

**Harmonised unemployment rate by sex**

%(seasonally adjusted)

**Total**

geo	time	2011M05	2011M06	2011M07	2011M08	2011M09	2011M10	2011M11	2011M12	2012M01	2012M02	2012M03	2012M04
<b>Euro area (changing composition)</b>		10.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.8	10.9	:
<b>Euro area (17 countries)</b>		10.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.8	10.9	:
<b>Euro area (16 countries)</b>		10.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.8	10.9	:
<b>EU (27 countries)</b>		9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.2	:
<b>EU (15 countries)</b>		9.5	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3	:
<b>Belgium</b>		7.1	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	:
<b>Bulgaria</b>		11.2	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.6	11.8	12.2	12.5	12.6	:
<b>Czech Republic</b>		6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.7	:
<b>Denmark</b>		7.6	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.1	:
<b>Germany</b>		6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	:
<b>Estonia</b>		13.1	13.1	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.7	11.7	11.7	:	:	:	:
<b>Ireland</b>		14.2	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.5	:
<b>Greece</b>		16.9	17.3	17.8	18.5	19.0	19.7	20.6	21.0	21.3	21.7	:	:
<b>Spain</b>		20.9	21.2	21.7	22.0	22.4	22.7	23.0	23.2	23.5	23.8	24.1	:
<b>France</b>		9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	:
<b>Italy</b>		8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.7	8.8	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.8	:
<b>Cyprus</b>		7.4	7.5	7.6	7.8	8.3	9.0	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.8	10.0	:
<b>Latvia</b>		16.2	16.2	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	:	:	:	:
<b>Lithuania</b>		15.6	15.6	15.3	15.3	15.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	:	:	:	:
<b>Luxembourg</b>		4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	:
<b>Hungary</b>		10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.3	11.1	11.2	:
<b>Malta</b>		6.7	6.7	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	:
<b>Netherlands</b>		4.2	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.0	:
<b>Austria</b>		4.2	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	:
<b>Poland</b>		9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	:
<b>Portugal</b>		12.7	12.6	12.5	12.7	13.0	13.6	14.0	14.6	14.8	15.0	15.3	:
<b>Romania</b>		7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.1	7.5	:
<b>Slovenia</b>		7.9	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.5	:
<b>Slovakia</b>		13.3	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.6	13.9	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.0	13.9	:
<b>Finland</b>		7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
<b>Sweden</b>		7.7	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.3	:
<b>United Kingdom</b>		7.9	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.1	:	:
<b>Iceland</b>		7.5	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	:
<b>Norway</b>		3.3	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	:	:	:
<b>Croatia</b>		13.6	13.7	13.4	13.5	13.5	13.9	14.1	14.5	15.3	15.6	15.9	:
<b>Turkey</b>		9.2	9.1	8.9	8.6	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.3	:	:	:	:
<b>United States</b>		9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.2	:
<b>Japan</b>		4.5	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.5	:	:

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**Short Description:** The unemployment rate represents unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force based on International Labour Office (ILO) definition. The labour force is the total number of people employed and unemployed. Unemployed persons comprise persons aged 15 to 74 who:

- are without work during the reference week;
- are available to start work within the next two weeks;
- and have been actively seeking work in the past four weeks or had already found a job to start within the next three months.

Data are presented in seasonally adjusted form.

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