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July 2013

Euro area unemployment rate at 12.1%

EU28 at 11.0%

The **euro area**¹ (EA17) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 12.1% in July 2013, stable compared with June⁴. The **EU28**¹ unemployment rate was 11.0%, also stable compared with June⁴. In both zones, rates have risen compared with July 2012, when they were 11.5% and 10.5% respectively. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

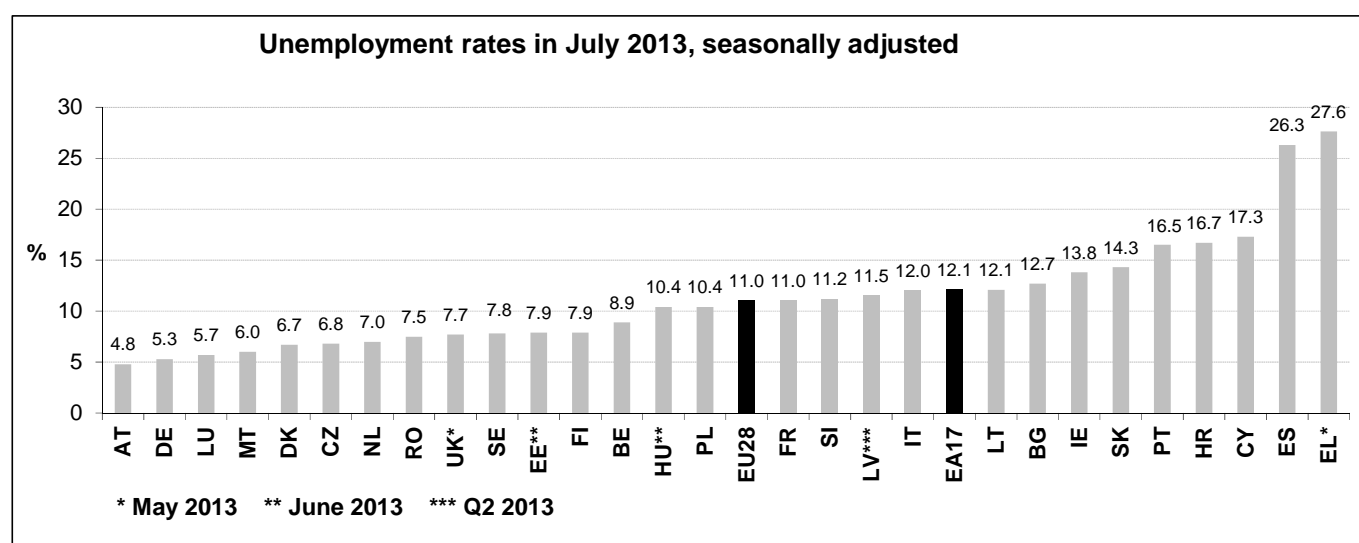
Eurostat estimates that 26.654 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 19.231 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in July 2013. Compared with June 2013, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 33 000 in the **EU28** and by 15 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2012, unemployment rose by 995 000 in the **EU28** and by 1.008 million in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Austria** (4.8%), **Germany** (5.3%) and **Luxembourg** (5.7%), and the highest in **Greece** (27.6% in May 2013) and **Spain** (26.3%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate increased in seventeen Member States and fell in eleven. The highest increases were registered in **Cyprus** (12.2% to 17.3%), **Greece** (23.8% to 27.6% between May 2012 and May 2013), **Slovenia** (9.3% to 11.2%) and the **Netherlands** (5.3% to 7.0%). The largest decreases were observed in **Latvia** (15.7% to 11.5% between the second quarters of 2012 and 2013) and **Estonia** (10.1% to 7.9% between June 2012 and June 2013).

In July 2013, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 7.4%, down from 7.6% in June and from 8.3% in July 2012.



Youth unemployment

In July 2013, 5.560 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.500 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2012, youth unemployment decreased by 53 000 in the **EU28** and by 16 000 in the **euro area**. In July 2013, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 23.4% in the **EU28** and 24.0% in the **euro area**, compared with 22.9% and 23.3% respectively in July 2012. In July 2013, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.7%), **Austria** (9.2%) and **Malta** (10.6%), and the highest in **Greece** (62.9% in May 2013), **Spain** (56.1%) and **Croatia** (55.4% in the second quarter of 2013).

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 commented on EU27 series, while Releases with data for July 2013 onwards 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 118/2013 of 31 July 2013, the June 2013 unemployment rates remain unchanged at 12.1% for the EA17 and at 11.0% for the EU28. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Ireland, Cyprus and Lithuania. The rate has been revised downwards by 0.7 percentage points for Portugal.

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.

Croatia, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: 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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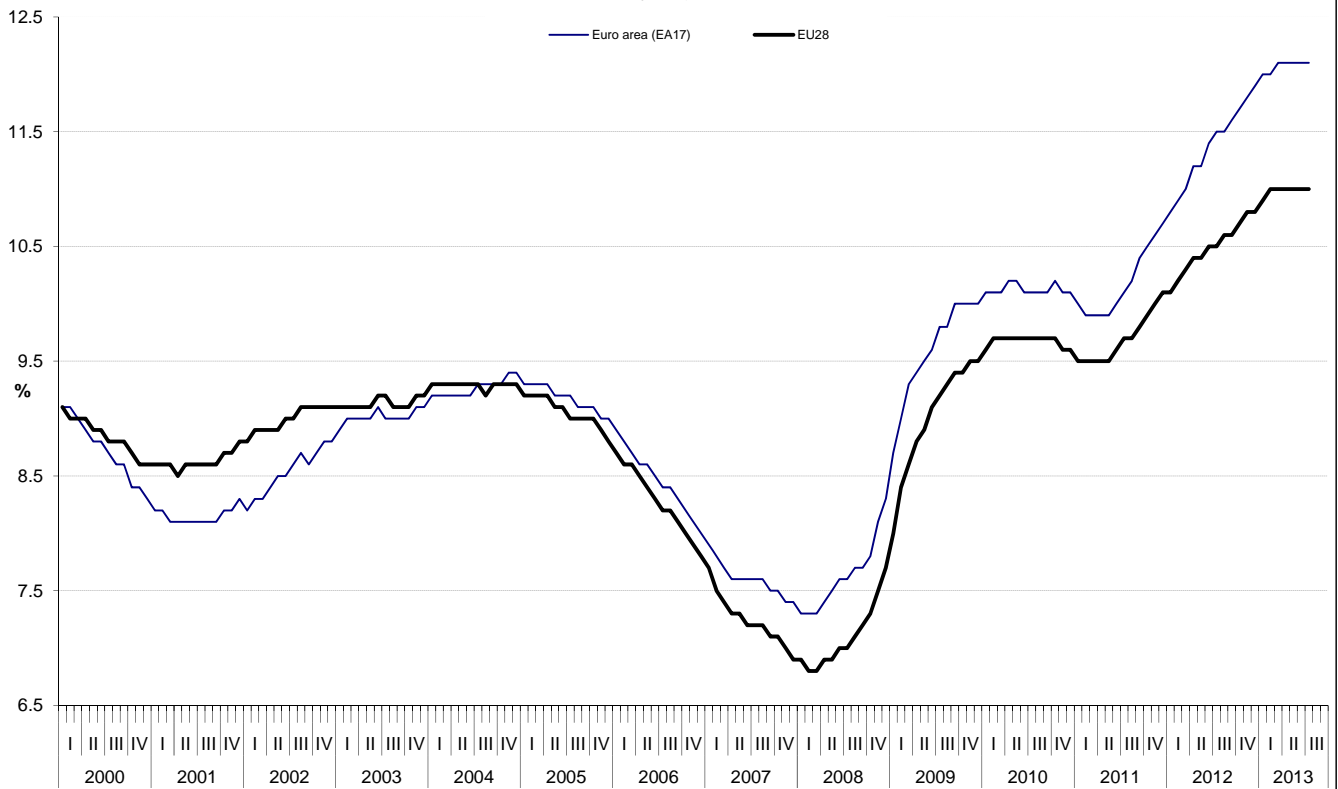
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates
Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment
Totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	July 12	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	July 13	July 12	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	July 13
EA17	11.5	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	18 223	19 225	19 281	19 246	19 231
EU28	10.5	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	25 659	26 728	26 730	26 687	26 654
EU27	10.5	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	25 387	26 453	26 454	26 408	26 371
BE	7.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.9	371	423	427	430	439
BG	12.4	12.9	12.7	12.7	12.7	415	432	426	424	427
CZ	7.0	7.1	7.1	6.8	6.8	366	378	375	363	363
DK	7.6	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	222	202	196	192	193
DE^r	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	2 296	2 296	2 287	2 273	2 255
EE	10.1**	8.3	8.0	7.9	:	70**	58	56	55	:
IE	14.8	13.7	13.9	13.9	13.8	318	294	299	299	297
EL	23.8*	27.0	27.6	:	:	1 187*	1 351	1 381	:	:
ES	25.4	26.5	26.4	26.3	26.3	5 870	6 025	5 994	5 955	5 935
FR	10.2	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.0	3 004	3 195	3 207	3 243	3 259
HR	15.5	16.5	16.4	16.5	16.7	271	274	275	278	282
IT	10.7	12.0	12.2	12.1	12.0	2 751	3 065	3 119	3 086	3 076
CY	12.2	15.8	16.3	17.0	17.3	54	71	73	77	78
LV^b	15.7***	11.5	11.5	11.5	:	149***	115	115	115	:
LT	13.0	12.1	11.9	11.9	12.1	191	177	173	174	177
LU	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	13	14	14	15	15
HU	10.8**	10.4	10.4	10.4	:	471**	458	457	457	:
MT	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	12	11	11	11	11
NL	5.3	6.5	6.6	6.8	7.0	469	580	594	613	626
AT^r	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.8	197	210	200	204	211
PL	10.2	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.4	1 756	1 839	1 825	1 809	1 795
PT	16.0	17.3	17.0	16.7	16.5	868	920	902	888	878
RO	7.0	7.4	7.3	7.5	7.5	701	737	727	746	739
SI	9.3	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.2	94	111	111	110	110
SK	14.0	14.1	14.2	14.4	14.3	379	386	389	393	391
FI^r	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.9	210	217	216	214	212
SE	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.9	7.8	401	423	401	404	397
UK	7.9*	7.7	7.7	:	:	2 508*	2 466	2 478	:	:
IS^r	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	11	10	10	10	10
NO	3.1*	3.5	3.4	:	:	83*	95	93	:	:
US	8.3	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.4	12 768	11 629	11 722	11 805	11 514

Source: Eurostat

: Data not available

* May 2012

** June 2012

*** Q2 2012

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	July 12	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	July 13	July 12	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	July 13
EA17	23.3	23.9	23.8	23.9	24.0	3 516	3 540	3 516	3 516	3 500
EU28	22.9	23.5	23.4	23.5	23.4	5 613	5 639	5 603	5 598	5 560
EU27	22.8	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	5 547	5 561	5 526	5 521	5 483
BE	19.7	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.6	81	95	96	97	98
BG	27.0	26.9	26.2	25.5	25.1	66	65	62	61	60
CZ	19.0	19.4	18.6	18.2	18.3	72	72	69	66	67
DK	13.5	12.2	11.9	11.7	11.9	61	53	51	50	51
DE ⁷	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7	363	351	351	351	350
EE	22.7	17.2	14.7	15.2	:	15	12	10	10	:
IE	30.8	27.9	28.3	28.3	28.6	70	60	61	61	62
EL	56.3	59.0	62.9	:	:	176	183	187	:	:
ES	53.9	55.6	55.7	55.9	56.1	961	935	917	897	883
FR	24.6	25.6	25.4	25.8	26.0	704	725	716	724	731
HR ⁶	44.6	55.4	55.4	55.4	:	69	77	77	77	:
IT	35.1	39.6	38.3	39.0	39.5	615	639	637	640	635
CY ⁶	28.1	37.9	37.9	37.9	:	12	16	16	16	:
LV ⁶	29.9	19.8	19.8	19.8	:	31	17	17	17	:
LT	26.7	22.2	22.6	22.9	23.1	32	28	28	29	29
LU	18.2	19.5	19.5	19.7	19.2	3	3	3	3	3
HU	28.6	27.5	27.7	28.2	:	86	84	86	89	:
MT	14.4	11.9	11.5	11.0	10.6	4	3	3	3	3
NL	9.2	10.6	10.6	11.0	11.5	130	152	152	158	164
AT ⁷	8.9	8.1	8.6	9.3	9.2	52	48	50	56	56
PL	26.2	27.4	27.0	26.6	26.1	403	411	402	392	380
PT	39.8	40.4	39.5	38.4	37.4	176	159	154	147	139
RO ⁶	22.4	23.1*	:	:	:	189	181*	:	:	:
SI ⁶	22.8	23.9	23.9	23.9	:	17	17	17	17	:
SK	33.5	34.0	34.5	35.3	34.6	75	77	78	82	80
FI ⁷	18.7	20.1	20.1	20.0	19.9	62	67	67	66	65
SE	23.7	24.5	23.3	23.8	23.0	153	164	152	154	151
UK	20.4	20.8	21.3	:	:	937	940	958	:	:
IS ⁷	12.2	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.4	4	4	4	4	4
NO	8.4	8.6	8.5	:	:	32	33	33	:	:

Source: Eurostat : Data not available * Q1 2013

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	July 12	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	July 13	July 12	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	July 13
EA17	11.3	11.9	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.6	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3
EU28	10.5	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
EU27	10.5	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
BE	7.5	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.3	7.6	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3
BG	13.9	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.1	10.7	11.5	11.3	11.2	11.1
CZ	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.9	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.2	8.0
DK	7.7	6.7	6.3	6.0	5.8	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6
DE ⁷	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9
EE	11.1	8.2	7.9	8.0	:	9.3	8.4	8.2	7.8	:
IE	18.0	15.7	15.9	15.9	15.8	10.9	11.2	11.5	11.4	11.4
EL	22.1	24.2	24.6	:	:	28.8	30.7	31.6	:	:
ES	25.2	25.8	25.6	25.5	25.3	25.6	27.3	27.3	27.3	27.4
FR	10.0	10.7	10.8	10.9	11.0	10.5	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.1
HR	15.7	16.9	16.7	16.6	16.5	15.3	16.0	16.1	16.4	16.8
IT	9.8	11.2	11.5	11.5	11.4	12.0	13.0	13.1	12.9	12.8
CY	12.9	16.3	16.9	17.8	18.1	11.4	15.3	15.6	16.2	16.5
LV ⁶	15.4	12.1	12.1	12.1	:	13.5	10.8	10.8	10.8	:
LT	14.9	13.8	13.3	13.4	13.3	11.2	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.9
LU	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.8	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.7
HU	11.1	10.4	10.2	10.4	:	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.4	:
MT	5.7	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.2	7.5	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.7
NL	5.3	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.4	5.2	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.5
AT ⁷	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.8
PL	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	11.0	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.3
PT	16.3	17.4	16.9	16.4	16.2	15.5	17.3	17.1	17.0	16.9
RO	7.6	8.0	7.9	8.3	8.2	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.5
SI	8.5	10.3	10.2	10.0	10.1	10.2	12.2	12.5	12.5	12.5
SK	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.6	13.4	14.6	15.0	15.1	15.3	15.4
FI ⁷	8.4	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2
SE	8.4	8.7	8.1	8.2	8.0	7.4	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.5
UK	8.2	8.2	8.3	:	:	7.3	7.1	7.1	:	:
IS ⁷	6.4	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0
NO	3.5	3.7	3.6	:	:	2.7	3.3	3.2	:	:

Source: Eurostat : Data not available