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June 2018

Euro area unemployment at 8.3%

EU28 at 6.9%

The **euro area** (EA19) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 8.3% in June 2018, stable compared with May 2018 and down from 9.0% in June 2017. This remains the lowest rate recorded in the **euro area** since December 2008. The **EU28** unemployment rate was 6.9% in June 2018, also stable compared with May 2018 and down from 7.6% in June 2017. This is the lowest rate recorded in the **EU28** since May 2008. These figures are published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

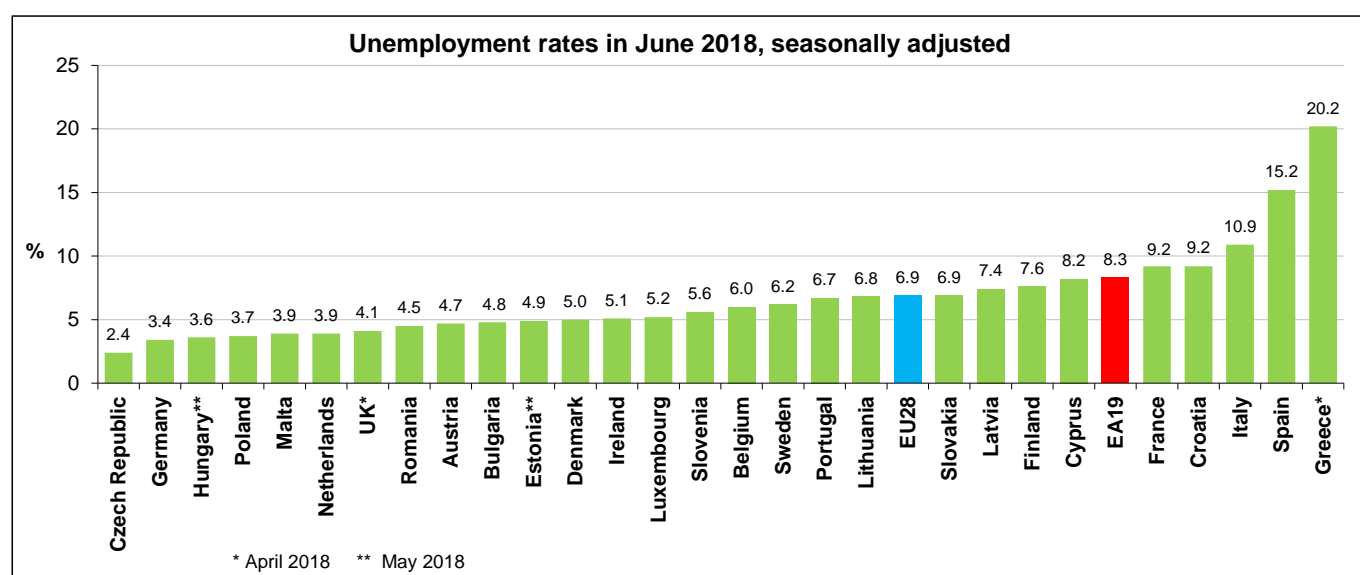
Eurostat estimates that 17.105 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 13.570 million in the **euro area**, were unemployed in June 2018. Compared with May 2018, the number of persons unemployed increased by 4 000 in the **EU28** and by 14 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2017, unemployment fell by 1.657 million in the **EU28** and by 1.146 million in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates in June 2018 were recorded in the **Czech Republic** (2.4%) and **Germany** (3.4%). The highest unemployment rates were observed in **Greece** (20.2% in April 2018) and **Spain** (15.2%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate fell in all Member States. The largest decreases were registered in **Cyprus** (from 11.0% to 8.2%), **Portugal** (from 9.1% to 6.7%), **Croatia** (from 11.1% to 9.2%), **Estonia** (from 6.8% to 4.9% between May 2017 and May 2018) and **Spain** (from 17.0% to 15.2%).

In June 2018, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 4.0%, up from 3.8% in May 2018 and down from 4.3% in June 2017.



Youth unemployment

In June 2018, 3.415 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 2.412 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2017, youth unemployment decreased by 386 000 in the **EU28** and by 266 000 in the **euro area**. In June 2018, the youth unemployment rate was 15.2% in the **EU28** and 16.9% in the **euro area**, compared with 16.8% and 18.9% respectively in June 2017. In June 2018, the lowest rates were observed in **Malta** (5.5%), **Germany** (6.2%) and the **Netherlands** (7.2%), while the highest were recorded in **Greece** (42.3% in April 2018), **Spain** (34.1%) and **Italy** (32.6%).

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 definitions

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

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 [108/2018](#) of 2 July 2018, the May 2018 unemployment rate has been revised from 8.4% to 8.3% for the EA19 and from 7.0% to 6.9% for the EU28. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points (pp) downwards for Spain (by 0.4 pp) as well as for Portugal and Finland (both by 0.3 pp). The rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points upwards for Croatia (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

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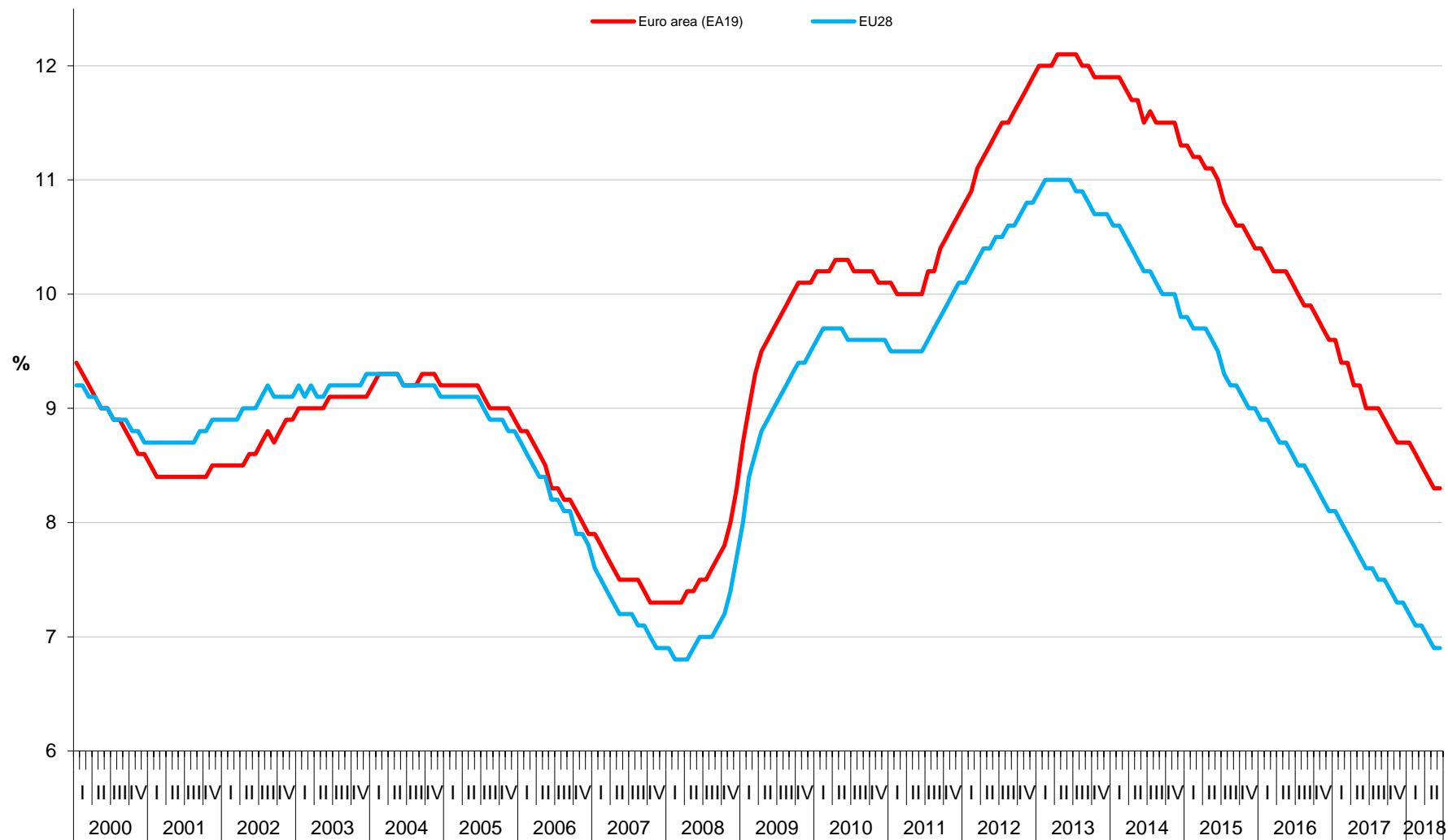
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 17	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jun 17	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18
EA19	9.0	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.3	14 716	13 850	13 717	13 556	13 570
EU28	7.6	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.9	18 762	17 434	17 293	17 101	17 105
Belgium	7.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	360	303	302	302	304
Bulgaria	6.2	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.8	209	173	167	165	160
Czech Republic	2.9	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	157	121	124	125	127
Denmark	5.7	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.0	171	148	156	153	152
Germany	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	1 625	1 503	1 497	1 493	1 488
Estonia	6.8**	5.5	5.0	4.9	:	48**	39	35	35	:
Ireland	6.6	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.1	154	132	126	123	120
Greece	21.7*	20.1	20.2	:	:	1 043*	957	950	:	:
Spain	17.0	16.0	15.6	15.4	15.2	3 864	3 637	3 557	3 502	3 456
France	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	2 828	2 748	2 732	2 735	2 755
Croatia	11.1	9.3	9.1	9.1	9.2	202	169	166	165	166
Italy	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.7	10.9	2 874	2 866	2 885	2 806	2 866
Cyprus	11.0	9.0	8.6	8.3	8.2	47	39	37	36	35
Latvia	9.0	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	88	75	73	72	72
Lithuania	6.9	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.8	101	94	100	98	97
Luxembourg	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	16	15	15	15	15
Hungary	4.3**	3.7	3.7	3.6	:	199**	172	169	168	:
Malta	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	10	10	9	9	9
Netherlands	4.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	446	357	355	352	354
Austria	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.7	243	223	215	209	213
Poland	5.0	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	865	672	659	646	635
Portugal	9.1	7.5	7.1	7.0	6.7	470	385	368	363	347
Romania	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	455	404	411	413	404
Slovenia	6.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	67	57	57	58	58
Slovakia	8.1	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	224	192	190	189	188
Finland	8.6	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.6	233	216	213	210	208
Sweden	6.7	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	361	339	337	337	336
United Kingdom	4.4*	4.1	4.1	:	:	1 457*	1 390	1 381	:	:
Iceland	2.6**	2.8	2.8	2.8	:	5**	6	6	6	:
Norway	4.4**	3.9	3.7	3.8	:	123**	109	104	106	:
United States	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.0	6 976	6 590	6 383	6 078	6 532

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

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* April 2017

** May 2017

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jun 17	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jun 17	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18
EA19	18.9	17.3	17.2	16.9	16.9	2 678	2 462	2 449	2 413	2 412
EU28	16.8	15.4	15.4	15.2	15.2	3 801	3 459	3 450	3 406	3 415
Belgium	21.5	17.1	16.4	16.4	16.4	75	62	61	61	61
Bulgaria	14.2	11.8	11.3	11.1	10.9	25	18	17	17	16
Czech Republic	8.9	7.3	8.1	8.4	8.4	28	21	24	25	25
Denmark	11.0	9.4	10.3	9.3	9.1	52	42	47	43	42
Germany	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	277	267	266	265	264
Estonia	13.4	8.1	6.8	7.9	:	8	5	4	5	:
Ireland	15.4	13.1	12.2	11.8	11.4	43	35	32	30	29
Greece	43.5	42.8	42.3	:	:	116	106	103	:	:
Spain	38.2	35.0	34.5	34.1	34.1	572	522	524	519	512
France	23.0	21.3	20.8	20.5	20.4	642	602	587	579	575
Croatia	27.4	23.8	22.7	22.7	22.7	46	38	35	35	35
Italy	34.6	32.0	33.0	32.2	32.6	531	495	515	492	505
Cyprus	26.5	22.3	:	:	:	10	8	:	:	:
Latvia	16.6	13.4	11.6	10.6	9.9	13	9	7	7	6
Lithuania	12.9	12.6	11.9	12.2	12.2	15	14	13	14	13
Luxembourg	15.6	13.9	14.0	14.1	14.1	3	3	3	3	3
Hungary	10.9	10.1	9.4	9.9	:	37	33	31	33	:
Malta	10.5	7.2	5.3	4.8	5.5	3	2	1	1	2
Netherlands	8.9	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.2	126	100	98	100	104
Austria	8.7	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.0	46	53	53	54	54
Poland	15.5	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.8	207	143	143	142	140
Portugal	23.8	21.8	20.5	20.5	19.6	88	80	75	75	72
Romania	17.3	16.8	:	:	:	114	106	:	:	:
Slovenia	10.8	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	9	8	8	8	8
Slovakia	19.0	17.9	17.7	18.0	18.3	39	33	33	34	34
Finland	20.1	18.0	17.8	17.5	17.3	65	58	58	57	57
Sweden	18.1	16.4	16.0	15.8	16.1	113	100	99	99	98
United Kingdom	11.9	11.6	11.7	:	:	515	499	501	:	:
Iceland	7.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	:	2	2	2	2	:
Norway	11.3	9.1	9.0	9.7	:	41	33	33	36	:

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 17	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jun 17	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18
EA19	8.7	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	9.4	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.7
EU28	7.4	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.2
Belgium	7.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	7.1	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Bulgaria	6.6	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4
Czech Republic	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	3.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Denmark	5.5	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	6.0	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.3
Germany	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Estonia	7.5	5.8	5.3	5.1	:	5.5	5.2	4.7	4.8	:
Ireland	7.2	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2
Greece	17.8	16.4	16.5	:	:	25.5	24.8	24.7	:	:
Spain	15.4	14.5	14.1	13.8	13.6	18.9	17.7	17.4	17.2	17.0
France	9.6	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3
Croatia	10.4	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.8	12.0	10.0	9.8	9.6	9.6
Italy	10.3	10.0	10.1	9.8	10.1	12.2	12.4	12.3	11.9	12.1
Cyprus	10.4	8.6	8.1	7.8	7.6	11.6	9.5	9.1	8.9	8.8
Latvia	10.3	8.3	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1
Lithuania	8.5	7.5	7.9	7.8	7.8	5.4	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.7
Luxembourg	5.6	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4
Hungary	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.5	:	4.6	4.1	4.0	3.8	:
Malta	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.6
Netherlands	4.6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	5.4	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
Austria	5.8	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.6
Poland	5.0	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	5.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0
Portugal	8.7	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.3	9.6	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.2
Romania	5.7	4.8	5.1	5.0	4.9	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0
Slovenia	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9	7.8	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5
Slovakia	8.0	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.3	8.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Finland	8.8	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	8.3	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.5
Sweden	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0
United Kingdom	4.4	4.2	4.2	:	:	4.2	4.0	4.0	:	:
Iceland	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	:	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	:
Norway	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.1	:	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.5	:

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

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