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June 2015

Euro area unemployment rate at 11.1%

EU28 at 9.6%

The **euro area**¹ (EA19) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 11.1% in June 2015, stable compared with May 2015⁴, and down from 11.6% in June 2014. The **EU28**¹ unemployment rate was 9.6% in June 2015, also stable compared with May 2015 and down from 10.2% in June 2014. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

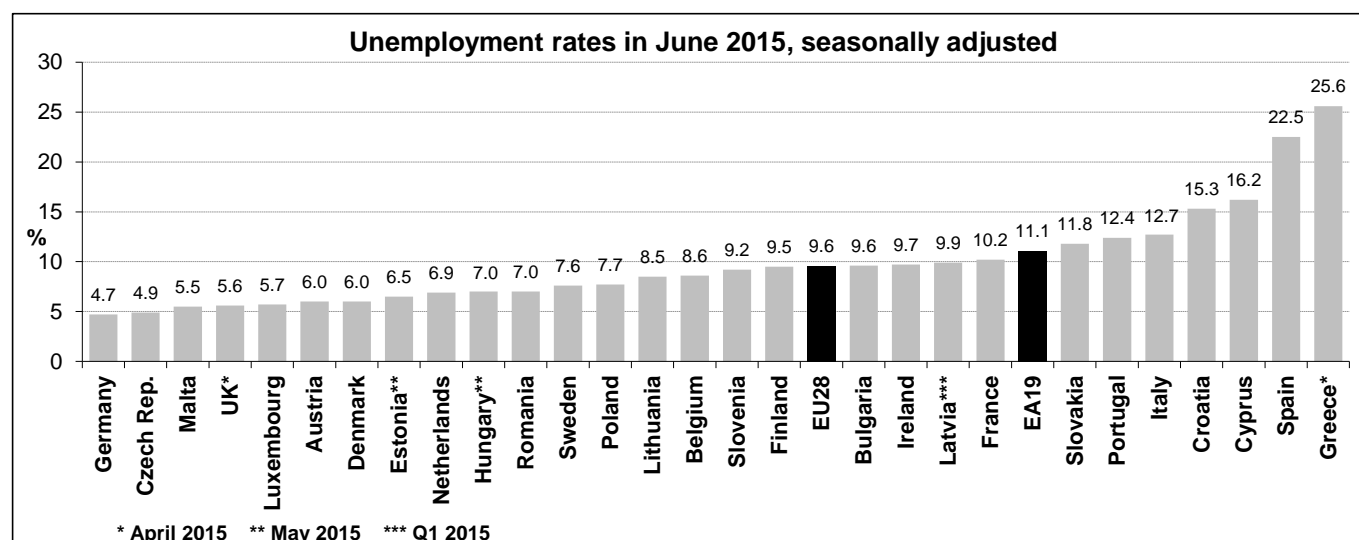
Eurostat estimates that 23.296 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 17.756 million in the **euro area**, were unemployed in June 2015. Compared with May 2015, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 32 000 in the **EU28** and increased by 31 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2014, unemployment fell by 1.448 million in the **EU28** and by 811 000 in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates in June 2015 were recorded in **Germany** (4.7%) and the **Czech Republic** (4.9%), and the highest in **Greece** (25.6% in April 2015) and **Spain** (22.5%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate in June 2015 fell in twenty-one Member States, increased in five and remained stable in both France and Cyprus. The largest decreases were registered in **Lithuania** (10.9% to 8.5%), **Spain** (24.5% to 22.5%) and **Portugal** (14.3% to 12.4%). The increases were registered in **Belgium** (8.4% to 8.6%), **Romania** (6.8% to 7.0%), **Italy** (12.4% to 12.7%), **Austria** (5.7% to 6.0%) and **Finland** (8.6% to 9.5%).

In June 2015, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 5.3%, down from 5.5% in May 2015 and down from 6.1% in June 2014.



Youth unemployment

In June 2015, 4.724 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.181 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2014, youth unemployment decreased by 386 000 in the **EU28** and by 225 000 in the **euro area**. In June 2015, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 20.7% in the **EU28** and 22.5% in the **euro area**, compared with 22.1% and 23.6% respectively in June 2014. In June 2015, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.1%), **Malta** (10.0%), **Estonia** (10.1% in May 2015), **Denmark** and **Austria** (both 10.3%), and the highest in **Greece** (53.2% in April 2015), **Spain** (49.2%), **Italy** (44.2%) and **Croatia** (43.1% in the second quarter 2015).

1. 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 EU28 includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, 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.
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
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 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; inclusion of new weights in the LFS data due to the 2011 Census. Compared with the rates published in News Release 117/2015 of 30 June 2015, the May 2015 unemployment rates remained unchanged at 9.6% for the EU28 and at 11.1% for the EA19. Among Member States, rates have been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points (pp) downwards for the Czech Republic (by 0.9 pp) and Portugal (by 0.8 pp). A revision of more than 0.1 percentage points upwards has been observed for Greece (by 0.2 pp).
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
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 database on the Eurostat website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database>
8. For Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Portugal, the United Kingdom and Norway 3-month moving averages of LFS data are used instead of pure monthly indicators.

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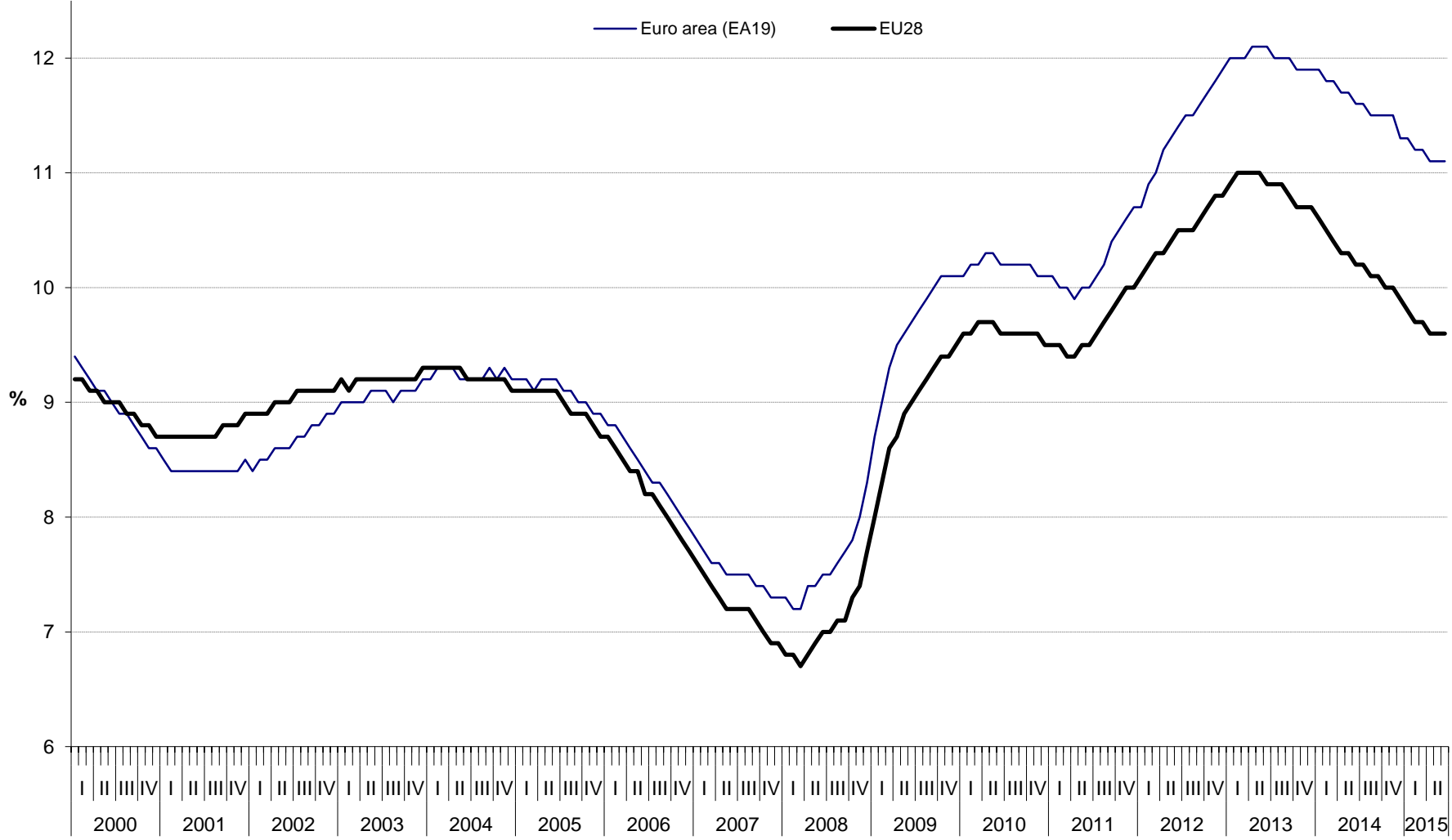
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 14	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jun 14	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15
EA19	11.6	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.1	18 567	17 925	17 790	17 725	17 756
EU28	10.2	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	24 744	23 547	23 415	23 328	23 296
Belgium	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	420	435	432	430	432
Bulgaria	11.4	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	383	330	326	324	320
Czech Republic	6.1	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.9	323	299	282	268	262
Denmark⁸	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0	189	184	182	178	176
Germany⁷	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	2 097	1 994	1 988	1 981	1 972
Estonia⁸	7.1**	6.2	6.6	6.5	:	48**	42	45	44	:
Ireland	11.4	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	244	211	210	209	208
Greece	27.0*	25.8	25.6	:	:	1 296*	1 229	1 217	:	:
Spain	24.5	22.9	22.7	22.6	22.5	5 625	5 261	5 228	5 195	5 176
France	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	3 003	3 009	2 972	2 970	2 971
Croatia	16.9	16.7	16.2	15.7	15.3	321	315	307	299	292
Italy	12.4	12.6	12.4	12.5	12.7	3 148	3 199	3 168	3 178	3 233
Cyprus	16.2	16.3	16.0	16.0	16.2	70	70	69	68	69
Latvia⁶	11.6***	9.9	:	:	:	107***	98	:	:	:
Lithuania	10.9	9.0	8.9	8.2	8.5	160	133	131	122	127
Luxembourg	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	16	15	15	15	15
Hungary⁸	8.2**	7.3	7.1	7.0	:	364**	330	319	315	:
Malta	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	11	11	11	11	11
Netherlands⁷	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	656	626	625	617	611
Austria⁷	5.7	5.6	5.9	6.1	6.0	248	244	256	266	262
Poland	9.0	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	1 562	1 364	1 357	1 347	1 328
Portugal⁸	14.3	13.2	12.8	12.4	12.4	742	678	657	635	636
Romania	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.0	626	623	628	646	642
Slovenia	9.6	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.2	98	93	93	93	92
Slovakia	13.2	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.8	360	329	327	325	324
Finland⁷	8.6	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	231	250	252	254	256
Sweden⁷	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	412	402	401	399	398
United Kingdom⁸	6.4*	5.5	5.6	:	:	2 078*	1 785	1 821	:	:
Iceland⁷	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	9	8	8	8	8
Norway⁸	3.2**	4.2	4.2	4.3	:	91**	115	117	118	:
United States	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.3	9 468	8 551	8 505	8 681	8 288

: Data not available

* April 2014

** May 2014

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Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 14	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jun 14	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15
EA19	23.6	22.6	22.4	22.3	22.5	3 406	3 225	3 196	3 165	3 181
EU28	22.1	20.9	20.7	20.7	20.7	5 110	4 805	4 764	4 728	4 724
Belgium	22.0	20.6	20.2	19.8	19.5	91	85	83	82	81
Bulgaria	23.7	21.2	20.3	19.6	18.8	48	42	40	38	36
Czech Republic	16.8	14.2	13.6	12.7	12.7	61	51	48	44	44
Denmark⁸	12.5	10.5	10.1	9.9	10.3	55	47	45	45	47
Germany⁷	7.8	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	328	302	299	297	295
Estonia⁸	14.1	11.8	11.1	10.1	:	8	7	7	6	:
Ireland	24.1	21.3	20.7	20.0	19.8	47	40	38	37	37
Greece	49.4	52.3	53.2	:	:	157	152	155	:	:
Spain	53.4	49.8	49.6	49.3	49.2	850	783	785	776	760
France	24.0	24.4	23.8	23.6	23.6	660	672	646	641	639
Croatia⁶	45.0	43.5	43.1	43.1	43.1	73	71	69	69	69
Italy	42.3	42.2	41.7	42.4	44.2	689	660	658	649	682
Cyprus⁶	37.0	34.5	31.7	31.7	31.7	16	14	13	13	13
Latvia⁶	21.1	15.8	:	:	:	18	13	:	:	:
Lithuania	19.9	16.9	16.6	16.1	17.4	26	22	22	21	22
Luxembourg	21.5	20.0	19.7	19.4	19.1	3	3	3	3	3
Hungary⁸	22.0	19.3	18.7	18.7	:	73	65	63	65	:
Malta	11.5	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.0	3	3	3	3	3
Netherlands⁷	12.8	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.1	175	152	154	156	157
Austria⁷	10.1	9.9	10.0	10.4	10.3	57	56	57	59	59
Poland	24.0	21.6	21.4	20.9	20.3	351	296	292	282	271
Portugal⁸	35.3	32.5	31.8	31.1	31.6	135	121	117	112	113
Romania⁶	24.6	23.3	:	:	:	161	163	:	:	:
Slovenia⁶	20.4	17.0	16.7	16.7	16.7	15	12	12	12	12
Slovakia	30.3	26.2	26.1	25.9	25.7	64	56	56	55	55
Finland⁷	20.2	22.5	22.9	23.2	23.5	66	75	76	77	77
Sweden⁷	22.9	21.3	21.2	21.0	20.9	153	140	138	137	136
United Kingdom⁸	16.3	15.7	15.7	:	:	726	709	712	:	:
Iceland⁷	9.8	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.6	3	3	3	3	3
Norway⁸	7.5	9.5	10.1	10.5	:	27	36	38	40	:

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Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Jun 14	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jun 14	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15
EA19	11.4	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.8	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.3
EU28	10.1	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.3	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8
Belgium	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.2	7.6	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.1
Bulgaria	12.4	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	8.9
Czech Republic	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.1	7.5	6.6	6.4	6.1	6.0
Denmark ⁸	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.5	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.6
Germany ⁷	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Estonia ⁸	7.7	6.1	6.4	6.4	:	6.5	6.2	6.8	6.6	:
Ireland	13.0	11.3	11.1	10.9	10.8	9.3	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.3
Greece	23.5	22.6	22.2	:	:	30.6	29.8	29.8	:	:
Spain	23.6	21.7	21.4	21.2	21.1	25.5	24.4	24.3	24.2	24.2
France	10.4	10.6	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0
Croatia	15.8	16.8	16.3	15.8	15.4	18.1	16.5	16.1	15.7	15.3
Italy	11.5	12.1	12.0	12.2	12.3	13.6	13.2	13.0	12.8	13.1
Cyprus	17.4	16.6	15.9	15.8	16.1	14.9	16.0	16.1	16.2	16.3
Latvia ⁶	12.0	10.3	:	:	:	9.5	9.4	:	:	:
Lithuania	12.4	9.8	9.5	8.6	9.1	9.4	8.3	8.2	7.8	7.9
Luxembourg	5.8	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2
Hungary ⁸	8.1	7.3	7.1	6.8	:	8.3	7.3	7.1	7.2	:
Malta	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.3
Netherlands ⁷	7.2	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.2
Austria ⁷	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.3	5.4	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.6
Poland	8.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	9.6	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.1
Portugal ⁸	13.8	13.0	12.4	12.4	11.9	14.9	13.4	13.2	12.4	12.9
Romania	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.2	5.9
Slovenia	8.8	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	10.6	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.6
Slovakia	12.9	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.8	13.6	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1
Finland ⁷	9.2	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.1	8.0	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0
Sweden ⁷	8.2	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
United Kingdom ⁸	6.4	5.6	5.7	:	:	5.8	5.3	5.4	:	:
Iceland ⁷	4.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5
Norway ⁸	3.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	:	3.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	:

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