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**MONTHLY STATISTICS OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY 16.3.1979**  
**FEBRUARY 1979**

At the end of February 1979 public employment offices in the Community recorded 6.4 Mio registered unemployed. This was 6.0% of the working population as against 6.1% in January.

All Member States recorded a reduction in unemployment in February. Decreasing by 3.2%, registered unemployment in the Federal Republic of Germany went down more than in the Community as a whole (-1.4%). The same was true of Denmark and Luxembourg (about -2%). The decrease in Italy and the Netherlands was about the same as the Community average, while in the United Kingdom, the reduction in unemployment was smaller (-0.2%).

Compared with February 1978 registered unemployment in the Community went up by about 170 000 or 2.7%. For individual Member States, however, the pattern is fairly different; in some countries unemployment went up while in others it went down. Over this period registered unemployment went down in Denmark (about -10%), Federal Republic of Germany (-7.4%), Luxembourg (-6.9%) and the United Kingdom (-3.8%) but went up in France (+ 21%), Italy (+5.7%), Belgium (+5.1%) and the Netherlands (+3.1%).

The number of women unemployed in February 1979 is less by 42,000 than it was in the previous month. This reduction of 1.5% is 0.2% greater than that of male unemployment. Female unemployment is moreover declining in all countries except in Italy where it has increased slightly (0.9%). The reduction in the number of women unemployed from the previous month is noticeably more important than the average for the Community in the Federal Republic of Germany (-4.1%), in the Netherlands (-3.6%), and in Denmark (-3%).

But in comparison with February 1978, female unemployment has increased. At the present time, the number of women registered as unemployed is 172,000 higher than one year ago, which corresponds to an increase of about 7%. In France, in Luxembourg, in Italy, and in the Netherlands, the increase in female employment over the last year has been appreciably greater than the average for the Community.

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**Annexes - Monthly figures for registered unemployment in 1978**  
**- Unemployment as % of the working population in 1978**

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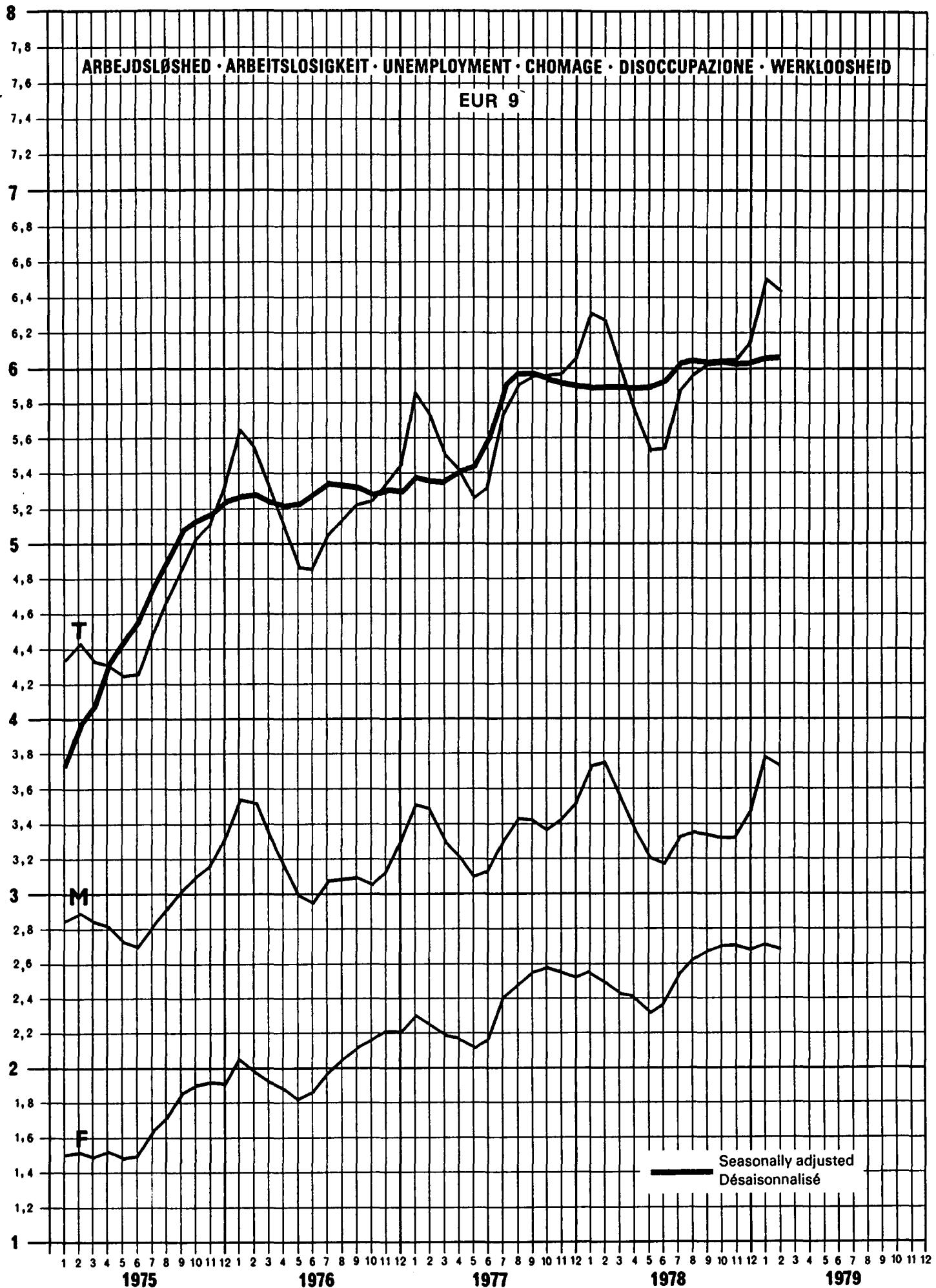
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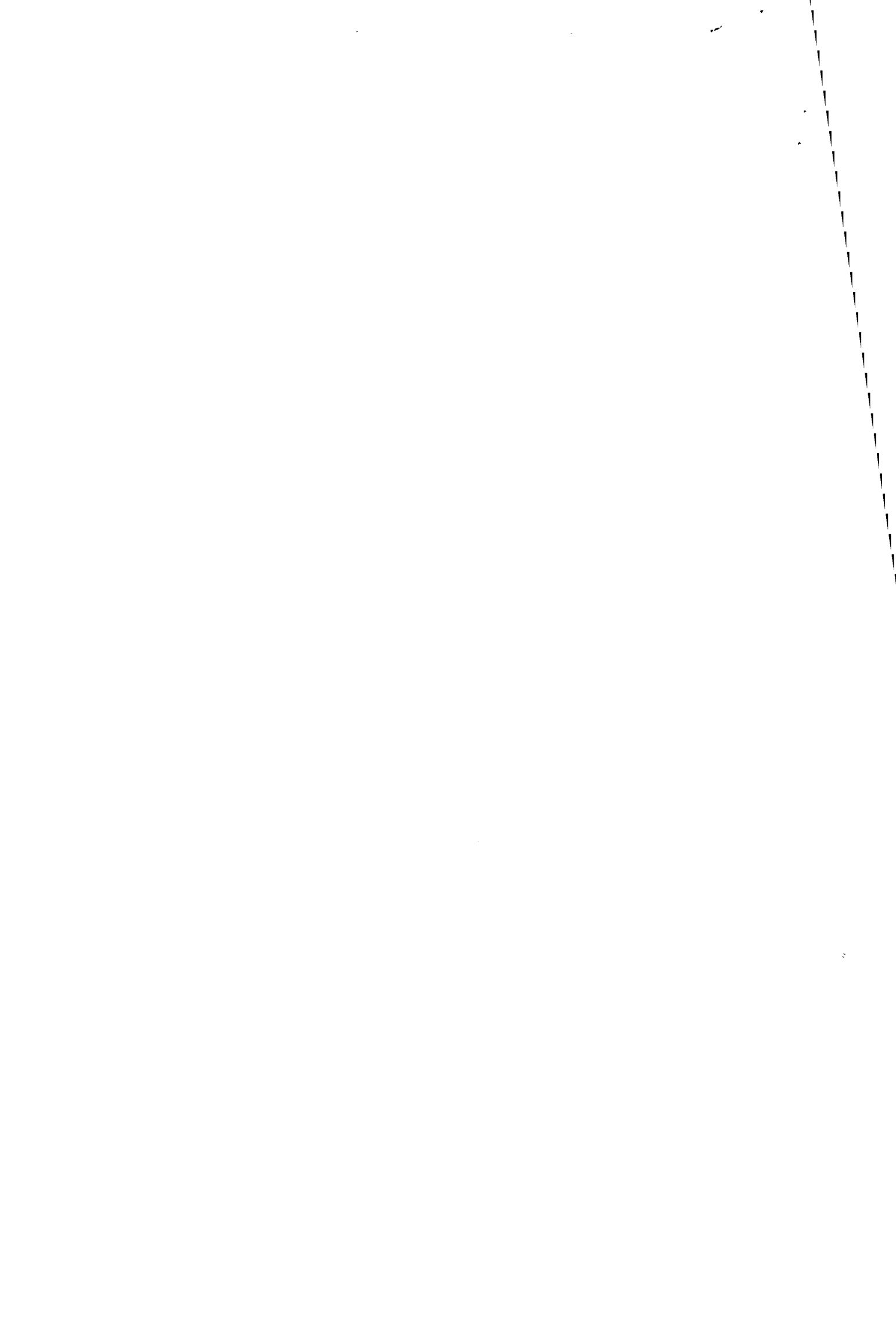




REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual averages 1974 - 1978

	BR DEUTSCH LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9	
<b>I. Registered unemployed (1 000's)</b>											
1. Total	1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	614,9	70,4	47,9	3 070
	1975	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	977,6	98,7	113,5	4 614
	1976	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,9	266,6	0,457	1 360,0	110,5	118,2	5 242
	1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 377,8	206,9	307,6	0,821	1 483,6	109,0	147,0	5 735
	1978	992,9	1 166,9	1 523,3r	205,6	333,4	1,166	1 475,0	100,8	169,8	5 969r
2. Males	1974	324,7	234,6	638,6	106,7	58,0	0,023	513,6	57,2	35,6	1 969
	1975	622,6	427,5	700,3	153,0	99,1	0,172	777,1	79,4	80,3	2 940
	1976	566,5	443,5	741,0	159,8	114,7	0,280	1 022,3	89,4	74,2	3 212
	1977	517,5	499,1	839,9	145,9	124,6	0,494	1 069,2	87,2	84,9	3 369
	1978	488,8	551,4	892,8r	136,4	132,4	0,659	1 040,2	80,0	93,1	3 416r
3. Females	1974	267,8	263,1	358,6	28,2	66,1	0,035	101,3	13,2	12,3	1 101
	1975	451,6	412,2	406,6	42,3	108,7	0,093	200,5	19,3	33,2	1 674
	1976	493,8	490,0	440,7	51,1	151,8	0,177	337,7	21,1	44,0	2 030
	1977	512,5	572,7	537,9	61,0	183,0	0,327	414,4	21,8	62,1	2 366
	1978	504,1	615,5	630,5r	69,2	201,0	0,507	434,8	20,8	76,7	2 553r
<b>II. Females as % of all registered unemployed</b>											
	1974	44,3	52,9	36,0	20,9	53,3	61,4	16,5	18,8	25,7	35,9
	1975	42,0	49,1	36,7	21,7	52,3	35,2	20,5	19,6	29,3	36,3
	1976	46,6	52,5	37,3	24,2	57,0	38,7	24,8	19,1	37,2	38,7
	1977	49,8	53,4	39,0	29,5	59,5	39,8	27,9	20,0	42,2	41,3
	1978	50,8	52,7	41,4r	33,7	60,3	43,5	29,5	20,6	45,2	42,8r
<b>III. Unemployment rates</b>											
1. Total registered unemployed as % of working population	1974	2,2	2,3	4,8	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4	6,3	2,0	2,9
	1975	4,2	3,9	5,2	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8	8,7	4,6	4,3
	1976	4,1	4,3	5,5	4,4	6,8	0,3	5,3	9,8	4,7	4,9
	p 1977	4,0	4,9	6,4	4,3	7,8	0,6	5,7	9,7	5,8	5,3
	p 1978	3,9	5,3	7,1	4,3	8,4	0,8	5,7	8,9	6,7	5,6
2. Male unemployed as % of male working population	1974	2,0	1,7	4,3	3,1*	2,3	0,0*	3,3	7,0*	2,5	2,9*
	1975	3,9	3,2	4,6	4,4*	3,9	0,2*	4,9	9,7*	5,6	4,3*
	1976	3,6	3,3	4,9	4,7*	4,5	0,3*	6,4	11,0*	5,1	4,7*
	1977	3,3	3,7	5,6	4,3*	4,9	0,5*	6,7	10,8*	5,8	4,9*
	p 1978	3,1	4,1*	6,2	4,0*	5,2	0,6*	6,5	9,9*	6,4	5,0*
3. Female unemployed as % of female working population	1974	2,6	3,2	6,1	2,2*	4,9	0,1*	1,1	4,3*	1,2	2,9*
	1975	4,6	5,0	6,8	3,2*	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,2*	3,2	4,4*
	1976	5,1	5,9	7,1	3,8*	10,8	0,4*	3,4	6,7*	4,2	5,3*
	1977	5,2	6,8	8,2	4,5*	12,7	0,7*	4,1	6,9*	5,7	6,0*
	p 1978	5,1	7,3	9,1	5,1*	13,9	1,2*	4,3	6,5*	7,0	6,5*



TECHNICAL NOTE

This statistical telegram is based on national data on numbers of persons registered at public employment offices, regularly transmitted to the Statistical Office of the European Communities in as standard a format as possible. In some cases, this may differ from the usual national understanding of unemployment.

A satisfactory degree of comparability can not be attained as long as legislation and administrative practices remain very different from one Member-State to the other. Data should, therefore, be used only for analysis of trends, they are not suitable for a comparison of absolute levels.

For registered unemployment, the following data are used :

F.R. of GERMANY : Unemployed according to the definition of the Bundesanstalt für Arbeit, namely persons without a job seeking permanent work for at least 20 hours a week.

FRANCE : As defined by the Ministère du Travail and registered at the Agence Nationale pour l'emploi : persons without work available to start work immediately and seeking permanent employment for at least 30 hours a week.

ITALY : Persons registered in classes I and II on public employment office lists provided by the Ministero del Lavoro e della Previdenza Sociale. These comprise unemployed persons who have worked before as well as young persons under 21 years and other persons seeking their first job, including those who have finished their legal military service and are seeking work.

NETHERLANDS : Persons under 65 years, as normally covered by statistics of the Ministerie van Sociale Zaken, who did not yet have or no longer have a job, and are seeking work for 25 hours or more a week.

BELGIUM : Persons out of work on the register of the Office National de l'Emploi, comprising unemployed persons receiving benefit, other persons seeking work who are obliged to register and persons seeking work registered voluntarily.

LUXEMBOURG : Persons without a job between 16 and 65 years seeking full-time work (at least 40 hours per week) provided they are available for employment and registered at the Administration de l'emploi.

UNITED KINGDOM : Unemployed persons registered for employment at a local employment office or careers office at the date of the monthly count who on that day have no job and are capable of and available for work ordinarily for more than 30 hours a week. These statistics are compiled by the Department of Employment for Great-Britain and the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland.

IRELAND : Unemployed persons registered at local employment offices, capable of work and available for work, comprising claimants to Unemployment Benefit, applicants for Unemployment Assistance and certain other classes.

DENMARK : Unemployed persons aged from about 16 years seeking work, whether or not they are members of the trade unions' unemployment insurance funds, as counted by Danmarks Statistik.

According to agreements reached in the working party of the Statistical Office, the standardized figures in principle do not include short-time work for economic and meteorological reasons, unemployed persons taking part in vocational training schemes and persons for whom work has been provided by public initiatives in order to avoid unemployment.

The situation at the end of the month means that at the last day of the month except for United Kingdom where the data refer to the second Thursday of the month, Ireland to the last Friday of the month and Denmark to the Wednesday preceding the last complete week of the month. New registrations to unemployment cover all registrations during the month, without deduction of registrations cancelled during the month.

The national data published are absolute figures without seasonal adjustment. For the chart, seasonal adjustment is done for EUR-9 according to the EUROSTAT method.

Civilian working population comprises persons in employment and unemployed, excluding armed forces. For calculation of the percentage of registered unemployed in the civilian working population, national estimates standardized according to OECD definitions are used. The figures shown are annual average or mid-year estimates of the latest common available year for all countries.

Figures of unfilled vacancies relate solely to vacancies notified to public employment offices and are not a measure of total vacancies. Employers may be able to recruit workers without necessarily seeking the assistance of public employment offices.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

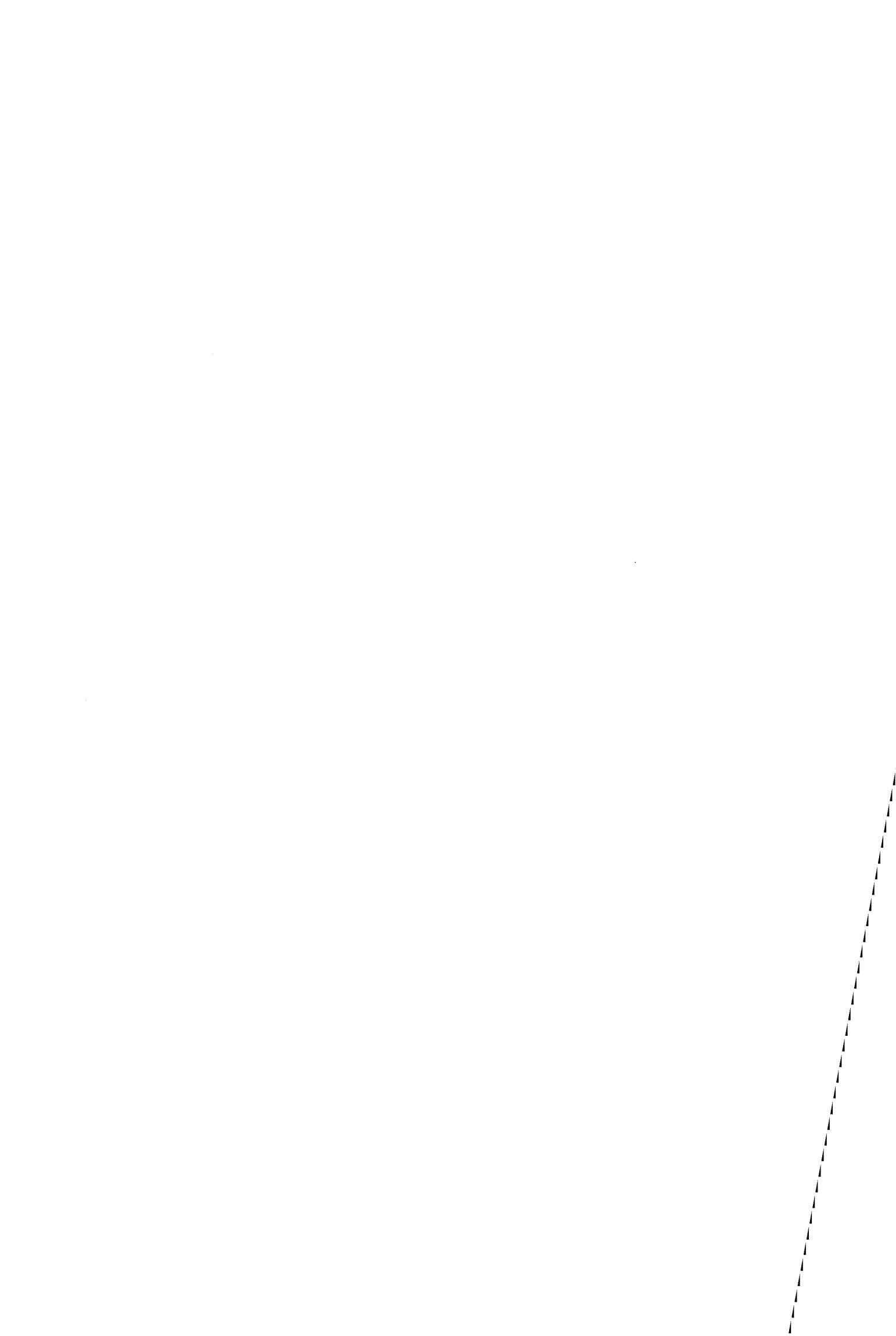
<b>Ø</b>	Average	M	Males	*	Estimated by EUROSTAT	p	Preliminary
T	Total	F	Females	r	Revised	:	Not available

The detailed table on the unemployed under 25 years, the foreign unemployed and registrations during the month is published only every three months.



**REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY**
**Persons registered at public employment offices - Year 1978**

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
I. Registered unemployed (000's)	01/78	1213,5	1126,1	1582,6	224,8	334,6	1,397	1548,5	111,1	191,0	6333,6
	02/78	1224,1	1108,2	1567,4	219,0	324,7	1,328	1508,7	110,5	193,0	6257,1
	03/78	1099,0	1088,4	1536,8	203,0	316,0	1,271	1461,0	109,5	187,5	6002,5
1. Total	04/78	1000,4	1065,2	1480,6	190,2	311,6	1,140	1451,8	104,8	166,2	5771,9
	05/78	913,0	1037,1	1471,2	180,0	307,8	1,046	1386,8	100,9	156,6	5554,4
	06/78	877,3	1039,3	1472,9	186,3	299,5	1,002	1446,1	96,6	149,2	5568,2
	07/78	922,2	1094,2	1466,3	203,0	344,0	1,099	1585,8	96,7	151,0	5864,3
	08/78	924,0	1156,7	1457,7	213,9	355,2	1,165	1608,3	97,5	158,4	5972,9
	09/78	864,3	1284,6	1538,8	210,3	354,5	1,167	1517,7	91,6	159,4	6022,4
	10/78	901,6	1344,1	1540,0	208,2	353,2	1,055	1429,5	93,7	167,9	6039,2
	11/78	927,0	1330,0	1570,1	208,7	352,0	1,132	1392,0	96,9	171,6	6049,4
	12/78	1006,7	1328,3	1595,6	219,7	347,6	1,187	1364,3	99,8	185,4	6148,6
Annual average		992,9	1166,9	1523,3	205,6	333,4	1,166	1475,0	100,8	169,8	5968,9
2. Males	01/78	657,1	528,6	953,1	158,4	138,4	0,869	1114,7	88,7	116,3	3756,2
	02/78	687,7	528,4	945,4	156,3	133,4	0,853	1089,6	88,5	116,8	3747,3
	03/78	584,7	521,0	920,9	142,5	127,1	0,813	1058,4	87,3	114,3	3557,0
	04/78	495,0	511,3	873,9	131,4	124,4	0,696	1045,4	83,6	91,3	3357,0
	05/78	439,2	497,8	865,6	122,3	121,4	0,627	1001,1	80,4	83,3	3211,7
	06/78	409,5	495,7	866,6	122,6	115,7	0,571	1023,0	76,8	77,5	3188,0
	07/78	428,9	521,1	861,1	132,0	135,6	0,617	1087,3	76,5	79,4	3322,5
	08/78	423,4	549,0	847,1	134,9	139,8	0,650	1099,0	77,3	81,9	3353,0
	09/78	388,7	593,4	881,9	130,6	138,7	0,585	1041,1	73,0	81,2	3329,2
	10/78	402,8	621,2	882,3	129,2	138,2	0,482	989,7	73,0	85,3	3322,2
	11/78	421,6	618,7	891,4	131,6	138,6	0,532	970,4	75,8	88,6	3337,2
	12/78	495,0	631,1	925,1	145,2	137,3	0,608	962,5	78,6	101,5	3476,9
Annual average		488,8	551,4	892,8	136,4	132,4	0,659	1040,2	80,0	93,1	3415,8
3. Females	01/78	556,4	597,5	629,5	66,4	196,2	0,528	433,8	22,4	74,7	2577,4
	02/78	536,4	579,8	622,0	62,7	191,3	0,475	419,1	22,0	76,2	2509,9
	03/78	514,3	567,4	615,9	60,5	188,9	0,458	402,6	22,2	73,2	2445,5
	04/78	505,4	553,9	606,7	58,8	187,2	0,444	406,4	21,2	74,9	2414,9
	05/78	473,8	539,3	605,6	57,7	186,4	0,419	385,7	20,5	73,3	2342,7
	06/78	467,8	543,6	606,3	63,7	183,8	0,431	423,1	19,8	71,7	2380,2
	07/78	493,3	573,1	605,2	71,0	208,4	0,482	498,5	20,2	71,6	2541,8
	08/78	500,6	607,7	610,6	79,0	215,4	0,515	509,3	20,2	76,5	2619,8
	09/78	475,6	691,2	656,9	79,7	215,8	0,582	476,6	18,6	78,2	2693,2
	10/78	498,8	722,9	657,7	79,0	215,0	0,573	439,8	20,7	82,6	2717,1
	11/78	505,4	711,3	678,7	77,1	213,4	0,600	421,6	21,1	83,0	2712,2
	12/78	511,7	697,2	670,5	74,5	210,3	0,579	401,8	21,2	83,9	2671,7
Annual average		504,1	615,5	630,5	69,2	201,0	0,507	434,8	20,8	76,7	2553,1
II. Registered unemployed females as % of all registered unemployed	01/78	45,9	53,1	39,8	29,5	58,6	37,8	28,0	20,2	39,1	40,7
	02/78	43,8	52,3	39,7	28,6	58,9	35,8	27,8	19,9	39,5	40,1
	03/78	46,8	52,1	40,1	29,8	59,8	36,0	27,6	20,3	39,0	40,7
	04/78	50,5	52,0	41,0	30,9	60,1	38,9	28,0	20,2	45,1	41,8
	05/78	51,9	52,0	41,2	32,1	60,6	40,1	27,8	20,3	46,8	42,2
	06/78	53,3	52,3	41,2	34,2	61,4	43,0	29,3	20,5	48,1	42,7
	07/78	53,5	52,4	41,3	35,0	60,6	43,9	31,4	20,9	47,4	43,3
	08/78	54,2	52,5	41,9	36,9	60,6	44,2	31,7	20,7	48,3	43,9
	09/78	55,0	53,8	42,7	37,9	60,9	49,9	31,4	20,3	49,1	44,7
	10/78	55,3	53,8	42,7	37,9	60,9	54,3	30,8	22,1	49,2	45,0
	11/78	54,5	53,5	43,2	36,9	60,6	53,0	30,3	21,3	48,4	44,8
	12/78	50,8	52,5	42,0	33,9	60,5	48,8	29,5	21,2	45,3	43,5
Annual average		50,8	52,7	41,4	33,7	60,3	43,5	29,5	20,6	45,2	42,8



	BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9	
III. Registered un- employed	01/78 02/78 03/78 04/78 05/78 06/78 07/78 08/78 09/78 10/78 11/78 12/78	4,8 4,8 4,3 3,9 3,6 3,4 3,6 3,6 3,4 3,5 3,6 3,9	5,2 5,1 5,0 4,9 4,7 4,8 5,0 5,3 5,9 6,2 6,1 6,1	7,4 7,3 7,2 6,9 6,9 6,9 6,8 6,8 7,2 7,2 7,3 7,5	4,7 4,6 4,3 4,0 3,8 3,9 4,3 4,5 4,4 4,4 4,4 4,6	8,4 8,2 8,0 7,9 7,8 7,5 8,7 9,0 8,9 8,9 8,9 8,8	1,0 0,9 0,9 0,8 0,7 0,7 0,7 0,8 0,8 0,7 0,8 0,8	6,0 5,8 5,6 5,6 5,3 5,6 6,1 6,2 5,8 5,5 5,4 5,2	9,8 9,8 9,7 9,3 8,9 8,6 8,6 8,6 8,1 8,3 8,6 8,8	7,5 7,6 7,4 6,5 6,2 5,9 5,9 6,2 6,3 6,6 6,7 7,3	5,9 5,8 5,6 5,4 5,2 5,2 5,5 5,6 5,6 5,6 5,6 5,7
1) Total as % of working pop.	Annual average	3,9	5,3	7,1	4,3	8,4	0,8	5,7	8,9	6,7	5,6
2) Males as % of masc.working population	01/78 02/78 03/78 04/78 05/78 06/78 07/78 08/78 09/78 10/78 11/78 12/78	4,2 4,4 3,7 3,1 2,8 2,6 2,7 2,7 2,5 2,6 2,7 3,1	3,9 3,9 3,9 3,8 3,7 3,7 3,9 4,1 4,4 4,6 4,6 4,7	6,6 6,5 6,4 6,0 6,0 6,0 6,0 5,9 6,1 6,1 6,2 6,4	4,6 4,6 4,2 3,8 3,6 3,6 3,9 3,9 3,8 3,8 3,9 4,2	5,5 5,3 5,0 4,9 4,8 4,6 5,4 5,5 5,5 5,5 5,5 5,4	0,8 0,8 0,8 0,7 0,6 0,6 0,6 0,6 0,6 0,5 0,5 0,6	7,0 6,8 6,6 10,3 6,6 6,4 6,8 6,9 6,5 6,2 6,1 6,0	10,9 10,9 10,8 10,3 9,9 9,5 9,4 9,5 9,0 9,0 9,3 9,7	8,0 8,0 7,9 6,3 5,7 5,3 5,5 5,6 5,6 5,9 6,1 7,0	5,5 5,5 5,2 5,0 4,7 4,7 4,9 4,9 4,9 4,9 4,9 5,1
3) Females as % of fem.working population	Annual average	3,1	4,1	6,2	4,0	5,2	0,6	6,5	9,9	6,4	5,0

Source: National data standardised for Community use. These statistics should be mainly used for studies of trends, comparison of level should only be made with extreme caution because of differences in legislation and administrative procedures between countries.

These figures are published regularly in Eurostat - Social Statistics "Employment and unemployment" (yearly publication) and in "Statistical Telegram - Unemployment (monthly).

