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June 2013

Euro area unemployment rate at 12.1%

EU27 at 10.9%

The **euro area**¹ (EA17) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 12.1% in June 2013, stable compared with May⁴. The **EU27**¹ unemployment rate was 10.9%, down from 11.0% in May⁴. In both zones, rates have risen compared with June 2012, when they were 11.4% and 10.5% respectively. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

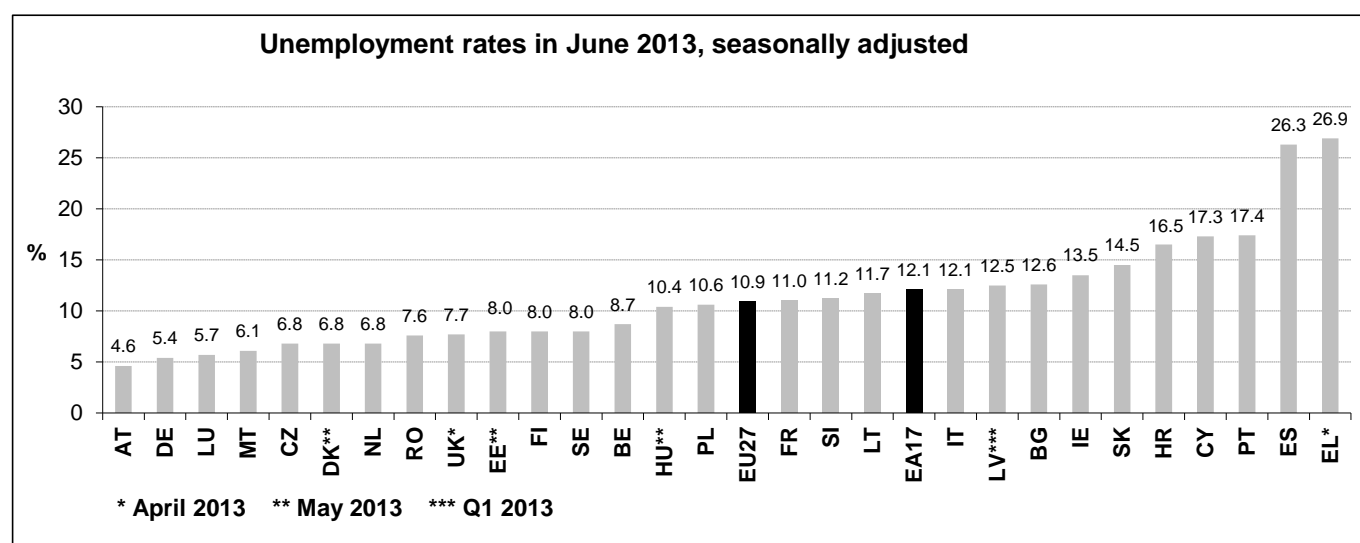
Eurostat estimates that 26.424 million men and women in the **EU27**, of whom 19.266 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in June 2013. Compared with May 2013, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 32 000 in the **EU27** and by 24 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2012, unemployment rose by 1.080 million in the **EU27** and by 1.129 million in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Austria** (4.6%), **Germany** (5.4%) and **Luxembourg** (5.7%), and the highest in **Greece** (26.9% in April 2013) and **Spain** (26.3%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate increased in seventeen Member States and fell in ten. The highest increases were registered in **Cyprus** (11.7% to 17.3%), **Greece** (23.1% to 26.9% between April 2012 and April 2013) and **Slovenia** (8.8% to 11.2%). The largest decreases were observed in **Latvia** (15.5% to 12.5% between the first quarters of 2012 and 2013) and **Estonia** (10.1% to 8.0% between May 2012 and May 2013).

In June 2013, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 7.6%, stable compared with May and down from 8.2% in June 2012.



Youth unemployment

In June 2013, 5.512 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU27**, of whom 3.526 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with June 2012, youth unemployment decreased by 43 000 in the **EU27** and increased by 43 000 in the **euro area**. In June 2013, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 23.2% in the **EU27** and 23.9% in the **euro area**, compared with 22.8% and 23.0% respectively in June 2012. In June 2013, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.5%), **Austria** (9.3%) the **Netherlands** (11.0%) and **Malta** (11.2%), and the highest in **Greece** (58.7% in April 2013) and **Spain** (56.1%).

1. The euro area (EA17) consists of Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The EU27 includes Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE) and the United Kingdom (UK). From 1 July 2013 the European Union (EU28) also includes Croatia (HR).

As part of Eurostat's guidelines for the dissemination of data when the EU is enlarged, the aggregate data series commented on in this News Release refer to the official composition of the EU in the most recent month for which data is available. **Thus News Releases with data for months up to June 2013 will comment on EU27 series, while Releases with data for July 2013 onwards will comment on EU28 series.**

Eurostat's guidelines can be found on the Eurostat website:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/GUIDE_ENLARG_2007/EN/GUIDE_ENLARG_2007-EN.PDF

The tables also include Iceland (IS), Norway (NO) and the United States (US).

2. Non-seasonally adjusted and trend data can be found in the statistical database on the Eurostat website. For further details please refer to the *Unemployment statistics* article in Statistics Explained:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Unemployment_statistics

3. 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.

4. The data in this News Release are normally subject to small revisions, caused by the updates to the seasonally adjusted series whenever new monthly data are added. Larger revisions can occur when the most recent LFS data are included in the calculation process. Compared with the rates published in News Release 102/2013 of 2 July 2013, the May 2013 unemployment rate has been revised from 12.2% to 12.1% for the EA17 and remains unchanged at 11.0% for the EU27. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for the Czech Republic, Cyprus and Finland. The rate has been revised downwards by 0.5 percentage points for Spain.

5. 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. For further details please refer to the *Youth unemployment* article in Statistics Explained:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Youth_unemployment

6. Latvia: quarterly data for all series.

Cyprus, Romania, Slovenia and Croatia: quarterly data for youth unemployment.

7. For Germany, Austria, Finland and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

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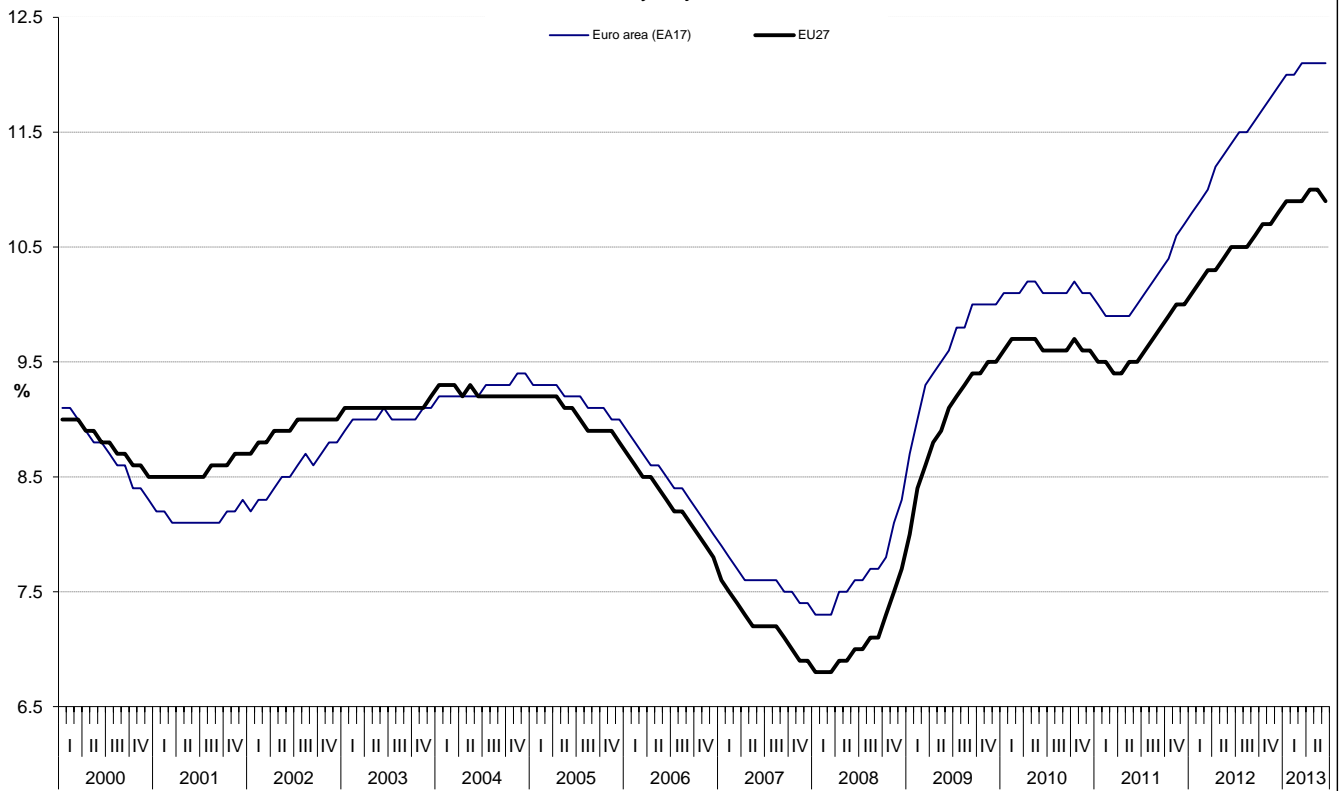
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Euro area and EU27 unemployment rates
Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment
Totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	June 12	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	June 12	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	June 13
EA17	11.4	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	18 137	19 163	19 240	19 290	19 266
EU27	10.5	10.9	11.0	11.0	10.9	25 344	26 390	26 456	26 456	26 424
EU28	10.5	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	25 606	26 664	26 732	26 733	26 703
BE	7.7	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.7	377	416	422	426	429
BG	12.3	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.6	412	433	430	423	421
CZ	6.9	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.8	363	385	377	373	362
DK	8.0**	6.9	7.0	6.8	:	233**	199	201	195	:
DE	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	2 312	2 305	2 306	2 304	2 297
EE	10.1**	8.7	8.3	8.0	:	70**	60	58	56	:
IE	14.9	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.5	320	291	288	291	289
EL	23.1*	26.8	26.9	:	:	1 143*	1 314	1 338	:	:
ES	25.1	26.4	26.5	26.4	26.3	5 784	6 027	6 027	5 998	5 959
FR	10.2	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.0	2 995	3 189	3 196	3 208	3 246
HR	15.1	16.6	16.6	16.5	16.5	262	274	276	276	278
IT	10.8	11.9	12.0	12.2	12.1	2 783	3 038	3 061	3 120	3 089
CY	11.7	15.0	16.0	16.5	17.3	51	66	71	74	78
LV ^o	15.5***	12.5	:	:	:	160***	129	:	:	:
LT	13.2	12.3	12.2	11.7	11.7	193	183	179	171	170
LU	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	13	14	14	14	15
HU	11.0**	10.6	10.4	10.4	:	480**	463	458	457	:
MT	6.6	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.1	12	11	11	11	11
NL	5.1	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.8	455	573	580	594	613
AT	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6	198	212	211	204	203
PL	10.1	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.6	1 744	1 841	1 849	1 841	1 830
PT	15.8	17.6	17.8	17.6	17.4	861	933	941	932	923
RO	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.6	710	705	712	720	736
SI	8.8	11.0	11.2	11.3	11.2	89	109	111	111	110
SK	14.0	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.5	381	386	388	391	396
FI	7.7	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0	208	218	218	217	215
SE	7.9	8.3	8.3	7.9	8.0	398	426	424	402	406
UK	8.0*	7.7	7.7	:	:	2 524*	2 467	2 464	:	:
IS	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	11	10	11	11	11
NO	3.0*	3.7	3.5	:	:	81*	99	95	:	:
US	8.2	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.6	12 782	11 672	11 629	11 722	11 805

Source: Eurostat

: Data not available

* April 2012

** May 2012

*** Q1 2012

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	June 12	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	June 12	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	June 13
EA17	23.0	23.9	23.9	23.8	23.9	3 483	3 551	3 544	3 524	3 526
EU27	22.8	23.2	23.3	23.1	23.2	5 555	5 551	5 560	5 516	5 512
EU28	22.9	23.4	23.5	23.3	23.4	5 616	5 628	5 638	5 593	5 589
BE	20.2	23.4	23.6	23.7	23.8	86	93	94	95	95
BG	28.0	27.1	26.8	26.2	25.5	68	66	64	62	60
CZ	19.9	19.4	19.4	18.5	18.1	75	72	71	68	65
DK	14.2	12.1	12.1	11.8	:	64	53	54	52	:
DE ^r	8.1	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	366	348	346	345	344
EE	23.2	18.8	16.9	14.4	:	16	13	12	10	:
IE	31.2	27.1	26.1	26.3	26.5	71	57	54	55	55
EL	55.4	58.5	58.7	:	:	175	180	182	:	:
ES	53.2	55.4	55.7	55.8	56.1	953	942	938	921	902
FR	24.2	25.8	25.5	25.4	25.7	691	739	725	716	725
HR ^b	39.6	52.0	55.6	55.6	55.6	59	76	78	78	78
IT	34.4	39.4	39.5	38.3	39.1	607	636	637	638	642
CY ^b	26.4	35.0	37.8	37.8	37.8	11	14	16	16	16
LV ^b	29.3	22.0	:	:	:	30	22	:	:	:
LT	26.3	21.1	22.4	21.4	20.3	31	27	29	27	26
LU	18.3	20.0	19.4	19.4	19.7	3	3	3	3	3
HU	28.3	27.4	27.5	27.7	:	85	84	84	85	:
MT	14.7	12.1	11.9	11.6	11.2	4	3	3	3	3
NL	9.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	11.0	131	150	152	152	158
AT ^r	8.4	7.9	8.2	8.9	9.3	50	47	48	52	55
PL	26.1	27.4	27.5	27.4	27.4	409	411	413	407	402
PT	39.1	40.7	42.0	41.9	41.0	171	162	170	170	164
RO ^b	23.1	23.1	:	:	:	194	181	:	:	:
SI ^b	19.1	21.7	24.1	24.1	24.1	14	16	17	17	17
SK	32.7	34.3	34.6	35.2	36.1	72	78	79	81	85
FI ^r	18.5	20.3	20.5	20.6	20.7	61	68	68	69	69
SE	22.9	24.9	24.5	23.4	23.8	148	167	165	153	154
UK	20.9	20.3	20.7	:	:	968	920	938	:	:
IS ^r	12.3	11.9	12.1	12.2	12.2	4	4	4	4	4
NO	8.4	9.3	8.5	:	:	32	36	33	:	:

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	June 12	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	June 12	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	June 13
EA17	11.3	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	11.6	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3
EU27	10.5	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.5	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
EU28	10.5	10.9	10.9	11.0	10.9	10.5	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
BE	7.5	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2
BG	13.7	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.9	10.7	11.5	11.4	11.2	11.1
CZ	5.9	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.7	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3
DK	8.0	6.7	6.9	6.6	:	7.9	7.2	7.1	7.0	:
DE ^r	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0
EE	10.9	8.6	8.1	7.8	:	9.2	8.8	8.4	8.2	:
IE	18.1	15.6	15.5	15.6	15.6	10.9	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.0
EL	21.9	23.9	24.2	:	:	28.4	30.6	30.5	:	:
ES	25.0	25.9	25.8	25.6	25.5	25.2	27.0	27.3	27.3	27.2
FR	10.0	10.7	10.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.1
HR	15.5	17.1	17.0	16.9	16.8	14.7	16.1	16.0	16.0	16.2
IT	10.0	11.0	11.2	11.5	11.5	11.9	13.0	13.0	13.1	12.9
CY	12.5	15.1	16.4	17.0	18.0	10.9	14.9	15.5	15.9	16.4
LV ^b	16.6	13.8	:	:	:	14.2	11.2	:	:	:
LT	15.0	14.2	13.8	13.0	12.7	11.4	10.5	10.6	10.5	10.7
LU	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.9	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7
HU	11.4	10.8	10.4	10.2	:	10.1	10.4	10.5	10.7	:
MT	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.3	7.2	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.7
NL	5.2	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.4	5.1	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2
AT ^r	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.7
PL	9.4	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.9	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.4
PT	15.9	18.0	18.0	17.8	17.5	15.7	17.2	17.5	17.4	17.3
RO	7.7	7.6	7.8	8.1	8.3	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.8
SI	8.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.0	9.6	11.8	12.2	12.5	12.6
SK	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.7	13.8	14.5	14.9	15.0	15.1	15.3
FI ^r	8.3	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.7	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
SE	8.1	8.4	8.7	8.1	8.2	7.6	8.2	7.8	7.6	7.6
UK	8.4	8.1	8.2	:	:	7.3	7.2	7.1	:	:
IS ^r	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6
NO	3.6	3.9	3.8	:	:	2.7	3.4	3.2	:	: