



STATISTISK TELEGRAM
STATISTISCHES TELEGRAMM
STATISTICAL TELEGRAM
TELEGRAMME STATISTIQUE
TELEGRAMMA STATISTICO
STATISTISCH TELEGRAM

15th November 1979

MONTHLY STATISTICS
OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN THE COMMUNITY
- October 1979 -

For the first time since March 1979 the number of persons registered at public employment offices in the Community rose to just over 6 million. Unemployment as a percentage of the civilian working population rose from 5.5% in September to 5.6% at end-October 1979.

Compared with the preceding month unemployment in the Community as a whole increased by 1.4%. Very different trends occurred in the individual Member-States. In four countries there was a deterioration in the labour market with the rate of increase in unemployment sometimes considerably above the Community average: Luxembourg (+ 13.8%), France (+ 3.9%), the Federal Republic of Germany (+ 3.4%) and Italy (+ 2.5%). In contrast, in three Member-States there were significant reductions in unemployment: the Netherlands (- 2.4%), Belgium (- 2.1%) and the United Kingdom (- 1.9%). In two Member-States the labour market remained relatively unchanged. In Ireland unemployment rose by 0.4% while in Denmark it fell by 0.3%.

A comparison with the corresponding month last year shows little significant easing in the the labour market. There were about 47 000 fewer unemployed persons than one year ago. The rate of reduction for the Community as a whole amounted to - 0.8%. In this comparison individual Member-States showed more pronounced trends. Reductions in unemployment over the year occurred in Denmark (- 29.4%), the Federal Republic of Germany (- 15.5%), Ireland (- 9.8%) and the United Kingdom (- 4.3%). Unemployment was higher in Luxembourg (+ 10.4%), France (+ 10.1%), Belgium (+ 5.4%) and Italy (+ 3.8%). Almost no change occurred in the Netherlands.

The percentage unemployed for men and women combined remained unchanged at 5.6% in October 1978 and 1979. However for men alone this percentage fell from 4.9% to 4.7% while in the same period the percentage for women rose from 6.8% to 7.1%.

Detailed quarterly table

Page 3

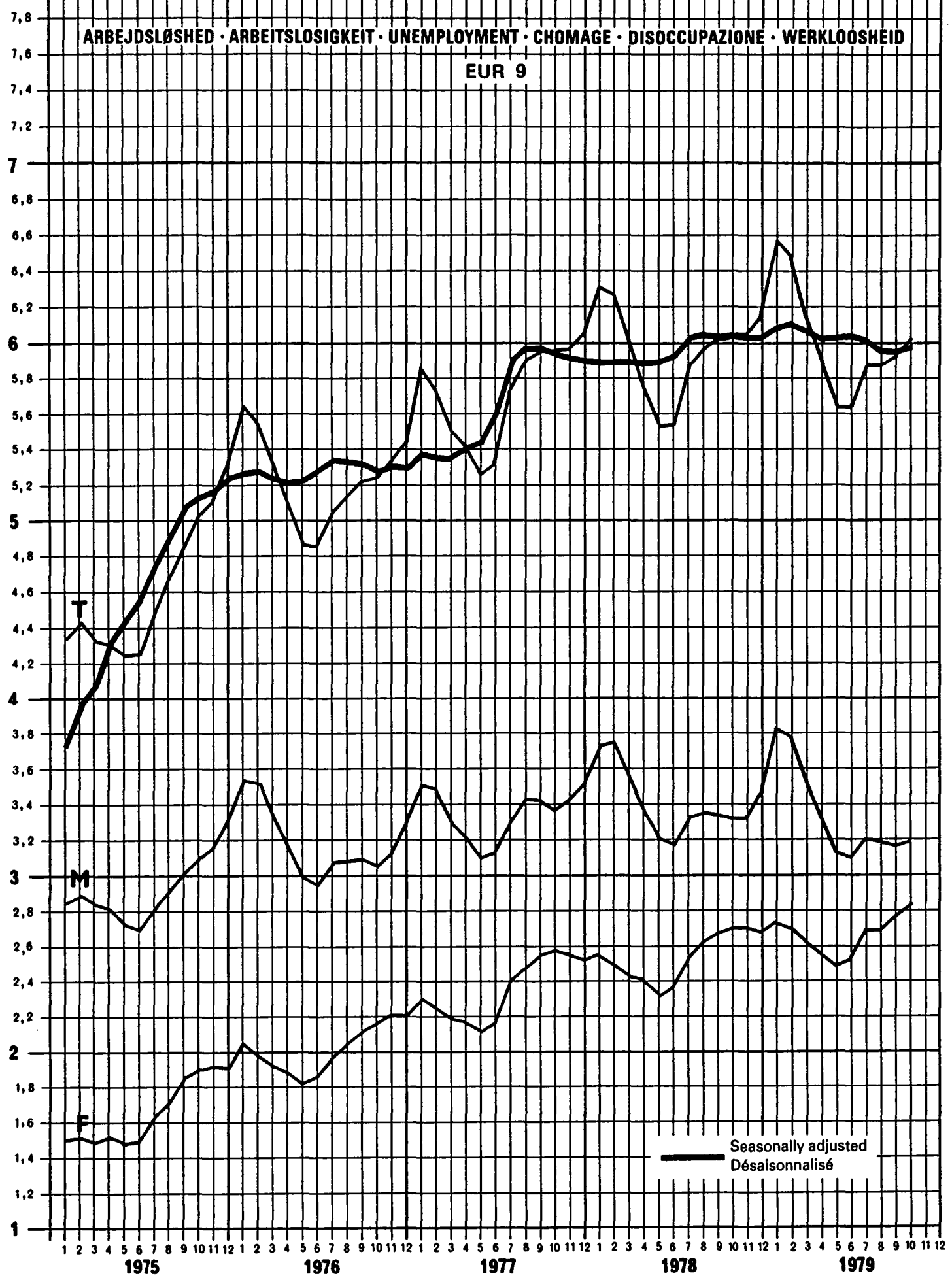
This statistical telegram is circulated regularly about the 20th of each month by EUROSTAT in conjunction with the Directorate General 'Employment and Social Affairs'.

			BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
I. Registered unemployed a) in thousands												
June	1979	T	763,2	1 233,0	1 578,4	198,3	315,3	0,795	1 343,9	89,0	113,4	5 635,3
July	1979	T	803,7	1 256,6	1 571,9	211,2	367,9	0,929	1 464,0	88,9	120,9	5 886,0
August	1979	T	798,9	1 302,6	1 515,6	218,0	380,9	0,938	1 455,5	88,8	119,9	5 881,1
September	1979	T	736,8	1 423,9	1 590,0r	212,6	380,2	1,020	1 394,5	84,2	118,9r	5 942,1r
		M	316,4	647,7	885,9r	124,7	141,2	0,499	936,1	64,2	51,9r	3 168,6r
		F	420,4	776,2	704,1r	87,9	239,0	0,521	458,4	20,0	67,0r	2 773,5r
October	1979	T	761,7	1 479,9	1 630,2p	207,4	372,1	1,161	1 367,6	84,5	118,6p	6 023,2
		M	329,6	664,9	895,3p	122,3	136,3	0,550	925,8	64,3	51,7p	3 190,8
		F	432,1	815,0	734,9p	85,1	235,8	0,611	441,8	20,2	66,9p	2 832,4
October	1978	T	901,6	1 344,1	1 570,5	208,2	353,2	1,055	1 429,5	93,7	167,9	6 069,8
		M	402,8	621,2	897,1	129,2	138,2	0,482	989,7	73,0	85,3	3 337,0
		F	498,8	722,9	673,4	79,0	215,0	0,573	439,8	20,7	82,6	2 732,8
b) % change on												
September	1979	T	+ 3,4	+ 3,9	+ 2,5	- 2,4	- 2,1	+ 13,8	- 1,9	+ 0,4	- 0,3	+ 1,4
		M	+ 4,2	+ 2,7	+ 1,1	- 1,9	- 3,5	+ 10,2	- 1,1	+ 0,2	- 0,4	+ 0,7
		F	+ 2,8	+ 5,0	+ 4,4	- 3,2	- 1,3	+ 17,3	- 3,6	+ 1,0	- 0,1	+ 2,1
October	1978	T	- 15,5	+ 10,1	+ 3,8	- 0,4	+ 5,4	+ 10,4	- 4,3	- 9,8	- 29,4	- 0,8
		M	- 18,2	+ 7,0	- 0,2	- 5,3	- 1,4	+ 14,1	- 6,5	- 11,9	- 39,4	- 4,4
		F	- 13,4	+ 12,7	+ 9,1	+ 7,7	+ 9,7	+ 6,6	+ 0,5	- 2,4	- 19,0	+ 3,6
II. Registered unemployed as % of civilian working population												
June	1979	T	3,0	5,6	7,3	3,9	7,9	0,5	5,2	7,9	4,4	5,2
July	1979	T	3,1	5,7	7,3	4,2	9,2	0,6	5,6	7,8	4,7	5,4
August	1979	T	3,1	5,9	7,0	4,3	9,5	0,6	5,6	7,8	4,6	5,4
September	1979	T	2,9	6,4	7,4	4,2	9,5	0,7	5,4	7,4	4,6	5,5
		M	2,0	4,8	6,1	3,5	5,6	0,5*	5,9	7,9*	3,5	4,7
		F	4,3	9,0	10,1	5,9	16,2	1,2*	4,5	6,2*	6,0	6,9
October	1979	T	3,0	6,7	7,6	4,1	9,3	0,8	5,3	7,5	4,6	5,6
		M	2,1	4,9	6,2	3,4	5,4	0,5*	5,8	7,9*	3,5	4,7
		F	4,4	9,5	10,5	5,7	16,0	1,4*	4,4	6,3*	6,0	7,1
October	1978	T	3,5	6,1	7,3	4,1	8,9	0,7	5,5	8,3	6,5	5,6
		M	2,5	4,6	6,2	3,6	5,5	0,5	6,2	9,0	5,8	4,9
		F	5,1	8,4	9,6	5,3	14,6	1,3	4,3	6,4	7,3	6,8
III. Unemployed < 25 years as % of all registered unemployed												
September	1979	T		45,0	:	48,7	42,7	57,8	:	:	31,5	:
October	1979	T	:	46,3	:	47,1	41,1	58,6	:	:	31,5	:
October	1978	T	:	46,1	:	47,3	42,3	57,3	:	:	:	:
IV. Vacancies unfilled at end of month (x 1000)												
September	1979	T	320,2	104,4	:	68,0	6,0	0,3	252,9		1,8	:
October	1979	T	306,8	97,9	:	70,0	5,5	0,3	246,7		1,8	:
October	1978	T	248,1	87,0	:	68,1	4,7	0,2	241,4	2,7	2,4	:

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
V. Unemployed < 25 years											
a) in thousands											
April 1979	T	:	498,7	:	77,8	114,9	0,445	451,4	:	42,8	:
May 1979	T	184,5	481,2	:	79,4	109,4	0,424	:	:	37,0	:
June 1979	T	:	471,7	:	91,2	106,2	0,386	:	:	34,2	:
July 1979	T	:	495,1	:	101,7	151,6	0,523	650,4	:	39,8	:
August 1979	T	:	534,0	:	108,2	164,9	0,535	:	:	39,2	:
	M	:	196,1	:	47,9	59,5	0,196	:	:	13,3	:
	F	:	337,9	:	60,3	105,4	0,339	:	:	25,9	:
September 1979	T		640,5	:	103,5	162,3	0,590	:	:	37,5	:
	M		234,3	:	44,8	58,1	0,230	:	:	11,8	:
	F		406,2	:	58,7	104,2	0,360	:	:	25,7	:
September 1978	T	246,0	577,7	:	101,6	154,4	0,711	:	:	:	:
	M	94,9	213,9	:	49,0	57,9	0,329	:	:	:	:
	F	151,1	363,8	:	52,6	96,5	0,382	:	:	:	:
b) in %											
April 1979	T	:	38,6	:	40,2	35,0	47,4	33,7	:	29,8	:
May 1979	T	23,8	38,2	:	42,2	33,9	48,1	:	:	30,0	:
June 1979	T	:	38,3	:	46,0	33,7	48,6	:	:	30,2	:
July 1979	T	:	39,4	:	48,2	41,2	56,3	44,4	:	32,9	:
August 1979	T	:	41,0	:	49,6	43,3	57,0	:	:	32,7	:
	M	:	32,2	:	37,2	41,7	43,1	:	:	24,7	:
	F	:	48,7	:	67,7	44,3	70,2	:	:	39,2	:
September 1979	T		45,0	:	48,7	42,7	57,8	:	:	31,5	:
	M		36,2	:	35,9	41,1	46,1	:	:	22,7	:
	F		52,3	:	66,8	43,6	69,1	:	:	38,4	:
September 1978	T	28,5	45,0	:	48,3	43,6	60,9	:	:	:	:
	M	24,4	36,0	:	37,5	41,7	56,2	:	:	:	:
	F	31,8	52,6	:	66,0	44,7	65,6	:	:	:	:
VI. Unemployed foreigners (000's)											
April 1979	T	98,0	:	:	15,9	43,8	:	:	:	6,6	:
May 1979	T	86,8	:	:	15,1	43,4	:	:	:	6,1	:
June 1979	T	80,8	132,7	:	15,0	46,3	:	:	:	5,7	:
July 1979	T	77,7	:	:	15,1	48,1	:	:	:	5,9	:
August 1979	T	77,3	:	:	15,2	48,5	:	:	:	5,5	:
September 1979	T	84,3	132,4	:	15,1	49,9	:	:	:	5,6	:
VII. New registrations to unemployment during the month (000's)											
April 1979	T	206,3	186,3	:	31,3	43,3	1,466	312,6	:	52,4	:
May 1979	T	187,7	204,4	:	49,1	42,2	1,530	393,4	:	41,6	:
June 1979	T	195,8	205,1	:	43,8	43,9	1,250	425,7	:	49,7	:
July 1979	T	239,2	244,8	:	46,1	78,9	1,621	404,4	:	66,1	:
August 1979	T	228,4	228,4	:	45,7	62,5	1,259	371,3	:	74,9	:
September 1979	T	207,4	348,2	:	48,2	59,4	1,667	459,9	:	57,9	:
VIII. Vacancies recorded during the month (000's)											
April 1979	T	163,1	61,3	:	21,9	16,8	1,540	243,3	3,6	19,6	:
May 1979	T	202,7	73,4	:	24,3	17,1	1,602	276,9	4,5	22,8	:
June 1979	T	192,4	71,5	:	16,2	14,7	1,321	291,1	4,8	20,0	:
July 1979	T	164,9	58,8	:	10,8	12,5	1,494	238,0	:	11,8	:
August 1979	T	173,8	57,5	:	16,0	12,6	1,187	222,2	:	16,8	:
September 1979	T	159,7	82,3	:	12,2	16,2	1,434	268,3	:	17,7	:

Mio
8

ARBEJDSLØSHED · ARBEITSLÖSIGKEIT · UNEMPLOYMENT · CHOMAGE · DISOCCUPAZIONE · WERKLOOSHEID
EUR 9



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
I. Registered unemployed (1 000's)											
	1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	615,1r	70,4	47,9	3 070
1. Total	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
2. Males											
	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	159,8	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
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	<u>51,0</u>	151,8	0,177	335,3r	21,1	44,0	2 028r
	1977	512,5	572,7	540,9	<u>61,0</u>	183,0	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	78,7	2 556
I. Females as % of all registered unemployed											
	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	<u>24,2</u>	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
II. Unemployment rates											
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	5,3	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
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	4,8	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*
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	6,5	3,1	7,9	0,2*	2,1	6,2*	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.

