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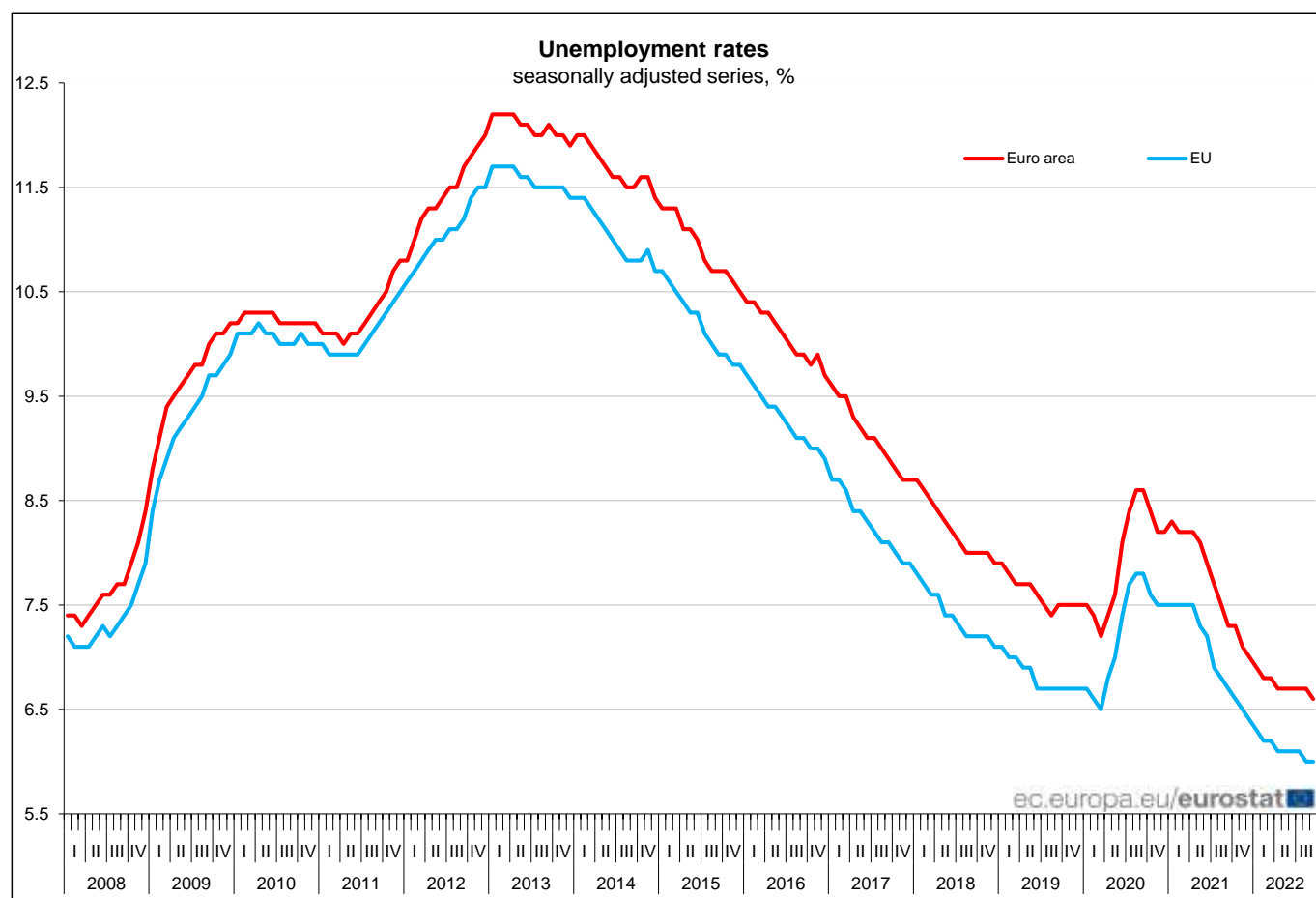
September 2022

Euro area unemployment at 6.6%

EU at 6.0%

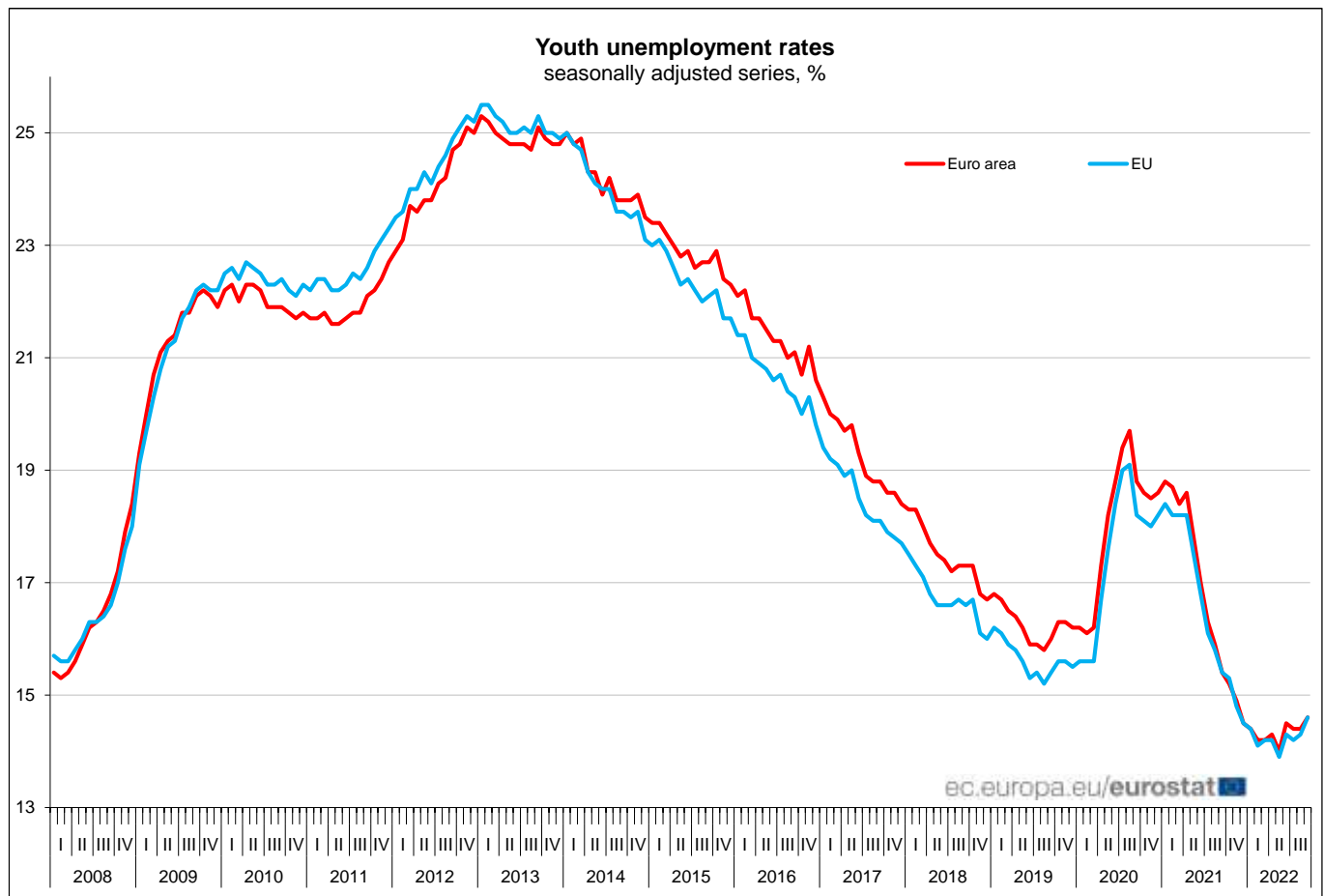
In September 2022, the **euro area** seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6%, down from 6.7% in August 2022 and down from 7.3% in September 2021. The **EU** unemployment rate was 6.0% in September 2022, stable compared with August 2022 and down from 6.7% in September 2021. These figures are published by **Eurostat**, the statistical office of the European Union.

Eurostat estimates that 12.960 million men and women in the **EU**, of whom 10.988 million in the **euro area**, were unemployed in September 2022. Compared with August 2022, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 52 000 in the **EU** and by 66 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with September 2021, unemployment decreased by 1.304 million in the **EU** and by 1.071 million in the **euro area**.



Youth unemployment

In September 2022, 2.747 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU**, of whom 2.241 million were in the **euro area**. In September 2022, the youth unemployment rate was 14.6% both in the **EU** and in the **euro area**, up from 14.3% and 14.4% respectively in the previous month. Compared with August 2022, youth unemployment increased by 48 thousand in the **EU** and by 25 thousand in the **euro area**. Compared with September 2021, youth unemployment decreased by 79 thousand in the **EU** and by 50 thousand in the **euro area**.



Unemployment by sex

In September 2022, the unemployment rate for women was 6.4% in the **EU**, stable compared with August 2022. The unemployment rate for men was 5.7% in September 2022, also stable compared with the previous month. In the **euro area**, the unemployment rate for women was 7.1%, down from 7.2% in the previous month, while the unemployment rate for men was 6.2%, stable compared with the previous month.

Additional labour market indicators

The estimates in this News Release are based on the globally used International Labour Organisation (ILO) standard definition of unemployment, which counts as unemployed people without a job who have been actively seeking work in the last four weeks and are available to start work within the next two weeks.

To capture in full the unprecedented labour market situation triggered by the COVID-19 outbreak, the data on unemployment have been complemented by additional indicators, e.g. underemployed part-time workers, persons seeking work but not immediately available and persons available to work but not seeking, released together with LFS data for the second quarter of 2022. LFS data for the third quarter of 2022 will be released on 19 December 2022.

Geographical information

Euro area (EA19): Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

European Union (EU27): Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden.

Methods and definitions

Eurostat publishes 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 data 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.

Series published before 31 March 2022 have been **seasonally adjusted** using the seasonal factors estimated in the period up to December 2019 included. Series published as of 31 March 2022 are seasonally adjusted using seasonal models estimated in the period up to December 2021 included.

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.

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.

When data for the most recent month are not available for a Member State, EU and EA aggregates are calculated using the latest data available for that Member State.

Country notes

Germany, the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden as well as Iceland and Norway: the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

Estonia and Portugal: 3-month moving averages of LFS data are used instead of pure monthly indicators.

Revisions and timetable

The data in this News Release can be subject to revisions, caused by updates to the seasonally adjusted series whenever new monthly data are added; the inclusion of the most recent LFS data in the calculation process; update of seasonal adjustment models with complete annual data.

Compared with the rates published in News Release [108/2022](#) of 30 September 2022, the August 2022 unemployment rate for the euro area has been revised from 6.6% to 6.7%, while the unemployment rate for the EU remained unchanged. Among EU Member States, the rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points (pp) downwards for Cyprus (by 0.3 pp). The rate has been revised by more than 0.1 percentage points upwards for Spain (by 0.3 pp).

For more information

Eurostat [website section](#) on employment and unemployment

Eurostat [database section](#) on unemployment, including non-seasonally adjusted and trend data

Eurostat Statistics Explained articles on [unemployment](#) and on [youth unemployment](#)

Eurostat [metadata](#) on adjusted unemployment series and [methodological note](#) regarding COVID-19 outbreak

Eurostat [Euro indicators dashboard](#)

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Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Sept 21	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Sept 21	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22
Euro area	7.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	12 059	11 103	11 065	11 054	10 988
EU	6.7	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	14 264	13 112	13 046	13 012	12 960
Belgium	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.7	323	312	308	304	298
Bulgaria	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	156	147	149	151	151
Czechia	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	138	128	125	127	116
Denmark	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.5	148	133	144	137	139
Germany	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1 461	1 304	1 307	1 310	1 311
Estonia	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	39	42	42	41	41
Ireland	5.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	135	114	114	118	117
Greece	13.3	12.4	12.2	12.1	11.8	621	585	567	565	556
Spain	14.2	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.7	3 308	2 956	2 968	2 972	2 978
France	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.1	2 319	2 322	2 264	2 216	2 156
Croatia	7.1	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	129	114	115	115	114
Italy	9.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.9	2 247	2 016	2 003	1 972	1 980
Cyprus	6.2	7.3	8.0	8.3	8.0	29	35	39	41	39
Latvia	7.2	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.6	67	61	62	62	62
Lithuania	6.5	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.0	96	82	78	79	75
Luxembourg	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	16	14	14	14	15
Hungary	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.7	173	150	172	174	179
Malta	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	9	8	8	8	9
Netherlands	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.8	399	339	353	378	382
Austria	4.9	4.2	4.6	5.3	5.1	225	196	215	247	238
Poland	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	538	460	449	444	448
Portugal	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1	327	310	311	314	319
Romania	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.2	433	449	433	423	433
Slovenia	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.1	47	45	43	42	42
Slovakia	6.6	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9	184	171	168	165	163
Finland	7.4	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.1	207	193	196	199	199
Sweden	8.6	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	477	412	407	402	398
Iceland	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	10	9	9	9	9
Norway	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	111	94	94	94	95
Switzerland	4.9	4.3	:	:	:	241	213	:	:	:
United States	4.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5	7 648	5 950	5 665	5 990	5 724

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Source datasets: une_rt_m (rates) and une_rt_m (in 1 000 persons)

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Sept 21	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Sept 21	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22
Euro area	15.4	14.5	14.4	14.4	14.6	2 291	2 235	2 211	2 216	2 241
EU	15.4	14.3	14.2	14.3	14.6	2 826	2 722	2 675	2 699	2 747
Belgium	18.4	16.8	18.0	18.0	18.0	78	69	69	69	69
Bulgaria	15.9	12.0	13.0	13.8	14.1	19	16	17	18	18
Czechia	6.2	7.5	6.5	7.8	8.3	17	21	18	22	23
Denmark	11.8	10.3	11.7	10.2	12.9	52	47	53	48	59
Germany	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	271	249	251	253	254
Estonia	15.0	24.1	23.8	17.8	17.7	7	14	14	10	10
Ireland	10.7	11.0	11.2	11.8	12.4	36	40	43	46	49
Greece	26.3	29.8	27.1	27.0	28.5	62	79	64	76	75
Spain	30.2	28.8	30.2	31.8	32.1	466	479	489	515	522
France	18.3	17.4	16.6	16.3	15.6	574	581	551	535	506
Croatia	20.1	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	29	23	23	23	23
Italy	28.6	23.3	23.8	22.1	23.7	416	360	366	330	357
Cyprus	14.9	18.4	21.7	21.7	21.7	6	7	9	9	9
Latvia	14.2	14.0	14.8	15.8	17.0	8	9	10	10	11
Lithuania	11.8	10.9	11.6	11.5	11.6	12	11	11	11	11
Luxembourg	16.8	15.6	15.8	16.6	17.3	4	4	4	4	4
Hungary	12.1	9.4	9.7	9.4	10.1	37	28	29	29	31
Malta	9.0	9.2	9.7	10.3	10.7	3	3	3	3	3
Netherlands	9.0	7.5	7.8	8.6	8.4	153	131	136	150	147
Austria	8.9	9.7	10.5	10.9	11.5	47	49	53	59	59
Poland	10.2	8.7	8.5	8.6	9.0	109	90	88	89	94
Portugal	22.7	19.0	17.7	18.7	17.9	72	61	58	63	63
Romania	21.0	22.8	:	:	:	111	115	:	:	:
Slovenia	12.4	12.4	13.1	13.1	13.1	10	9	8	8	8
Slovakia	19.5	19.6	19.2	19.1	19.4	28	29	27	26	26
Finland	16.5	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.7	51	46	46	46	46
Sweden	24.6	20.9	20.8	20.7	20.6	153	139	139	139	139
Iceland	8.7	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4	3	3	3	3	3
Norway	12.8	10.1	7.9	9.5	10.3	52	42	32	39	44
Switzerland	8.3	8.6	:	:	:	48	49	:	:	:

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Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: quarterly data

Source datasets: [une_rt_m](#) (rates) and [une_rt_m](#) (in 1 000 persons)

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by sex

	Males					Females				
	Sept 21	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Sept 21	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22
Euro area	7.0	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	7.7	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.1
EU	6.4	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4
Belgium	7.0	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6
Bulgaria	5.2	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
Czechia	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.6
Denmark	5.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.0	5.0	4.5	4.1
Germany	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Estonia	6.7	6.7	6.0	5.9	5.9	4.4	4.9	5.6	5.5	5.5
Ireland	5.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3
Greece	9.6	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.2	17.8	16.3	16.0	16.0	15.0
Spain	12.7	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.8	15.8	14.5	14.7	14.8	15.0
France	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.0
Croatia	6.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	7.6	7.0	7.1	7.1	6.9
Italy	8.1	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.9	10.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Cyprus	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.5	8.5	9.5	10.0	9.2
Latvia	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.6	5.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.5
Lithuania	7.3	6.0	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.6	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.4
Luxembourg	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	5.3	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8
Hungary	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	2.8	3.5	3.4	3.6
Malta	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7
Netherlands	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6	4.4	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.1
Austria	5.0	4.4	5.0	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.9	5.1
Poland	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8
Portugal	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.6	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.7
Romania	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.7	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.1	4.5
Slovenia	4.9	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5
Slovakia	6.6	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1
Finland	8.0	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.6	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Sweden	8.2	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	9.0	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6
Iceland	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5
Norway	3.6	3.2	2.9	3.7	3.5	3.7	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.2
Switzerland	4.9	4.1	:	:	:	4.9	4.6	:	:	:

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Source dataset: [une_rt_m](#)