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June 2017

Euro area unemployment at 9.1%

EU28 at 7.7%

The **euro area** (EA19) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 9.1% in June 2017, down from 9.2% in May 2017 and down from 10.1% in June 2016. This is the lowest rate recorded in the **euro area** since February 2009. The **EU28** unemployment rate was 7.7% in June 2017, stable compared to May 2017 and down from 8.6% in June 2016. This remains the lowest rate recorded in the **EU28** since December 2008. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

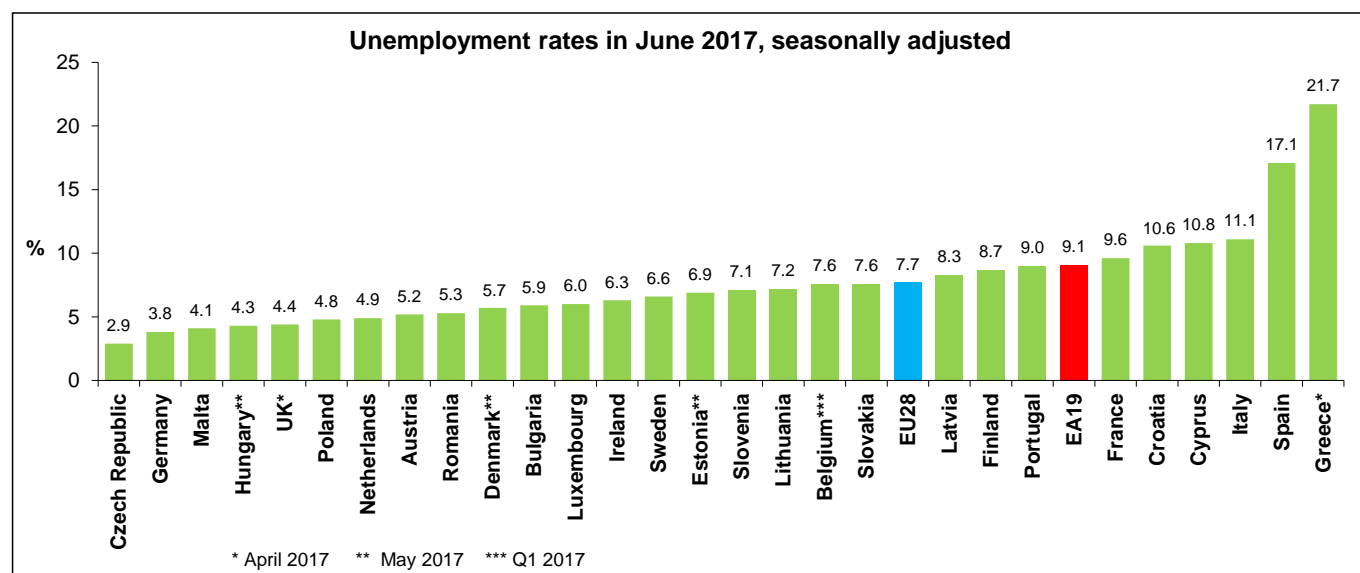
Eurostat estimates that 18.725 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 14.718 million in the **euro area**, were unemployed in June 2017. Compared with May 2017, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 183 000 in the **EU28** and by 148 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2016, unemployment fell by 2.368 million in the **EU28** and by 1.667 million in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates in June 2017 were recorded in the **Czech Republic** (2,9%), **Germany** (3.8%) and **Malta** (4.1%). The highest unemployment rates were observed in **Greece** (21.7% in April 2017) and **Spain** (17.1%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate fell in all Member States for which data is comparable over time, except **Estonia** which showed an increase (from 6.5% in May 2016 to 6.9% in May 2017). The largest decreases were registered in **Spain** (from 19.9% to 17.1%) and **Croatia** (from 13.3% to 10.6%).

In June 2017, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 4.4%, up from 4.3% in May 2017 but down from 4.9% in June 2016.



Youth unemployment

In June 2017, 3.710 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 2.588 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2016, youth unemployment decreased by 586 000 in the **EU28** and by 399 000 in the **euro area**. In June 2017, the youth unemployment rate was 16.7% in the **EU28** and 18.7% in the **euro area**, compared with 18.8% and 21.0% respectively in June 2016. In June 2017, the lowest rate was observed in **Germany** (6.7%), while the highest were recorded in **Greece** (45.5% in April 2017), **Spain** (39.2%) and **Italy** (35.4%).

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.

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

Belgium: quarterly data are shown in all tables. Due to a methodological break in the LFS data for the 1st quarter of 2017, data prior to Q1 2017 are not comparable and therefore not shown.

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 [103/2017](#) of 3 July 2017, the May 2017 unemployment rate has been revised by 0.1 pp downwards for both the EU28 and the EA19. Among Member States, rates have been revised by more than 0.1 pp downwards for Greece (by 0.5 pp in March 2017), Spain (by 0.4 pp), Austria and Portugal (both 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 article](#) on unemployment

Eurostat [Statistics Explained article](#) on youth unemployment

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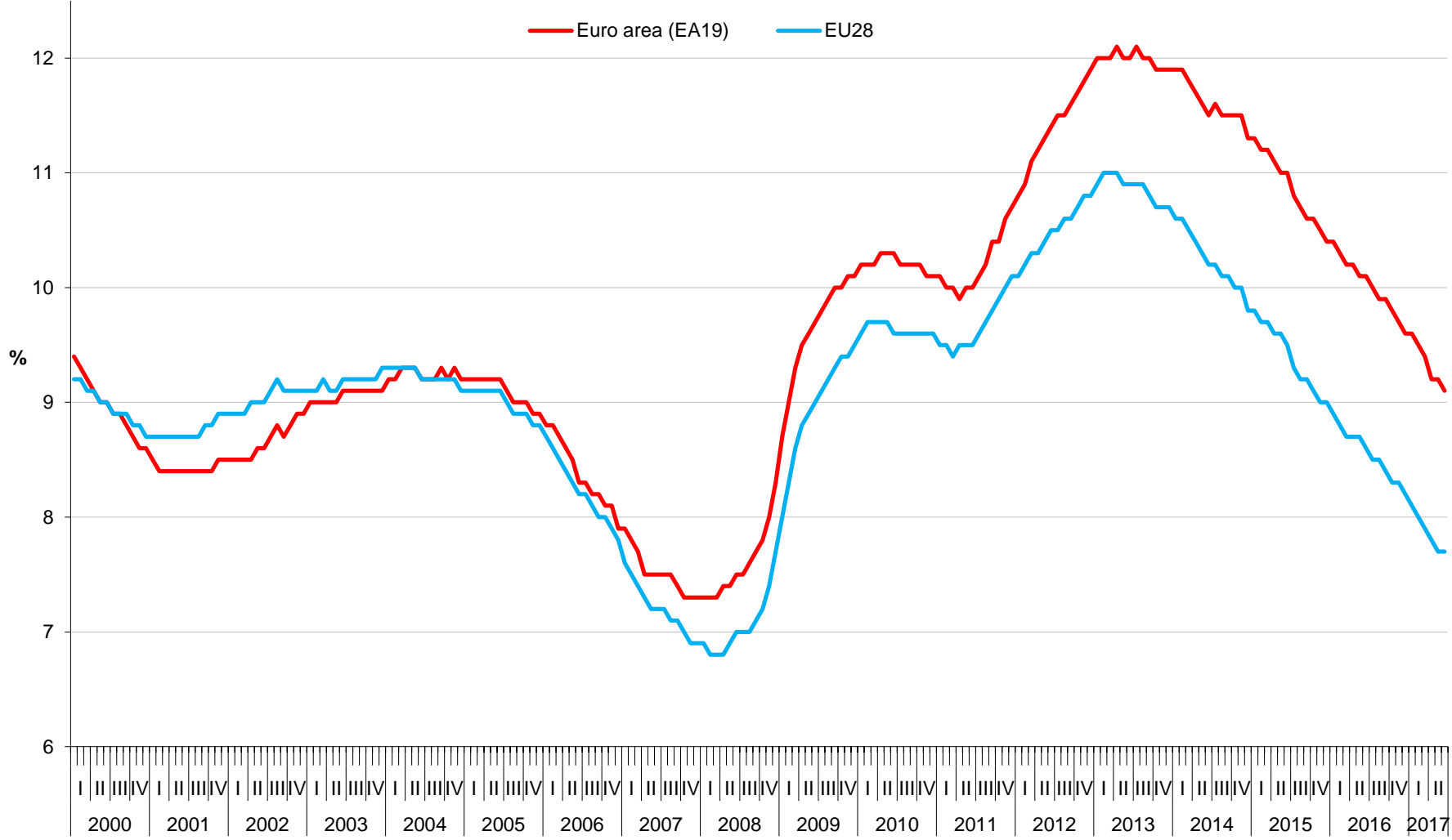
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

| | Rates (%) | | | | | Number of persons (in thousands) | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|
| | Jun 16 | Mar 17 | Apr 17 | May 17 | Jun 17 | Jun 16 | Mar 17 | Apr 17 | May 17 | Jun 17 |
| EA19 | 10.1 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 16 385 | 15 211 | 14 924 | 14 866 | 14 718 |
| EU28 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 21 093 | 19 333 | 18 991 | 18 908 | 18 725 |
| Belgium | : | 7.6 | : | : | : | : | 375 | : | : | : |
| Bulgaria | 7.8 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 255 | 209 | 202 | 197 | 195 |
| Czech Republic | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 220 | 174 | 176 | 157 | 157 |
| Denmark | 6.2** | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | : | 187** | 175 | 167 | 170 | : |
| Germany | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 1 806 | 1 673 | 1 665 | 1 652 | 1 633 |
| Estonia | 6.5** | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.9 | : | 45** | 39 | 44 | 48 | : |
| Ireland | 8.3 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 181 | 146 | 142 | 140 | 139 |
| Greece | 23.6* | 22.0 | 21.7 | : | : | 1 134* | 1 054 | 1 041 | : | : |
| Spain | 19.9 | 18.0 | 17.6 | 17.3 | 17.1 | 4 538 | 4 095 | 3 990 | 3 920 | 3 870 |
| France | 10.0 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 2 964 | 2 814 | 2 806 | 2 820 | 2 833 |
| Croatia | 13.3 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 243 | 203 | 198 | 192 | 188 |
| Italy | 11.7 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 3 024 | 2 972 | 2 867 | 2 912 | 2 855 |
| Cyprus | 12.9 | 12.1 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 54 | 51 | 48 | 46 | 46 |
| Latvia | 9.7 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 96 | 84 | 80 | 80 | 80 |
| Lithuania | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 121 | 119 | 110 | 107 | 105 |
| Luxembourg | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Hungary | 5.2** | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | : | 237** | 201 | 199 | 198 | : |
| Malta | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Netherlands | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 550 | 463 | 456 | 456 | 446 |
| Austria | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 282 | 255 | 244 | 234 | 234 |
| Poland | 6.3 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 1 084 | 847 | 833 | 828 | 821 |
| Portugal | 11.1 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 566 | 502 | 490 | 474 | 463 |
| Romania | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 527 | 478 | 471 | 478 | 470 |
| Slovenia | 8.0 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 79 | 72 | 73 | 73 | 73 |
| Slovakia | 9.7 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 269 | 230 | 227 | 220 | 208 |
| Finland | 8.9 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 238 | 238 | 238 | 237 | 236 |
| Sweden | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 366 | 358 | 356 | 354 | 353 |
| United Kingdom | 4.9* | 4.5 | 4.4 | : | : | 1 613* | 1 493 | 1 461 | : | : |
| Iceland | 3.0** | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | : | 6** | 5 | 5 | 5 | : |
| Norway | 4.7** | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | : | 131** | 124 | 126 | 120 | : |
| United States | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 7 806 | 7 199 | 7 040 | 6 872 | 7 010 |

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

: Data not available

* April 2016

** May 2016

Belgium: quarterly data

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

| | Rates (%) | | | | | Number of persons (in thousands) | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| | Jun 16 | Mar 17 | Apr 17 | May 17 | Jun 17 | Jun 16 | Mar 17 | Apr 17 | May 17 | Jun 17 |
| EA19 | 21.0 | 19.1 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 2 987 | 2 676 | 2 645 | 2 634 | 2 588 |
| EU28 | 18.8 | 17.0 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.7 | 4 296 | 3 818 | 3 779 | 3 768 | 3 710 |
| Belgium | : | 21.5 | : | : | : | : | 76 | : | : | : |
| Bulgaria | 16.7 | 13.3 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 27 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Czech Republic | 11.8 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 39 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 |
| Denmark | 11.8 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 10.9 | : | 58 | 53 | 50 | 51 | : |
| Germany | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 299 | 283 | 282 | 281 | 280 |
| Estonia | 15.0 | 14.9 | 18.2 | 15.7 | : | 9 | 9 | 11 | 9 | : |
| Ireland | 17.9 | 12.9 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 37 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Greece | 46.5 | 45.7 | 45.5 | : | : | 123 | 121 | 120 | : | : |
| Spain | 45.3 | 40.2 | 39.4 | 39.1 | 39.2 | 674 | 596 | 586 | 580 | 570 |
| France | 24.6 | 22.3 | 21.9 | 21.6 | 21.4 | 684 | 606 | 595 | 586 | 577 |
| Croatia | 32.1 | 28.5 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 56 | 47 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| Italy | 37.3 | 34.3 | 35.0 | 36.5 | 35.4 | 589 | 531 | 526 | 548 | 534 |
| Cyprus | 29.0 | 24.6 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Latvia | 19.7 | 15.9 | 14.3 | 13.6 | 13.2 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Lithuania | 15.0 | 14.5 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 14 |
| Luxembourg | 19.1 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Hungary | 12.9 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 10.8 | : | 45 | 36 | 37 | 37 | : |
| Malta | 11.1 | 11.0 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Netherlands | 10.8 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 152 | 135 | 134 | 128 | 126 |
| Austria | 12.0 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.1 | 8.4 | 69 | 56 | 55 | 49 | 45 |
| Poland | 18.1 | 14.1 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 252 | 188 | 186 | 185 | 182 |
| Portugal | 26.7 | 22.9 | 23.7 | 23.9 | 23.4 | 98 | 83 | 88 | 87 | 85 |
| Romania | 20.8 | 19.9 | : | : | : | 126 | 122 | : | : | : |
| Slovenia | 15.3 | 10.4 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Slovakia | 22.1 | 18.9 | 18.7 | 18.3 | 17.6 | 46 | 39 | 39 | 38 | 37 |
| Finland | 20.7 | 20.5 | 20.6 | 20.9 | 21.0 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 67 |
| Sweden | 18.2 | 17.7 | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.5 | 121 | 111 | 110 | 108 | 107 |
| United Kingdom | 13.4 | 12.2 | 12.2 | : | : | 596 | 539 | 538 | : | : |
| Iceland | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | : | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | : |
| Norway | 10.7 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.7 | : | 39 | 39 | 38 | 39 | : |

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

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

| | Males | | | | | Females | | | | |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| | Jun 16 | Mar 17 | Apr 17 | May 17 | Jun 17 | Jun 16 | Mar 17 | Apr 17 | May 17 | Jun 17 |
| EA19 | 9.8 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.5 |
| EU28 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| Belgium | : | 7.3 | : | : | : | : | 7.9 | : | : | : |
| Bulgaria | 8.3 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| Czech Republic | 3.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| Denmark | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 | : | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.1 | : |
| Germany | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| Estonia | 7.9 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 7.5 | : | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.3 | : |
| Ireland | 9.4 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| Greece | 19.8 | 18.6 | 18.2 | : | : | 28.0 | 26.4 | 26.2 | : | : |
| Spain | 18.3 | 16.4 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 15.5 | 21.7 | 19.8 | 19.4 | 19.1 | 19.0 |
| France | 10.3 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 |
| Croatia | 12.7 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 14.0 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 11.9 | 11.7 |
| Italy | 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 12.9 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.0 |
| Cyprus | 12.9 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 11.2 | 10.8 | 10.8 |
| Latvia | 10.9 | 9.5 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.8 |
| Lithuania | 9.4 | 10.1 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| Luxembourg | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| Hungary | 5.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | : | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | : |
| Malta | 4.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Netherlands | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| Austria | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Poland | 6.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 |
| Portugal | 11.0 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.5 |
| Romania | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| Slovenia | 7.3 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 8.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.7 |
| Slovakia | 8.8 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 10.9 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 7.7 |
| Finland | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 |
| Sweden | 7.3 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.2 |
| United Kingdom | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | : | : | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.1 | : | : |
| Iceland | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | : | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | : |
| Norway | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | : | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | : |

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