

Unemployment in the EU regions in 2018

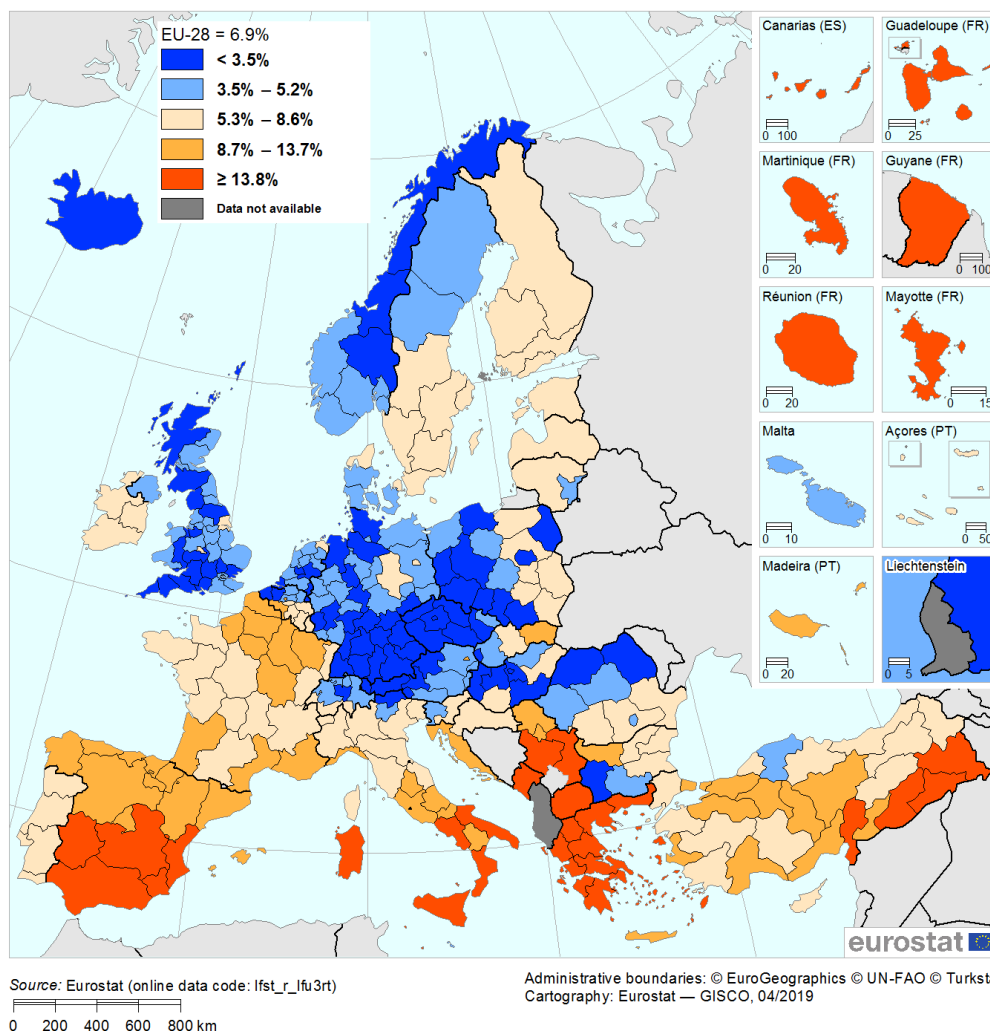
Unemployment rates in the EU regions ranged from 1.3% to 35.1%

Unemployment rates fell in 8 out of 10 EU regions

More than 80% of the NUTS 2 regions of the **European Union** (EU) saw their unemployment rate for persons aged 15-74 fall in 2018 compared with 2017. Around 60% recorded a decrease of at least 0.5 percentage points. However, regional unemployment rates continued to vary widely across the EU regions, with the lowest rates recorded in two Czech regions **Prague** (1.3%) and **South-West** (1.5%), and **Mittelfranken** (1.8%) in Germany, followed by two further German regions, **Tübingen** and **Oberpfalz**, and **Cumbria** in the United Kingdom (all 1.9%). At the opposite end of the scale, the highest unemployment rates were registered in **Mayotte** (35.1%) an overseas region of France, the Spanish autonomous city of **Ceuta** (29.0%), **West Macedonia** (27.0%) in Greece, the Spanish autonomous city of **Melilla** (25.8%), **Réunion** (24.3%) another overseas region of France and **Western Greece** (24.1%).

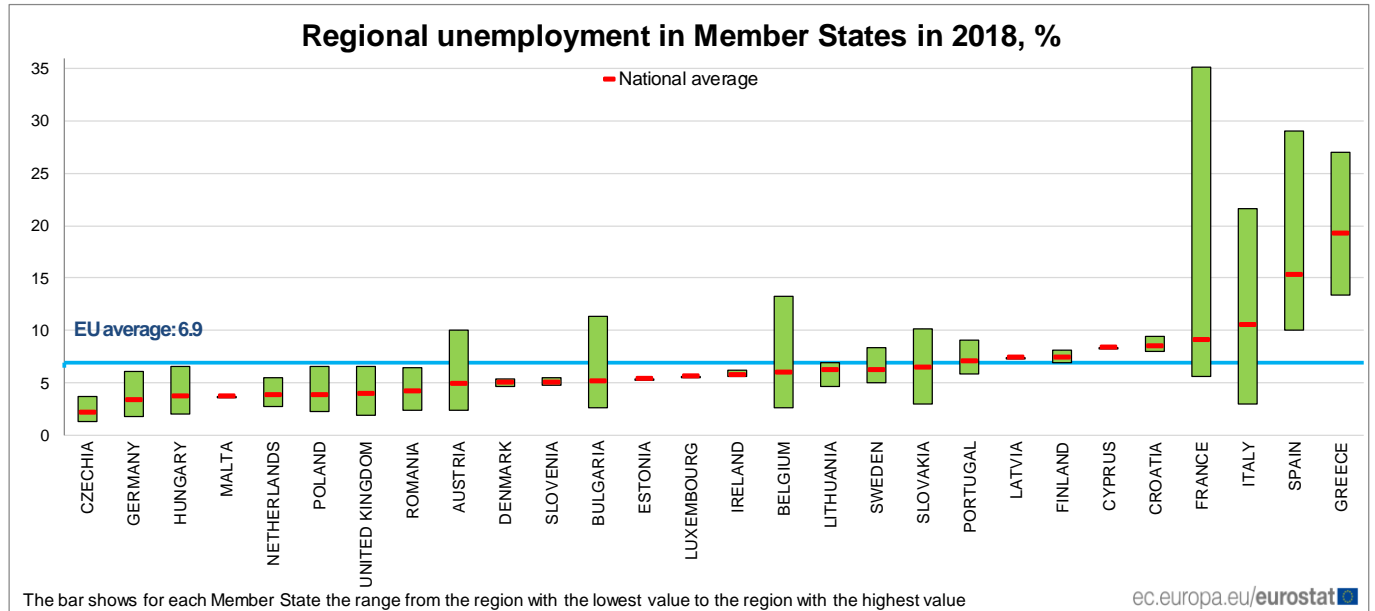
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Unemployment rate, 2018



Over a quarter of EU regions with an unemployment rate half or less of the EU average

Among the 280 EU regions for which data are available, 71 had an unemployment rate of less than 3.5% in 2018, half the average of the EU (6.9%). They included twenty regions in **Germany**, fifteen in the **United Kingdom**, nine in **Poland**, seven in **Czechia**, five in **Hungary**, four each in the **Netherlands** and **Austria**, two in **Belgium** and **Romania** and one each in **Bulgaria**, **Italy** and **Slovakia**. In contrast, 30 regions had a rate of at least 13.8%, double that of the EU: twelve regions in **Greece**, eight in **Spain** and five each in **France** and **Italy**.



Regions with lowest and highest unemployment rates in 2018, %

Total (15 – 74 years old)					
Lowest			Highest		
1	Prague (CZ)	1.3	1	Mayotte (FR)	35.1
2	South-West (CZ)	1.5	2	Ceuta (ES)	29.0
3	Mittelfranken (DE)	1.8	3	West Macedonia (EL)	27.0
4=	Tübingen (DE)	1.9	4	Melilla (ES)	25.8
	Oberpfalz (DE)	1.9	5	Réunion (FR)	24.3
	Cumbria (UK)	(1.9)	6	Western Greece (EL)	24.1
7=	Central Bohemia (CZ)	2.0	7	Extremadura (ES)	23.7
	North-East (CZ)	2.0	8	Guadeloupe (FR)	23.1
	Lower Bavaria (DE)	2.0	9	Andalusia (ES)	23.0
	Unterfranken (DE)	2.0	10	North Aegean (EL)	22.3
	West Transdanubia (HU)	2.0	11	Calabria (IT)	21.6

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Youth unemployment rates varied from 4% in Upper Bavaria to over 66% in Melilla

In 2018, the average unemployment rate for young people aged between 15 and 24 in the EU was 15.2%. However, there are marked regional differences in the unemployment rates for young people. The lowest rates were in **Upper Bavaria** (4.0%) in Germany and **South-West** (4.1%) in Czechia, followed by two German regions **Stuttgart** and **Weser-Ems** (both 4.3%) as well as **Central Bohemia** (5.0%) in Czechia, and the highest were in the Spanish regions **Melilla** (66.1%) and **Ceuta** (62.4%), **West Macedonia** (62.0%) in Greece and **Mayotte** (61.1%), an overseas region of France. In more than 80% of the EU regions, the unemployment rate for young people was at least twice that of total unemployment in the same region.

Regions with lowest and highest youth unemployment rates in 2018, %

Young people (15-24 years old)					
Lowest			Highest		
1	Upper Bavaria (DE)	4.0	1	Melilla (ES)	(66.1)
2	South-West (CZ)	(4.1)	2	Ceuta (ES)	(62.4)
3=	Stuttgart (DE)	4.3	3	West Macedonia (EL)	62.0
	Weser-Ems (DE)	4.3	4	Mayotte (FR)	61.1
5	Central Bohemia (CZ)	(5.0)	5	North Aegean (EL)	56.7
6=	Central Moravia (CZ)	(5.1)	6	Guadeloupe (FR)	(55.2)
	Freiburg (DE)	5.1	7=	Campania (IT)	53.6
8	Swabia (DE)	5.2		Sicily (IT)	53.6
9=	South-West (BG)	(5.6)	9	Calabria (IT)	52.7
	Prague (CZ)	(5.6)	10	Continental Greece (EL)	51.1

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In more than a fifth of regions, the majority of the unemployed had been out of work for at least a year

The long-term unemployment share, which is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons who have been unemployed for 12 months or more, stood at 43.2% on average in the EU in 2018. In the EU regions, the lowest shares of long-term unemployed were recorded in **Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area** (12.1%) in the United Kingdom, **Śląskie** in Poland and **Upper Norrland** in Sweden (both 12.5%). On the other hand, more than three-quarters of the unemployed had been out of work for at least a year in the French overseas region **Mayotte** (81.8%), **Epirus** (77.2%) in Greece, **North-West** (76.8%) in Bulgaria and **Attica** (76.0%) in Greece.

Regions with lowest and highest long-term unemployment shares in 2018, %

Total (15 – 74 years old)					
Lowest			Highest		
1	Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area (UK)	(12.1)	1	Mayotte (FR)	81.8
2=	Śląskie (PL)	(12.5)	2	Epirus (EL)	77.2
	Upper Norrland (SE)	(12.5)	3	North-West (BG)	76.8
4	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire (UK)	(14.1)	4	Attica (EL)	76.0
5	Småland and islands (SE)	15.7	5	Continental Greece (EL)	74.3
6	West Sweden (SE)	16.1	6	Peloponnese (EL)	73.4
7	North-Central Sweden (SE)	17.2	7	Western Greece (EL)	72.6
8	North and East Finland (FI)	17.3	8	West Macedonia (EL)	71.6
9	Warsaw-Capital (PL)	(17.6)	9	Guadeloupe (FR)	71.3
10	Stockholm (SE)	17.8	10	Thessaly (EL)	71.2

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Geographical information

These data are based on the **Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) 2016** as set out in the amending [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2016/2066 of 21 November 2016](#). NUTS 2016 (valid from 1 January 2018) provides a uniform, consistent breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics for the EU.

Level 2 of the nomenclature has 281 regions: Belgium (11), Bulgaria (6), Czechia (8), Denmark (5), Germany (38), Ireland (3), Greece (13), Spain (19), France (27), Croatia (2), Italy (21), Lithuania (2), Hungary (8), the Netherlands (12), Austria (9), Poland (17), Portugal (7), Romania (8), Slovenia (2), Slovakia (4), Finland (5), Sweden (8) and the United Kingdom (41). Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg and Malta are all considered as single regions at NUTS 2 level.

The statistical regions in the candidate and EFTA countries follow the principles of the NUTS classification; however there is no legal base: Norway (7), Switzerland (7), Serbia (8) and Turkey (26), while Iceland, Montenegro and North Macedonia are considered as single regions at level 2.

In the text of this News Release, the names of the regions are in English, while the tables in the annex list regions in the national language as set out in the NUTS.

Methods and definitions

The **unemployment rate** is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons aged 15-74 in the labour force population (which comprises the employed and unemployed persons, but excludes the persons outside the labour force).

According to the recommendations of the International Labour Organisation, a person is deemed to be unemployed if all three of the following conditions are met:

- he or she is without work during the survey reference week;
- he or she is available for work, being able to take up employment within two weeks;
- he or she has actively sought work over the past four weeks.

It should be noted that the **youth unemployment rate** does not properly reflect the proportion of young people who are unemployed. Indeed, as not every young person participates in the labour market, the denominator of the unemployment rate is restricted. Labour market participation of young persons varies by country and region in the EU, which influences the proportion of young people in the labour force (and consequently the denominator of the youth unemployment rate).

Another indicator published by Eurostat gives an unemployment-to-population measure for the young people: the **youth unemployment ratio**, which has the same numerator as the youth unemployment rate but the denominator is the total population aged 15 to 24.

For more information

Overview of [NUTS](#)

Eurostat [website section](#) dedicated to regional data

Eurostat [database](#) on regional statistics

Eurostat [Statistics Explained article](#) on unemployment statistics at regional level

Eurostat [Regions and Cities Illustrated](#)

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Unemployment in the regions of the European Union

	Unemployment rates (%)				Long-term unemployment share (%) (15-74 years old)	
	Total (15-74 years old)		15-24 years old		2017	2018
	2017	2018	2017	2018		
EU	7.6	6.9	16.8	15.2	44.9	43.2
BELGIUM	7.1	6.0	19.3	15.8	48.7	48.7
<i>Bruxelles-Capitale/Brussels Hoofdstedelijk</i>	14.9	13.2	33.2	30.6	53.7	56.9
<i>Vlaams Gewest</i>	4.4	3.4	12.8	10.9	34.9	33.9
Prov. Antwerpen	5.9	4.4	17.7	13.5	38.4	37.9
Prov. Limburg (BE)	4.1	3.8	(11.1)	(10.4)	37.7	(24.1)
Prov. Oost-Vlaanderen	3.4	2.7	10.9	10.4	28.6	31.7
Prov. Vlaams-Brabant	4.7	3.6	(12.6)	(10.3)	34.5	36.4
Prov. West-Vlaanderen	3.2	2.6	(9.5)	(8.1)	31.7	(33.2)
Région Wallonne	9.7	8.5	29.0	22.5	58.1	56.2
Prov. Brabant Wallon	7.6	6.9	(17.2)	(18.6)	48.5	47.9
Prov. Hainaut	11.4	10.0	39.9	27.6	62.4	59.7
Prov. Liège	10.5	8.2	26.3	21.1	61.5	56.2
Prov. Luxembourg (BE)	6.7	5.4	u	u	(38.6)	(53.6)
Prov. Namur	7.4	8.5	(23.9)	(21.5)	50.6	53.1
BULGARIA	6.2	5.2	12.9	12.7	55.0	58.4
Severna i Yugoiztochna Bulgaria	8.5	7.4	17.5	18.4	57.0	61.9
Severozapaden	11.3	11.3	(18.7)	(24.8)	65.9	76.8
Severen tsentralen	6.9	6.7	(17.9)	(20.3)	62.8	62.8
Severoiztochen	9.4	7.4	(14.0)	(14.7)	50.4	55.4
Yugoiztochen	7.0	5.4	(20.5)	(15.5)	51.7	49.1
Yugozapadna i Yuzhna tsentralna Bulgaria	4.1	3.2	8.2	(7.1)	51.2	51.3
Yugozapaden	3.3	2.6	(6.5)	(5.6)	51.2	53.8
Yuzhen tsentralen	5.3	4.2	(11.2)	u	51.3	48.7
CZECHIA	2.9	2.2	7.9	6.7	35.0	30.5
Praha	1.7	1.3	(3.8)	(5.6)	31.1	(23.3)
Střední Čechy	2.1	2.0	(7.7)	(5.0)	35.5	29.2
Jihozápad	2.1	1.5	(5.9)	(4.1)	30.9	(31.1)
Severozápad	3.4	3.4	10.3	12.3	40.8	33.6
Severovýchod	2.8	2.0	8.1	(5.9)	28.5	23.1
Jihovýchod	3.1	2.3	(6.0)	(6.0)	33.3	28.1
Střední Morava	3.3	2.2	9.8	(5.1)	31.1	31.2
Moravskoslezsko	4.7	3.7	11.0	9.3	43.3	38.1
DENMARK	5.7	5.0	11.0	9.4	22.6	21.1
Hovedstaden	6.1	5.3	10.9	9.1	25.4	20.9
Sjælland	5.4	4.8	12.1	10.7	24.0	23.2
Syddanmark	6.1	4.8	11.9	9.9	20.0	21.3
Midtjylland	5.3	4.6	9.4	8.3	19.0	20.6
Nordjylland	5.4	5.3	12.1	9.8	(23.8)	(20.1)

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EU	7.6	6.9	16.8	15.2	44.9	43.2
GERMANY	3.8	3.4	6.8	6.2	41.7	40.9
Baden-Württemberg	2.9	2.5	5.4	5.0	30.2	30.7
Stuttgart	3.0	2.3	4.7	4.3	31.9	35.1
Karlsruhe	3.3	3.0	7.4	7.0	28.8	29.1
Freiburg	2.9	2.6	5.3	5.1	30.2	27.6
Tübingen	2.2	1.9	u	u	28.4	27.8
Bayern	2.3	2.2	4.2	3.8	32.3	31.9
Oberbayern	2.2	2.3	3.8	4.0	28.7	29.4
Niederbayern	2.1	2.0	u	u	39.3	42.0
Oberpfalz	2.2	1.9	u	u	40.3	43.1
Oberfranken	3.0	2.3	u	u	35.6	u
Mittelfranken	2.1	1.8	u	u	31.6	u
Unterfranken	2.3	2.0	u	u	u	u
Schwaben	2.6	2.4	5.2	5.2	33.2	30.5
Berlin	7.0	6.1	11.6	12.0	41.4	42.7
Brandenburg	4.5	4.1	8.7	6.6	51.7	53.2
Bremen	4.3	4.3	u	u	39.1	36.0
Hamburg	4.2	4.1	9.1	8.6	44.6	45.8
Hessen	3.3	3.2	8.1	6.1	37.6	33.1
Darmstadt	3.5	3.1	9.5	6.4	36.1	31.7
Gießen	3.6	3.6	8.9	u	40.1	42.0
Kassel	2.5	2.9	u	u	41.2	28.7
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	5.2	4.9	u	9.3	51.5	45.5
Niedersachsen	3.8	3.3	6.4	6.3	44.4	42.1
Braunschweig	4.4	4.0	8.0	9.1	46.9	43.8
Hannover	4.5	4.1	7.2	8.0	49.4	46.7
Lüneburg	3.4	2.5	7.2	u	39.6	43.2
Weser-Ems	3.0	2.7	4.6	4.3	39.7	34.1
Nordrhein-Westfalen	4.1	3.8	7.4	7.1	44.4	44.0
Düsseldorf	4.3	4.3	8.1	7.6	47.4	45.3
Köln	3.7	3.7	7.0	7.2	42.6	43.0
Münster	3.9	3.6	6.4	6.3	41.7	40.9
Detmold	3.9	3.3	7.4	6.8	40.4	39.1
Arnsberg	4.7	4.0	8.0	7.3	45.7	47.7
Rheinland-Pfalz	3.3	3.1	7.4	6.4	35.7	33.2
Koblenz	3.1	2.8	8.3	u	38.3	35.0
Trier	2.0	2.6	u	u	u	u
Rheinhessen-Pfalz	3.8	3.5	8.0	7.4	34.8	35.2
Saarland	4.5	3.6	u	u	42.3	47.6
Sachsen	4.4	4.0	7.3	6.7	50.5	51.0
Dresden	4.3	4.1	u	u	49.5	51.1
Chemnitz	4.1	3.4	u	u	51.3	53.9
Leipzig	5.1	4.8	u	u	51.0	48.2
Sachsen-Anhalt	6.9	5.3	9.4	9.5	56.6	56.4
Schleswig-Holstein	3.6	3.1	7.3	6.4	35.6	35.0
Thüringen	4.4	4.1	10.7	6.9	47.4	47.2
ESTONIA	5.8	5.4	12.1	11.8	33.5	24.9
IRELAND	6.7	5.8	14.4	13.8	44.9	36.3
Northern and Western	6.2	5.6	12.5	12.9	50.2	41.5
Southern	7.0	6.2	14.2	15.0	44.5	38.6
Eastern and Midland	6.7	5.6	15.1	13.2	43.4	32.9
GREECE	21.5	19.3	43.6	39.9	72.8	70.4
Voreia Ellada	23.0	20.3	45.5	39.8	72.3	69.1
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	19.5	16.0	42.8	38.3	71.8	68.0
Kentriki Makedonia	22.9	20.7	43.0	35.6	72.3	67.5
Dytiki Makedonia	29.1	27.0	55.0	62.0	71.1	71.6
Ipeiros	24.8	20.1	(58.0)	(45.8)	74.6	77.2
Kentriki Ellada	21.2	18.9	45.5	45.3	73.3	71.4
Thessalia	20.7	18.4	45.5	43.6	77.2	71.2
Ionia Nisia	19.7	16.0	(42.7)	(35.6)	51.4	54.1
Dytiki Ellada	26.3	24.1	46.7	44.7	74.7	72.6
Stereia Ellada	20.9	18.9	45.4	51.1	74.2	74.3
Peloponnisos	16.8	14.4	45.1	47.7	73.1	73.4
Attiki	21.6	19.9	43.4	39.3	77.3	76.0
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	18.0	15.9	36.1	32.0	54.3	48.8
Voreio Aigaio	22.5	22.3	58.2	56.7	66.6	67.3
Notio Aigaio	16.0	16.9	(29.4)	(28.4)	39.8	32.4
Kriti	17.7	13.4	32.9	24.5	56.4	50.3

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EU	7.6	6.9	16.8	15.2	44.9	43.2
SPAIN	17.2	15.3	38.6	34.3	44.5	41.7
Noroeste	14.9	13.0	35.1	33.5	49.7	44.5
Galicia	15.7	13.3	34.5	32.5	50.0	43.9
Principado de Asturias	13.7	13.6	36.8	37.3	50.2	45.8
Cantabria	13.6	10.7	(35.6)	(32.8)	47.6	45.1
Noreste	11.3	10.2	29.2	26.4	44.0	42.1
País Vasco	11.3	10.0	27.3	25.8	48.2	47.5
Comunidad Foral de Navarra	10.2	10.0	31.2	26.2	37.0	39.2
La Rioja	12.0	10.4	(29.6)	(25.5)	40.9	33.4
Aragón	11.7	10.6	30.5	27.5	41.3	37.6
Comunidad de Madrid	13.4	12.2	34.7	27.5	45.6	43.5
Centro (ES)	18.9	16.6	42.4	38.5	45.0	41.7
Castilla y León	14.1	12.1	36.2	28.3	43.0	40.6
Castilla-La Mancha	20.8	18.2	44.4	43.3	46.2	43.1
Extremadura	26.3	23.7	48.6	46.6	45.7	41.0
Este	15.0	12.9	34.4	29.8	43.2	39.5
Cataluña	13.4	11.5	30.4	27.7	46.7	41.0
Comunidad Valenciana	18.2	15.6	41.6	34.3	41.9	40.8
Illes Balears	12.4	11.5	30.8	26.9	28.1	24.2
Sur	24.4	22.1	47.7	45.6	43.0	40.8
Andalucía	25.5	23.0	49.0	46.7	42.9	41.0
Región de Murcia	18.0	16.8	39.5	38.2	41.7	35.5
Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta	22.4	29.0	(54.4)	(62.4)	(57.5)	64.9
Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla	27.6	25.8	(62.7)	(66.1)	63.9	62.1
Canarias	23.5	20.1	45.3	38.6	47.5	47.7
FRANCE	9.5	9.1	22.4	20.9	45.4	42.0
Île de France	8.7	8.8	22.0	19.3	46.2	40.4
Centre-Val de Loire	8.6	8.3	23.1	21.5	45.7	39.4
Bourgogne-Franche-Comté	9.0	8.3	23.0	20.2	41.3	36.0
Bourgogne	10.6	9.0	24.0	20.6	42.3	37.4
Franche-Comté	6.8	7.3	(21.3)	(19.3)	39.3	33.7
Normandie	10.0	8.9	22.0	18.9	45.6	41.7
Basse-Normandie	8.3	8.4	20.4	16.1	34.8	38.9
Haute-Normandie	11.3	9.3	23.7	21.6	51.7	43.7
Nord-Pas-de-Calais-Picardie	12.0	11.2	27.6	27.9	52.0	46.9
Nord-Pas-de-Calais	13.0	12.2	28.4	27.3	51.8	49.9
Picardie	10.1	9.3	25.3	29.0	52.4	38.8
Alsace-Champagne-Ardenne-Lorraine	10.0	9.0	23.1	20.3	48.5	43.5
Alsace	9.0	8.0	22.7	17.2	42.0	38.4
Champagne-Ardenne	9.5	8.7	25.4	(17.2)	49.2	41.3
Lorraine	11.0	10.1	22.1	24.8	52.7	48.2
Pays-de-la-Loire	7.1	7.8	18.0	16.6	34.8	33.6
Bretagne	7.3	6.8	17.8	15.7	39.3	28.9
Aquitaine-Limousin-Poitou-Charentes	9.3	8.8	25.4	18.3	38.7	41.6
Aquitaine	10.2	9.3	28.5	18.8	38.1	42.5
Limousin	6.2	6.9	(16.0)	(12.2)	(39.8)	(35.4)
Poitou-Charentes	9.0	8.6	23.2	19.5	39.9	41.7
Languedoc-Roussillon-Midi-Pyrénées	9.5	9.5	20.2	20.5	45.6	40.4
Languedoc-Roussillon	12.2	11.7	26.4	27.3	49.5	42.9
Midi-Pyrénées	7.2	7.7	15.1	15.8	40.0	37.1
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	7.4	7.4	15.7	18.8	35.4	36.0
Auvergne	8.3	7.9	(12.5)	19.3	40.4	47.2
Rhône-Alpes	7.2	7.3	16.3	18.7	34.3	33.6
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	10.3	9.3	22.9	22.3	42.5	41.8
Corse	(7.8)	(5.6)	(24.1)	(15.8)	(42.7)	(37.5)
Région Ultrapérimériques Françaises	22.3	23.2	49.3	50.7	67.2	66.3
Guadeloupe	22.4	23.1	(53.3)	(55.2)	72.7	71.3
Martinique	17.8	17.7	(50.1)	(49.4)	66.2	61.2
Guyane	22.4	19.1	(43.9)	(39.2)	72.9	65.8
La Réunion	22.8	24.3	47.5	50.3	59.3	61.2
Mayotte	29.6	35.1	(57.3)	61.1	84.2	81.8

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Unemployment in the regions of the European Union

	Unemployment rates (%)				Long-term unemployment share (%) (15-74 years old)	
	Total (15-74 years old)		15-24 years old		2017	2018
	2017	2018	2017	2018		
EU	7.6	6.9	16.8	15.2	44.9	43.2
CROATIA	11.2	8.5	27.4	23.7	41.0	40.2
Jadranska Hrvatska	10.9	9.4	29.4	24.6	37.6	37.8
Kontinentalna Hrvatska	11.4	8.0	26.5	23.3	42.6	41.6
ITALY	11.2	10.6	34.7	32.2	57.9	58.1
<i>Nord-Ovest</i>	7.4	7.0	26.6	24.5	52.5	51.7
Piemonte	9.1	8.2	32.9	30.0	55.0	53.3
Valle d'Aosta / Vallée d'Aoste	7.8	7.1	u	u	(41.1)	(39.9)
Liguria	9.5	9.9	34.3	36.3	48.6	51.1
Lombardia	6.4	6.0	22.9	20.8	51.9	51.1
<i>Nord-Est</i>	6.3	6.0	20.6	18.9	46.9	43.5
Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano/Bozen	3.1	2.9	(10.2)	(9.2)	37.8	(23.0)
Provincia Autonoma di Trento	5.7	4.8	20.1	15.3	34.5	31.0
Veneto	6.3	6.5	20.9	21.0	49.7	46.2
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	6.7	6.7	25.4	23.7	49.5	48.0
Emilia-Romagna	6.6	5.9	21.3	17.8	45.2	41.4
<i>Centro (IT)</i>	10.0	9.4	31.0	29.1	53.2	54.4
Toscana	8.6	7.4	24.5	22.9	49.2	46.4
Umbria	10.6	9.2	30.8	31.1	49.4	52.7
Marche	10.6	8.1	24.2	22.1	55.8	55.4
Lazio	10.7	11.2	37.5	34.5	55.2	57.9
<i>Sud</i>	19.0	17.8	51.3	47.9	64.4	65.1
Abruzzo	11.7	10.8	31.3	29.7	55.5	55.9
Molise	14.6	13.0	47.3	40.3	72.8	69.0
Campania	20.9	20.4	54.7	53.6	65.7	67.3
Puglia	18.9	16.1	51.4	43.6	62.1	60.9
Basilicata	12.8	12.5	38.1	38.7	62.2	60.7
Calabria	21.6	21.6	55.6	52.7	68.1	69.6
<i>Isole</i>	20.3	19.8	51.6	49.4	63.6	65.4
Sicilia	21.5	21.5	52.9	53.6	66.7	68.8
Sardegna	17.0	15.4	46.8	35.7	53.4	53.6
CYPRUS	11.1	8.4	24.7	20.2	40.6	31.7
LATVIA	8.7	7.4	17.0	12.2	37.6	41.6
LITHUANIA	7.1	6.2	13.3	11.1	37.6	32.2
Sostinės regionas	4.8	4.6	(7.1)	(5.8)	41.0	32.3
Vidurio ir vakarų Lietuvos regionas	8.1	6.9	15.8	13.3	36.6	32.2
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHY)	5.5	5.6	15.4	14.2	38.1	24.7
HUNGARY	4.2	3.7	10.7	10.2	40.4	38.6
<i>Közép-Magyarország</i>	2.7	2.7	6.9	7.9	46.1	40.1
Budapest	2.9	3.1	(8.4)	(9.9)	39.9	37.0
Pest	2.6	2.2	u	u	56.2	46.1
<i>Dunántúl</i>	3.5	3.1	9.6	8.4	41.9	34.3
Közép-Dunántúl	2.2	2.2	u	(7.2)	(41.6)	(32.8)
Nyugat-Dunántúl	2.4	2.0	(8.5)	u	(38.9)	(32.2)
Dél-Dunántúl	6.3	5.6	(15.1)	(14.8)	43.5	36.0
<i>Alföld és Észak</i>	5.9	5.0	13.9	12.8	37.4	39.9
Észak-Magyarország	5.8	4.7	13.2	12.9	32.5	37.2
Észak-Alföld	7.4	6.6	17.0	15.7	38.3	42.9
Dél-Alföld	4.1	3.3	(10.3)	(8.6)	41.5	36.3
MALTA	4.0	3.7	10.6	9.2	40.1	30.8

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	Unemployment rates (%)				Long-term unemployment share (%) (15-74 years old)	
	Total (15-74 years old)		15-24 years old		2017	2018
	2017	2018	2017	2018		
EU	7.6	6.9	16.8	15.2	44.9	43.2
NETHERLANDS	4.9	3.8	8.9	7.2	39.5	36.6
<i>Noord-Nederland</i>	6.0	4.8	11.2	9.5	39.2	36.2
Groningen	7.2	5.5	12.5	11.0	35.0	33.3
Friesland (NL)	5.6	4.7	10.7	8.7	41.3	40.7
Drenthe	5.0	4.2	9.9	8.2	43.4	34.1
<i>Oost-Nederland</i>	4.8	3.6	9.1	6.8	40.8	38.0
Overijssel	5.1	3.7	9.4	6.9	39.5	37.9
Gelderland	4.5	3.3	8.4	6.5	40.8	38.2
Flevoland	5.7	4.5	11.7	8.3	44.1	37.6
<i>West-Nederland</i>	4.9	3.9	8.7	7.3	38.8	36.8
Utrecht	4.2	3.4	8.0	6.8	33.6	34.4
Noord-Holland	4.5	3.8	7.4	6.7	37.4	37.0
Zuid-Holland	5.6	4.3	10.4	8.4	41.4	37.3
Zeeland	2.9	2.7	(5.0)	u	(34.3)	(37.5)
<i>Zuid-Nederland</i>	4.3	3.4	7.8	6.0	39.9	34.8
Noord-Brabant	4.2	3.5	7.3	5.8	40.7	37.1
Limburg (NL)	4.8	3.4	8.8	6.4	38.3	29.3
AUSTRIA	5.5	4.9	9.8	9.4	33.4	28.9
<i>Ostösterreich</i>	7.5	6.9	13.4	13.4	38.2	33.4
Burgenland	5.2	(4.2)	u	u	u	u
Niederösterreich	4.8	3.8	10.1	7.7	36.5	30.9
Wien	10.4	10.0	16.7	18.6	39.3	34.4
<i>Südösterreich</i>	4.6	4.1	7.7	7.3	32.4	25.4
Kärnten	4.8	4.1	u	u	(34.4)	(27.5)
Steiermark	4.5	4.0	(7.7)	(7.3)	31.5	24.5
<i>Westösterreich</i>	3.6	3.0	7.3	6.4	22.6	19.4
Oberösterreich	4.0	3.2	7.0	7.1	28.5	(18.6)
Salzburg	3.1	2.8	u	u	u	u
Tirol	3.3	2.4	(7.7)	u	u	u
Vorarlberg	3.7	3.3	u	u	u	u
POLAND	4.9	3.9	14.8	11.7	31.0	26.9
<i>Makroregion Południowy</i>	4.0	3.2	13.9	11.2	32.5	18.6
Małopolskie	4.2	2.9	16.3	(9.6)	32.5	(28.0)
Śląskie	3.9	3.4	12.1	12.5	32.5	(12.5)
<i>Makroregion Północno-Zachodni</i>	3.6	2.7	9.8	7.9	35.1	(19.3)
Wielkopolskie	3.1	2.2	(7.0)	(6.9)	44.7	(18.0)
Zachodniopomorskie	4.7	3.8	(14.9)	(10.5)	(29.3)	(21.9)
Lubuskie	3.7	(3.0)	u	u	u	u
<i>Makroregion Południowo-Zachodni</i>	4.6	3.2	14.1	(9.7)	26.0	(22.8)
Dolnośląskie	4.7	3.3	(14.9)	(9.9)	27.2	(22.3)
Opolskie	4.3	(3.2)	u	u	u	u
<i>Makroregion Północny</i>	5.4	4.0	15.9	12.6	28.4	26.6
Kujawsko-Pomorskie	5.5	4.3	(15.8)	(13.6)	34.3	(28.1)
Warmińsko-Mazurskie	7.2	5.6	(20.4)	(17.5)	(28.4)	(25.7)
Pomorskie	4.2	3.0	(13.2)	(9.0)	(21.7)	(25.6)
<i>Makroregion Centralny</i>	5.4	4.8	13.2	13.3	29.0	32.8
Łódzkie	4.6	4.4	(11.0)	(11.9)	(27.7)	34.8
Świętokrzyskie	7.0	5.8	(17.4)	(16.2)	(30.7)	(29.5)
<i>Makroregion Wschodni</i>	7.1	5.7	22.9	16.6	32.7	40.2
Lubelskie	7.2	6.3	23.8	(16.4)	35.1	43.4
Podkarpackie	8.4	6.5	26.1	(20.3)	30.3	40.4
Podlaskie	4.7	3.2	(14.5)	u	(33.9)	u
<i>Makroregion Województwo Mazowieckie</i>	4.8	3.8	14.4	11.7	31.5	21.6
Warszawski stołeczny	3.5	2.4	(9.5)	(8.5)	(29.4)	(17.6)
Mazowiecki regionalny	6.4	5.7	17.7	(14.5)	32.9	23.8

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	Unemployment rates (%)				Long-term unemployment share (%) (15-74 years old)	
	Total (15-74 years old)		15-24 years old		2017	2018
	2017	2018	2017	2018		
EU	7.6	6.9	16.8	15.2	44.9	43.2
PORTUGAL	9.0	7.1	23.9	20.3	49.9	43.7
<i>Continente</i>	8.9	7.0	23.6	19.8	49.7	43.4
Norte	9.8	7.4	26.0	19.0	55.7	45.7
Algarve	7.8	6.4	u	u	37.0	u
Centro (PT)	7.1	5.8	20.8	18.9	42.3	43.7
Área Metropolitana de Lisboa	9.5	7.5	23.1	20.8	48.0	42.7
Alentejo	8.5	7.3	24.4	21.5	48.0	41.5
<i>Região Autónoma dos Açores</i>	9.0	8.6	u	u	51.2	46.4
<i>Região Autónoma da Madeira</i>	10.6	9.0	u	u	56.8	49.3
ROMANIA	4.9	4.2	18.3	16.2	41.4	44.1
<i>Macroregiunea unu</i>	3.9	3.4	18.5	19.7	40.0	41.1
Nord-Vest	3.6	2.9	(14.6)	(14.0)	35.2	38.9
Centru	4.2	4.2	23.9	27.6	45.1	42.9
<i>Macroregiunea doi</i>	4.3	3.8	13.8	12.9	39.3	40.0
Nord-Est	2.9	2.4	9.8	9.1	29.2	35.6
Sud-Est	6.5	6.1	21.6	20.5	46.3	42.8
<i>Macroregiunea trei</i>	5.7	4.6	23.4	18.8	39.9	42.6
Sud-Muntenia	6.8	5.5	23.7	20.5	53.9	50.1
București-Ilfov	4.3	3.6	(22.7)	u	(13.8)	29.5
<i>Macroregiunea patru</i>	6.2	5.1	19.9	16.1	47.0	53.6
Sud-Vest Oltenia	7.7	6.4	21.3	(16.2)	45.9	56.7
Vest	4.4	3.6	u	u	49.3	46.9
SLOVENIA	6.6	5.1	11.2	8.8	47.5	42.9
Vzhodna Slovenija	6.8	5.5	12.7	11.1	48.9	46.2
Zahodna Slovenija	6.4	4.8	(9.8)	(6.4)	45.8	38.8
SLOVAKIA	8.1	6.5	18.9	14.9	62.4	61.8
Bratislavský kraj	4.2	2.9	(13.0)	u	47.6	47.9
Západné Slovensko	5.5	4.3	9.9	8.0	54.6	50.9
Stredné Slovensko	9.4	7.5	18.4	18.5	68.2	67.1
Východné Slovensko	12.0	10.1	30.0	22.2	65.0	65.7
FINLAND	8.6	7.4	20.1	17.0	24.2	21.8
<i>Manner-Suomi</i>	8.7	7.4	20.2	17.0	24.2	21.8
Länsi-Suomi	9.3	7.4	21.7	17.7	22.8	21.5
Helsinki-Uusimaa	7.7	6.9	18.5	15.3	24.2	27.2
Etelä-Suomi	8.5	7.4	19.9	17.0	26.4	19.4
Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi	9.6	8.1	20.9	18.6	23.8	17.3
<i>Åland</i>	u	u	u	u	u	u
SWEDEN	6.7	6.3	17.9	16.8	18.5	18.6
<i>Östra Sverige</i>	6.8	6.3	18.3	16.5	19.5	19.6
Stockholm	6.3	5.6	17.1	16.7	19.0	17.8
Östra Mellansverige	7.6	7.3	19.9	16.2	20.1	21.7
<i>Södra Sverige</i>	6.7	6.7	17.2	16.9	18.7	18.5
Småland med öarna	5.5	5.9	14.0	14.2	16.0	15.7
Sydsverige	8.4	8.3	21.2	20.6	23.3	21.8
Västsverige	6.0	5.8	15.9	15.5	15.1	16.1
<i>Norra Sverige</i>	6.5	5.7	18.8	17.2	15.6	16.3
Norra Mellansverige	6.9	6.4	20.5	18.8	16.2	17.2
Mellersta Norrland	6.2	5.2	20.2	16.2	17.5	(18.6)
Övre Norrland	5.9	5.0	15.4	15.6	12.8	(12.5)

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	Unemployment rates (%)				Long-term unemployment share (%) (15-74 years old)	
	Total (15-74 years old)		15-24 years old		2017	2018
	2017	2018	2017	2018		
EU	7.6	6.9	16.8	15.2	44.9	43.2
UNITED KINGDOM	4.4	4.0	12.1	11.3	25.9	26.2
North East (UK)	5.6	4.9	14.0	14.6	35.0	34.7
Tees Valley and Durham	5.2	4.4	14.0	(10.1)	(32.9)	(36.8)
Northumberland and Tyne and Wear	5.9	5.2	14.0	18.0	36.5	33.3
North West (UK)	4.1	4.0	11.5	10.5	25.4	25.2
Cumbria	(3.4)	(1.9)	u	u	u	u
Greater Manchester	4.0	4.2	10.4	11.9	26.9	24.3
Lancashire	4.2	4.8	13.9	12.1	(23.5)	(25.9)
Cheshire	3.1	3.2	(7.5)	(8.3)	u	u
Merseyside	5.2	4.0	14.1	(8.7)	(25.4)	(27.7)
Yorkshire and the Humber	4.8	4.7	11.3	11.8	28.9	32.7
East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	4.6	5.6	(10.4)	(14.5)	u	43.7
North Yorkshire	4.1	3.3	(9.0)	u	(26.1)	u
South Yorkshire	5.6	5.1	12.8	11.4	28.4	32.1
West Yorkshire	4.8	4.7	11.5	12.2	33.5	31.6
East Midlands (UK)	4.0	4.3	11.4	11.9	19.9	23.9
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire	3.6	4.4	11.5	12.6	(24.3)	29.2
Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire	4.6	4.2	11.3	11.5	(16.2)	(22.5)
Lincolnshire	3.8	4.2	(11.7)	(11.2)	u	u
West Midlands (UK)	5.5	4.9	17.7	14.6	26.2	26.2
Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire	2.9	3.1	(12.0)	(8.8)	u	(24.1)
Shropshire and Staffordshire	4.9	3.7	15.4	12.3	28.5	(21.5)
West Midlands	7.2	6.5	21.4	18.3	27.2	28.3
East of England	3.9	3.1	11.5	9.6	21.1	24.3
East Anglia	3.9	3.5	12.3	10.8	(20.4)	27.9
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	3.7	2.9	11.3	(9.0)	(15.7)	(18.0)
Essex	4.2	2.8	10.5	8.7	27.0	(24.7)
London	5.3	4.7	14.7	14.3	26.0	25.7
Inner London - West	5.7	5.1	(14.1)	u	(22.8)	38.7
Inner London - East	5.3	4.3	11.9	11.6	25.4	19.6
Outer London - East and North East	5.7	4.6	18.8	14.3	29.1	22.9
Outer London - South	4.9	4.7	14.6	15.2	31.0	37.6
Outer London - West and North West	4.9	4.8	14.4	20.0	22.5	19.3
South East (UK)	3.2	3.4	10.4	10.9	22.1	20.4
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire	2.9	3.0	9.4	8.4	(13.2)	(14.1)
Surrey, East and West Sussex	3.2	3.6	10.6	12.5	21.5	24.6
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	3.2	2.8	12.4	8.8	(24.5)	u
Kent	3.8	4.4	(8.8)	14.3	31.0	26.7
South West (UK)	3.6	3.0	10.4	8.9	21.7	13.7
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area	4.0	2.9	11.3	9.1	23.9	(12.1)
Dorset and Somerset	2.9	3.1	(8.1)	(9.3)	u	u
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	(2.4)	(2.6)	u	u	u	u
Devon	4.1	3.4	(10.8)	(8.0)	(24.1)	u
Wales	4.5	4.1	12.7	10.2	26.9	32.1
West Wales and the Valleys	4.7	4.9	12.7	12.3	26.7	35.0
East Wales	4.3	2.7	(12.7)	(6.9)	(27.2)	u
Scotland	4.1	3.8	9.2	9.0	26.4	27.1
North Eastern Scotland	4.2	(3.5)	u	u	u	u
Highlands and Islands	(2.6)	(2.2)	u	u	u	u
Eastern Scotland	3.7	3.6	(5.8)	7.2	(25.3)	(21.9)
West Central Scotland	4.7	5.1	12.2	12.3	(23.8)	30.2
Southern Scotland	4.7	3.2	(14.2)	(8.9)	(31.4)	(38.4)
Northern Ireland (UK)	4.6	3.6	10.1	(7.5)	49.6	52.0

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Unemployment in the regions of the EFTA and Candidate countries

	Unemployment rates (%)				Long-term unemployment share (%) (15-74 years old)	
	Total (15-74 years old)		15-24 years old		2017	2018
	2017	2018	2017	2018		
EU	7.6	6.9	16.8	15.2	44.9	43.2
ICELAND	2.7	2.7	7.9	6.1	9.2	10.3
NORWAY	4.2	3.8	10.4	9.7	27.5	25.1
Oslo og Akershus	4.6	4.2	12.2	11.4	24.7	22.7
Hedmark og Oppland	2.8	2.9	9.4	6.4	30.7	20.4
Sør-Østlandet	4.4	3.7	11.1	10.3	29.9	23.6
Agder og Rogaland	5.2	4.4	11.8	10.6	29.5	30.6
Vestlandet	4.0	3.8	9.1	9.8	31.9	28.1
Trøndelag	2.9	3.1	7.3	8.6	21.9	25.4
Nord-Norge	3.2	3.2	8.9	6.8	19.0	21.6
SWITZERLAND	4.8	4.7	8.1	7.9	34.7	36.9
Région lémanique	7.9	7.5	15.7	16.1	37.9	37.3
Espace Mittelland	4.2	4.3	7.1	6.7	36.0	38.8
Nordwestschweiz	4.4	4.3	(5.9)	(6.3)	33.9	34.4
Zürich	4.5	4.3	6.5	6.4	30.4	37.6
Ostschweiz	3.8	3.6	6.1	(4.8)	31.7	34.1
Zentralschweiz	2.9	2.9	(4.1)	(4.3)	(31.2)	(31.8)
Ticino	6.1	6.7	(13.1)	(15.3)	(38.7)	41.5
MONTENEGRO	16.1	15.2	31.7	29.4	77.3	75.2
NORTH MACEDONIA	22.4	20.8	46.7	45.4	77.8	74.6
SERBIA	13.6	12.8	31.9	29.7	52.6	50.5
<i>Srbija - sever</i>	12.8	10.7	30.9	23.4	46.9	45.2
Beogradski region	13.4	10.9	32.0	23.9	54.8	51.2
Region Vojvodine	12.2	10.5	30.1	23.0	38.8	39.3
<i>Srbija - jug</i>	14.5	15.0	32.9	35.8	57.8	54.4
Region Sumadije i Zapadne Srbije	13.8	14.1	32.1	33.4	55.7	53.7
Region Juzne i Istocne Srbije	15.4	16.4	34.1	38.9	60.5	55.1
TURKEY	10.9	10.9	20.5	20.2	21.8	22.3
<i>Istanbul</i>	13.8	12.4	23.0	20.0	19.6	19.2
<i>Bati Marmara</i>	7.2	6.7	17.4	14.6	20.5	19.9
Tekirdağ, Edirne, Kirklareli	8.3	7.5	20.0	14.0	18.9	19.2
Balikesir, Çanakkale	5.9	5.7	13.9	15.5	23.2	21.1
<i>Ege</i>	9.8	9.8	20.1	18.7	21.2	22.5
Izmir	14.0	13.7	26.3	22.9	22.9	24.2
Aydın, Denizli, Mugla	7.1	6.9	16.2	14.0	17.1	22.9
Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kütahya, Usak	6.1	6.8	14.0	16.5	20.7	17.0
<i>Doğu Marmara</i>	10.3	9.5	19.0	17.2	17.5	19.0
Bursa, Eskisehir, Bilecik	9.7	8.9	18.6	16.6	15.7	15.3
Kocaeli, Sakarya, Düzce, Bolu, Yalova	10.8	10.2	19.4	17.7	19.2	22.4
<i>Bati Anadolu</i>	9.8	8.9	19.6	16.5	18.6	19.2
Ankara	11.3	10.1	24.4	19.2	20.3	20.4
Konya, Karaman	5.9	5.9	11.6	11.8	10.5	13.9
<i>Akdeniz</i>	11.3	12.1	21.2	22.1	23.2	22.8
Antalya, Isparta, Burdur	11.9	11.4	24.3	23.9	19.6	19.6
Adana, Mersin	10.7	11.2	18.7	18.5	25.1	24.6
Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Osmaniye	11.6	14.1	21.7	25.0	25.1	24.1
<i>Orta Anadolu</i>	11.5	12.2	24.6	26.0	26.1	26.1
Kirikkale, Aksaray, Nigde, Nevşehir, Kirsehir	11.3	10.9	25.0	24.8	24.8	22.6
Kayseri, Sivas, Yozgat	11.7	13.1	24.4	26.8	27.0	28.0
<i>Bati Karadeniz</i>	6.5	6.6	15.3	14.9	20.6	20.7
Zonguldak, Karabük, Bartın	7.2	8.1	20.6	22.4	22.6	16.4
Kastamonu, Çankiri, Sinop	4.6	5.2	11.1	13.1	24.8	26.9
Samsun, Tokat, Çorum, Amasya	6.8	6.4	14.7	13.4	18.8	21.1
<i>Doğu Karadeniz</i>	3.5	6.1	14.7	19.3	37.1	30.5
<i>Kuzeydoğu Anadolu</i>	5.4	6.4	12.3	11.9	19.7	25.7
Erzurum, Erzincan, Bayburt	5.3	7.5	13.2	17.9	20.8	26.4
Ağrı, Kars, Iğdir, Ardahan	5.5	5.3	11.6	7.6	18.7	24.7
<i>Ortadoğu Anadolu</i>	9.8	14.9	14.7	25.8	25.8	25.8
Malatya, Elazığ, Bingöl, Tunceli	6.9	8.1	11.7	16.9	20.9	23.4
Van, Mus, Bitlis, Hakkari	12.6	21.7	16.4	30.8	28.4	26.7
<i>Güneydoğu Anadolu</i>	16.8	17.9	24.3	25.3	28.0	27.9
Gaziantep, Adıyaman, Kilis	14.3	12.3	24.4	18.9	24.2	21.7
Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır	13.8	18.6	17.7	23.3	17.4	24.3
Mardin, Batman, Siirt	26.9	24.8	40.1	36.8	42.6	37.7