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Based on the most recent results of the Community Labour Force Survey, the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate in the European Community is estimated by Eurostat at 9.1% for the months of August and September 1991. This rate is estimated after correction of the differences between national methods of recording unemployment.

In June 1990, the rate of unemployment fell to 8.4%, its lowest level since 1983. The number of unemployed persons was estimated at just under 12.2 million. 19.8% of these were in Spain, 18.9% in Italy, 18.0% in France, 16.2% in the United Kingdom and 12.4% in the western part of the Federal Republic of Germany.

15 months later, at the end of September 1991, Eurostat estimates the number of unemployed persons at almost 13.2 million. The share of each member state has changed significantly: 22.6% in the United Kingdom, 18.3% in France, 17.9% in Italy, 17.4% in Spain and 10.2% in the western part of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Due to a lack of sufficient statistical data, the unemployment rates used for comparisons between Member States continue to relate to the territory of the Community and the Federal Republic of Germany according to their frontiers before 3rd October 1990. Further information can be found on page 10.

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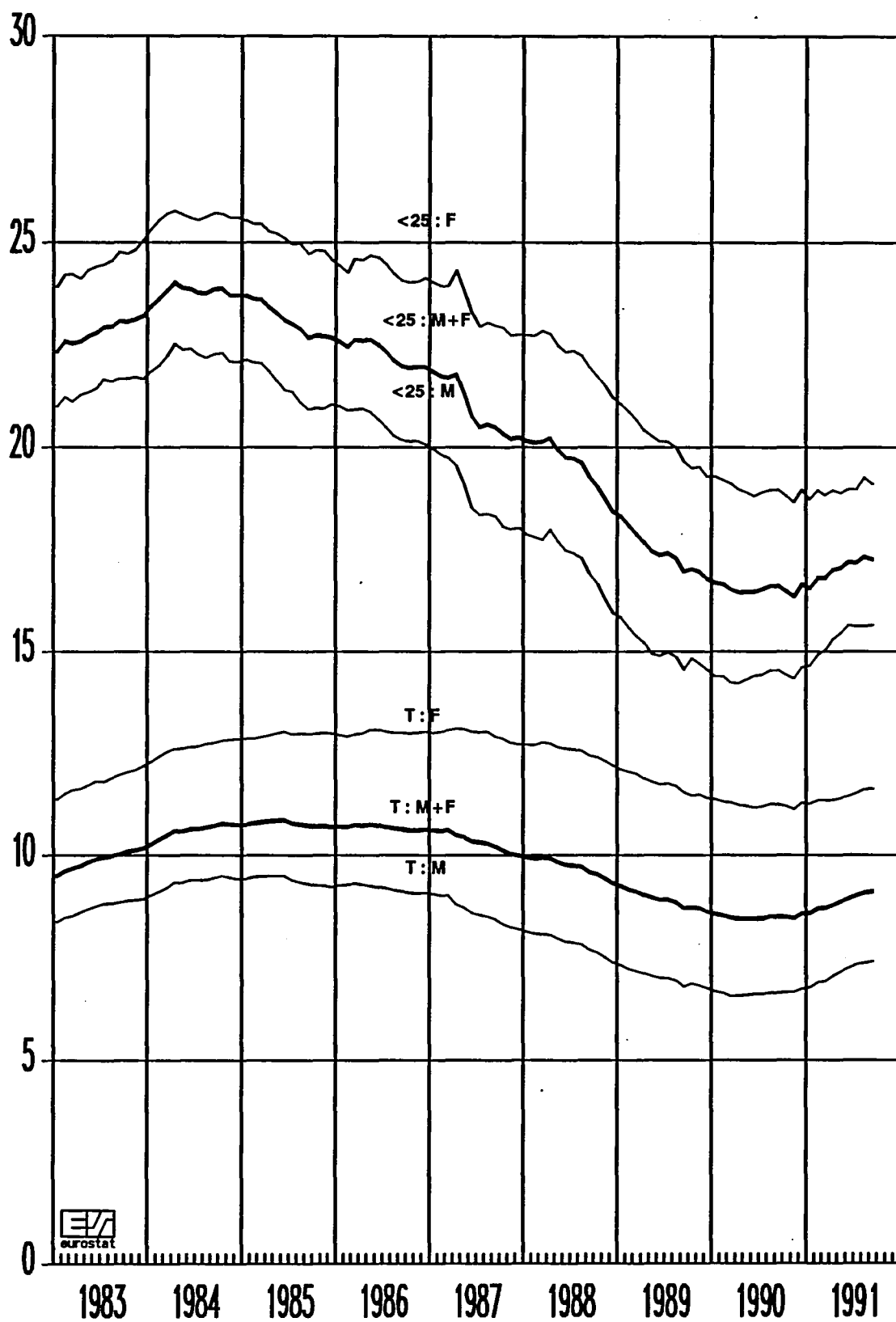
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Symbols and abbreviations:

T	Total	∅	Average
M	Males	:	Not available
F	Females	*	Estimated by Eurostat

Unemployment rates for comparison between Member States



EUR 12, seasonally adjusted (%)

Unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted

(%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Ellas	España	France	Irland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
Total													
Males and females													
1990.09	8.5	8.1	8.1	4.8	:	16.0	9.3	15.4	10.0	1.6	:	4.6	7.1
1991.04	8.8	7.6	8.8	4.5	:	15.8	9.3	16.9	9.9	1.7	:	4.2	9.0
5	8.7	7.4	8.5	4.4	:	15.4	9.2	16.7	9.9	1.8	:	4.1	9.1
6	8.6	7.4	8.4	4.4	:	15.2	9.2	17.4	9.9	1.7	:	4.0	9.2
7	8.9	8.4	8.4	4.7	:	15.0	9.6	17.9	9.8	1.8	:	4.0	9.7
8	9.0	8.7	8.9	4.6	:	15.1	9.9	18.1	9.9	1.8	:	4.0	10.0
9	9.1	8.6	9.0	4.4	:	15.4	10.2	17.7	10.0	2.0	:	4.0	10.0
Males													
1990.09	6.5	5.1	7.4	3.5	:	11.5	6.8	14.7	6.6	1.1	:	3.2	7.4
1991.04	7.1	4.9	8.4	3.5	:	11.7	7.1	16.4	6.5	1.2	:	2.9	9.8
5	7.0	4.8	7.9	3.4	:	11.3	7.0	16.1	6.5	1.3	:	2.9	9.9
6	7.0	4.8	7.7	3.4	:	11.2	7.0	16.5	6.5	1.2	:	2.8	10.0
7	7.1	5.5	7.8	3.6	:	11.1	7.2	16.8	6.4	1.3	:	2.8	10.4
8	7.2	5.7	8.2	3.5	:	11.1	7.4	17.0	6.5	1.3	:	2.8	10.6
9	7.3	5.7	8.3	3.4	:	11.3	7.7	16.8	6.6	1.4	:	2.9	10.7
Females													
1990.09	11.4	12.6	8.9	6.6	:	24.1	12.5	16.8	16.0	2.5	:	6.6	6.7
1991.04	11.3	11.7	9.2	6.1	:	23.3	12.0	18.1	15.8	2.6	:	6.0	8.0
5	11.2	11.5	9.1	5.9	:	23.0	12.0	18.0	15.8	2.6	:	5.8	8.0
6	11.2	11.6	9.1	5.9	:	22.7	12.1	19.1	15.7	2.5	:	5.7	8.1
7	11.5	12.9	9.2	6.3	:	22.4	12.6	19.9	15.7	2.7	:	5.6	8.7
8	11.7	13.3	9.8	6.2	:	22.5	13.0	20.2	15.8	2.7	:	5.6	9.1
9	11.8	13.1	9.7	6.0	:	23.1	13.3	19.5	16.0	2.9	:	5.6	9.1
Under 25 years													
Males and females													
1990.09	17.1	19.8	11.4	4.4	:	32.3	20.6	21.9	30.1	4.0	:	10.0	11.3
1991.04	16.6	15.4	11.3	3.7	:	30.1	17.5	23.8	29.6	3.6	:	8.5	13.9
5	16.4	14.6	10.7	3.6	:	29.3	17.3	23.6	29.5	3.7	:	8.4	14.0
6	16.4	14.7	10.4	3.6	:	29.1	17.5	26.0	29.4	3.3	:	8.0	14.0
7	17.1	19.7	11.1	4.3	:	28.5	19.0	27.2	29.2	3.7	:	8.0	15.3
8	17.5	21.0	12.1	4.1	:	29.1	20.1	27.5	29.5	4.0	:	8.0	16.0
9	17.8	21.0	12.0	3.9	:	29.5	21.8	26.2	29.8	4.7	:	7.9	16.1
Males													
1990.09	14.8	14.9	11.2	3.8	:	26.2	16.7	23.5	24.6	2.6	:	7.8	12.2
1991.04	15.0	11.7	11.7	3.6	:	25.2	15.0	25.9	24.1	2.5	:	6.1	15.7
5	14.8	11.0	10.9	3.5	:	24.1	14.8	25.6	24.0	2.6	:	6.0	15.9
6	14.8	10.9	10.6	3.3	:	24.1	14.6	27.8	24.1	2.1	:	5.8	16.0
7	15.4	15.4	11.3	4.0	:	23.4	15.9	28.6	24.1	2.5	:	5.7	17.0
8	15.7	16.6	12.1	3.8	:	23.3	16.8	29.0	24.3	2.6	:	5.7	17.5
9	16.0	16.9	12.0	3.6	:	24.3	18.4	27.8	24.6	3.3	:	5.4	17.7
Females													
1990.09	19.7	24.9	11.7	5.0	:	39.6	24.8	19.9	36.3	5.5	:	12.7	10.2
1991.04	18.4	19.4	10.8	3.9	:	36.3	20.2	21.2	36.0	4.7	:	11.4	11.7
5	18.2	18.5	10.4	3.8	:	35.7	20.1	21.1	35.8	4.8	:	11.3	11.7
6	18.2	18.8	10.2	3.8	:	35.3	20.6	23.9	35.7	4.5	:	10.5	11.7
7	19.0	24.3	10.9	4.6	:	34.9	22.4	25.4	35.2	4.9	:	10.7	13.4
8	19.7	25.7	12.1	4.4	:	36.1	23.7	25.7	35.6	5.3	:	10.8	14.2
9	19.9	25.4	11.9	4.1	:	36.1	25.4	24.3	36.0	6.2	:	10.9	14.1

Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted

(%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Ellas	Espania	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
Total													
Males and females													
1990.09	8.5	7.7	8.5	5.0	:	16.0	9.1	15.6	10.0	1.6	:	4.7	7.1
1991.04	8.8	8.0	8.7	4.6	:	15.6	9.5	17.0	9.8	1.8	:	4.3	8.9
5	8.9	8.0	9.0	4.6	:	15.5	9.6	17.1	9.8	1.9	:	4.2	9.2
6	8.9	8.1	9.1	4.6	:	15.5	9.7	17.5	10.0	1.9	:	4.2	9.4
7	9.0	8.1	9.3	4.7	:	15.2	9.9	17.7	10.0	1.9	:	4.2	9.7
8	9.1	8.2	9.3	4.7	:	15.3	10.0	17.8	10.0	2.0	:	4.2	10.0
9	9.1	8.2	9.4	4.7	:	15.5	10.0	17.9	10.0	2.0	:	4.1	10.0
Males													
1990.09	6.6	4.9	8.1	3.8	:	11.7	6.8	15.0	6.6	1.1	:	3.2	7.5
1991.04	7.1	5.2	8.2	3.6	:	11.5	7.2	16.4	6.5	1.3	:	2.9	9.6
5	7.2	5.2	8.6	3.6	:	11.4	7.4	16.4	6.5	1.4	:	2.9	10.0
6	7.3	5.3	8.7	3.6	:	11.5	7.5	16.7	6.6	1.3	:	2.9	10.3
7	7.3	5.3	8.8	3.8	:	11.3	7.6	17.0	6.6	1.4	:	3.0	10.5
8	7.4	5.4	8.9	3.7	:	11.3	7.6	17.0	6.5	1.4	:	3.0	10.8
9	7.4	5.4	9.0	3.7	:	11.5	7.7	17.1	6.6	1.5	:	2.9	10.8
Females													
1990.09	11.2	12.1	9.0	6.7	:	23.9	12.0	17.0	16.0	2.5	:	6.6	6.6
1991.04	11.3	12.3	9.2	6.1	:	23.2	12.3	18.4	15.7	2.8	:	6.2	8.0
5	11.4	12.3	9.4	6.1	:	23.1	12.5	18.5	15.7	2.9	:	6.1	8.2
6	11.4	12.3	9.5	6.1	:	22.9	12.6	18.8	15.9	2.9	:	5.9	8.3
7	11.5	12.4	9.7	6.2	:	22.6	12.9	19.2	15.9	2.9	:	5.9	8.6
8	11.6	12.6	9.8	6.2	:	22.7	12.9	19.4	16.0	3.0	:	5.7	8.9
9	11.6	12.6	9.8	6.1	:	22.8	12.9	19.7	15.9	3.0	:	5.6	8.9
Under 25 years													
Males and females													
1990.09	16.6	17.3	11.6	4.4	:	31.8	18.8	21.9	29.8	3.8	:	10.1	10.9
1991.04	17.0	18.1	11.3	3.8	:	30.2	19.2	24.4	29.6	4.0	:	8.9	14.0
5	17.0	18.0	11.6	3.8	:	30.1	19.4	24.6	29.4	4.4	:	8.7	14.5
6	17.2	18.0	11.8	3.8	:	29.9	19.5	25.6	29.9	4.1	:	8.2	14.8
7	17.2	18.2	12.0	4.3	:	28.5	20.0	26.2	29.6	4.1	:	8.0	15.1
8	17.3	18.4	12.3	4.1	:	29.0	19.8	26.3	29.5	4.3	:	8.1	15.7
9	17.3	18.4	12.1	3.9	:	29.1	19.9	26.3	29.5	4.4	:	7.9	15.6
Males													
1990.09	14.5	12.8	11.8	4.1	:	25.9	15.5	23.7	24.4	2.6	:	7.9	12.0
1991.04	15.3	14.2	11.5	3.6	:	25.2	16.4	26.3	24.2	2.7	:	6.5	15.7
5	15.5	14.2	11.9	3.7	:	25.1	16.7	26.5	24.0	3.1	:	5.8	16.3
6	15.6	14.1	12.2	3.7	:	25.1	16.9	27.8	24.4	2.7	:	5.9	16.8
7	15.6	14.3	12.5	4.1	:	23.5	17.3	28.2	24.3	2.8	:	5.7	17.0
8	15.6	14.4	12.6	3.9	:	23.3	17.0	28.3	24.2	2.8	:	5.7	17.5
9	15.6	14.5	12.6	3.8	:	23.9	17.1	28.0	24.2	3.2	:	5.4	17.4
Females													
1990.09	19.0	22.2	11.4	4.8	:	39.0	22.4	19.9	36.1	5.0	:	12.8	9.7
1991.04	19.0	22.3	11.0	4.1	:	36.5	22.2	22.0	35.9	5.4	:	11.9	12.0
5	18.9	22.1	11.1	4.0	:	36.3	22.3	22.2	35.6	5.8	:	12.1	12.3
6	19.0	22.1	11.3	4.0	:	36.0	22.4	23.0	36.2	5.7	:	10.9	12.4
7	19.0	22.4	11.5	4.5	:	34.9	23.0	23.8	35.7	5.5	:	10.7	12.9
8	19.3	22.7	12.0	4.2	:	36.0	22.9	24.0	35.8	6.0	:	11.0	13.5
9	19.1	22.6	11.6	3.9	:	35.5	23.0	24.3	35.6	5.6	:	11.0	13.4

Unemployment rates, annual averages

(%)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Eλλάς (1)	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
Total													
Males and females													
1983	9.9	12.5	9.3	6.9	7.8	17.7	8.2	15.2	8.8	3.5	12.4	8.0	11.0
1984	10.6	12.5	8.7	7.1	8.1	20.6	9.8	16.8	9.3	3.1	12.3	8.7	11.0
1985	10.8	11.6	7.2	7.1	7.8	21.6	10.2	18.2	9.6	2.9	10.5	8.8	11.4
1986	10.7	11.6	5.6	6.3	7.4	21.1	10.3	18.2	10.5	2.6	10.2	8.2	11.4
1987	10.3	11.4	5.7	6.2	7.4	20.4	10.4	18.0	10.2	2.6	10.0	6.8	10.4
1988	9.7	10.0	6.5	6.1	7.7	19.3	9.9	17.4	10.8	2.1	9.3	5.6	8.5
1989	8.9	8.4	7.8	5.5	7.5	17.1	9.4	16.0	10.7	1.8	8.7	5.0	7.1
1990	8.5	7.7	8.2	5.1	7.0	16.1	9.1	15.6	9.8	1.7	8.1	4.6	7.1
Males													
1983	8.7	8.6	8.2	6.2	5.8	16.4	6.3	14.6	5.8	2.6	11.1	5.3	11.8
1984	9.3	8.4	7.4	6.1	6.0	19.4	7.9	16.3	6.2	2.4	11.0	6.5	11.5
1985	9.4	7.5	5.6	6.1	5.6	20.0	8.4	17.5	6.3	2.2	9.2	6.7	11.7
1986	9.2	7.4	4.0	5.2	5.1	19.2	8.5	17.4	7.1	1.8	8.4	6.4	11.8
1987	8.6	7.4	4.5	5.1	5.1	16.8	8.3	17.4	7.0	1.8	7.5	5.1	10.8
1988	7.8	6.7	5.5	4.9	4.9	15.1	7.7	16.9	7.2	1.5	7.1	3.9	8.7
1989	7.0	5.3	7.0	4.3	4.6	12.8	7.1	15.6	7.1	1.3	6.5	3.4	7.3
1990	6.6	4.9	7.7	3.9	4.3	11.9	6.8	15.0	6.5	1.2	5.8	3.2	7.4
Females													
1983	11.8	19.0	10.5	8.0	11.7	20.8	10.8	16.6	14.4	5.3	14.7	11.8	9.8
1984	12.7	19.3	10.2	8.6	12.1	23.3	12.3	18.0	15.2	4.4	14.8	11.9	10.3
1985	13.0	18.4	9.1	8.7	11.7	25.2	12.6	19.8	15.7	4.3	12.8	11.7	11.0
1986	13.0	18.5	7.4	8.1	11.6	25.2	12.8	19.9	16.7	4.0	13.4	10.9	11.0
1987	13.0	17.6	7.0	7.9	11.4	27.7	13.3	19.3	16.1	3.9	14.0	9.2	9.9
1988	12.6	15.2	7.6	7.9	12.5	27.5	12.8	18.4	17.0	3.1	12.8	7.9	8.3
1989	11.8	13.1	8.6	7.4	12.4	25.1	12.4	16.7	16.8	2.7	12.1	7.0	6.9
1990	11.2	12.1	8.9	7.0	11.7	24.1	12.0	16.8	15.7	2.5	11.9	6.4	6.6
Under 25 years													
Males and females													
1983	22.8	27.2	17.3	11.8	22.8	42.6	21.5	22.3	30.1	8.1	22.3	18.5	20.1
1984	23.8	27.7	13.8	11.4	23.9	46.9	26.0	24.2	31.7	6.8	21.3	19.7	19.0
1985	23.1	24.9	10.6	10.3	23.9	48.0	25.7	26.1	31.8	6.7	17.7	19.9	18.3
1986	22.3	23.3	7.7	7.6	24.1	45.9	24.8	26.8	33.2	6.1	16.8	19.2	18.1
1987	21.0	22.6	8.1	6.9	24.8	43.0	23.7	26.3	31.7	6.0	17.1	15.9	15.5
1988	19.6	19.6	8.7	6.5	25.8	40.2	22.2	25.1	32.4	5.0	14.7	13.0	12.5
1989	17.4	17.3	10.9	5.3	24.8	34.0	20.2	21.9	31.4	4.1	13.4	11.4	10.1
1990	16.5	17.0	11.4	4.5	23.2	31.9	19.0	21.6	29.2	3.9	11.8	10.1	10.8
Males													
1983	21.4	22.3	15.8	11.4	17.0	41.3	17.4	24.1	25.1	7.2	23.5	13.8	22.1
1984	22.2	22.3	12.0	10.6	17.5	45.6	22.2	26.4	25.9	6.7	21.7	15.3	20.5
1985	21.5	18.9	8.9	9.4	17.5	46.0	22.5	27.6	25.7	6.3	18.1	15.9	19.5
1986	20.6	17.2	6.2	6.4	15.9	43.3	21.5	29.3	27.7	5.2	16.4	15.4	19.1
1987	18.8	16.0	6.9	6.2	17.4	37.9	19.8	28.5	26.8	4.8	16.0	12.2	16.4
1988	17.3	14.5	7.9	5.8	17.0	33.9	18.4	26.9	27.1	4.7	13.9	9.5	13.4
1989	15.0	12.8	10.1	4.8	16.9	27.5	16.5	23.6	25.6	3.4	12.2	8.5	11.0
1990	14.4	12.5	11.2	4.1	15.1	26.0	15.7	23.3	23.8	2.9	10.3	8.0	11.8
Females													
1983	24.5	32.5	18.9	12.2	29.8	44.4	25.9	20.0	36.2	9.1	21.1	24.4	17.7
1984	25.6	33.4	15.8	12.2	31.7	48.6	30.0	21.5	38.6	7.0	20.8	25.1	17.1
1985	25.0	31.3	12.5	11.2	31.7	50.8	29.1	24.3	39.2	7.1	17.4	25.0	16.8
1986	24.3	29.7	9.4	8.8	34.1	49.5	28.2	23.8	39.7	7.0	17.2	24.1	16.9
1987	23.4	29.5	9.4	7.6	33.7	49.3	27.8	23.7	37.7	7.3	18.3	20.6	14.3
1988	22.3	25.1	9.7	7.3	35.9	47.8	26.1	22.9	38.5	5.4	15.4	17.4	11.4
1989	20.1	22.2	11.8	5.8	33.9	41.9	24.1	19.9	38.0	4.8	14.5	14.8	9.2
1990	19.0	21.8	11.5	5.0	32.4	39.1	22.6	19.5	35.6	5.0	13.3	12.8	9.5

(1) Data refer to spring.

Estimates of the number of unemployed, annual averages

(1000)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Ellas (1)	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
Total Males and females													
1983	13368	487	247	1921	299	2359	1912	200	1970	5	702	372	2894
1984	14499	496	237	1988	310	2761	2314	221	2097	5	711	405	2954
1985	14876	463	199	2012	304	2911	2424	239	2189	4	603	406	3124
1986	14910	463	156	1796	287	2910	2474	240	2420	4	616	383	3161
1987	14574	447	158	1770	286	2917	2500	239	2373	4	651	321	2908
1988	13869	390	184	1747	304	2813	2375	230	2535	3	609	266	2411
1989	12784	328	222	1603	297	2512	2265	208	2498	3	571	240	2037
1990	12212	302	238	1482	281	2407	2189	202	2316	3	535	224	2033
Males													
1983	7318	211	119	1051	147	1531	854	132	862	3	416	144	1848
1984	7877	207	109	1043	150	1819	1071	147	922	2	414	176	1817
1985	7964	183	83	1038	142	1879	1135	157	945	2	344	181	1874
1986	7832	180	60	879	127	1830	1150	156	1058	2	328	173	1888
1987	7365	179	68	881	128	1609	1119	155	1042	2	305	139	1739
1988	6736	160	84	844	122	1440	1033	150	1089	2	289	107	1417
1989	6031	128	109	748	115	1233	954	136	1056	1	265	95	1192
1990	5717	116	119	675	108	1146	921	130	966	1	234	90	1212
Females													
1983	6050	276	128	870	152	827	1059	68	1109	3	285	228	1046
1984	6621	289	128	945	160	942	1243	74	1176	2	298	229	1136
1985	6913	279	115	974	162	1032	1289	82	1244	2	259	225	1250
1986	7079	282	96	917	160	1080	1324	84	1362	2	289	210	1273
1987	7209	267	90	889	158	1308	1381	84	1332	2	345	182	1170
1988	7132	231	100	903	182	1373	1342	80	1447	2	320	159	994
1989	6753	200	114	856	182	1279	1310	72	1441	1	306	145	846
1990	6495	186	119	806	174	1261	1268	73	1351	1	301	134	821

(1) Data refer to spring.

Method of estimating unemployment rates for comparison between Member States

1. The unemployment rates for comparison between Member States are calculated according to the recommendations of the 13th International Conference of Labour Statisticians organised by the International Labour Office (ILO) in 1982.

In the Community labour force survey, a person is considered as unemployed if he/she is aged 14 or over, without work, actively seeking work and immediately available for work.

The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed as a percentage of the working population (armed forces excluded). Working population includes both those in employment and unemployed persons.

2. The Community labour force survey is carried out in the spring of each year(1). The monthly estimates are made using the best available national indicator of unemployment.

The number of persons registered at employment offices, and the number of unemployed (ILO definition) taken from the quarterly labour force surveys carried out in Spain and Portugal, are considered to be the best national indicators of unemployment. No such reliable monthly indicator exists for Greece.

3. The estimate is made separately for each sex, for persons under 25 years of age and those aged 25 years and over. Totals are obtained by the addition of these categories.

4. Both seasonally adjusted and non-adjusted rates are published. The seasonal adjustment is carried out using the X-11 method of the US Bureau of the Census.

5. For a more detailed explanation of the method of calculation, see: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR COMPARISON BETWEEN MEMBER STATES : Methods and definitions (EUROSTAT, published soon) and COMMUNITY LABOUR FORCE SURVEY : Methods and definitions (EUROSTAT, 1988).

(1) The most recent results are based on the 1990 surveys, except for Federal Republic of Germany, Netherlands and Ireland (1989).

Persons registered at employment offices

(1000)

	EUR 12	Belgique/ België	Danmark	BR Deutschland	Ellas	España	France	Ireland	Italia	Luxembourg	Nederland	Portugal	United Kingdom
Monthly data, not seasonally adjusted													
Males and females													
1990.09	14181	423.7	260.9	1728	120.2	2300	2554	221.0	4256	1.9	346	295.3	1674
1991.04	14650	397.8	282.2	1652	178.5	2309	2571	248.0	4193	2.1	320	297.9	2198
5	14474	389.9	275.3	1604	157.9	2255	2551	243.6	4188	2.2	305	288.9	2214
6	14448	391.1	271.0	1593	154.6	2228	2553	253.4	4175	2.1	303	284.1	2241
7	14804	443.8	273.3	1694	155.3	2195	2666	261.4	4160	2.2	302	284.3	2368
8	15016	460.4	290.3	1672	151.5	2193	2753	265.3	4205	2.2	306	282.1	2435
9	:	455.4	291.0	1610	145.8	2261	2832	258.7	4255	2.4	:	284.8	2451
Males													
1990.09	6975	170.1	114.8	870	55.3	902	1145	148.5	2032	1.1	204	98.1	1234
1991.04	7520	163.5	132.1	871	89.1	915	1210	168.4	2007	1.3	193	101.0	1668
5	7419	159.9	124.9	842	76.2	885	1197	164.6	2001	1.3	183	99.6	1685
6	7404	159.2	121.7	835	73.2	874	1185	168.7	1998	1.2	183	96.8	1708
7	7574	182.6	123.3	885	72.1	863	1229	172.3	1990	1.3	174	99.1	1782
8	7670	190.7	128.0	870	70.8	864	1265	174.9	2010	1.3	174	99.2	1823
9	:	190.8	130.0	839	67.9	884	1304	172.1	2030	1.4	:	100.9	1843
Females													
1990.09	7206	253.6	146.1	858	64.9	1398	1409	72.5	2224	.8	142	197.2	440
1991.04	7130	234.3	150.1	781	89.5	1394	1361	79.6	2186	.9	127	196.9	530
5	7055	230.0	150.4	762	81.7	1370	1354	79.0	2187	.9	122	189.3	529
6	7044	231.9	149.4	758	81.3	1353	1367	84.7	2177	.9	120	187.3	533
7	7231	261.3	150.0	809	83.2	1332	1436	89.1	2170	.9	128	185.2	585
8	7346	269.7	162.3	802	80.7	1329	1488	90.4	2195	.9	132	182.9	612
9	:	264.6	161.0	771	77.9	1377	1528	86.6	2225	1.0	:	183.9	607
Annual averages													
Males and females													
1983	14190	589.5	277.4	2263	61.6	2207	2068	192.7	2475	2.5	801	252.9	3000
1984	15188	595.0	271.5	2265	71.2	2475	2340	214.2	2720	2.7	822	299.6	3111
1985	15805	557.4	242.0	2305	85.3	2642	2458	230.6	2959	2.6	761	342.0	3220
1986	16117	516.8	212.4	2223	108.1	2759	2517	236.4	3180	2.3	711	367.9	3284
1987	16130	500.8	216.0	2233	110.2	2924	2622	247.3	3317	2.7	685	319.1	2953
1988	15652	459.4	240.0	2237	108.6	2858	2563	241.4	3833	2.5	432	306.2	2370
1989	14601	419.4	262.8	2032	117.8	2550	2532	231.6	3951	2.3	391	311.6	1799
1990	14228	402.8	267.9	1872	140.2	2349	2505	224.7	4148	2.1	345	307.1	1665
Males													
1983	8367	273.8	139.5	1276	37.1	1400	1055	144.5	1273	1.3	550	84.7	2132
1984	8876	273.5	126.3	1276	42.0	1529	1227	159.1	1401	1.4	555	118.9	2168
1985	9122	245.4	104.5	1288	49.8	1599	1273	170.2	1522	1.3	498	150.0	2220
1986	9097	217.6	86.6	1196	58.9	1572	1275	172.0	1644	1.2	454	170.1	2250
1987	8847	208.9	93.7	1210	59.6	1525	1298	176.2	1663	1.5	429	138.2	2046
1988	8202	187.8	106.1	1196	55.7	1360	1225	169.7	1861	1.5	277	112.3	1650
1989	7372	167.5	117.7	1065	57.5	1087	1178	160.0	1904	1.4	241	101.7	1291
1990	7089	161.3	121.6	963	68.1	942	1149	152.1	1995	1.2	203	100.1	1233
Females													
1983	5823	315.6	137.8	988	24.5	807	1012	48.2	1202	1.1	251	168.2	868
1984	6312	321.5	145.3	989	29.2	946	1114	55.1	1319	1.3	267	180.7	943
1985	6684	312.1	137.5	1017	35.5	1043	1186	60.4	1437	1.2	263	191.9	1000
1986	7020	299.1	125.8	1026	49.2	1186	1241	64.4	1537	1.1	257	197.7	1034
1987	7283	292.0	122.3	1023	50.7	1399	1324	71.1	1654	1.1	257	180.9	908
1988	7450	271.6	133.9	1041	52.9	1499	1338	71.7	1972	1.0	155	193.9	720
1989	7229	251.9	145.1	967	60.4	1463	1354	71.6	2047	.9	150	209.9	508
1990	7139	241.5	146.2	909	72.1	1407	1356	72.6	2153	.8	142	207.0	431

Definition of the number of persons registered at employment offices

The tables on page 8 contain national series of the number of persons registered at employment offices. The data given are standardized to the greatest extent possible at the present time and may differ in some cases from those normally used by the individual countries. Differing national legislation and administrative procedures in the Member States prevent the establishment of comparable figures. The data should therefore be used only for the identification of trends. They are not suitable for inter-country comparisons of absolute levels.

In principle, persons registered at employment offices are those without a job who are seeking work as employees and are immediately available for work. Workers on short time for economic or meteorological reasons are excluded.

The following national series are used:

BELGIUM

All persons in the following categories registered at employment offices: wholly unemployed persons in receipt of benefit, other unemployed persons compulsorily registered and voluntarily registered persons without work; series provided by the Office National de l'Emploi.

DENMARK

Persons seeking full-time or part-time employment, whether or not they are members of an unemployment insurance fund; series provided by Danmarks Statistik.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Unemployed persons registered at public employment offices and seeking work as employees for at least 18 hours per week; series provided by the Bundesanstalt für Arbeit.

GREECE

Persons registered at employment offices (OAED); series provided by the Ministry of Labour. The Greek registration and benefit system for unemployed persons differs considerably from that in other Community countries so that, even if the different employment structure in Greece is taken into account, the number of persons registered as unemployed does not reflect the true level of unemployment.

SPAIN

Unemployed persons registered at public employment offices and seeking work as employees for 20 hours or more per week; series provided by the Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social.

FRANCE

Unemployed persons registered at the Agence de l'Emploi and seeking permanent full-time employment (demandeurs de catégorie 1); series provided by the Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Formation Professionnelle.

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; series provided by the Central Statistics Office.

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; series provided by the Ministero del Lavoro e della Previdenza Sociale.

LUXEMBOURG

Unemployed persons registered at employment offices and seeking work as employees for at least 20 hours per week; series provided by the Administration de l'Emploi.

NETHERLANDS

Persons registered at employment offices, between the ages of 16 and 64 years, without work and immediately available for paid employment for at least 20 hours a week; series provided by the Centraal Bureau voor Statistiek. Since 1988, the figures are based on a combination of registration data provided by the public employment offices and data from the monthly labour force survey. Before 1988, the figures were based on the registration only.

PORTUGAL

Persons registered at employment offices who are available for work within 30 days after registration; series provided by the Instituto de Emprego e Formação Profissional.

UNITED KINGDOM

Persons seeking full-time work and claiming unemployment benefit because they are out of work; series provided by the Department of Employment.

Federal Republic of Germany

Unemployment in the five new Länder and East Berlin

Unemployment rates for comparison between Member States

The five new Länder and East Berlin, being part of the Federal Republic of Germany (and therefore of the Community) since 3rd October 1990, will be included in the estimation of unemployment rates according to the ILO definition, as soon as the results of the first Community labour force survey for these territories are available. These new territories will be included for the first time in the survey of spring 1991.

Persons registered at unemployment offices

The system of registration at unemployment offices has been applied in the five new Länder and East Berlin according to the norms and practices already in use in the other Länder of the Federal Republic of Germany. The following table shows the relevant data by sex:

Number of persons registered at unemployment offices in the five new Länder and East Berlin

	(1000)					
	1991.04	1991.05	1991.06	1991.07	1991.08	1991.09
Males and females	837	842	842	1069	1063	1029
Males	368	365	360	443	432	411
Females	446	469	477	626	631	618

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