

# Unemployment in the regions of the European Union 2000

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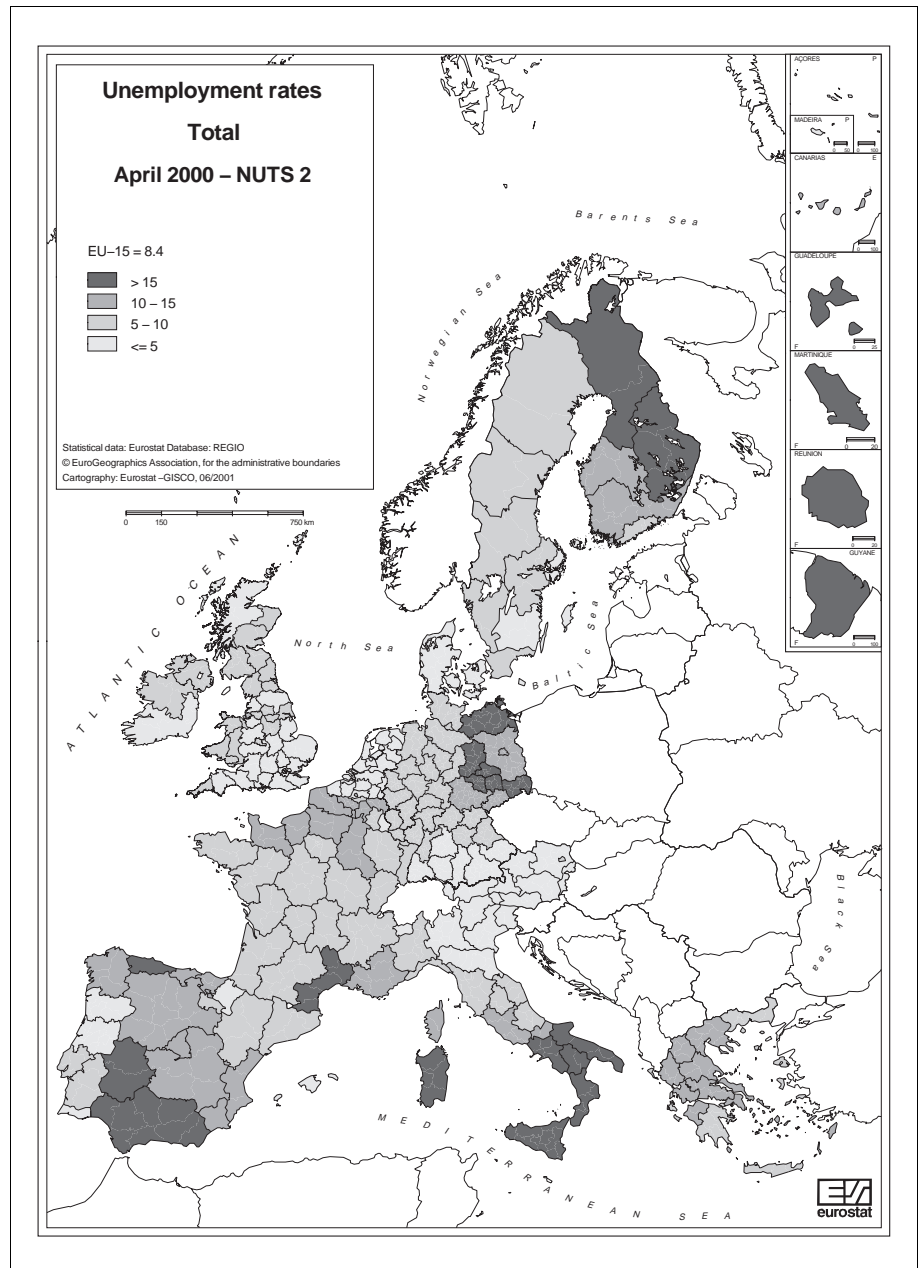


Figure 1: Unemployment rates total - April 2000 - NUTS 2

In April 2000, the unemployment rate in the NUTS-2 regions of the European Union varied between 1.7 % and 33.1 %. Breakdowns by gender and age highlight even greater regional differences. The rate of unemployment among women, for example, ranged from 1.7 % and 40.7 %, while between 2.9 and 64.7 % of under-25s were out of work.



## EU unemployment rates vary between 1.7 % and 33.1 %

Region	Unemployment rate
ÅLAND (FIN)	1.7
CENTRO (P)	1.8
BERKSHIRE,BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE (UK)	1.9
UTRECHT (NL)	2.1
NOORD-BRABANT (NL)	2.2
MADEIRA (P)	2.3
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHE)	2.4
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ANDALUCIA (E)	25.3
CEUTA Y MELILLA (E)	25.5
GUADELOUPE (F)	26.1
MARTINIQUE (F)	27.7
CALABRIA (I)	27.7
REUNION (F)	33.1

*Table 1: The regions of the European Union with the highest/lowest unemployment rates in April 2000(in %)*

The unemployment rate in the European Union, i.e. the ratio of unemployed persons to the total economically active population, stood at 8.4 % in April 2000. At national and, in particular, regional level, there were marked deviations from this average figure.

Taking only the NUTS 2 regions into consideration, the unemployment rate varied between 1.7 % in the Finish region of Åland and 33.1 % in the French region of Réunion. Related in each case to 100 members of the economically active population, Réunion thus had around 19 times more jobless people than the region of Åland.

Of the 211 regions under consideration, as many as 50 achieved an unemployment rate in April 2000 of at most 4.2 % - lower than half the EU average. These 50 NUTS-2 regions were spread over 11 Member States, with Greece, Spain and France being the only countries where no NUTS-2 region had an unemployment rate of less or equal than 4.2 %. This was also the case for Denmark. At the other end of the scale were 17 regions in Italy, Spain, France and Germany where the unemployment rate stood at more than 16.8 % and was thus at least double as high again as the overall European Union average.

Table 1 lists the regions with the lowest and the highest unemployment rates in April 2000.

Table 2 additionally gives some idea of the regional differences within the Member States. Particularly striking are the pronounced differences between the regions with the lowest and the highest unemployment rates in some Member States, such as France (Alsace : 5.3, compared with Réunion : 33.1), Spain (Balears : 4.8, compared with Ceuta y Melilla : 25.5) and Italy (Trentino-Alto Adige : 3.1, compared with Calabria : 27.7).

	NUTS-2-regions with minimum value		NUTS-2-regions with maximum value	
Belgique	VLAAMS BRABANT	2.9	HAINAUT	13.1
BR Deutschland	OBERBAYERN	3.5	HALLE	19.2
Ellada	IONIA NISIA	5.1	DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	14.7
España	BALEARES	4.8	CEUTA Y MELILLA	25.5
France	ALSACE	5.3	REUNION	33.1
Ireland	SOUTHERN AND EASTERN	3.9	BORDER, MIDLAND AND WESTERN	5.8
Italia	TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	3.1	CALABRIA	27.7
Nederland	UTRECHT	2.1	GRONINGEN	4.6
Österreich	OBERÖSTERREICH	2.6	WIEN	5.8
Portugal	CENTRO (P)	1.8	ALENTEJO	5.7
Suomi/Finland	ÅLAND	1.7	ITAE-SUOMI	15.5
Sverige	STOCKHOLM	3.6	NORRA MELLANSVERIGE	8.8
United Kingdom	BERKSHIRE, BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE	1.9	MERSEYSIDE	11.2

*Table 2: Range of unemployment rate for NUTS 2 regions in the EU Member States in April 2000*

## Some marked year-on-year changes – falls of up to 4.2 percentage points

Region	Change
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI (EL)	- 4.2
VOREIO AIGAIIO (EL)	- 3.9
NAVARRA (E)	- 3.7
HAINAUT (B)	- 3.6
REUNION (F)	- 3.5
IPEIROS (EL)	- 3.3
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA (E)	- 3.0
MOLISE (I)	- 3.0
ABRUZZO (I)	- 3.0
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FRIESLAND (NL)	+ 0.5
FLEVOLAND (NL)	+ 0.6
NORTH EASTERN SCOTLAND (UK)	+ 0.7
RIOJA (E)	+ 0.9
PELOPONNISOS (EL)	+ 1.8
NOTIO AIGAIIO (EL)	+ 3.1

Changes in the unemployment rate from April 1999 to April 2000 varied the most in 4 Greek regions. The region Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki recorded a reduction of 4.2 percentage points and the region Voreio Aigaio a reduction of 3.9 percentage points. The regions with the biggest increase were Notio Aigaio (+3.1 percentage points) and Peloponnisos (+1.8 percentage points).

Overall, out of the 207 regions, where data for 1999 and 2000 are available, 193 recorded a fall, only 9 a rise (5 remained unchanged).

Table 3: The regions of the European Union with the highest decrease and increase respectively of unemployment rates from April 1999 to April 2000 (in percentage points)

## Youth unemployment rate between 2.9 % and 64.7 %

Region	Youth unemployment rate
FLEVOLAND (NL)	2.9
NOORD-BRABANT (NL)	3.4
OBERBAYERN (D)	3.6
OBERÖSTERREICH (A)	3.6
BERKSHIRE,BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE (UK)	3.7
MADEIRA (P)	3.8
:	:
:	:
:	:
REUNION (F)	46.2
MOLISE (I)	47.6
SARDEGNA (I)	49.5
SICILIA (I)	58.5
CAMPANIA (I)	63.8
CALABRIA (I)	64.7

Table 4: The regions of the European Union with the highest/lowest young unemployment rates in April 2000

Regional differences in the youth unemployment rate, i.e. the rate of unemployment among the active population under 25 years of age, are much more pronounced than in the overall unemployment rate. In April 2000, youth unemployment varied between 2.9 % in the Dutch region Flevoland and 64.7 % in the Italian region of Calabria.

On the youth unemployment front, too, a whole series of regions posted rates differing markedly from the EU average of 16.1 %. In April 2000, the rate stood at less than 10 % in as many as 78 regions, while 14 regions recorded levels in excess of 40 %.

The 78 regions with relatively low unemployment among young people were all in Northern and Central Europe : 24 in Germany, 17 in the United Kingdom, all 12 regions in the Netherlands, all 9 regions in Austria, 5 in Portugal, 3 each in Belgium and Italy, 1 each in Ireland, France and Sweden, and the Member States Denmark and Luxembourg. The 14 regions with particularly high rates, on the other hand, were nearly all in the Mediterranean are : 8 in Italy, 2 each in Greece and in Finland, 1 each in Spain and in France.

Table 4 lists the regions with the highest and lowest youth unemployment rates in April 2000.

	NUTS-2-regions with minimum value		NUTS-2-regions with maximum value	
Belgique	WEST-VLAANDEREN	6.4	HAINAUT	29.9
BR Deutschland	OBERBAYERN	3.6	BERLIN	17.3
Ellada	IONIA NISIA	11.9	DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	45.0
España	BALEARES	10.4	CEUTA Y MELILLA	43.1
France	ALSACE	9.5	REUNION	46.2
Ireland	SOUTHERN AND EASTERN	5.6	BORDER, MIDLAND AND WESTERN	9.7
Italia	TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	6.9	CALABRIA	64.7
Nederland	FLEVOLAND	2.9	FRIESLAND	7.4
Österreich	OBERÖSTERREICH	3.6	WIEN	7.4
Portugal	MADEIRA	3.8	ALENTEJO	15.5
Suomi/Finland	ÅLAND	11.3	ITAE-SUOMI	42.4
Sverige	STOCKHOLM	7.2	NORRA MELLANSVERIGE	24.4
United Kingdom	BERKSHIRE, BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE	3.7	MERSEYSIDE	26.1

Table 5: Range of youth unemployment rate for NUTS 2 Regions in the EU Member States in April 2000

Table 5 additionally sets out the regional differences within the Member States. Once again, major discrepancies emerge, e.g. in Italy, with levels ranging from 6.9 % in the region of Trentino-Alto Adige to 64.7 % in Calabria. In Greece, Spain, France and Finland too, however, the difference between the highest and the lowest figure was more than 30 percentage points.

### Decreasing youth unemployment rates in most regions from 1999 to 2000

Region	Change
MARTINIQUE (F)	- 22.3
HAINAUT (B)	- 18.3
NAMUR (B)	- 13.9
GUADELOUPE (F)	- 13.2
BASILICATA (I)	- 12.3
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI (EL)	- 12.0
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:	:
UMBRIA (I)	+ 2.8
BERLIN (D)	+ 2.9
CAMPANIA (I)	+ 2.9
PELOPONNISOS (EL)	+ 3.0
STEREA ELLADA (EL)	+ 3.3
LIGURIA (I)	+ 4.0
NOTIO AIGAI (EL)	+ 5.7

Table 6: The regions of the European Union with the highest decrease and increase respectively of young unemployment rates from April 1999 to April 2000 (in percentage points)

The youth unemployment rate decreased in 159 of the 207 regions under consideration from April 1999 to April 2000. The biggest decreases occurred in the French region of Martinique with 22.3 % and in the Belgian regions Hainaut with 18.3% and Namur with 13.9 %.

At the other end of the spectrum, however, a total of 7 regions posted a rise of more than 2.5 percentage points in their youth unemployment rates. As can be seen from Table 6, all of them are in Greece (3), in Italy (3) and in Germany (1).

## Female unemployment rates in EU regions ranging from 1.7 % to 40.7 % in 2000

In April 2000, the rate of unemployment among women in the regions of the European Union ranged from 1.7 % to 40.7 %. The lowest figure of 1.7 % were for the region Berkshire, Bucks & Oxfordshire (United Kingdom) and for the Finnish region of Åland. The highest rates were recorded at 40.7 % for the Italian region of Calabria and the Spanish regions of Extremadura (37.0 %), Ceuta y Melilla (36.6 %) and Andalucía (35.6 %) Table 7 additionally gives some idea of the regional differences within the Member States in April 2000.

	NUTS-2-regions with minimum value		NUTS-2-regions with maximum value	
Belgique	VLAAMS BRABANT	3.5	HAINAUT	16.7
BR Deutschland	OBERBAYERN	3.4	HALLE	21.9
Ellada	IONIA NISIA	5.5	THESSALIA	22.8
España	BALEARES	7.6	EXTREMADURA	37.0
France	ALSACE	6.4	MARTINIQUE	33.5
Ireland	SOUTHERN AND EASTERN	3.6	BORDER, MIDLAND AND WESTERN	6.4
Italia	TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	4.3	CALABRIA	40.7
Nederland	UTRECHT	2.4	FRIESLAND	7.9
Österreich	OBERÖSTERREICH	2.7	WIEN	7.2
Portugal	CENTRO (P)	2.7	ALENTEJO	9.3
Suomi/Finland	ÅLAND	1.7	ITAE-SUOMI	14.0
Sverige	STOCKHOLM	3.5	SYDSVERIGE	7.9
United Kingdom	BERKSHIRE, BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE	1.7	INNER LONDON	10.3

Table 7: Range of female unemployment rate for NUTS 2 Regions in the EU Member States in April 2000

## Female unemployment rate in decline in most regions from 1999 to 2000

Region	Change
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI (EL)	- 7.5
NAVARRA (E)	- 5.8
MOLISE (I)	- 5.6
MURCIA (E)	- 5.3
IPEIROS (EL)	- 5.3
ABRUZZO (I)	- 4.4
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:	:
THESSALIA (EL)	+ 1.0
WIEN (A)	+ 1.2
PELOPONNISOS (EL)	+ 2.1
FRIESLAND (NL)	+ 2.5
RIOJA (E)	+ 2.8
NOTIO AIGAIIO (EL)	+ 4.6

As well as the youth unemployment rate, the rate of unemployment among women fell in most regions between April 1999 and April 2000. In a total of 184 regions, it fell by between 0.1 and 7.5 percentage points, whereas in 13 regions it rose by between 0.3 and 4.6 percentage points. In the other regions, it remained unchanged.

As can be seen from table 8, the regions experiencing more pronounced decrease were mainly in Greece (2), Spain (2) and in Italy (2).

Table 8: The regions of the European Union with the highest decrease and increase respectively of female unemployment rates from April 1999 to April 2000 (in percentage points)

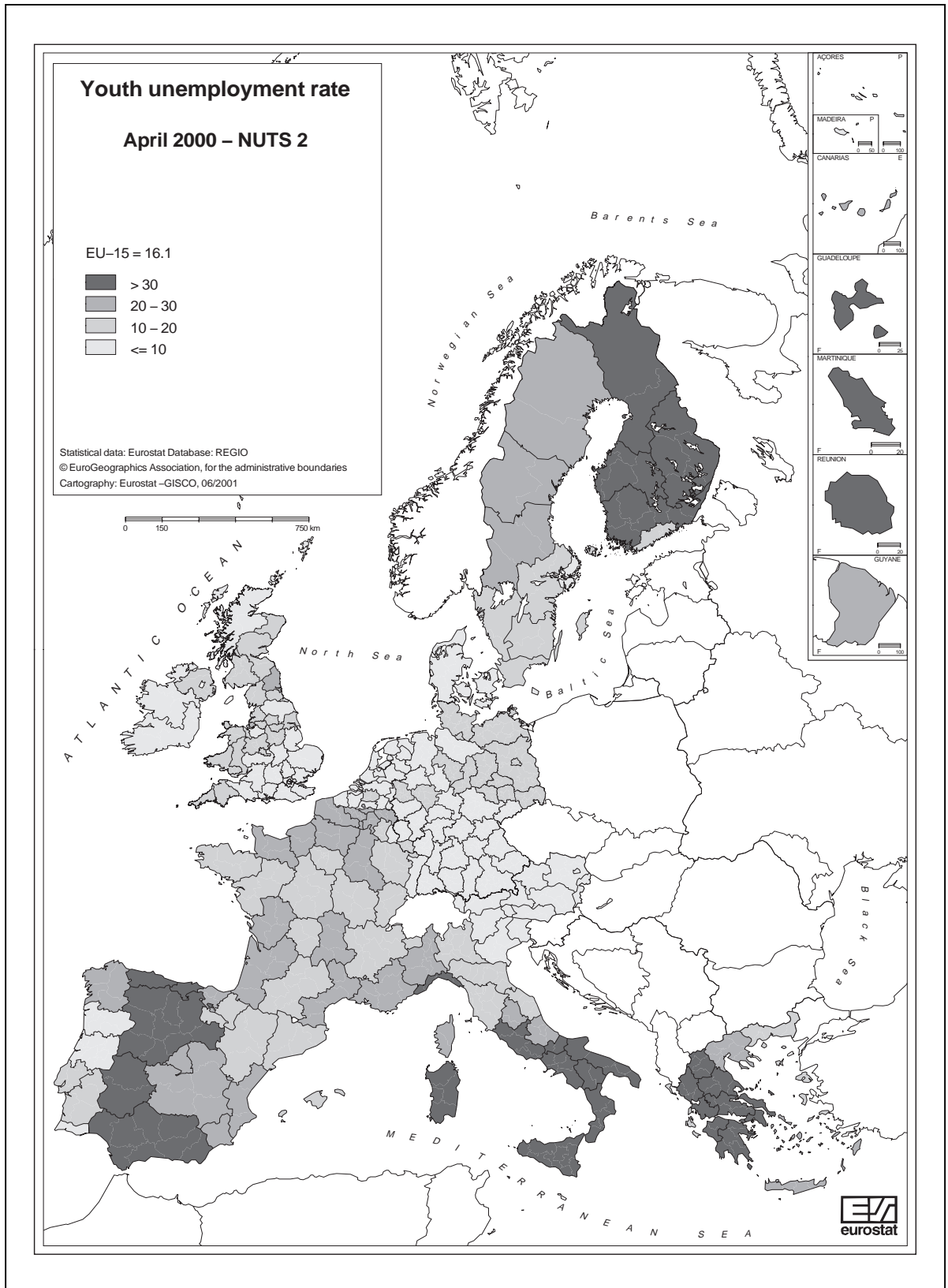


Figure 2: Youth unemployment rates - April 2000 - NUTS 2

	Total		Females		< 25 years	
	4/1999	4/2000	4/1999	4/2000	4/1999	4/2000
<b>EU-15</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>EUR-11</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>17.1</b>
<b>BELGIQUE-BELGIE</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<i>REG. BRUXELLES-CAP./BRUSSELS HFDST.GEW.</i>	14.0	11.1	14.3	12.3	35.3	28.1
<i>VLAAMS GEWEST</i>	5.6	4.0	7.0	5.3	14.7	8.9
<i>ANTWERPEN</i>	6.5	4.6	8.1	6.0	17.8	10.3
<i>LIMBURG (B)</i>	7.0	5.0	9.9	7.8	16.7	9.8
<i>OOST-VLAANDEREN</i>	6.0	4.3	7.2	5.3	14.3	10.0
<i>VLAAMS BRABANT</i>	3.9	2.9	4.5	3.5	12.0	7.5
<i>WEST-VLAANDEREN</i>	4.7	3.3	5.8	4.3	11.9	6.4
<i>REGION WALLONNE</i>	13.4	10.7	15.7	13.5	37.7	26.7
<i>BRABANT WALLON</i>	8.8	6.5	10.5	7.8	25.3	21.7
<i>HAINAUT</i>	16.7	13.1	19.5	16.7	48.2	29.9
<i>LIEGE</i>	12.8	10.9	15.2	13.6	33.3	27.4
<i>LUXEMBOURG (B)</i>	7.3	5.5	9.2	7.5	21.7	14.7
<i>NAMUR</i>	12.7	10.2	14.7	13.0	40.5	26.6
<b>DANMARK</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>DEUTSCHLAND</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>
<i>BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG</i>	5.1	4.4	5.2	4.6	5.8	5.0
<i>STUTTGART</i>	4.9	4.2	5.0	4.4	5.1	4.5
<i>KARLSRUHE</i>	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.1	6.9	5.7
<i>FREIBURG</i>	5.2	4.6	5.4	4.8	6.7	5.7
<i>TÜBINGEN</i>	4.5	3.8	4.8	4.1	5.1	4.2
<i>BAYERN</i>	5.0	4.5	5.1	4.5	5.4	5.1
<i>OBEBAYERN</i>	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.6
<i>NIEDERBAYERN</i>	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.2	5.6	5.2
<i>OBERPfalz</i>	5.4	5.1	5.7	5.3	5.5	5.9
<i>OBERFRANKEN</i>	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.4	7.2	7.7
<i>MITTELFRANKEN</i>	6.4	5.4	6.6	5.5	6.8	6.4
<i>UNTERFRANKEN</i>	5.6	5.1	5.9	5.6	6.5	5.6
<i>SCHWABEN</i>	4.7	3.9	4.8	4.0	5.4	4.4
<i>BERLIN</i>	13.7	13.0	12.4	11.7	14.4	17.3
<i>BRANDENBURG</i>	16.0	14.7	17.7	16.5	10.9	12.4
<i>BREMEN</i>	11.4	10.5	9.8	8.8	13.0	14.1
<i>HAMBURG</i>	7.9	7.0	6.6	5.7	10.1	10.2
<i>HESSEN</i>	6.7	6.0	6.3	5.7	8.2	7.9
<i>DARMSTADT</i>	6.0	5.2	5.5	4.9	7.1	6.8
<i>GIESSEN</i>	7.0	6.3	7.0	6.2	9.0	9.0
<i>KASSEL</i>	8.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	10.2	9.7
<i>MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN</i>	17.5	15.3	19.6	17.2	12.7	11.0
<i>NIEDERSACHSEN</i>	8.2	7.6	8.2	7.6	10.1	10.4
<i>BRAUNSCHWEIG</i>	9.7	9.3	10.0	9.6	10.3	12.6
<i>HANNOVER</i>	8.3	7.6	7.9	7.2	10.9	10.3
<i>LÜNEBURG</i>	7.2	6.7	7.2	6.5	10.1	9.9
<i>WESER-EMS</i>	7.7	7.2	7.9	7.2	9.3	9.5
<i>NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN</i>	8.2	7.7	8.0	7.4	9.7	9.8
<i>DÜSSELDORF</i>	8.7	8.1	8.2	7.5	11.0	10.4
<i>KÖLN</i>	7.6	7.1	7.3	6.7	8.6	9.0
<i>MÜNSTER</i>	8.1	7.6	7.9	7.4	8.8	9.7
<i>DETMOLD</i>	7.3	6.7	7.7	7.1	8.6	8.3
<i>ARNSBERG</i>	8.9	8.4	8.7	8.1	10.7	10.8
<i>RHEINLAND-PFALZ</i>	6.4	5.8	6.3	5.8	8.5	8.1
<i>KOBLENZ</i>	6.2	5.5	5.9	5.4	7.7	7.2
<i>TRIER</i>	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.3	7.2	6.9
<i>RHEINHESSEN-PFALZ</i>	6.7	6.2	6.6	6.2	9.5	9.3
<i>SAARLAND</i>	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.3	10.8	11.3
<i>SACHSEN</i>	16.2	15.0	18.6	16.8	10.9	11.1
<i>CHEMNITZ</i>	:	14.8	:	17.3	:	9.5
<i>DRESDEN</i>	:	15.1	:	16.7	:	12.5
<i>LEIPZIG</i>	:	15.2	:	16.2	:	11.5
<i>SACHSEN-ANHALT</i>	19.9	18.0	22.5	20.5	13.4	13.3
<i>DESSAU</i>	20.9	18.1	24.1	21.3	13.6	11.7
<i>HALLE</i>	20.6	19.2	23.1	21.9	15.1	15.1
<i>MAGDEBURG</i>	18.9	17.3	21.2	19.1	12.2	12.8
<i>SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN</i>	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.2	10.2	10.8
<i>THÜRINGEN</i>	14.3	13.4	16.5	15.6	10.3	9.5

Table 9: Unemployment in the regions of the European Union

	Total		Females		< 25 years	
	4/1999	4/2000	4/1999	4/2000	4/1999	4/2000
<b>ELLADA</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>29.5</b>
VOREIA ELLADA	12.4	11.0	19.8	17.5	32.3	28.8
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	12.8	8.6	19.2	11.7	31.5	19.5
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	11.7	10.7	18.8	17.0	30.2	29.1
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	14.6	14.7	24.2	20.7	47.0	45.0
THESSALIA	12.8	12.4	21.7	22.8	33.5	31.4
KENTRIKI ELLADA	11.0	10.3	17.9	15.7	34.4	32.7
IPEIROS	13.9	10.6	22.1	16.8	42.6	30.8
IONIA NISIA	5.5	5.1	8.1	5.5	20.7	11.9
DYTIKI ELLADA	11.8	10.2	18.6	15.0	36.9	34.0
STEREA ELLADA	14.2	13.6	24.9	22.0	38.0	41.3
PELOPONNISOS	7.6	9.3	12.5	14.6	27.2	30.2
ATTIKI	12.5	12.2	17.8	17.4	33.2	30.6
NISIA AIGAIΟΥ, KRITI	7.9	7.8	12.0	12.4	19.8	21.3
VOREIO AIGAIΟ	11.3	7.4	15.6	13.8	30.1	19.3
NOTIO AIGAIΟ	7.3	10.5	11.6	16.2	15.7	21.4
KRITI	7.3	6.7	11.5	10.5	19.9	21.7
<b>ESPAÑA</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>
NOROESTE	17.1	15.6	24.5	22.2	36.2	30.8
GALICIA	16.9	15.0	23.9	20.6	33.5	29.0
ASTURIAS	18.4	17.9	26.0	26.7	45.4	35.6
CANTABRIA	15.8	14.2	25.0	22.6	33.8	32.2
NORESTE	12.1	9.8	18.9	15.8	23.9	21.2
PAIS VASCO	14.8	12.4	21.7	18.7	31.4	25.3
NAVARRA	8.6	4.9	14.6	8.8	15.7	13.9
RIOJA	7.2	8.1	13.1	15.9	16.2	18.6
ARAGÓN	9.6	7.3	16.2	13.2	16.7	18.0
MADRID	13.5	11.9	18.9	16.8	25.5	22.9
CENTRO (E)	17.8	15.9	28.3	26.0	34.0	28.0
CASTILLA-LEÓN	15.8	14.1	26.0	23.6	36.3	30.9
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	15.7	12.7	26.2	22.0	27.2	20.1
EXTREMADURA	25.7	24.8	37.4	37.0	41.4	35.1
ESTE	11.9	9.8	17.3	14.2	22.6	19.2
CATALUÑA	10.9	9.0	15.6	12.5	20.3	18.6
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	14.4	11.9	21.4	18.1	27.1	21.5
BALEARES	7.2	4.8	10.6	7.6	14.9	10.4
SUR	25.4	23.5	35.7	33.2	41.4	36.1
ANDALUCÍA	27.1	25.3	37.6	35.6	43.4	38.0
MURCIA	14.6	12.0	23.3	18.0	27.6	23.2
CEUTA Y MELILLA	25.7	25.5	38.2	36.6	52.5	43.1
CANARIAS	14.5	14.5	20.6	20.5	30.0	25.6
<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>18.8</b>
ÎLE DE FRANCE	10.2	8.7	10.8	9.5	16.2	13.5
BASSIN PARISIEN	11.5	9.7	13.9	12.1	25.7	21.4
CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE	11.8	10.1	14.3	12.5	27.6	22.9
PICARDIE	13.7	11.6	16.4	14.5	29.9	25.6
HAUTE-NORMANDIE	12.2	10.2	14.6	12.1	27.3	23.0
CENTRE	10.0	8.0	12.3	10.4	20.6	16.0
BASSE-NORMANDIE	11.7	10.6	13.5	12.7	27.5	26.9
BOURGOGNE	9.9	8.3	12.5	11.0	23.3	17.1
NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS	15.8	13.4	17.9	15.7	37.2	30.0
EST	8.4	6.7	10.2	8.5	18.1	13.9
LORRAINE	9.9	7.8	12.2	10.0	24.0	18.2
ALSACE	6.6	5.3	7.5	6.4	12.5	9.5
FRANCHE-COMTE	8.3	6.7	10.7	9.0	18.2	13.9
OUEST	9.7	8.2	12.1	10.6	21.5	16.1
PAYS DE LA LOIRE	9.4	7.6	12.1	10.1	19.6	14.3
BRETAGNE	9.3	8.0	11.3	10.0	22.5	16.1
POITOU-CHARENTES	11.2	9.9	13.6	12.9	24.4	21.0
SUD-OUEST	11.4	9.5	14.0	12.2	24.5	19.8
AQUITAINE	11.7	10.0	14.4	12.9	25.4	21.1
MIDI-PYRENEES	11.8	9.7	14.4	12.4	24.0	19.5
LIMOUSIN	8.8	6.7	10.7	8.4	22.3	15.3
CENTRE-EST	10.2	8.6	12.3	10.5	20.7	16.7
RHONE-ALPES	10.3	8.6	12.2	10.3	20.0	16.0
AUVERGNE	10.0	8.4	12.8	11.0	24.2	20.6
MEDITERRANEE	16.4	14.4	19.1	16.9	26.9	23.9
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON	17.7	16.1	20.8	19.1	28.7	26.1
PROVENCE-ALPES-COTE D'AZUR	15.9	13.7	18.2	15.8	26.0	22.7
CORSE	14.3	12.5	18.7	16.6	25.4	22.9

Table 9: Unemployment in the regions of the European Union (continuation)



	Total		Females		< 25 years	
	4/1999	4/2000	4/1999	4/2000	4/1999	4/2000
<i>DEPARTEMENTS D'OUTRE-MER</i>	30.8	29.0	34.0	32.0	49.5	40.2
GUADELOUPE	27.1	26.1	32.1	31.5	48.6	35.4
MARTINIQUE	28.6	27.7	34.7	33.5	61.1	38.9
GUYANE	22.7	22.0	27.3	27.0	31.2	21.8
REUNION	36.5	33.1	36.2	32.4	49.8	46.2
<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>
BORDER, MIDLANDS AND WESTERN	6.9	5.8	6.6	6.4	10.0	9.7
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN	5.4	3.9	5.2	3.6	8.1	5.6
<b>ITALIA</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>31.5</b>
NORD OVEST	8.0	6.8	12.2	10.3	23.5	21.1
PIEMONTE	7.9	6.7	12.6	10.7	22.4	20.7
VALLE DAOSTA	5.6	4.5	6.8	6.5	12.8	14.0
LIGURIA	10.8	9.4	15.2	13.1	31.2	35.2
LOMBARDIA	4.9	4.5	7.6	6.9	13.8	13.4
NORD EST	4.7	3.8	7.4	6.1	11.3	9.2
TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	3.9	3.1	5.6	4.3	7.4	6.9
VENETO	4.9	4.2	8.4	6.6	11.5	9.1
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA	5.6	4.3	9.0	7.4	12.1	8.9
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	4.8	4.7	7.7	6.5	12.7	13.0
CENTRO (I)	7.2	6.0	11.4	9.0	19.8	16.7
TOSCANA	8.2	6.7	12.1	9.3	20.8	17.7
UMBRIA	7.1	6.7	12.0	9.6	19.9	22.7
MARCHE	6.5	5.4	11.1	8.3	18.0	13.8
LAZIO	13.2	11.9	17.8	16.0	46.9	40.6
ABRUZZO-MOLISE	11.6	9.2	18.0	14.5	33.3	30.0
ABRUZZO	10.6	7.6	17.8	13.4	31.6	26.5
MOLISE	16.6	13.6	24.7	19.1	50.4	47.6
CAMPANIA	23.7	23.6	32.2	32.6	60.9	63.8
SUD	21.9	20.0	33.0	30.2	54.0	49.6
PUGLIA	19.8	17.6	31.6	27.7	49.0	45.4
BASILICATA	17.3	17.4	26.4	27.1	52.8	40.5
CALABRIA	28.7	27.7	41.4	40.7	65.2	64.7
SICILIA	24.8	24.2	36.2	34.8	60.2	58.5
SARDEGNA	21.9	20.5	31.7	29.5	56.7	49.5
<b>LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHE)</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>NEDERLAND</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>
NOORD-NEDERLAND	5.4	4.3	7.2	6.1	10.0	6.6
GRONINGEN	6.6	4.6	8.9	5.4	13.3	7.1
FRIESLAND	4.1	4.6	5.4	7.9	7.8	7.4
DRENTHE	5.5	3.6	7.4	4.5	8.8	4.9
OOST-NEDERLAND	3.0	2.8	4.7	4.3	6.0	5.0
OVERIJSSSEL	2.9	2.7	5.0	4.1	5.6	5.6
GELDERLAND	3.0	2.6	4.2	3.9	6.5	5.0
FLEVOLAND	3.3	4.0	6.5	7.3	3.7	2.9
WEST-NEDERLAND	3.2	2.7	4.2	3.4	6.4	5.4
UTRECHT	2.6	2.1	3.9	2.4	5.0	6.0
NOORD-HOLLAND	3.2	2.9	3.8	3.0	6.4	4.1
ZUID-HOLLAND	3.3	2.7	4.4	3.9	6.8	6.1
ZEELAND	3.7	3.6	6.4	4.5	8.1	5.9
ZUID-NEDERLAND	2.9	2.4	4.3	3.4	6.1	4.0
NOORD-BRABANT	2.6	2.2	3.7	3.2	5.8	3.4
LIMBURG (NL)	3.7	2.9	5.5	3.9	6.9	5.3
<b>ÖSTERREICH</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>
OSTÖSTERREICH	4.6	4.5	4.9	5.5	5.1	5.4
BURGENLAND	3.4	3.6	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.8
NIEDERÖSTERREICH	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.9
WIEN	6.0	5.8	6.0	7.2	6.9	7.4
SÜDÖSTERREICH	4.4	4.3	5.6	4.7	6.7	6.4
KÄRNTEN	4.9	4.8	6.4	4.9	7.5	7.3
STEIERMARK	4.3	4.1	5.3	4.6	6.4	6.0
WESTÖSTERREICH	3.5	3.0	4.4	3.0	5.2	4.3
OBERÖSTERREICH	2.7	2.6	3.4	2.7	4.0	3.6
SALZBURG	3.5	3.0	4.2	2.9	6.0	5.0
TIROL	4.9	3.9	6.6	3.9	7.5	5.7
VORARLBERG	3.5	2.9	4.7	3.1	4.7	3.9

Table 9: Unemployment in the regions of the European Union (continuation)

	Total		Females		< 25 years	
	4/1999	4/2000	4/1999	4/2000	4/1999	4/2000
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.0</b>
CONTINENTE	4.8	4.2	5.5	5.1	9.6	9.1
NORTE	4.7	4.1	5.4	4.9	7.9	8.0
CENTRO (P)	2.4	1.8	2.7	2.7	7.2	8.7
LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO	6.1	5.4	6.6	6.4	12.1	10.1
ALENTEJO	6.7	5.7	10.5	9.3	17.1	15.5
ALGARVE	3.7	3.3	5.3	3.9	10.8	7.8
ACORES	3.7	3.4	6.5	6.0	7.6	9.1
MADEIRA	3.4	2.3	4.4	2.8	7.0	3.8
<b>SUOMI (FINLAND)</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>29.6</b>
MANNER-SUOMI	11.5	11.1	11.6	10.7	31.1	29.6
ITAE-SUOMI	15.7	15.5	15.3	14.0	45.1	42.4
VAELI-SUOMI	12.3	12.0	12.9	12.4	35.8	34.7
POHJOIS-SUOMI	15.6	15.2	14.9	13.3	41.7	40.8
UUSIMAA (SUURALUE)	7.0	6.3	7.1	6.1	16.1	13.6
ETELAE-SUOMI	12.3	12.0	12.9	12.2	33.5	33.0
AALAND	:	1.7	:	1.7	:	11.3
<b>SVERIGE</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>14.2</b>
STOCKHOLM	5.2	3.6	4.8	3.5	10.0	7.2
ÖSTRA MELLANSVERIGE	7.8	6.2	7.1	6.1	17.8	14.3
SYDSVERIGE	9.0	7.6	9.0	7.9	18.8	16.3
NORRA MELLANSVERIGE	9.5	8.8	7.7	7.5	22.3	24.4
MELLERSTA NORRLAND	10.3	8.8	7.3	6.8	23.8	23.1
ÖVRE NORRLAND	9.9	8.5	6.7	6.6	23.1	22.5
SMAALAND MED ÖARNA	6.2	4.7	6.2	5.1	13.0	11.3
VÄSTSVERIGE	7.7	6.5	7.4	6.7	15.2	13.9
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.1</b>
NORTH EAST	9.9	9.3	7.2	6.8	22.1	20.7
TEES VALLEY & DURHAM	9.9	9.1	7.2	6.9	22.0	19.4
NORTHUMBERLAND AND TYNE & WEAR	9.9	9.5	7.1	6.8	22.3	21.9
NORTH WEST (INC MERSEYSIDE)	6.8	6.4	5.3	5.1	15.2	15.0
CUMBRIA	5.6	5.6	4.4	4.8	11.7	13.8
CHESHIRE	4.5	4.2	3.7	3.6	9.6	9.6
GREATER MANCHESTER	6.4	6.0	4.9	4.8	14.2	13.8
LANCASHIRE	5.4	5.0	4.2	3.9	12.7	12.0
MERSEYSIDE	11.7	11.2	9.1	8.5	26.9	26.1
YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER	7.2	6.6	5.9	5.4	15.1	14.7
EAST RIDING & NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	8.5	7.8	7.4	6.9	16.3	16.4
NORTH YORKSHIRE	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.3	7.3	7.8
SOUTH YORKSHIRE	8.7	8.2	6.6	6.6	19.9	19.7
WEST YORKSHIRE	6.9	6.3	5.6	5.0	14.6	13.6
EAST MIDLANDS	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.4	11.0	11.3
DERBYSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	6.3	6.0	5.2	5.2	13.0	14.3
LEICESTERSHIRE, RUTLAND & NORTHANTS	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.8	8.7	8.8
LINCOLNSHIRE	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	10.3	8.8
WEST MIDLANDS	6.5	6.1	5.5	5.4	13.9	13.8
HEREFORDSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE & WARKS	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.1	7.6	7.8
SHROPSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0	10.1	11.1
WEST MIDLANDS	9.3	8.8	7.5	7.5	19.3	17.7
EASTERN	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	7.7	7.6
EAST ANGLIA	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.8	8.6	9.4
BEDFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.6	6.1	5.6
ESSEX	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.9	8.2	7.4
LONDON	7.8	7.0	7.5	6.9	13.5	12.2
INNER LONDON	11.7	10.6	11.1	10.3	21.8	17.7
OUTER LONDON	5.5	4.9	5.3	4.8	9.3	8.8
SOUTH EAST	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.5	6.0	5.6
BERKSHIRE, BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.7	3.8	3.7
SURREY, EAST & WEST SUSSEX	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.4	5.2	4.7
HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT	3.6	3.0	2.9	2.6	7.5	6.5
KENT	4.6	4.1	3.9	3.7	8.9	8.4
SOUTH WEST	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.6	8.4	8.2
GLOUCESTERSHIRE, WILTSHIRE & NORTH SOMERSET	3.5	3.1	3.2	2.8	6.7	6.5
DORSET & SOMERSET	3.5	3.1	3.2	2.9	7.2	5.7
CORNWALL & ISLES OF SCILLY	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.4	15.4	16.9
DEVON	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.5	10.4	12.4
WALES	6.9	6.5	5.6	5.4	15.1	14.8
WEST WALES & THE VALLEYS	7.7	7.4	6.2	6.2	16.5	16.2
EAST WALES	5.6	5.1	4.5	4.1	12.6	12.4
SCOTLAND	7.6	7.1	6.1	5.8	16.6	15.0
NORTH EASTERN SCOTLAND	4.5	5.1	3.7	4.5	8.5	10.9
EASTERN SCOTLAND	6.7	6.0	5.5	5.0	15.0	12.6
SOUTH WESTERN SCOTLAND	9.6	9.4	7.4	7.4	20.9	20.0
HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS	6.0	4.1	5.0	3.6	11.2	8.0
NORTHERN IRELAND	9.5	8.2	7.8	7.2	17.1	16.9

Table 9: Unemployment in the regions of the European Union

## ➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

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The unemployment rate is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the total economically active population. It relates to persons who are aged at least 15 at a certain point in time and can be broken down further by age and sex. The youth unemployment rate relates to persons under 25 years of age.

The definition of unemployment is in line with the recommendations of the International Labour Office (ILO) and may, therefore, differ markedly from the respective national concepts. According to the international recommendations, 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.

The economically active population is defined as the total of unemployed and employed persons. Employed persons are all those in work during the reference period.

Estimates of regional unemployment rates are based on the estimates of employed and unemployed persons taken from the Community Labour Force Survey at national level, in each case for a specific reference date in April. In a second step, the estimated jobless figures are broken down over the individual regions, applying the regional structures of registered unemployed persons or regionally representative results of labour force surveys. A similar procedure is followed in respect of employed persons, with regional results of labour force surveys or the regional structures of the most recent population censuses being used for regionalisation.

Initially, separate estimates are made for the sub-populations comprising women under 25 years of age, women aged 25 and above, men under 25 years and men aged 25 and above. The estimates for unemployed and employed persons in the individual sub-populations are subsequently added together to obtain an estimate of the overall unemployment rate.

Unemployment rates reflect the development at the labour market concerned. Labour market related political decisions and general political trends may therefore influence unemployment rates. The smaller the respective sub-population, the more marked these effects will be. We can take as an example the youth unemployment rate: if low demand for labour means young people continue to go to school, the youth unemployment rate will be smaller than in the case when they look for jobs. Such effects should always be taken into account when interpreting unemployment rate.

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