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June 2016

Euro area unemployment at 10.1%

EU28 at 8.6%

The **euro area** (EA19) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 10.1% in June 2016, stable compared to May 2016 and down from 11.0% in June 2015. This remains the lowest rate recorded in the **euro area** since July 2011. The **EU28** unemployment rate was 8.6% in June 2016, stable compared to May 2016 and down from 9.5% in June 2015. This remains the lowest rate recorded in the **EU28** since March 2009. These figures are published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

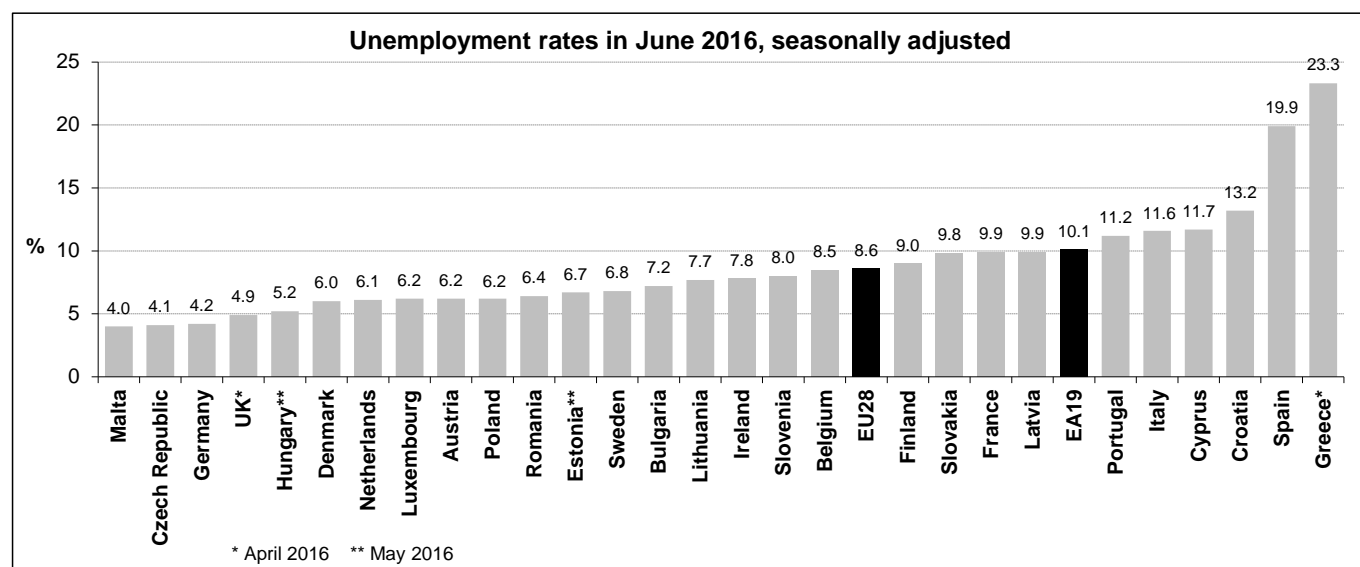
Eurostat estimates that 20.986 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 16.269 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in June 2016. Compared with May 2016, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 91 000 in the **EU28** and by 37 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2015, unemployment fell by 2.114 million in the **EU28** and by 1.363 million in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates in June 2016 were recorded in **Malta** (4.0%), the **Czech Republic** (4.1%) and **Germany** (4.2%). The highest unemployment rates were observed in **Greece** (23.3% in April 2016) and **Spain** (19.9%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate in June 2016 fell in twenty-five Member States, remained stable in **Belgium** and **Estonia**, while it increased in **Austria** (from 5.7% to 6.2%). The largest decreases were registered in **Cyprus** (from 15.1% to 11.7%), **Croatia** (from 16.2% to 13.2%), **Bulgaria** (from 9.7% to 7.2%) and **Spain** (from 22.3% to 19.9%).

In June 2016, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 4.9%, up from 4.7% in May 2016 and down from 5.3% in June 2015.



Youth unemployment

In June 2016, 4.194 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 2.915 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2015, youth unemployment decreased by 492 000 in the **EU28** and by 248 000 in the **euro area**. In June 2016, the youth unemployment rate was 18.5% in the **EU28** and 20.8% in the **euro area**, compared with 20.6% and 22.5% respectively in June 2015. In June 2016, the lowest rates were observed in **Malta** (6.9%) and **Germany** (7.2%), and the highest in **Greece** (47.4% in April 2016) and **Spain** (45.8%).

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, 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.

Methods and definition

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.

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 [129/2016](#) of 1 July 2016, the May 2016 unemployment rate remains unchanged for both the EA19 and the EU28. Among Member States, rates have been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points (pp) downwards for Greece and Portugal (both by 0.4 pp, March data for Greece). The unemployment rate has been revised by more than 0.1 pp upwards for Spain (by 0.3 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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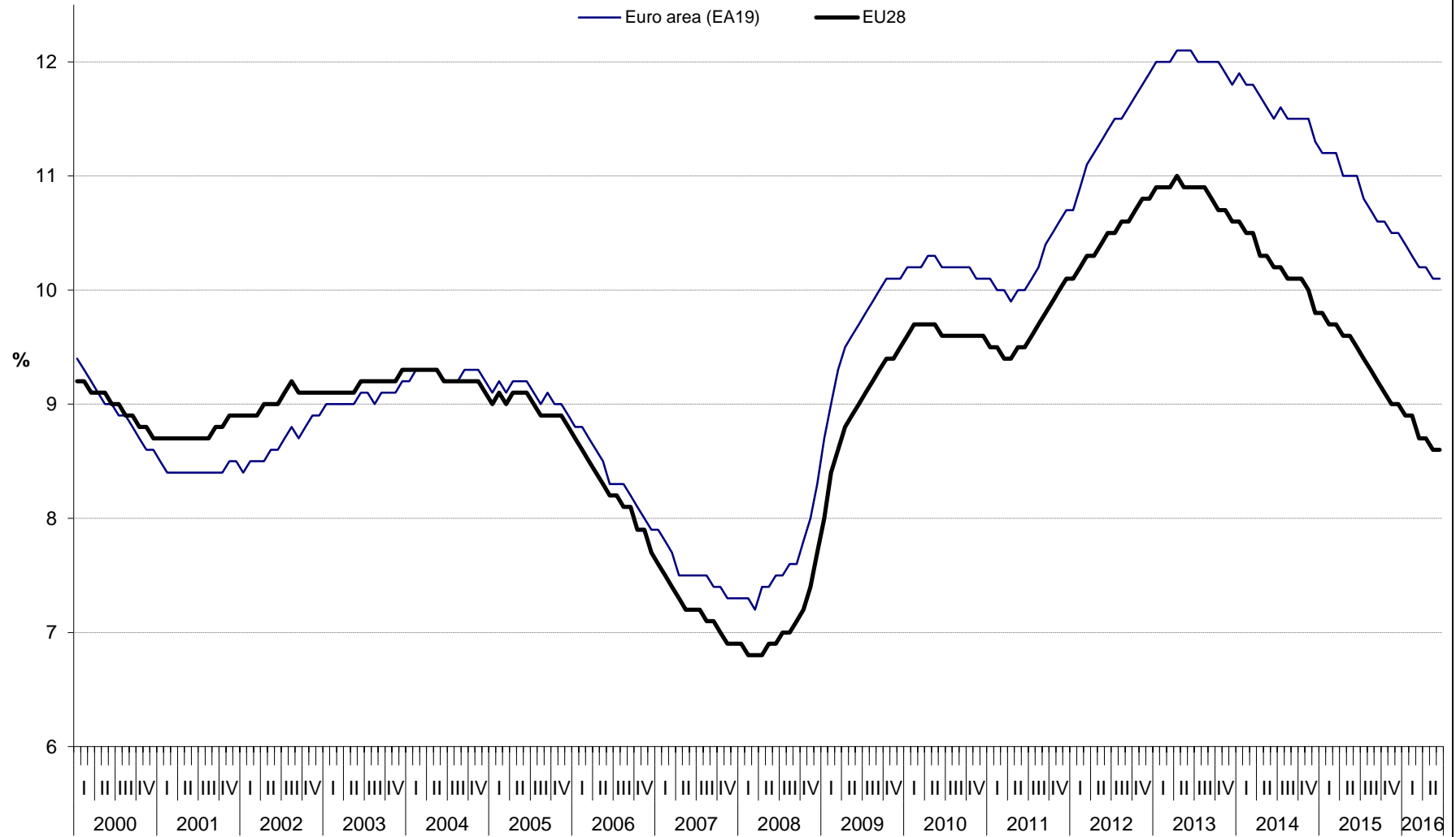
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 15	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jun 15	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16
EA19	11.0	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.1	17 632	16 470	16 404	16 306	16 269
EU28	9.5	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	23 100	21 311	21 175	21 077	20 986
Belgium	8.5	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.5	421	400	406	411	416
Bulgaria	9.7	7.9	7.6	7.3	7.2	322	259	248	239	233
Czech Republic	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	263	216	215	213	219
Denmark	6.2	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	181	177	182	182	182
Germany	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	1 951	1 828	1 818	1 811	1 802
Estonia	6.7**	6.6	6.5	6.7	:	46**	46	45	47	:
Ireland	9.4	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.8	204	175	171	170	169
Greece	25.3*	23.7	23.3	:	:	1 206*	1 136	1 115	:	:
Spain	22.3	20.3	20.3	20.1	19.9	5 131	4 639	4 638	4 601	4 542
France	10.5	10.1	9.9	9.9	9.9	3 079	2 965	2 911	2 905	2 925
Croatia	16.2	14.1	13.7	13.3	13.2	310	257	251	246	244
Italy	12.2	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	3 123	2 932	2 979	2 956	2 983
Cyprus	15.1	12.7	12.2	11.9	11.7	64	51	49	48	47
Latvia	10.1	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.9	100	96	96	96	98
Lithuania	9.5	8.4	8.2	8.0	7.7	139	124	121	117	113
Luxembourg	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	18	17	17	17	17
Hungary	6.9**	5.6	5.4	5.2	:	313**	257	249	237	:
Malta	5.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.0	11	9	8	8	8
Netherlands	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.1	611	574	572	560	550
Austria	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.2	252	262	265	276	278
Poland	7.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	1 287	1 093	1 085	1 084	1 074
Portugal	12.3	12.0	11.6	11.2	11.2	631	611	592	573	569
Romania	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.4	617	573	573	581	568
Slovenia	9.5	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.0	96	82	80	80	79
Slovakia	11.4	10.1	10.0	9.9	9.8	311	278	277	274	270
Finland	9.4	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	251	244	242	242	241
Sweden	7.5	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	387	366	364	361	359
United Kingdom	5.5*	4.9	4.9	:	:	1 804*	1 631	1 615	:	:
Iceland	4.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	8	6	6	6	5
Norway	4.3**	4.6	4.6	:	:	119**	129	128	:	:
United States	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.9	8 252	7 945	7 916	7 467	7 796

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

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* April 2015

** May 2015

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 15	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jun 15	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16
EA19	22.5	21.2	21.0	20.9	20.8	3 163	2 962	2 958	2 940	2 915
EU28	20.6	18.9	18.8	18.7	18.5	4 686	4 268	4 256	4 247	4 194
Belgium	22.1	20.3	20.8	20.8	20.8	87	78	77	77	77
Bulgaria	22.6	15.5	14.4	13.9	13.8	42	26	23	22	22
Czech Republic	12.5	9.9	10.2	10.8	11.4	43	33	34	36	38
Denmark	11.3	11.0	11.6	11.0	10.8	52	51	55	53	53
Germany	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	287	300	301	301	300
Estonia	10.7	12.6	12.5	14.2	:	6	7	7	8	:
Ireland	20.5	16.1	15.3	15.1	15.3	38	30	28	28	29
Greece	48.1	50.0	47.4	:	:	136	128	129	:	:
Spain	48.3	45.9	46.1	45.9	45.8	761	683	696	687	672
France	24.5	24.2	23.6	23.3	23.3	676	669	647	639	636
Croatia	43.8	31.5	30.1	30.1	30.1	69	54	52	52	52
Italy	42.0	36.7	36.9	36.8	36.5	650	567	579	578	580
Cyprus	32.9	27.6	24.0	24.0	24.0	13	9	8	8	8
Latvia	15.7	14.3	14.2	14.2	14.1	13	11	11	11	11
Lithuania	16.6	14.2	13.8	13.4	13.1	21	18	17	17	16
Luxembourg	17.0	17.2	16.8	16.7	16.7	4	4	4	4	4
Hungary	17.4	14.2	14.0	13.5	:	59	49	48	47	:
Malta	13.6	8.1	7.3	6.8	6.9	4	2	2	2	2
Netherlands	11.1	11.4	11.2	11.1	10.8	157	159	159	158	152
Austria	10.4	10.6	10.5	11.3	11.3	59	59	59	65	64
Poland	20.5	17.7	17.3	17.2	17.0	283	251	246	245	241
Portugal	31.8	31.0	29.6	28.1	27.2	115	114	108	102	99
Romania	21.8	21.0	:	:	:	150	128	:	:	:
Slovenia	16.3	16.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	12	11	11	11	11
Slovakia	26.7	24.6	25.0	25.1	24.8	55	50	50	50	49
Finland	22.5	21.4	21.2	21.0	20.9	73	68	68	67	67
Sweden	20.8	18.8	18.8	18.6	18.1	132	123	122	121	120
United Kingdom	15.3	13.2	13.3	:	:	691	592	595	:	:
Iceland	8.4	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.0	3	2	2	2	2
Norway	10.9	11.7	11.6	:	:	43	44	43	:	:

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

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

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Jun 15	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jun 15	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16
EA19	10.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	11.1	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.4
EU28	9.4	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	9.6	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.8
Belgium	9.3	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.9	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0
Bulgaria	10.5	8.5	8.1	7.7	7.5	8.7	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.8
Czech Republic	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	6.0	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.9
Denmark	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.1
Germany	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9
Estonia	6.1	7.0	7.3	8.0	:	6.2	6.1	5.6	5.3	:
Ireland	10.7	9.6	9.3	9.2	9.1	7.9	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2
Greece	21.8	20.0	19.3	:	:	28.8	28.4	28.2	:	:
Spain	20.9	18.7	18.7	18.5	18.2	24.0	22.1	22.2	22.0	21.8
France	11.0	10.4	10.2	10.2	10.2	9.9	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.6
Croatia	15.7	14.9	14.4	13.8	13.4	16.7	13.2	12.9	12.8	13.0
Italy	11.6	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.9	13.1	12.3	12.7	12.6	12.5
Cyprus	15.1	12.4	11.9	11.5	11.4	15.0	12.9	12.5	12.3	12.1
Latvia	11.7	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.2	8.5	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.6
Lithuania	10.6	9.7	9.5	9.1	8.8	8.4	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.7
Luxembourg	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.9
Hungary	6.5	5.4	5.3	5.3	:	7.2	5.9	5.6	5.0	:
Malta	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.8	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.4
Netherlands	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.7	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.6
Austria	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.8
Poland	7.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	7.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5
Portugal	12.2	11.8	11.5	11.1	10.9	12.5	12.1	11.6	11.4	11.5
Romania	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.3
Slovenia	8.4	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	10.7	9.2	8.9	8.8	8.8
Slovakia	10.2	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	12.9	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.1
Finland	9.9	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.1	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9
Sweden	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.3
United Kingdom	5.6	5.0	5.1	:	:	5.3	4.9	4.7	:	:
Iceland	3.9	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.6	4.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0
Norway	4.8	5.3	5.3	:	:	4.0	3.9	3.8	:	:

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

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