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## UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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**Eurostat estimates that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate in the European Union (fifteen Member States) for the month of April 1996 was 10.9%, representing the same level as in the previous month and an increase of +0.1% since April 1995.**

The trends in unemployment in the different Member States of the European Union since the beginning of 1996 have almost exactly cancelled each other out, so that on the European level the situation appears quite stable as regards both male and female unemployment.

In Spain unemployment has been falling, whereas in Portugal and Sweden it is on the increase (particularly among young people). In the other Member States, no noticeable trend has been apparent recently.



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These figures may therefore differ from those generally used in the Member States, which usually reflect national legislation and administrative procedures, and which for this reason are less comparable between Member States.

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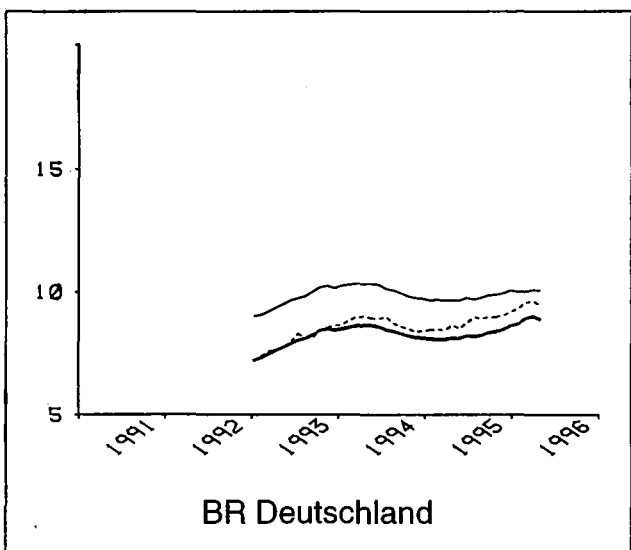
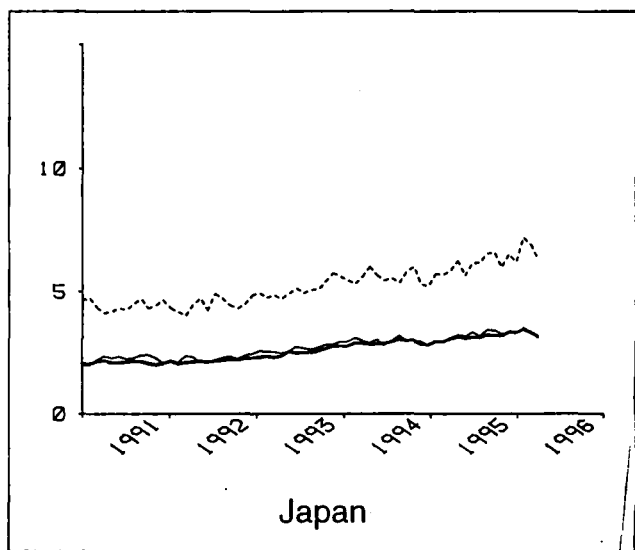
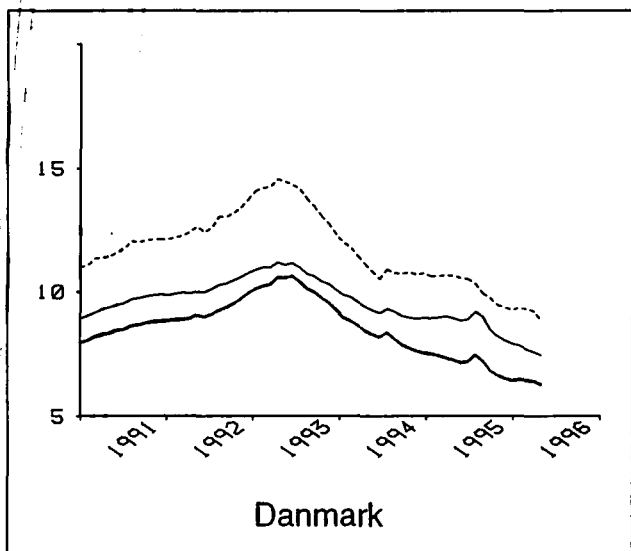
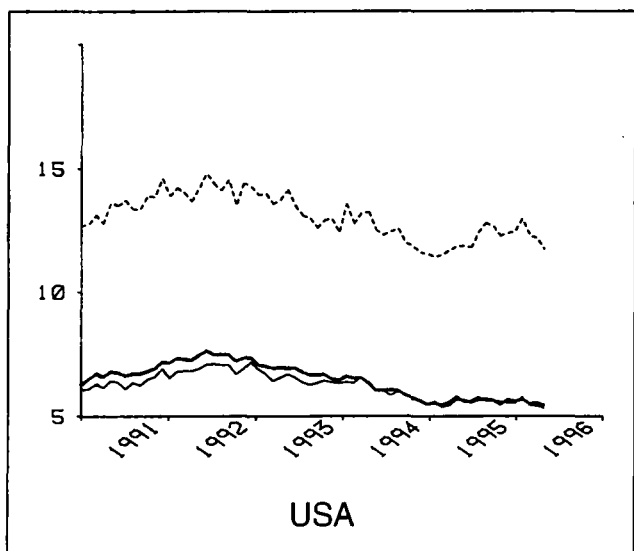
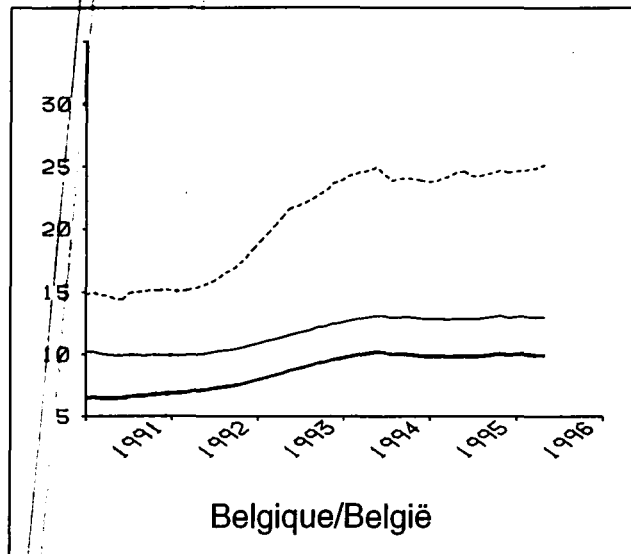
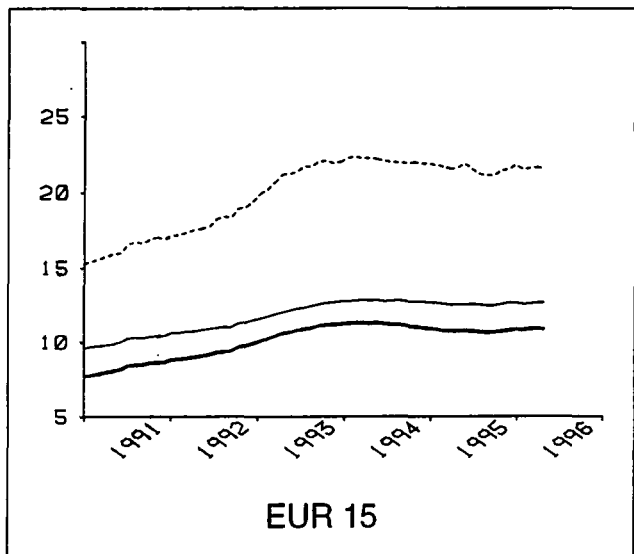
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**Signs and abbreviations :**

Eur-15	All Member States of the European Union
T	Total
F	Females
< 25	Persons aged under 25
:	Data not available

# Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted (%)

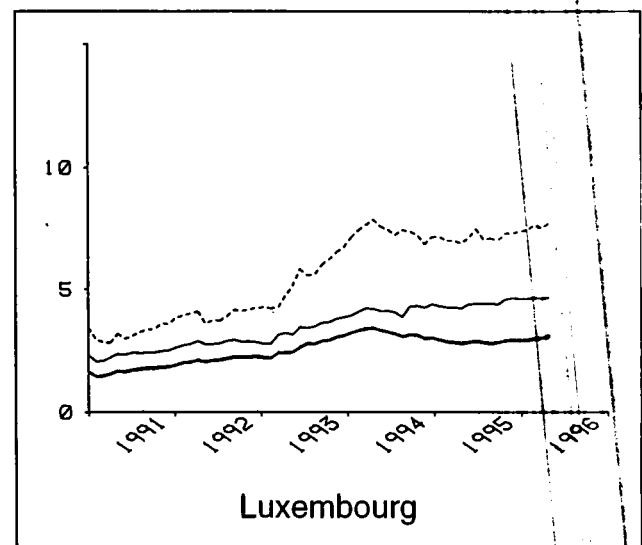
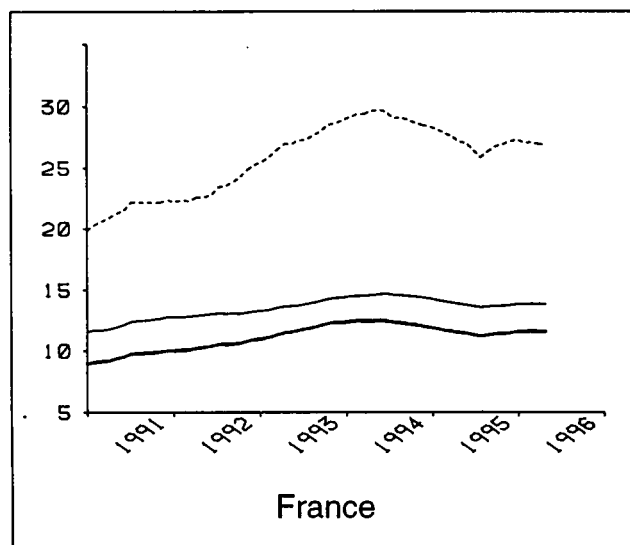
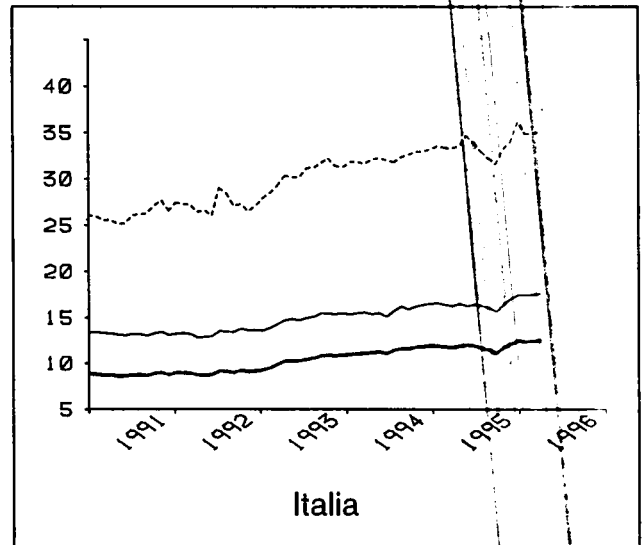
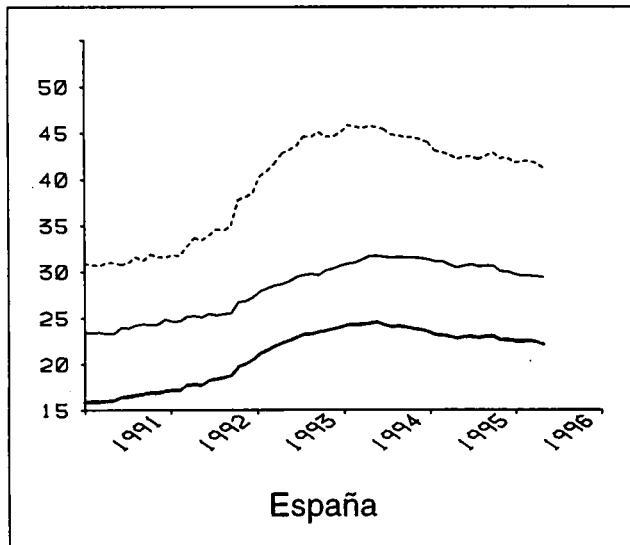
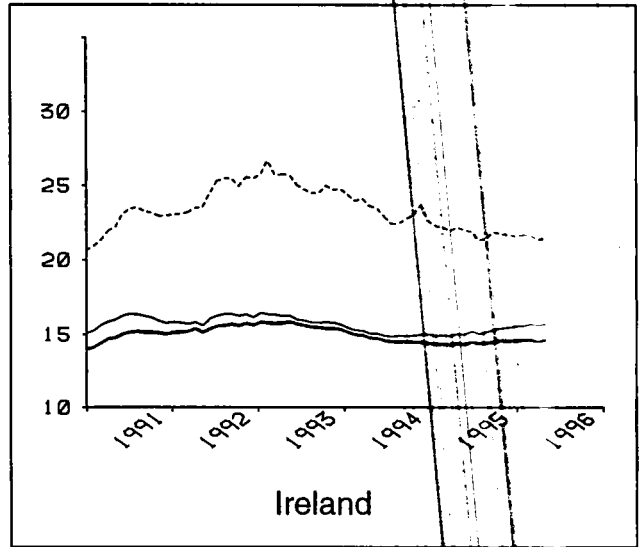
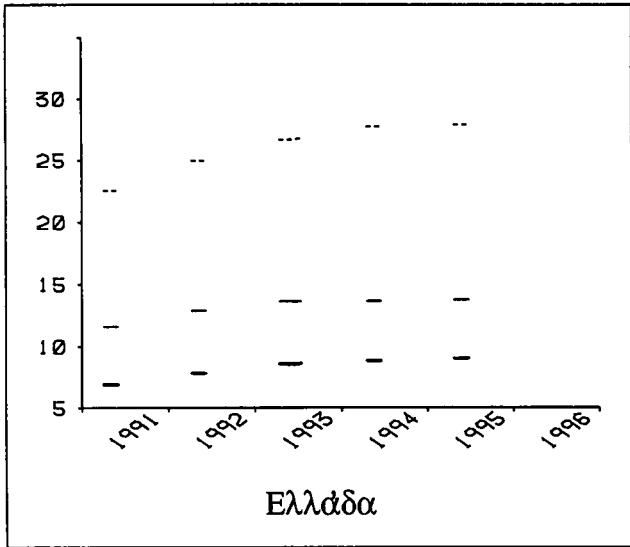


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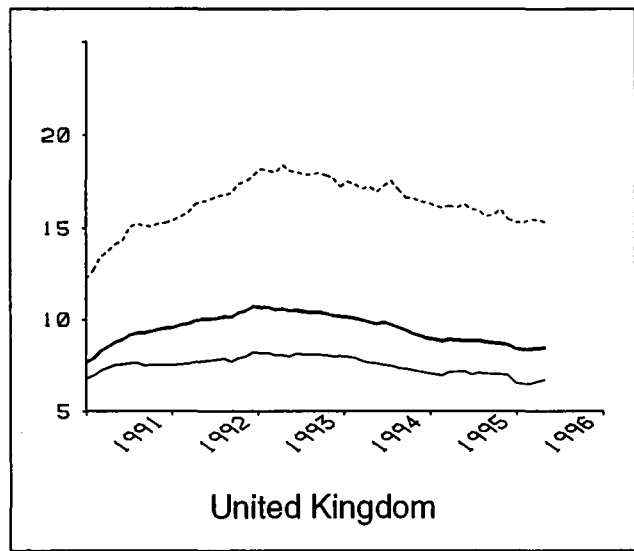
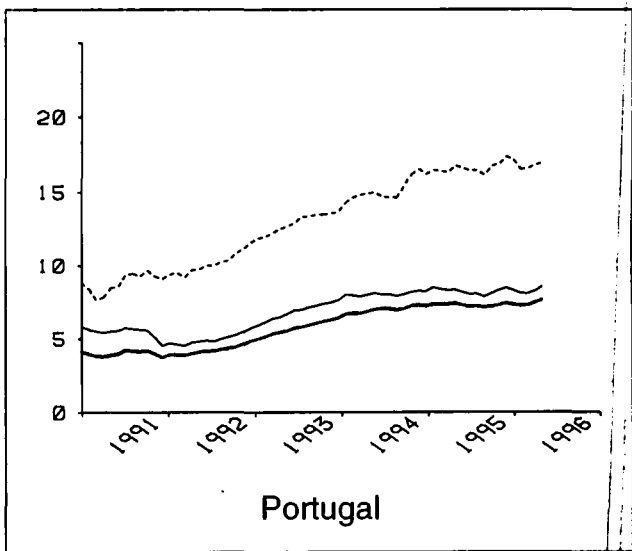
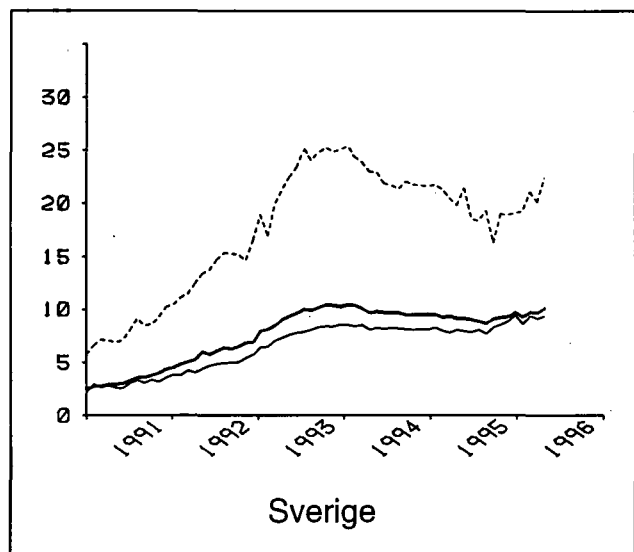
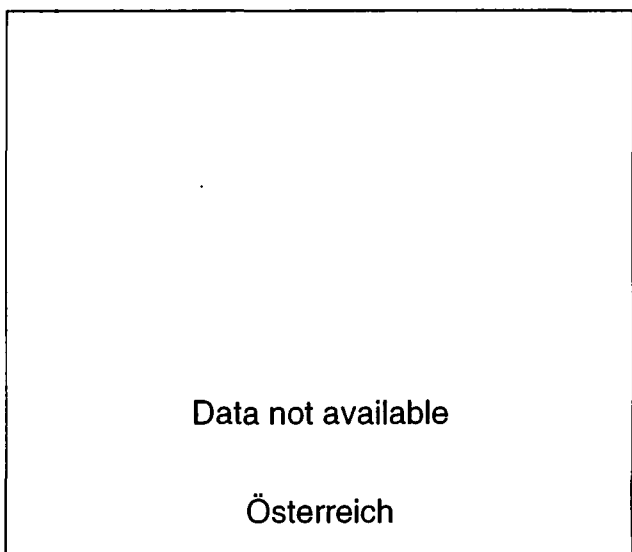
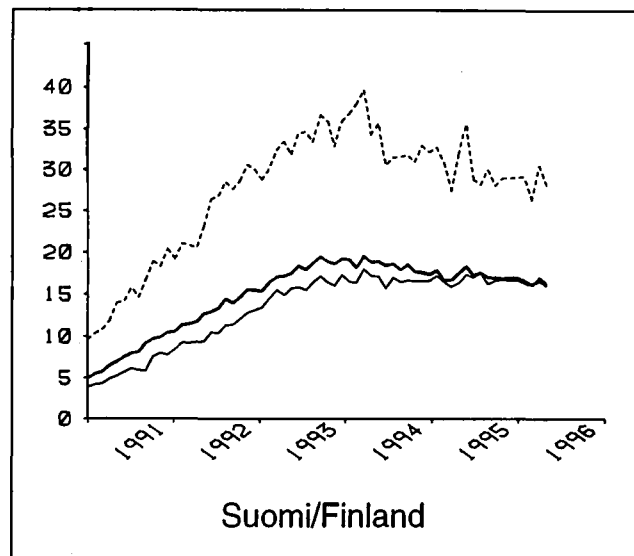
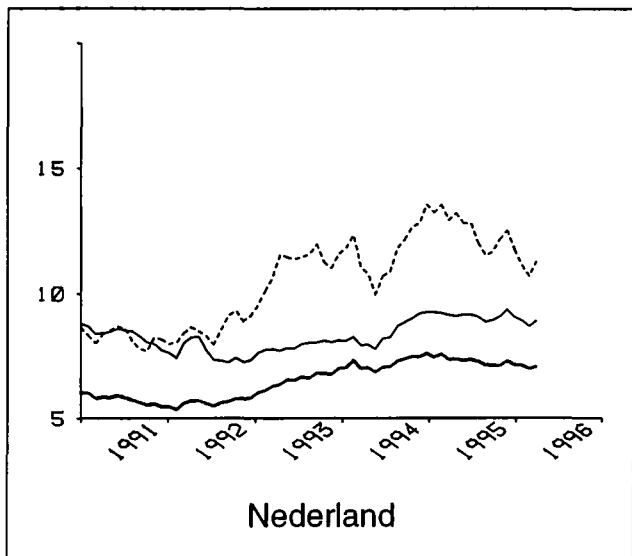
- - - Under 25 years

— Females

# Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted (%)



# Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted (%)



— Total      - - - - Under 25 years      — Females



9 Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted

(%)

	EUR 15	Belgique/ België	Danmark	Deutschland	Ελλάδα	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Österreich	Portugal	Suomi/ Finland	Sverige	United Kingdom	USA	Japan
<b>Total Males and females</b>																		
1994.04	11.3	10.1	8.4	8.6	8.9	24.5	12.5	14.8	11.2	3.4	7.1	:	6.9	18.8	9.7	9.9	6.4	2.9
1995.04	10.8	9.8	7.3	8.1	9.1	22.8	11.5	14.4	11.9	2.8	7.4	3.8	7.4	17.5	9.2	8.9	5.7	3.1
1995.12	10.9	10.0	6.4	8.6	:	22.5	11.6	14.6	12.5	2.9	7.2	4.0	7.3	16.9	9.7	8.4	5.6	3.3
1996.01	10.8	10.1	6.5	8.7	:	22.5	11.6	14.6	12.4	2.9	7.1	4.0	7.3	16.6	9.3	8.3	5.7	3.4
1996.02	10.9	10.0	6.4	8.9	:	22.5	11.6	14.6	:	3.0	7.0	4.2	7.3	16.2	9.7	8.4	5.5	3.3
1996.03	10.9	9.9	6.4	9.0	:	22.4	11.6	14.5	:	3.0	7.1	4.3	7.5	16.7	9.7	8.4	5.5	3.2
1996.04	10.9	9.9	6.3	8.9	:	22.1	11.5	14.6	:	3.1	:	:	7.6	16.1	10.1	8.4	5.4	:
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.04	10.2	8.1	7.6	7.4	6.0	20.1	10.7	14.6	8.7	3.0	6.4	:	5.9	20.3	11.2	11.6	6.4	2.8
1995.04	9.5	7.7	5.9	7.0	6.2	18.1	9.5	14.0	9.2	2.0	6.2	2.9	6.7	18.6	10.2	10.2	5.6	3.1
1995.12	9.6	7.9	5.2	7.5	:	18.0	9.7	14.0	9.5	2.0	5.8	3.1	6.6	17.2	9.9	9.9	5.7	3.4
1996.01	9.6	7.9	5.3	7.7	:	18.1	9.7	14.0	9.3	2.0	5.9	3.1	6.5	16.9	9.9	9.8	5.6	3.4
1996.02	9.7	7.8	5.4	8.1	:	18.1	9.7	14.0	:	2.1	5.8	3.3	6.7	16.3	10.1	9.9	5.6	3.3
1996.03	9.7	7.8	5.4	8.2	:	18.0	9.7	13.9	:	2.1	5.8	3.5	6.8	16.3	10.2	9.8	5.7	3.2
1996.04	9.6	7.8	5.3	8.0	:	17.6	9.7	14.0	:	2.2	:	:	6.9	15.9	10.8	9.8	5.5	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.04	12.8	13.0	9.4	10.3	13.7	31.7	14.6	15.0	15.3	4.2	8.0	:	8.0	17.2	8.1	7.6	6.3	2.9
1995.04	12.5	12.9	8.9	9.6	13.8	30.4	13.8	15.0	16.5	4.2	9.1	4.9	8.3	16.3	8.0	7.1	5.8	3.2
1995.12	12.6	13.0	7.9	10.0	:	29.7	13.8	15.5	17.4	4.6	9.1	5.1	8.3	16.6	9.4	6.5	5.5	3.3
1996.01	12.6	13.1	7.8	10.0	:	29.6	13.8	15.6	17.4	4.6	8.9	5.2	8.1	16.2	8.6	6.5	5.8	3.5
1996.02	12.6	13.0	7.7	10.0	:	29.6	13.8	15.7	:	4.7	8.7	5.2	8.1	16.1	9.4	6.5	5.4	3.3
1996.03	12.6	13.0	7.6	10.1	:	29.5	13.8	15.6	:	4.6	8.9	5.3	8.3	17.0	9.1	6.6	5.4	3.1
1996.04	12.6	13.0	7.5	10.1	:	29.4	13.8	15.7	:	4.7	:	:	8.6	16.3	9.4	6.7	5.3	:
<b>Under 25 years Males and females</b>																		
1994.04	22.2	24.7	11.1	9.0	27.7	45.7	29.6	23.6	32.1	7.8	10.8	:	14.9	34.3	22.9	17.2	13.2	6.0
1995.04	21.6	24.6	10.6	8.6	27.9	42.2	27.1	22.2	33.5	6.9	13.2	5.4	16.7	31.9	19.8	16.1	11.8	6.2
1995.12	21.8	24.7	9.3	9.2	:	41.8	27.3	21.6	36.1	7.4	11.7	5.8	17.1	29.0	19.1	15.3	12.5	6.2
1996.01	21.5	24.7	9.4	9.3	:	41.9	27.0	21.7	34.8	7.4	11.1	5.9	16.5	29.1	19.2	15.3	12.9	7.2
1996.02	21.6	24.8	9.3	9.6	:	41.9	27.0	21.6	:	7.6	10.7	6.2	16.6	26.4	21.0	15.5	12.3	6.9
1996.03	21.6	24.9	9.2	9.6	:	41.7	26.9	21.3	:	7.5	11.2	6.3	16.8	30.5	20.1	15.4	12.2	6.3
1996.04	21.5	25.2	8.9	9.5	:	41.2	26.8	21.4	:	7.7	:	:	16.9	28.1	22.4	15.3	11.7	:

# Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted

(%)

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<b>Under 25 years</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.04	21.7	23.3	11.1	9.2	19.8	41.8	27.2	25.6	28.9	8.1	12.4	:	12.8	36.4	26.7	20.0	14.0	6.4
1995.04	20.2	22.5	8.3	8.7	19.4	36.7	23.1	24.0	29.3	6.0	12.6	4.3	15.6	34.7	21.4	18.4	11.9	6.2
1995.12	20.3	22.6	7.4	9.6	:	36.3	23.6	23.3	31.1	6.7	10.9	4.6	15.1	30.6	18.6	18.0	12.9	6.2
1996.01	20.2	22.6	7.6	9.9	:	36.3	23.3	23.3	30.1	6.6	10.6	4.7	14.7	31.9	20.0	18.1	12.9	6.7
1996.02	20.4	22.8	7.7	10.4	:	36.4	23.4	23.1	:	6.9	10.5	5.0	14.8	27.0	21.5	18.3	13.0	7.1
1996.03	20.4	22.9	7.7	10.5	:	36.1	23.2	22.8	:	6.8	10.3	5.2	15.1	30.9	20.1	18.2	13.0	6.5
1996.04	20.3	23.2	7.3	10.2	:	35.4	23.2	22.9	:	7.1	:	:	15.1	30.7	23.8	18.1	12.6	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.04	22.8	26.4	11.1	8.7	36.9	50.5	32.1	21.2	36.0	7.6	9.1	:	17.3	32.0	19.1	13.9	12.4	5.5
1995.04	23.1	27.0	13.2	8.6	37.7	48.7	31.2	20.1	38.8	7.8	13.8	6.6	18.1	28.8	18.1	13.4	11.7	6.2
1995.12	23.4	27.0	11.3	8.7	:	48.3	31.2	19.6	42.1	8.2	12.5	7.1	19.7	27.1	19.6	12.1	12.0	6.2
1996.01	22.9	27.1	11.3	8.7	:	48.8	30.9	19.8	40.6	8.4	11.6	7.3	18.8	26.0	18.2	11.9	13.0	7.6
1996.02	23.0	27.2	11.1	8.7	:	48.7	30.8	19.9	:	8.5	10.8	7.4	18.7	25.6	20.6	12.1	11.4	6.6
1996.03	23.1	27.3	10.9	8.7	:	48.5	30.8	19.6	:	8.2	12.2	7.4	19.0	30.1	20.1	12.1	11.2	6.0
1996.04	22.9	27.5	10.6	8.6	:	48.1	30.6	19.8	:	8.4	:	:	19.2	25.4	21.0	12.0	10.7	:
<b>25 years and over</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.04	8.4	6.3	6.9	7.1	4.4	16.0	8.8	12.3	5.8	2.3	5.4	:	4.7	18.6	9.0	9.9	5.0	2.3
1995.04	7.9	6.1	5.3	6.8	4.7	14.8	8.0	12.0	6.3	1.6	5.1	2.7	5.1	16.6	8.7	8.6	4.4	2.7
1995.12	8.0	6.2	4.7	7.3	:	14.8	8.1	12.1	6.3	1.5	4.9	2.8	5.0	15.6	8.8	8.3	4.3	3.0
1996.01	8.0	6.3	4.8	7.5	:	14.9	8.2	12.2	6.3	1.5	5.0	2.9	5.1	15.2	8.6	8.2	4.3	3.0
1996.02	8.1	6.2	4.9	7.8	:	14.9	8.2	12.2	:	1.5	5.0	3.0	5.2	15.1	8.7	8.3	4.2	2.8
1996.03	8.1	6.1	4.9	7.9	:	14.8	8.2	12.1	:	1.6	5.0	3.2	5.3	14.7	8.9	8.2	4.3	2.8
1996.04	8.0	6.1	4.8	7.7	:	14.5	8.2	12.2	:	1.7	:	:	5.4	14.1	9.2	8.2	4.3	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.04	10.9	11.0	9.0	10.6	9.4	26.5	12.2	13.0	11.1	3.5	7.7	:	6.2	15.5	6.4	6.3	5.0	2.4
1995.04	10.6	10.9	7.9	9.8	9.6	25.6	11.6	13.4	12.0	3.6	7.9	4.5	6.7	14.9	6.6	5.8	4.7	2.7
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1996.02	10.7	11.0	6.9	10.2	:	24.9	11.6	14.3	:	3.9	8.2	4.8	6.3	15.0	7.9	5.3	4.3	2.7
1996.03	10.8	11.0	6.8	10.3	:	24.8	11.6	14.3	:	3.9	8.1	4.8	6.5	15.6	7.7	5.5	4.3	2.6
1996.04	10.8	10.9	6.7	10.3	:	24.8	11.6	14.4	:	4.0	:	:	6.8	15.3	7.9	5.6	4.3	:

∞ Unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted

(%)

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<b>Total Males and females</b>																		
1994.04	11.2	9.7	8.7	8.7	8.9	24.4	12.2	14.7	11.3	3.4	7.0	:	6.7	19.4	9.6	9.8	6.2	2.9
1995.04	10.7	9.4	7.4	8.2	9.1	22.7	11.2	14.3	12.0	2.7	7.3	3.8	7.3	18.1	9.1	8.8	5.6	3.2
1995.12	10.9	10.2	6.3	8.6	:	22.6	11.9	14.8	12.3	3.0	7.3	4.5	7.4	17.0	9.4	8.2	5.2	3.2
1996.01	11.2	10.2	7.1	9.4	:	22.9	12.0	14.9	12.4	3.3	7.3	4.9	7.5	17.8	9.7	8.5	6.3	3.5
1996.02	11.2	10.0	6.9	9.6	:	22.9	11.9	14.8:	:	3.3	7.3	4.9	7.6	17.3	10.0	8.5	6.0	3.4
1996.03	11.1	9.7	6.8	9.3	:	22.7	11.6	14.6	:	3.1	7.2	4.5	7.6	17.1	9.7	8.4	5.8	3.5
1996.04	10.9	9.5	6.4	9.0	:	22.2	11.3	14.6	:	3.0	:	:	7.6	16.5	10.0	8.4	5.4	:
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.04	10.2	7.7	8.0	7.5	6.0	20.1	10.6	14.6	8.8	2.9	6.3	:	5.9	21.4	11.3	11.5	6.5	2.9
1995.04	9.5	7.4	6.2	7.1	6.2	18.1	9.4	14.1	9.3	1.9	6.2	2.8	6.6	19.6	10.1	10.1	5.7	3.1
1995.12	9.6	8.1	5.1	7.5	:	18.2	10.1	14.2	9.5	2.0	5.9	4.1	6.6	17.8	9.9	9.7	5.5	3.3
1996.01	10.0	8.2	6.1	8.6	:	18.5	10.2	14.4	9.4	2.3	6.1	4.7	6.7	18.4	10.4	10.1	6.5	3.4
1996.02	10.1	7.9	6.0	9.1	:	18.5	10.1	14.3	:	2.3	6.1	4.6	6.9	18.3	10.7	10.1	6.4	3.4
1996.03	9.9	7.6	6.0	8.7	:	18.3	9.9	14.0	:	2.2	6.0	4.0	6.9	17.4	10.6	9.8	6.3	3.5
1996.04	9.7	7.5	5.5	8.2	:	17.7	9.5	14.0	:	2.2	:	:	6.9	16.7	10.9	9.8	5.6	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.04	12.7	12.4	9.4	10.3	13.7	31.5	14.1	14.8	15.5	4.1	7.9	:	7.8	17.2	7.8	7.5	5.9	3.0
1995.04	12.4	12.3	8.9	9.7	13.8	30.3	13.4	14.8	16.7	4.2	8.9	5.2	8.1	16.4	8.0	7.0	5.5	3.3
1995.12	12.5	13.2	7.7	10.0	:	29.6	14.1	15.7	16.9	4.7	9.2	5.1	8.5	16.2	8.9	6.2	4.9	3.1
1996.01	12.8	13.2	8.3	10.4	:	29.8	14.2	15.7	17.4	5.1	9.0	5.3	8.4	17.2	8.9	6.5	6.0	3.6
1996.02	12.7	12.9	7.9	10.3	:	29.9	14.0	15.7	:	5.0	9.0	5.2	8.4	16.3	9.4	6.4	5.5	3.5
1996.03	12.6	12.6	7.7	10.2	:	29.9	13.7	15.5	:	4.8	9.0	5.2	8.4	16.7	8.7	6.5	5.3	3.4
1996.04	12.5	12.4	7.4	10.1	:	29.4	13.4	15.5	:	4.6	:	:	8.4	16.3	9.0	6.6	5.1	:
<b>Under 25 years Males and females</b>																		
1994.04	21.6	22.0	11.4	8.9	27.7	45.4	27.3	23.3	31.8	7.5	10.2	:	14.5	37.6	23.4	16.5	12.9	6.3
1995.04	21.0	21.9	10.8	8.5	27.9	41.7	24.9	22.0	33.3	6.5	12.4	5.7	16.4	35.8	20.4	15.4	11.6	6.7
1995.12	21.8	25.5	9.1	9.0	:	41.5	30.4	21.7	34.9	7.6	12.0	6.5	17.3	30.6	18.8	14.3	11.2	5.4
1996.01	21.6	25.4	10.2	9.9	:	42.6	26.9	22.1	33.8	8.7	11.4	6.9	17.3	32.1	21.5	15.0	13.8	6.6
1996.02	21.7	24.5	10.0	10.5	:	42.8	26.5	21.9	:	8.4	11.1	6.7	17.3	27.0	22.5	15.1	13.1	7.0
1996.03	21.5	23.3	9.8	10.2	:	42.4	25.7	21.3	:	7.8	11.2	6.3	17.3	33.8	20.9	15.0	12.5	8.1
1996.04	20.9	22.6	9.0	9.4	:	41.1	24.6	21.2	:	7.4	:	:	17.1	31.1	23.1	14.6	11.6	:



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<b>Under 25 years</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.04	21.3	20.7	11.6	9.3	19.8	41.7	25.2	25.6	28.7	8.0	12.1	:	12.5	40.1	27.2	19.4	13.9	6.7
1995.04	19.9	20.1	8.7	8.8	19.4	36.4	21.4	24.0	29.3	5.9	12.3	4.0	15.4	38.9	22.2	17.9	11.9	6.6
1995.12	20.4	23.6	7.2	9.3	:	36.2	27.0	23.4	29.8	6.9	10.8	6.4	15.1	35.3	19.1	16.9	12.3	5.9
1996.01	20.5	23.6	8.6	10.8	:	37.1	23.7	23.9	29.0	8.0	11.3	6.9	15.3	34.2	22.5	17.8	14.6	6.1
1996.02	20.7	22.7	8.6	11.9	:	37.4	23.4	23.6	:	7.7	10.8	6.7	15.5	28.9	23.1	17.9	14.5	7.0
1996.03	20.6	21.5	8.5	11.5	:	36.8	22.6	23.0	:	7.4	11.1	5.9	15.5	38.1	22.3	17.9	14.1	8.5
1996.04	19.9	20.8	7.7	10.3	:	35.6	21.4	22.9	:	7.0	:	:	15.3	33.6	24.9	17.5	12.7	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.04	22.0	23.5	11.0	8.4	36.9	50.0	29.5	20.7	35.6	6.9	8.2	:	16.8	34.9	19.6	12.9	11.8	5.9
1995.04	22.3	24.1	13.2	8.2	37.7	48.1	28.6	19.6	38.5	7.1	12.5	7.4	17.8	32.3	18.5	12.5	11.2	6.8
1995.12	23.4	27.7	11.2	8.6	:	47.9	34.1	19.6	41.1	8.4	13.1	6.8	20.1	24.4	18.5	11.1	10.0	5.0
1996.01	22.9	27.5	12.0	8.9	:	49.2	30.2	20.0	39.5	9.5	11.6	6.9	19.8	29.8	20.4	11.6	12.8	7.2
1996.02	22.8	26.6	11.7	8.9	:	49.3	29.7	20.0	:	9.2	11.3	6.7	19.7	25.0	21.9	11.7	11.4	7.0
1996.03	22.5	25.4	11.2	8.6	:	49.1	28.9	19.3	:	8.3	11.3	6.8	19.6	28.8	19.3	11.6	10.8	7.6
1996.04	22.0	24.6	10.5	8.3	:	47.9	28.0	19.2	:	7.7	:	:	19.4	28.4	21.4	11.1	10.3	:
<b>25 years and over</b>																		
<b>Males</b>																		
1994.04	8.5	6.2	7.2	7.3	4.4	16.1	8.9	12.4	5.9	2.3	5.3	:	4.6	19.5	9.2	10.0	5.1	2.3
1995.04	8.0	6.0	5.6	6.9	4.7	14.8	8.1	12.0	6.4	1.5	5.1	2.5	5.1	17.5	8.6	8.7	4.5	2.7
1995.12	8.1	6.3	4.7	7.3	:	15.0	8.2	12.3	6.5	1.5	5.1	3.7	5.1	15.8	8.8	8.3	4.3	3.0
1996.01	8.5	6.4	5.5	8.3	:	15.3	8.7	12.4	6.5	1.7	5.2	4.3	5.2	16.9	8.9	8.6	5.1	3.1
1996.02	8.6	6.3	5.5	8.7	:	15.2	8.7	12.4	:	1.7	5.2	4.3	5.4	17.2	9.3	8.6	4.9	2.9
1996.03	8.4	6.1	5.5	8.4	:	15.0	8.5	12.2	:	1.6	5.1	3.6	5.4	15.2	9.2	8.3	4.9	2.8
1996.04	8.2	6.0	5.1	7.9	:	14.6	8.3	12.2	:	1.6	:	:	5.4	14.9	9.4	8.3	4.4	:
<b>Females</b>																		
1994.04	11.0	10.9	9.0	10.6	9.4	26.5	12.1	13.0	11.4	3.6	7.8	:	6.0	15.4	6.1	6.3	4.8	2.4
1995.04	10.7	10.7	7.9	9.9	9.6	25.7	11.5	13.3	12.3	3.6	8.0	4.8	6.5	14.8	6.5	5.9	4.4	2.6
1995.12	10.6	11.1	6.9	10.2	:	25.1	11.4	14.5	11.7	4.0	8.2	4.8	6.5	15.4	7.7	5.2	3.9	2.7
1996.01	11.0	11.2	7.5	10.6	:	25.1	12.1	14.4	12.7	4.2	8.3	4.9	6.5	15.9	7.4	5.4	4.8	3.0
1996.02	10.9	11.0	7.0	10.5	:	25.2	12.0	14.4	:	4.2	8.4	4.9	6.5	15.4	7.8	5.4	4.3	2.9
1996.03	10.9	10.8	6.8	10.4	:	25.2	11.8	14.3	:	4.2	8.4	4.9	6.5	15.5	7.5	5.5	4.2	2.7
1996.04	10.9	10.8	6.7	10.3	:	24.9	11.6	14.3	:	4.0	:	:	6.6	15.0	7.5	5.7	4.1	:

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<b>Total Males and females</b>																			
1989	:	7.5	7.4	:	6.7	17.2	9.3	14.7	10.0	1.8	6.9	:	4.9	3.5	1.6	7.3	5.3	2.3	
1990	:	6.7	7.7	:	6.4	16.2	8.9	13.4	9.1	1.7	6.2	:	4.6	3.4	1.8	7.0	5.5	2.1	
1991	8.2	6.6	8.4	5.6	7.0	16.4	9.5	14.8	8.8	1.7	5.8	:	4.0	7.6	3.3	8.8	6.7	2.1	
1992	9.3	7.3	9.2	6.6	7.9	18.5	10.4	15.4	9.0	2.1	5.6	:	4.2	13.1	5.8	10.1	7.4	2.2	
1993	10.7	8.9	10.1	7.9	8.6	22.8	11.7	15.6	10.3	2.7	6.6	:	5.7	17.9	9.5	10.4	6.8	2.5	
1994	11.2	10.0	8.2	8.4	8.9	24.1	12.3	14.7	11.4	3.2	7.2	:	7.0	18.4	9.8	9.6	6.1	2.9	
1995	10.7	9.9	7.1	8.2	9.1	22.9	11.5	14.4	11.8	2.9	7.3	3.8	7.3	17.2	9.2	8.8	5.6	3.1	
<b>Males</b>																			
1989	:	4.7	6.7	:	4.1	12.9	7.0	14.2	7.1	1.3	4.9	:	3.5	3.6	1.6	7.4	5.2	2.2	
1990	:	4.1	7.0	:	3.9	11.9	6.7	12.8	6.4	1.2	4.3	:	3.2	4.0	1.8	7.4	5.6	2.0	
1991	6.9	4.3	7.5	4.6	4.4	12.3	7.4	14.2	6.2	1.3	4.1	:	2.8	9.3	3.6	9.9	7.0	2.0	
1992	8.1	5.3	8.3	5.2	5.0	14.5	8.3	15.1	6.5	1.7	4.3	:	3.6	15.5	6.9	11.9	7.8	2.1	
1993	9.7	6.9	9.6	6.6	5.7	19.1	10.0	15.4	7.8	2.2	5.6	:	4.8	19.8	11.1	12.3	7.1	2.4	
1994	10.0	7.9	7.3	7.2	6.0	19.7	10.4	14.4	8.8	2.7	6.4	:	6.1	19.9	11.2	11.3	6.2	2.8	
1995	9.4	7.8	5.7	7.1	6.2	18.2	9.5	14.0	9.1	2.0	6.0	2.9	6.5	17.6	10.1	10.1	5.6	3.1	
<b>Females</b>																			
1989	:	11.9	8.2	:	11.1	25.3	12.3	15.5	15.1	2.7	10.2	:	6.9	3.3	1.7	7.1	5.4	2.3	
1990	:	10.6	8.4	:	10.8	24.1	11.8	14.6	13.8	2.5	9.1	:	6.2	2.8	1.8	6.6	5.4	2.2	
1991	10.0	10.0	9.5	7.0	11.8	23.9	12.2	15.9	13.2	2.3	8.4	:	5.4	5.7	2.9	7.4	6.3	2.2	
1992	10.9	10.2	10.2	8.5	13.0	25.6	13.0	16.0	13.3	2.8	7.6	:	5.0	10.5	4.7	7.8	6.9	2.2	
1993	12.2	11.8	10.8	9.6	13.6	29.3	13.8	16.0	14.8	3.4	7.9	:	6.8	15.7	7.7	8.1	6.5	2.6	
1994	12.7	12.9	9.3	10.1	13.7	31.4	14.5	15.0	15.7	4.1	8.5	:	8.0	16.7	8.2	7.5	6.0	3.0	
1995	12.5	12.9	8.7	9.8	13.8	30.5	13.8	15.1	16.3	4.4	9.1	5.0	8.2	16.7	8.2	7.0	5.6	3.2	
<b>Under 25 years Males and females</b>																			
1989	:	16.2	11.2	:	22.5	34.2	20.0	20.3	29.3	4.2	9.8	:	11.1	6.5	3.9	10.4	10.9	4.5	
1990	:	15.3	11.4	:	21.5	32.3	19.3	19.4	27.4	3.8	8.6	:	10.0	6.7	4.5	10.8	11.1	4.3	
1991	16.2	14.9	11.6	5.9	22.9	31.1	21.5	22.4	26.1	3.2	8.3	:	8.8	14.5	7.8	14.3	13.4	4.4	
1992	18.1	16.2	12.7	6.4	25.1	34.6	23.3	24.4	27.2	4.0	8.5	:	10.1	25.2	13.6	16.7	14.2	4.5	
1993	21.3	21.8	13.8	7.9	26.8	43.4	27.3	25.2	30.4	5.4	11.1	:	12.9	33.3	22.6	17.9	13.3	5.1	
1994	22.0	24.2	11.0	8.7	27.7	45.0	29.0	23.3	32.2	7.3	11.7	:	15.1	33.6	22.6	17.0	12.5	5.5	
1995	21.4	24.4	10.1	8.8	27.9	42.4	27.0	21.8	33.2	7.1	12.5	5.6	16.6	29.9	19.4	15.9	12.1	6.1	

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<b>Under 25 years</b>																			
<b>Males</b>																			
1989	:	11.8	10.7	:	15.4	27.6	16.3	21.8	24.7	3.5	8.2	:	9.0	6.6	3.9	11.2	11.4	4.8	
1990	:	11.0	11.3	:	14.4	26.2	15.8	20.4	23.3	3.2	7.5	:	8.4	8.1	4.6	11.9	11.6	4.5	
1991	15.0	11.9	11.1	5.4	16.0	25.7	18.1	23.7	22.7	3.3	7.4	:	6.8	17.7	8.5	16.6	14.3	4.7	
1992	17.2	14.3	12.2	5.8	17.4	29.9	20.1	25.8	23.5	4.2	8.5	:	9.1	29.2	15.9	19.7	15.3	4.7	
1993	20.8	20.7	13.4	7.8	18.9	40.0	25.1	27.0	26.6	5.2	12.0	:	10.8	36.9	26.0	21.0	14.3	4.9	
1994	21.4	22.6	10.6	8.8	19.7	40.9	26.2	25.2	29.0	7.5	12.5	:	13.5	36.9	25.3	19.7	13.2	5.7	
1995	20.0	22.3	8.1	8.8	19.4	36.9	23.2	23.6	29.0	6.4	11.7	4.4	15.1	31.1	20.6	18.1	12.5	6.2	
<b>Females</b>																			
1989	:	21.2	11.6	:	30.9	42.3	23.9	18.6	34.9	5.0	11.4	:	13.6	6.3	3.8	9.4	10.4	4.3	
1990	:	19.9	11.5	:	29.9	39.7	23.0	18.2	32.4	4.6	9.6	:	11.9	5.2	4.5	9.6	10.6	4.1	
1991	17.6	18.0	12.2	6.3	31.3	37.9	25.0	20.9	30.4	3.1	9.1	:	11.1	11.1	7.1	11.6	12.4	4.2	
1992	19.0	18.2	13.3	7.0	34.3	40.6	26.8	22.8	31.8	3.7	8.6	:	11.2	20.9	11.1	13.0	13.0	4.2	
1993	21.8	23.0	14.1	8.1	36.1	47.6	29.7	23.0	35.2	5.6	10.1	:	15.3	29.2	19.0	14.2	12.2	5.2	
1994	22.8	26.0	11.6	8.6	37.0	50.1	32.0	21.0	36.4	7.2	11.0	:	17.0	29.9	19.8	13.7	11.6	5.4	
1995	23.1	26.8	12.4	8.6	37.7	49.0	31.0	19.8	38.5	7.9	13.2	6.9	18.6	28.5	18.1	13.3	11.6	6.0	
<b>25 years and over</b>																			
<b>Males</b>																			
1989	:	3.8	5.7	:	2.6	9.8	5.6	12.5	4.0	1.0	4.2	:	2.2	3.1	1.2	6.5	3.9	1.9	
1990	:	3.3	6.1	:	2.6	9.0	5.4	11.1	3.7	1.0	3.7	:	2.1	3.4	1.3	6.3	4.4	1.7	
1991	5.5	3.5	6.7	4.5	2.9	9.6	6.0	12.1	3.4	1.0	3.4	:	2.0	8.1	2.7	8.4	5.7	1.7	
1992	6.5	4.2	7.5	5.1	3.4	11.4	6.8	12.8	3.8	1.4	3.5	:	2.6	13.6	5.5	10.1	6.4	1.8	
1993	7.9	5.3	8.8	6.4	4.0	15.0	8.2	12.9	4.9	1.9	4.5	:	3.7	17.7	9.0	10.5	5.8	2.1	
1994	8.3	6.2	6.6	7.0	4.4	15.8	8.6	12.2	5.9	2.1	5.3	:	4.8	17.9	9.3	9.6	4.8	2.5	
1995	7.9	6.1	5.2	6.9	4.6	14.8	8.0	12.1	6.2	1.5	5.0	2.7	5.0	16.1	8.7	8.6	4.3	2.7	
<b>Females</b>																			
1989	:	10.1	7.3	:	7.1	19.1	10.1	14.1	9.8	2.1	9.8	:	5.1	2.8	1.2	6.3	4.2	2.0	
1990	:	8.9	7.7	:	6.8	18.7	9.8	13.1	9.1	2.0	8.9	:	4.8	2.4	1.3	5.8	4.3	1.8	
1991	8.3	8.6	8.8	7.1	7.8	19.3	10.0	13.9	8.8	2.1	8.1	:	4.2	4.9	2.1	6.3	5.1	1.8	
1992	9.2	8.9	9.5	8.8	8.8	21.1	10.8	13.6	8.8	2.6	7.3	:	3.6	9.1	3.6	6.5	5.7	1.9	
1993	10.3	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.3	24.1	11.5	13.6	10.3	2.9	7.3	:	5.2	13.9	6.0	6.6	5.4	2.2	
1994	10.9	11.0	8.8	10.3	9.4	26.3	12.1	13.1	11.5	3.5	7.8	:	6.3	15.1	6.6	6.1	4.9	2.5	
1995	10.6	11.0	7.8	9.9	9.6	25.7	11.5	13.6	11.8	3.7	8.0	4.6	6.5	15.4	6.8	5.7	4.4	2.7	

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<b>Total Males and females</b>																		
1989	:	290.5	209.9	:	262.3	2544.5	2238.2	189.5	2313.8	2.9	451.4	:	228.1	88.9	73.7	2081.9	6519.8	1418.6
1990	:	260.6	221.0	:	254.7	2435.5	2152.7	175.7	2126.4	2.7	413.2	:	213.2	88.0	82.7	2022.4	6873.7	1343.3
1991	13630.0	263.0	242.9	2195.2	276.3	2476.7	2323.3	197.5	2067.0	2.8	395.1	:	190.9	193.0	148.1	2528.4	8426.1	1359.2
1992	15347.5	295.4	265.8	2580.0	317.5	2810.0	2557.6	209.5	2099.5	3.6	394.4	:	199.3	328.2	260.4	2891.1	9384.3	1422.5
1993	17798.2	365.5	289.1	3090.3	351.5	3502.6	2908.8	215.1	2344.5	4.5	467.1	:	270.3	443.7	414.9	2979.0	8733.8	1656.7
1994	18501.4	416.2	228.8	3299.3	369.5	3727.4	3049.9	206.8	2569.0	5.4	524.5	:	332.6	455.8	426.2	2744.0	7996.5	1920.8
1995	17863.2	416.2	198.2	3209.0	380.1	3573.4	2850.0	203.3	2665.6	4.8	534.8	146.7	346.5	429.6	404.4	2500.6	7404.3	2099.2
<b>Males</b>																		
1989	:	111.3	102.9	:	102.1	1250.5	943.4	122.7	1046.0	1.4	194.9	:	91.6	48.1	37.6	1214.3	3517.1	828.3
1990	:	97.8	108.7	:	98.7	1162.0	907.5	111.3	955.3	1.3	176.2	:	85.7	54.0	43.2	1206.4	3799.0	773.3
1991	6744.4	104.0	115.7	1031.2	110.7	1197.3	1004.1	124.4	934.4	1.4	168.3	:	75.4	124.1	84.8	1615.6	4817.3	771.7
1992	7802.0	126.6	127.9	1163.0	126.9	1402.7	1132.6	131.8	964.2	1.8	179.7	:	95.0	203.4	160.7	1927.6	5379.7	820.0
1993	9325.5	166.4	144.9	1481.7	146.2	1849.1	1364.7	134.1	1115.2	2.4	237.9	:	125.8	259.4	253.9	1976.5	4932.4	947.5
1994	9598.8	193.6	109.7	1609.2	157.0	1900.9	1416.6	127.8	1258.7	2.8	270.6	:	160.7	259.4	254.7	1813.3	4367.7	1123.3
1995	9045.0	191.4	87.6	1575.4	161.6	1750.6	1290.5	123.4	1283.9	2.1	256.4	63.3	170.5	231.3	231.2	1625.7	3983.0	1230.0
<b>Females</b>																		
1989	:	179.2	107.0	:	160.2	1293.9	1294.8	66.7	1267.8	1.5	256.4	:	136.5	40.7	36.1	867.7	3002.8	590.3
1990	:	162.8	112.3	:	156.0	1273.5	1245.2	64.4	1171.1	1.4	237.1	:	127.5	34.0	39.6	816.0	3074.7	570.0
1991	6885.6	159.0	127.2	1164.1	165.6	1279.3	1319.1	73.1	1132.6	1.4	226.8	:	115.5	68.9	63.3	912.8	3608.8	587.5
1992	7545.5	168.8	137.9	1417.0	190.5	1407.4	1425.0	77.8	1135.3	1.7	214.6	:	104.3	124.8	99.7	963.5	4004.7	602.5
1993	8472.7	199.1	144.1	1608.6	205.3	1653.4	1544.1	81.0	1229.3	2.1	229.2	:	144.5	184.4	161.0	1002.5	3801.3	709.2
1994	8902.6	222.6	119.0	1690.1	212.5	1826.5	1633.3	79.0	1310.3	2.6	253.9	:	171.9	196.3	171.5	930.6	3628.8	797.5
1995	8818.2	224.8	110.6	1633.6	218.5	1822.7	1559.4	80.0	1381.7	2.7	278.4	83.4	176.1	198.3	173.3	874.9	3421.3	869.2
<b>Under 25 years Males and females</b>																		
1989	:	83.4	64.0	:	119.2	1053.4	688.8	60.2	1158.6	1.1	128.5	:	101.8	23.7	28.9	639.1	2411.0	365.8
1990	:	75.7	63.1	:	115.5	976.4	642.2	57.0	1047.8	0.9	113.8	:	90.7	24.1	33.1	637.3	2369.6	361.7
1991	4418.9	73.4	63.1	349.4	121.5	921.0	678.8	66.0	1022.7	0.8	109.3	:	73.8	47.8	53.8	799.6	2766.6	385.8
1992	4696.2	78.7	65.5	353.5	132.5	999.9	709.1	69.3	1006.7	1.0	113.0	:	80.2	75.3	84.2	892.2	2898.8	399.2
1993	5275.2	102.5	68.5	414.5	142.4	1231.5	797.2	70.9	1036.4	1.2	143.9	:	97.7	93.4	125.2	911.4	2717.0	455.0
1994	5222.0	114.1	54.5	427.9	143.2	1244.0	798.4	65.2	1041.9	1.6	148.9	:	112.5	87.7	120.6	826.9	2692.6	499.2
1995	4945.5	111.5	51.9	403.6	141.6	1147.6	713.7	60.1	1070.1	1.4	157.4	34.0	116.3	77.4	102.3	756.4	2590.3	539.2

## Methodological notes

1. The Eurostat unemployment rates are calculated according to the recommendations of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Labour Statisticians organised by the International Labour Office (ILO) in 1982. Unemployed persons are those persons aged 15 years and over 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.
2. The unemployment estimates are based on the results of the European Community Labour Force Survey. It is carried out in the spring of each year. The use of the same definitions and concepts throughout the EU ensures comparability of the results between Member States.
3. The **unemployment rate** is the number of unemployed as a percentage of the labour force (people living in collective households are excluded). The labour force is the total of the employed and the unemployed. Monthly estimates of the **number of unemployed** are derived by interpolating/extrapolating each year's Community Labour Force Survey results using the results of the national labour force surveys (see table A) and monthly indicators of unemployment (see table B). Monthly estimates of **employment** are obtained by
  - interpolating/extrapolating linearly the annual Community LFS results (Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands)
  - interpolating/extrapolating linearly the results of the national quarterly labour force surveys after adjustment to the Community LFS (Spain, Italy, Portugal, United Kingdom)
  - using the results of the national monthly labour force surveys (Finland, Sweden, USA, Japan).
4. Estimates are made separately for males under 25, females under 25, males aged 25 years and over, and females aged 25 years and over. Totals are obtained by adding up these four basic categories.
5. The figures for the four basic categories are seasonally adjusted using the multiplicative version of the X-11 method of the US Bureau of the Census. The reliability of the figures is adversely affected if deseasonalisation is performed on short series (such as Germany since the reunification) or where breaks occur (such as Sweden since 1993).
6. From 1992, in some member States, the more restrictive application of the ILO guidelines introduces a break in the series. In such cases, no estimates are provided for the period before 1992.

**Table A: Reference period of the last surveys used**

Country	Community labour force surveys	National labour force surveys
Belgium	1995Q2	-
Denmark	1995Q2	-
Germany	1995Q2	-
Greece	1995Q2	-
Spain	1995Q2	1996Q1
France	1995Q2	-
Ireland	1994Q2	-
Italy	1995Q2	1995Q3
Luxembourg	1995Q2	-
Netherlands	1995Q2	-
Austria	1995Q2	1995Q1
Portugal	1995Q2	1996Q1
Finland	-	1996APR
Sweden	-	1996APR
United Kingdom	1995Q2	1996Q1

NB: 1994Q2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 1994

## **Table B: Monthly indicators of unemployment.**

**BELGIUM:** All persons in the following categories registered at employment offices: wholly unemployed persons in receipt of benefit, other unemployed persons compulsory registered and voluntarily registered persons without work.

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**DENMARK:** Persons seeking full-time or part-time employment, whether or not they are members of an unemployment insurance fund.

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**GERMANY:** Unemployed persons registered at public employment offices and seeking work as employees for at least 18 hours per week.

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**GREECE:** No monthly indicator

**SPAIN:** Unemployed persons registered at public employment offices and seeking work as employees for 20 hours or more per week.

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**FRANCE:** Unemployed persons registered at the Agence de l'Emploi and seeking permanent full-time employment (demandeurs de catégorie 1).

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**IRELAND:** Claimants for unemployment benefit, applicants for unemployment assistance and others seeking work who are registered with the employment services of the Department of Social Welfare. Excluded are persons seeking part-time employment.

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**ITALY:** Persons without work, persons seeking their first job, persons working part-time for less than 20 hours per week and workers on a fixed-term contract of not more than 4 months in any 12-month period, who are looking for a different job.

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**LUXEMBURG:** Unemployed persons registered at employment offices and seeking work as employees for at least 20 hours per week.

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**NETHERLANDS:** Persons registered at employment offices, between the ages of 16 and 64 years,

– who are without work or with work less than 12 hours a week and

– who are immediately available for paid employment for at least 12 hours a week or who found a job and will start working for at least 12 hours a week.

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**AUSTRIA:** No monthly indicator.

**PORTUGAL:** Persons registered at employment offices who are available for work within 30 days after registration.

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**FINLAND:** Number of unemployed in the monthly labour force survey.

**SWEDEN:** Number of unemployed in the monthly labour force survey.

**UNITED KINGDOM:** Persons seeking full-time work and claiming unemployment benefit because they are out of work.

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