slovakia	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.2	7.1	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.8
Finland	8.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.0
Sweden	8.8	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	9.2	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.1
Iceland	5.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	:	6.1	3.9	3.6	3.5	:
Norway	4.1	3.5	2.9	4.2	3.4	4.7	2.7	2.4	3.3	2.6
Switzerland	5.2	4.1	:	:	:	5.3	4.5	:	:	:

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Source dataset: [une_rt_m](#)