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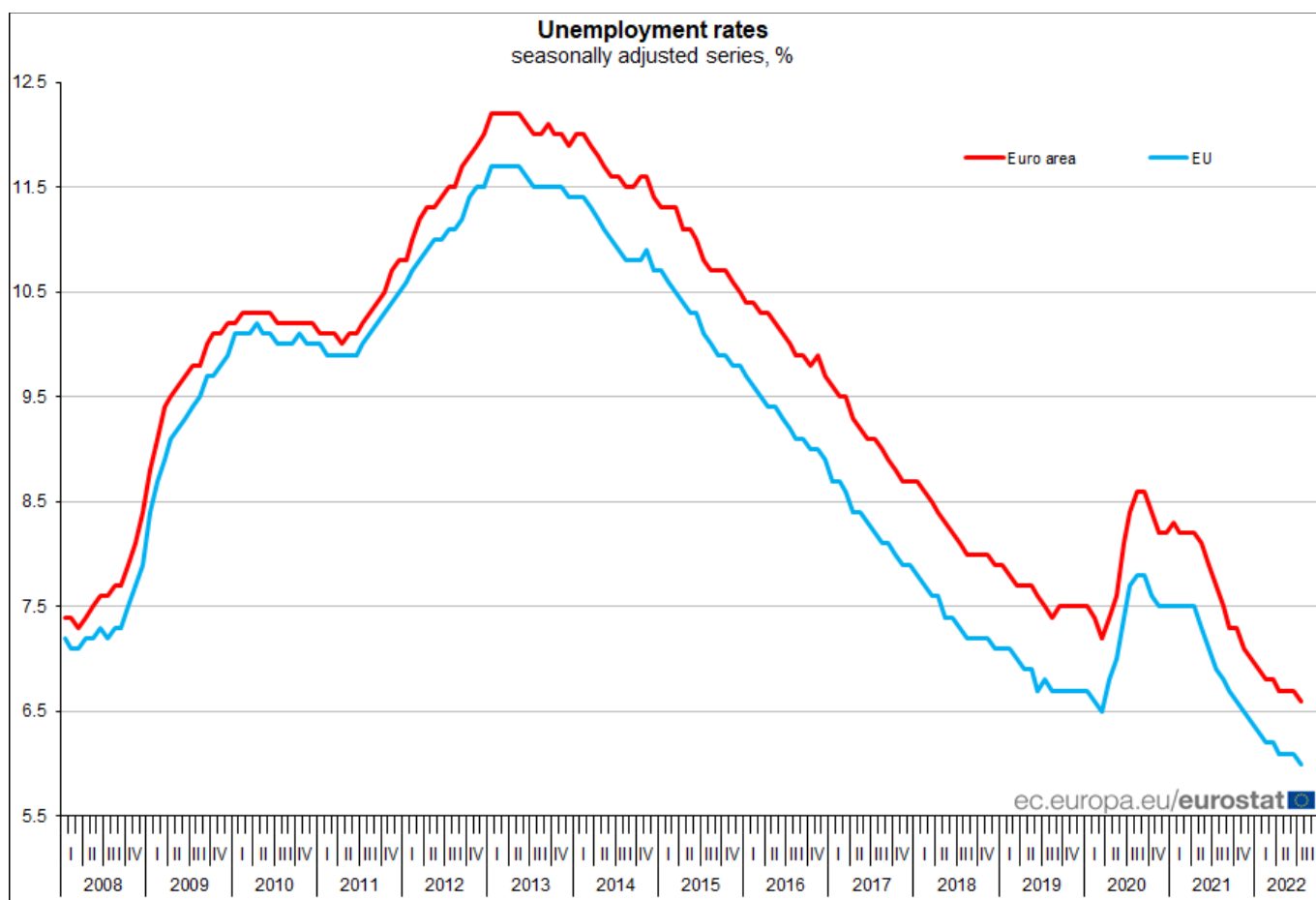
July 2022

Euro area unemployment at 6.6%

EU at 6.0%

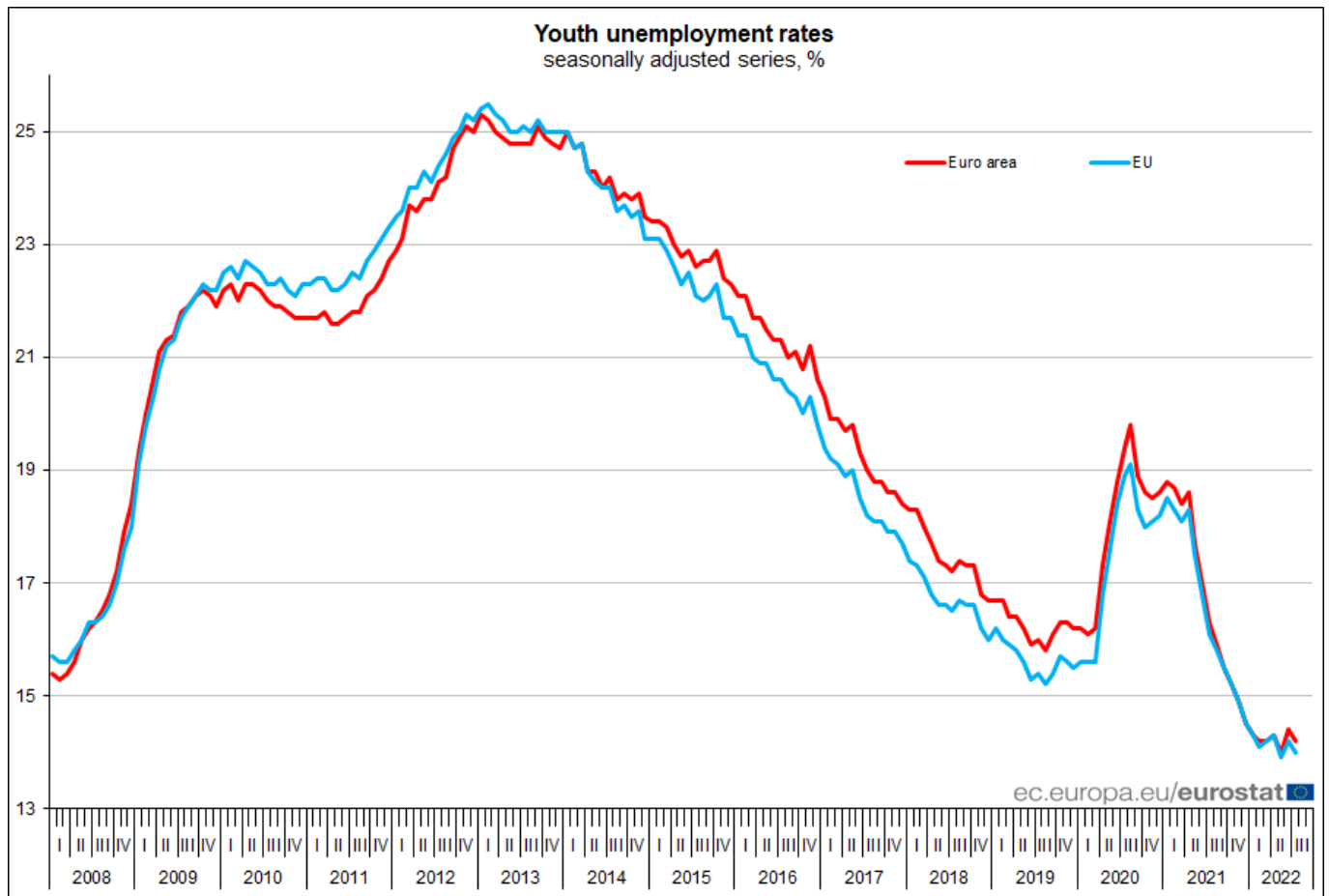
In July 2022, the **euro area** seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6%, down from 6.7% in June 2022 and from 7.7% in July 2021. The **EU** unemployment rate was 6.0% in July 2022, down from 6.1% in June 2022 and from 6.9% in July 2021. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

Eurostat estimates that 12.959 million men and women in the **EU**, of whom 10.983 million in the **euro area**, were unemployed in July 2022. Compared with June 2022, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 113 000 in the **EU** and by 77 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2021, unemployment decreased by 1.854 million in the **EU** and by 1.576 million in the **euro area**.



Youth unemployment

In July 2022, 2.630 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU**, of whom 2.173 million were in the **euro area**. In July 2022, the youth unemployment rate was 14.0% in the **EU** and 14.2% in the **euro area**, down from 14.2% and 14.4% respectively. Compared with June 2022, youth unemployment decreased by 55 thousand in the **EU** and by 35 thousand in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2021, youth unemployment decreased by 329 thousand in the **EU** and by 244 thousand in the **euro area**.



Unemployment by sex

In July 2022, the unemployment rate for women was 6.4% in the **EU**, stable compared with June 2022. The unemployment rate for men was 5.7% in July 2022, also stable compared with the previous month. In the **euro area**, the unemployment rate for women decreased from 7.1% in June 2022 to 7.0% in July 2022, while the unemployment rate for men remained stable at 6.3%.

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 first quarter of 2022. 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 [88/2022](#) of 1 August 2022, the unemployment rate for June 2022 has been revised for the euro area from 6.6% to 6.7% and for the EU from 6.0% to 6.1%. Among EU Member States, the rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points (pp) downwards for Ireland (by 0.5 pp), Lithuania (by 0.4 pp) and Sweden (by 0.2 pp). The rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points upwards for Cyprus (by 2.3 pp), Slovenia (by 0.6 pp), Belgium and France (both by 0.4 pp) as well as for Bulgaria, Estonia, Slovakia and Finland (all 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)				
	Jul 21	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Jul 21	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22
Euro area	7.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	12 559	11 101	11 053	11 060	10 983
EU	6.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	14 813	13 143	13 108	13 072	12 959
Belgium	6.2	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.9	325	296	307	312	308
Bulgaria	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	165	145	147	147	150
Czechia	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	141	130	131	127	122
Denmark	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	139	134	137	143	144
Germany	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	1 516	1 268	1 262	1 263	1 267
Estonia	6.2	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.8	43	39	41	42	42
Ireland	5.8	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.2	149	122	113	114	113
Greece	14.3	12.5	12.5	12.3	11.4	671	589	591	579	530
Spain	15.1	12.9	12.6	12.6	12.6	3 513	3 017	2 953	2 949	2 969
France	7.9	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.5	2 371	2 294	2 336	2 339	2 289
Croatia	7.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.4	136	114	113	115	116
Italy	9.1	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.9	2 282	2 059	2 011	2 009	1 978
Cyprus	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.4	8.0	32	33	33	36	39
Latvia	7.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.5	72	63	61	61	62
Lithuania	7.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2	103	81	81	82	78
Luxembourg	5.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	17	14	14	14	14
Hungary	4.1	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.5	199	164	172	146	172
Malta	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	9	9	9	8	8
Netherlands	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	393	316	323	339	353
Austria	6.0	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.6	278	203	218	194	211
Poland	3.3	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	566	468	464	455	444
Portugal	6.6	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9	341	304	311	310	306
Romania	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.2	436	452	456	449	433
Slovenia	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.2	46	45	46	45	42
Slovakia	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	187	175	174	173	172
Finland	7.8	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.8	216	186	187	189	190
Sweden	8.9	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	493	426	422	419	416
Iceland	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	11	9	9	9	9
Norway	4.5	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	130	92	92	93	93
Switzerland	5.1	4.4	4.4	4.3	:	251	219	219	213	:
United States	5.4	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	8 640	5 886	5 893	5 950	5 665

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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)				
	Jul 21	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Jul 21	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22
Euro area	16.3	14.3	14.0	14.4	14.2	2 417	2 182	2 136	2 208	2 173
EU	16.1	14.3	13.9	14.2	14.0	2 959	2 669	2 610	2 685	2 630
Belgium	18.4	16.7	16.7	16.7	:	78	69	69	69	:
Bulgaria	16.1	11.2	11.5	12.0	13.1	19	15	16	16	17
Czechia	7.9	8.4	6.5	7.4	6.3	21	23	18	21	17
Denmark	8.8	8.5	9.3	9.5	9.9	37	37	41	43	45
Germany	6.7	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	292	237	237	238	240
Estonia	18.7	15.3	21.6	24.4	24.5	10	8	12	14	14
Ireland	12.4	9.1	9.5	10.8	10.9	41	34	35	39	42
Greece	34.0	29.7	29.3	27.4	28.6	74	68	69	66	63
Spain	33.3	28.4	27.2	27.3	26.9	530	467	449	456	447
France	19.1	17.5	17.7	17.6	17.0	596	581	593	592	567
Croatia	20.1	15.6	15.6	15.6	:	29	23	23	23	:
Italy	27.6	24.6	22.6	23.9	24.0	399	371	342	372	371
Cyprus	14.9	18.4	18.4	18.4	:	6	7	7	7	:
Latvia	15.1	12.8	13.3	13.7	14.5	9	8	9	9	9
Lithuania	15.0	12.0	11.0	10.9	11.6	15	12	11	11	11
Luxembourg	17.3	15.7	15.5	15.5	15.7	4	4	4	4	4
Hungary	16.3	11.6	10.3	8.7	10.8	52	35	31	25	33
Malta	7.6	8.9	9.4	9.2	9.8	2	3	3	3	3
Netherlands	8.8	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.8	148	121	127	131	136
Austria	10.3	10.5	8.7	9.7	9.9	54	53	45	49	51
Poland	11.8	9.2	8.9	8.6	8.4	125	97	93	89	86
Portugal	23.1	20.5	18.4	18.9	17.8	78	68	60	61	57
Romania	21.0	22.7*	:	:	:	111	116*	:	:	:
Slovenia	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	:	10	9	9	9	:
Slovakia	20.5	20.2	19.8	19.8	19.5	29	29	29	29	28
Finland	17.3	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.1	54	44	44	44	44
Sweden	25.1	21.3	20.8	20.3	19.9	156	140	138	136	135
Iceland	9.9	9.1	8.6	8.4	8.6	3	3	3	3	3
Norway	14.0	7.1	11.6	10.2	8.1	59	28	50	42	33
Switzerland	8.8	8.6	8.9	8.6	:	51	50	51	49	:

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* 2022 Q1 data

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				
	Jul 21	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Jul 21	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22
Euro area	7.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	8.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0
EU	6.6	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	7.3	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4
Belgium	6.5	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5
Bulgaria	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3
Czechia	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.0
Denmark	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6
Germany	3.9	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7
Estonia	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.8	5.8	4.5	5.1	4.9	4.9
Ireland	5.9	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.1	5.7	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.3
Greece	11.0	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.5	18.5	16.1	16.2	15.9	13.8
Spain	13.4	11.3	11.0	11.0	11.1	16.9	14.6	14.3	14.3	14.3
France	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.9	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4
Croatia	7.2	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	7.8	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.2
Italy	8.2	7.2	7.0	7.1	6.9	10.4	9.5	9.4	9.2	9.2
Cyprus	6.9	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.7	7.5	7.7	8.7	9.6
Latvia	9.1	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.3	6.2	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.7
Lithuania	7.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.7	6.5	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.7
Luxembourg	4.8	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	5.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Hungary	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.5
Malta	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6
Netherlands	3.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.4	4.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.8
Austria	6.1	4.5	5.0	4.3	4.9	6.0	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.2
Poland	3.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0
Portugal	6.1	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.6	7.0	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2
Romania	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.8	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.3
Slovenia	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6
Slovakia	6.7	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4
Finland	8.4	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3
Sweden	8.6	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	9.1	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.0
Iceland	5.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	5.6	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8
Norway	5.3	2.9	4.2	3.4	3.2	4.6	2.4	3.3	2.6	2.5
Switzerland	5.0	4.2	4.2	4.1	:	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.6	:

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Source dataset: [une_rt_m](#)