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In the Community registered unemployment decreased over the first six months of 1979. End July the number of persons registered as unemployed at public employment offices increased however by nearly 250 000 compared to end June to reach 5.9 Mio. This represents 5.4% of the civilian working population against 5.2% in June 1979.

The average increase of unemployment in the Community in July was thus 4.4%. Most Member States show rises above this average : Luxembourg + 16.9%, Belgium + 16.7%, United Kingdom + 8.9%, the Netherlands + 6.5% and the Federal Republic of Germany + 5.3%. Increases in France (+ 1.9%), in Ireland (+ 0.8%) were below the Community average and the situation of unemployment remained unchanged in Italy. There was even a small decrease in the number of registered unemployed (- 1.1%) in Denmark.

Such figures as available of the percentage of young unemployed under 25 years within total unemployed show, as every year at this time, in most cases a significant increase.

Compared to the previous year - July 1978 - unemployment has not much changed for Community as a whole (+ 0.5%). The situation is however quite different between Member States. The number of registered unemployed decreased in Denmark (- 25.7%), in Luxembourg (- 15.5%), in the F.R. of Germany (- 12.9%), in the United Kingdom (- 7.7%) and in Ireland (- 7.2%). Increases were registered for France (+ 14.8%), Italy (+ 8.4%), Belgium (+ 6.9%) and the Netherlands (+ 4.0%).

In the Community as a whole the number of male unemployed declined by 3.5% compared to the last year, the number of unemployed women was however 5.8% higher than in July 1978.

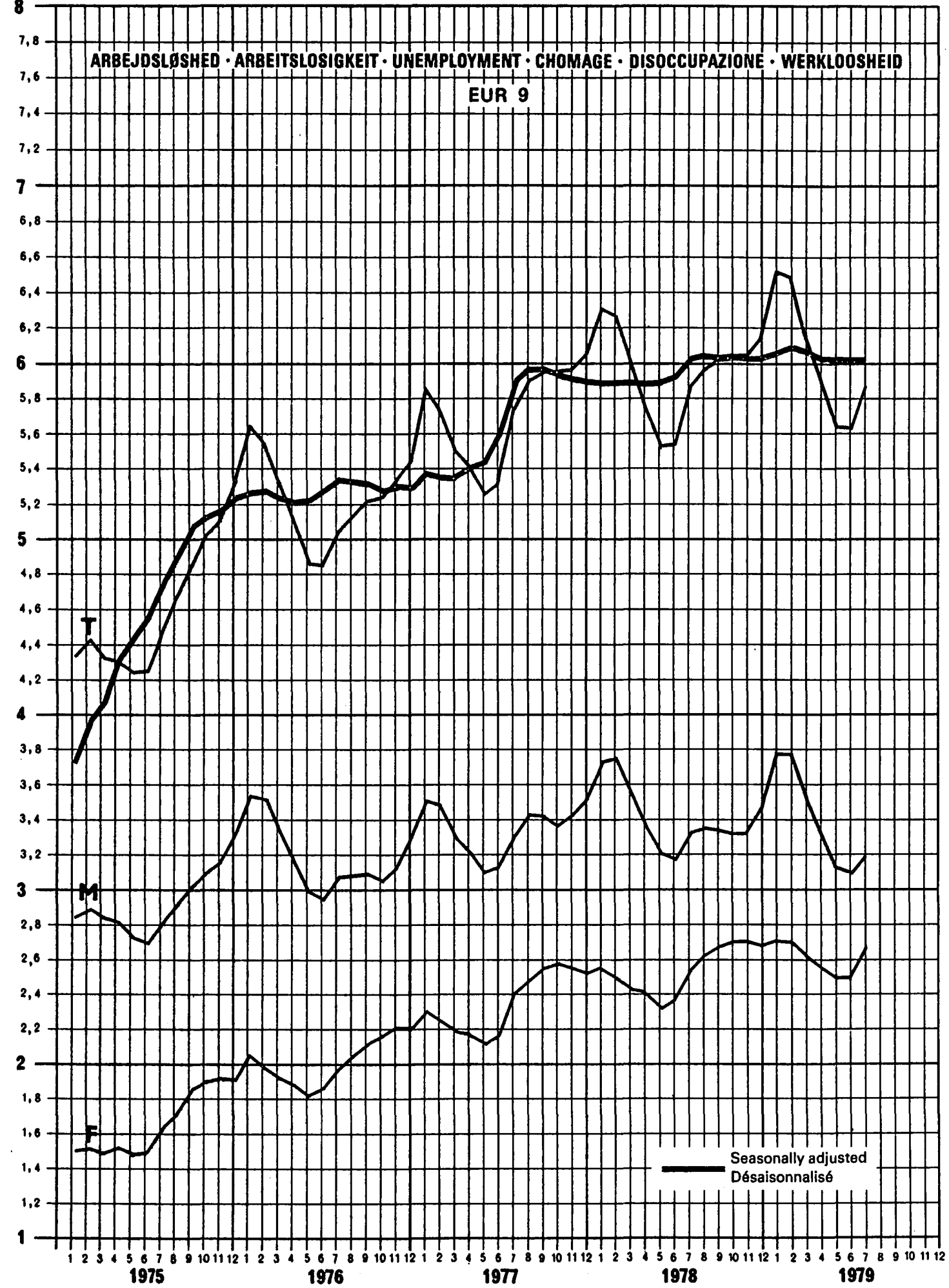
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**REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Annual averages 1974 - 1978**

|  |  | BR<br>DEUTSCH-<br>LAND | FRANCE  | ITALIA  | NEDER-<br>LAND | BELGIQUE<br>BELGIË | LUXEM-<br>BOURG | UNITED<br>KINGDOM | IRELAND  | DANMARK | EUR 9 |        |
|--|--|------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|--------|
| <b>I. Registered unemployed (1 000's)</b>                        |  |                        |         |         |                |                    |                 |                   |          |         |       |        |
| <b>1. Total</b>  |  | 1974                   | 582,5   | 497,7   | 997,2          | 134,9              | 124,1           | 0,058             | 615,1r   | 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        | 210,8              | 266,6           | 0,457             | 1 358,8r | 110,5   | 118,2 | 5 241r |
|  |  | 1977                   | 1 030,0 | 1 071,8 | 1 379,6        | <u>206,9</u>       | 307,6           | 0,821             | 1 483,6  | 109,0   | 147,0 | 5 736  |
|  |  | 1978                   | 992,9   | 1 166,9 | 1 528,6        | 205,6              | 333,4           | 1,166             | 1 475,0  | 100,8   | 169,8 | 5 974  |
| <b>2. Males</b>  |  |                        |         |         |                |                    |                 |                   |          |         |       |        |
|  |  | 1974                   | 324,7   | 234,6   | 638,6          | 106,7              | 58,0            | 0,023             | 513,8r   | 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          | 158,8              | 114,7           | 0,280             | 1 023,5r | 89,4    | 74,2  | 3 213r |
|  |  | 1977                   | 517,5   | 499,1   | 838,7          | <u>145,9</u>       | 124,6           | 0,494             | 1 069,2  | 87,2    | 84,9  | 3 367  |
|  |  | 1978                   | 488,8   | 551,4   | 894,6          | 136,4              | 132,4           | 0,659             | 1 040,2  | 80,0    | 93,1  | 3 418  |
| <b>3. Females</b>  |  |                        |         |         |                |                    |                 |                   |          |         |       |        |
|  |  | 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          | 51,0               | 151,8           | 0,177             | 335,3r   | 21,1    | 44,0  | 2 028r |
|  |  | 1977                   | 512,5   | 572,7   | 540,9          | <u>61,0</u>        | 103,0           | 0,327             | 414,4    | 21,8    | 62,1  | 2 369  |
|  |  | 1978                   | 504,1   | 615,5   | 634,0          | 69,2               | 201,0           | 0,507             | 434,8    | 20,8    | 76,7  | 2 556  |
| <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              | 24,7     | 19,1    | 37,2  | 38,7   |
|  |  | 1977                   | 49,8    | 53,4    | 39,2           | <u>29,5</u>        | 59,5            | 39,8              | 27,9     | 20,0    | 42,2  | 41,3   |
|  |  | 1978                   | 50,8    | 52,7    | 41,5           | 33,7               | 60,3            | 43,5              | 29,5     | 20,6    | 45,2  | 42,8   |
| <b>III. Unemployment rates</b>                                   |  |                        |         |         |                |                    |                 |                   |          |         |       |        |
| <b>1. Total registered unemployed as % of working population</b> |  | 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     | 5,3            | 4,0                | 5,3             | 0,2               | 3,8      | 8,7     | 4,6   | 4,3    |
|  |  | 1976                   | 4,1     | 4,3     | 5,6            | 4,3                | 6,8             | 0,3               | 5,3      | 9,8     | 4,7   | 4,9    |
|  |  | 1977                   | 4,0     | 4,9     | 6,4            | 4,1                | 7,8             | 0,5               | 5,7      | 9,6     | 5,8   | 5,3    |
|  |  | 1978                   | 3,9     | 5,3     | 7,1            | 4,1                | 8,4             | 0,8               | 5,7      | 8,9     | 6,6   | 5,5    |
| <b>2. Male unemployed as % of male working population</b>        |  | 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     | 4,8            | 4,4                | 3,9             | 0,2*              | 4,9      | 9,7*    | 5,6   | 4,3*   |
|  |  | 1976                   | 3,6     | 3,3     | 5,1            | 4,5                | 4,5             | 0,3*              | 6,4      | 11,0*   | 5,1   | 4,7*   |
|  |  | 1977                   | 3,3     | 3,7     | 5,8            | 4,1                | 4,9             | 0,5*              | 6,7      | 10,8*   | 5,8   | 5,0*   |
|  |  | 1978                   | 3,1     | 4,1     | 6,2            | 3,8                | 5,3             | 0,6*              | 6,5      | 9,9*    | 6,4   | 5,0*   |
| <b>3. Female unemployed as % of female working population</b>    |  | 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     | 6,5            | 3,1                | 7,9             | 0,2*              | 2,1      | 5,2*    | 3,2   | 4,4*   |
|  |  | 1976                   | 5,1     | 5,9     | 6,7            | 3,6                | 10,8            | 0,4*              | 3,4      | 6,7*    | 4,2   | 5,2*   |
|  |  | 1977                   | 5,2     | 6,7     | 7,8            | 4,2                | 12,7            | 0,7*              | 4,1      | 6,8*    | 5,7   | 6,0*   |
|  |  | 1978                   | 5,1     | 7,1     | 9,1            | 4,6                | 13,7            | 1,1*              | 4,3      | 6,4*    | 6,8   | 6,4*   |



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 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 average of the daily figures for the week 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

|   |         |   |         |   |                       |   |               |
|---|---------|---|---------|---|-----------------------|---|---------------|
| Ø | 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.

