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Unemployment in the regions of the European Union in 1996

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The unemployment rate in the European Union rose from 10.7% in April 1995 to 10.9% in April 1996. The labour market situation shows a deterioration in more than half of the Union's regions. The most striking rises in the rates of unemployment (3-7 percentage points) were recorded in Cantabria (Spain), Dytiki Makedonia, Ipeiros (Greece) and Corse (France). On the other hand, notable decreases in the unemployment rates (2-6 percentage points) were recorded in Canarias and Ceuta y Melilla (Spain), Flevoland (Netherlands) and Highlands-Islands (United Kingdom).

In one third of the European Union's regions the rate of unemployment stood above the 10.9% average. The top end of this list comprises regions of Italy (Campania, Calabria, Sicilia, Sardegna), France (Corse) and Spain (Asturias, Cantabria, Pais Vasco, Madrid, Comunidad Valenciana, Canarias and all of the Centro and Sur regions), where more than one fifth of the labour force is without a job. Foremost in the list is, once again, the Spanish region of Andalucia with a 32.4% of unemployment. As a contrast, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg stands on the other end with a rate of 3.2%. Remaining below the 5% mark are the regions of Oberbayern in the south of Germany, in the regions Notio Aigaio and Kriti (Greece), Trentino-Alto Adige in the north of Italy, Burgenland, Niederösterreich and the regions of Westösterreich in Austria, Åland in Finland, Centro in Portugal, and the region of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire in the United Kingdom.

Within most Member States, unemployment rates in the hardest-hit regions are two to three times and more, as high as in the regions with the lowest percentage of jobless. Internal differences between regions are widest in

Germany, where the new Länder show three to four times higher unemployment rates than some regions of the south, and in Italy, where the differences in the north and the south are as high as a factor of more than 7. The widest gaps between the best-off and the worst-off regions is found in Spain with 21.4 percentage points and in Italy with 22.1 percentage points.

In more than half of the regions of the European Union, the female unemployment rates increased in the reference period, although in certain regions (amongst them the Spanish regions of Pais Vasco, Rioja, Aragon, Extremadura, Cataluna and Ceuta y Melilla) a notable decrease in the female unemployment was observed. The level of female unemployment is still higher than the male, throughout the regions of the European Union, with the exception of Ireland, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Furthermore, in some regions of Spain and the south of Italy, over one third of the female working population are now without a job, while the Spanish regions of Extremadura and Andalucia suffer from a female unemployment rate in the vicinity of 40%.

The jobless rate among young people under 25 has risen again in more than half of the regions. Rates of over 21.5% which is the European Union's average, are encountered in almost all of the regions of France, Italy, Finland and Sweden and in all of the regions of Spain. The situation is most serious in the south of Italy (with Campania suffering a 66.6% young unemployment rate), in the Spanish northern regions of Asturias and Cantabria and in Ceuta y Melilla, where, in April 1996, more than 50% of young people in the labour force were not in employment.

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Table 1: Unemployment in the regions of the European Union in April 1995 and April 1996


	Total		Males		Females		< 25 years		≥ 25 years	
	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996
	EUR 15	10.7	10.9	9.4	9.7	12.4	12.4	21.0	21.5	9.0
EUR 12	10.8	11.0	9.4	9.7	12.6	12.6	21.2	21.8	9.1	9.3
BELGIQUE-BELGIE	9.4	9.6	7.4	7.5	12.3	12.5	21.9	20.8	7.9	8.3
<i>REG.BRUXELLES-CAP.</i>	13.3	14.1	12.8	13.6	14.0	14.8	33.3	34.4	11.4	12.5
<i>/BRUSSELS HFDST.GEW.</i>										
<i>VLAAMS GEWEST</i>	6.9	7.1	4.9	5.1	9.9	10.0	14.7	14.1	6.0	6.2
<i>ANTWERPEN</i>	8.1	8.3	6.0	6.2	11.3	11.5	16.8	15.9	7.1	7.4
<i>LIMBURG (B)</i>	9.5	9.4	5.4	5.4	15.8	15.5	18.0	16.5	8.4	8.4
<i>OOST-VLAANDEREN</i>	6.8	7.2	5.1	5.5	9.2	9.5	15.0	14.9	5.8	6.2
<i>VLAAMS BRABANT</i>	5.3	5.1	3.9	3.9	7.1	6.8	13.8	12.8	4.5	4.5
<i>WEST-VLAANDEREN</i>	5.3	5.5	3.6	3.7	7.7	8.2	10.2	10.2	4.6	4.9
<i>REGION WALLONNE</i>	12.9	12.9	10.6	10.5	16.2	16.3	33.2	31.1	10.5	10.9
<i>BRABANT WALLON</i>	8.3	8.0	6.6	6.2	10.5	10.2	27.8	23.6	6.8	6.7
<i>HAINAUT</i>	15.9	15.8	13.3	13.1	19.6	19.5	39.2	37.8	12.9	13.2
<i>LIEGE</i>	12.7	13.0	10.4	10.3	15.9	16.6	29.4	28.1	10.7	11.2
<i>LUXEMBOURG (B)</i>	7.0	7.1	5.0	5.1	9.9	10.1	20.0	19.0	5.3	5.7
<i>NAMUR</i>	12.3	12.0	10.2	9.6	15.4	15.2	35.4	30.9	9.8	9.9
DANMARK	7.4	7.4	6.2	6.3	8.9	8.7	10.8	11.8	6.7	6.4
DEUTSCHLAND	8.2	8.8	:	:	:	:	8.5	9.6	8.1	8.7
<i>BADEN-WUERTEMBERG</i>	5.2	5.5	5.0	5.6	5.5	5.4	6.2	7.2	5.1	5.3
<i>STUTTGART</i>	5.3	5.6	5.2	5.7	5.5	5.4	6.2	6.8	5.2	5.4
<i>KARLSRUHE</i>	5.4	5.9	5.1	6.0	5.8	5.7	6.8	8.4	5.2	5.6
<i>FREIBURG</i>	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.3	6.4	7.1	5.1	5.2
<i>TUEBINGEN</i>	4.8	5.1	4.5	5.1	5.3	5.0	5.5	6.7	4.7	4.8
<i>BAYERN</i>	4.7	5.3	4.4	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.9	6.2	4.7	5.1
<i>OBERBAYERN</i>	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.7	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.9	4.0	4.3
<i>NIEDERBAYERN</i>	4.4	5.1	4.2	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.9	6.5	4.4	4.9
<i>OBERPFALZ</i>	5.2	5.8	4.7	5.6	6.0	6.0	4.8	6.0	5.3	5.7
<i>OBERFRANKEN</i>	5.6	6.5	4.8	6.2	6.6	6.9	5.8	8.0	5.5	6.3
<i>MITTELFRANKEN</i>	5.8	6.2	5.3	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.8	5.8	6.1
<i>UNTERFRANKEN</i>	5.3	5.8	4.5	5.5	6.3	6.2	5.7	7.5	5.2	5.5
<i>SCHWABEN</i>	4.4	5.3	4.2	5.4	4.7	5.1	4.7	6.2	4.4	5.1
<i>BERLIN</i>	10.4	11.7	:	:	:	:	11.9	12.9	10.3	11.5
<i>BRANDENBURG</i>	14.1	15.3	:	:	:	:	12.4	12.0	14.3	15.7
<i>BREMEN</i>	10.3	11.4	10.6	12.2	10.0	10.2	14.8	15.1	9.9	11.0
<i>HAMBURG</i>	7.2	8.1	7.7	9.1	6.6	6.8	8.9	10.7	7.0	7.8
<i>HESSEN</i>	6.0	6.5	5.8	6.7	6.3	6.2	7.5	9.1	5.9	6.2
<i>DARMSTADT</i>	5.6	5.9	5.6	6.2	5.7	5.5	7.4	8.8	5.4	5.6
<i>GIESSEN</i>	6.3	6.8	5.7	6.7	7.1	7.0	7.4	9.4	6.1	6.5
<i>KASSEL</i>	7.0	8.0	6.5	8.2	7.7	7.8	7.6	9.7	6.9	7.8
<i>MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN</i>	15.3	16.6	:	:	:	:	12.0	10.7	15.8	17.5
<i>NIEDERSACHSEN</i>	7.7	8.5	7.2	8.6	8.5	8.3	9.1	11.0	7.6	8.2
<i>BRAUNSCHWEIG</i>	9.6	10.6	8.9	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.6	12.7	9.4	10.3
<i>HANNOVER</i>	7.5	8.2	7.2	8.7	8.0	7.6	8.7	10.9	7.4	7.9
<i>LUENEBURG</i>	6.2	6.8	5.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	7.4	9.6	6.0	6.4
<i>WESER-EMS</i>	7.7	8.4	7.1	8.2	8.7	8.6	9.5	10.8	7.5	8.0
<i>NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN</i>	8.0	8.4	7.7	8.4	8.5	8.2	9.3	11.1	7.9	8.0
<i>DUESSELDORF</i>	8.8	9.0	8.7	9.3	9.0	8.6	10.2	11.8	8.7	8.7
<i>KOELN</i>	7.7	7.8	7.4	7.9	8.1	7.7	9.0	10.6	7.6	7.5
<i>MUENSTER</i>	7.3	7.8	6.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.3	10.2	7.1	7.5
<i>DETMOLD</i>	6.5	7.2	5.5	6.7	7.9	7.9	7.5	10.6	6.4	6.8
<i>ARNSBERG</i>	8.6	9.1	8.4	9.1	8.9	8.9	10.4	11.8	8.4	8.7
<i>RHEINLAND-PFALZ</i>	6.0	6.4	5.6	6.5	6.4	6.3	7.8	8.6	5.7	6.1
<i>KOBLENZ</i>	5.2	5.8	4.8	5.9	5.8	5.6	7.1	8.6	5.0	5.4
<i>TRIER</i>	5.3	5.5	4.9	5.5	6.0	5.4	7.5	6.6	5.1	5.3
<i>RHEINHESSEN-PFALZ</i>	6.7	7.0	6.4	7.1	7.0	7.0	8.5	9.2	6.4	6.8
<i>SAARLAND</i>	9.0	9.3	9.1	9.9	8.7	8.3	11.0	12.9	8.7	8.9
<i>SACHSEN</i>	13.9	15.1	:	:	:	:	10.1	10.0	14.5	15.9
<i>SACHSEN-ANHALT</i>	16.1	17.8	:	:	:	:	13.4	13.0	16.5	18.5
<i>DESSAU</i>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
<i>HALLE</i>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
<i>MAGDEBURG</i>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
<i>SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN</i>	6.2	6.6	6.0	7.1	6.4	6.1	8.1	9.7	5.9	6.3
<i>THUERINGEN</i>	14.9	15.8	:	:	:	:	11.8	12.4	15.4	16.3

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	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996
	ELLADA	9.1	9.7	6.2	6.0	13.8	15.4	27.9	31.2	6.5
<i>VOREIA ELLADA</i>	9.2	9.4	6.1	5.8	14.2	15.3	28.6	30.6	6.6	6.6
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	9.2	9.6	6.0	5.6	13.9	15.4	22.8	30.3	7.2	6.5
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	9.1	8.9	6.1	5.8	14.0	14.0	28.4	29.3	6.6	6.2
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	13.2	16.3	10.1	10.4	19.1	26.9	44.4	47.6	9.6	12.6
THESSALIA	7.6	7.6	4.6	4.0	12.9	13.8	28.7	28.0	5.0	5.1
KENTRIKI ELLADA	7.4	8.4	4.7	4.4	12.1	14.9	27.1	33.3	4.9	5.1
IPEIROS	7.2	11.2	5.3	6.3	10.7	19.8	31.3	44.6	4.8	7.0
IONIA NISIA	5.3	5.5	4.5	4.1	6.6	7.6	21.2	23.8	3.1	3.3
DYTIKI ELLADA	8.2	8.6	5.5	4.5	12.8	15.0	24.3	31.6	5.9	4.9
STEREA ELLADA	9.2	10.3	5.1	5.1	17.0	19.6	32.1	38.8	6.2	6.5
PELOPONNISOS	6.0	6.4	3.3	2.9	10.5	12.0	27.0	28.6	3.6	3.9
ATTIKI	11.0	11.9	8.0	8.1	15.7	17.7	30.4	34.3	8.1	8.8
NISIA AIGAIΟΥ, KRITI	4.5	4.4	2.6	2.4	7.6	7.6	16.5	15.5	2.7	2.8
VOREIO AIGAIO	4.9	7.1	3.3	4.0	8.5	13.3	21.4	18.2	2.7	5.6
NOTIO AIGAIO	4.8	4.9	3.2	2.8	8.1	9.1	14.4	15.9	3.2	3.2
KRITI	4.1	3.4	2.1	1.7	7.1	5.9	16.4	14.5	2.5	2.0
ESPANA	22.7	22.3	18.1	17.8	30.3	29.5	41.7	41.9	18.8	18.4
<i>NOROESTE</i>	18.5	20.4	14.9	16.5	23.9	26.2	38.4	43.8	15.6	16.8
GALICIA	17.2	19.0	13.9	15.5	21.6	24.0	34.2	39.3	14.7	15.9
ASTURIAS	20.9	22.3	17.0	18.0	27.6	29.3	51.5	51.9	16.4	17.6
CANTABRIA	21.4	24.6	15.9	19.0	31.4	33.5	35.6	51.7	19.1	19.9
<i>NORESTE</i>	19.3	17.9	13.6	13.2	28.7	25.7	39.2	40.3	16.0	14.4
PAIS VASCO	23.0	21.5	17.6	17.2	31.4	28.1	48.1	49.5	18.9	17.2
NAVARRA	12.6	11.0	8.2	6.9	20.6	18.4	25.0	25.9	10.5	8.6
RIOJA	15.9	14.5	10.7	11.0	25.0	21.3	31.1	33.9	13.6	11.5
ARAGON	16.1	15.2	9.5	9.6	27.5	25.0	31.2	32.2	13.5	12.4
MADRID	20.7	20.6	17.2	16.4	26.1	27.0	40.3	45.1	17.1	16.2
<i>CENTRO (E)</i>	22.4	22.2	16.9	16.6	32.9	32.8	41.2	41.1	18.8	18.6
CASTILLA-LEON	20.3	20.2	14.7	14.3	30.4	30.9	43.4	44.6	16.6	16.2
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	20.4	20.0	16.0	14.6	29.4	31.2	35.6	34.5	17.0	16.8
EXTREMADURA	30.5	30.2	23.3	25.0	44.4	39.8	45.7	44.4	27.0	27.2
<i>ESTE</i>	20.3	19.4	15.7	15.4	27.4	25.2	38.2	36.8	16.3	15.6
CATALUNA	19.9	18.7	15.6	15.1	26.5	23.7	38.5	36.7	15.7	14.9
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	22.2	21.5	16.7	16.9	31.0	28.9	39.3	39.3	18.3	17.5
BALEARES	13.8	13.8	11.5	9.7	17.2	19.6	29.5	23.6	10.5	11.9
<i>SUR</i>	31.8	31.3	26.5	25.8	41.0	40.3	49.5	48.3	27.2	27.2
ANDALUCIA	33.3	32.4	28.1	27.2	42.4	41.0	50.9	49.4	28.7	28.4
MURCIA	22.2	24.3	16.5	17.1	31.9	36.1	38.5	40.9	17.8	19.8
CEUTA Y MELILLA	33.0	27.0	26.1	21.2	44.9	36.0	71.6	63.0	25.2	19.7
CANARIAS	23.7	21.7	19.7	17.4	30.0	28.9	41.8	36.3	19.4	18.3
FRANCE	11.3	12.0	9.5	10.2	13.5	14.1	25.0	26.1	9.7	10.4
<i>ILE DE FRANCE</i>	10.1	10.7	9.3	10.2	10.9	11.2	17.0	18.1	9.3	9.9
<i>BASSIN PARISIEN</i>	12.0	12.6	9.5	10.2	15.0	15.6	29.2	30.4	9.8	10.5
CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE	12.5	13.5	9.8	10.9	16.1	16.8	28.1	32.8	10.4	11.2
PICARDIE	12.9	14.2	10.4	11.5	16.2	17.8	30.0	34.5	10.6	11.6
HAUTE-NORMANDIE	12.9	14.0	10.7	11.5	15.7	17.0	28.4	33.2	10.9	11.7
CENTRE	10.8	10.8	8.2	8.4	13.8	13.6	27.9	25.2	8.9	9.1
BASSE-NORMANDIE	12.4	13.3	10.3	11.4	14.9	15.5	35.8	33.1	9.8	10.8
BOURGOGNE	10.9	10.9	8.4	8.5	13.8	13.8	27.3	26.4	9.0	9.1
<i>NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS</i>	15.4	16.8	13.5	14.9	17.9	19.3	33.5	36.4	12.7	13.8
<i>EST</i>	8.8	9.6	6.9	7.8	11.0	11.8	19.6	22.5	7.3	8.0
LORRAINE	10.0	11.2	8.0	9.2	12.4	13.7	23.0	27.8	8.2	9.3
ALSACE	7.1	7.7	5.8	6.4	8.7	9.4	15.8	16.7	6.0	6.6
FRANCHE-COMTE	8.9	9.3	6.5	7.2	11.9	11.9	18.6	22.0	7.5	7.7
<i>OUEST</i>	10.5	10.8	8.2	8.5	13.3	13.5	26.3	25.4	8.7	9.1
PAYS DE LA LOIRE	10.9	11.2	8.3	8.8	13.8	14.1	25.9	24.7	8.9	9.4
BRETAGNE	9.9	10.0	7.6	7.8	12.5	12.6	24.4	24.1	8.2	8.5
POITOU-CHARENTES	11.0	11.4	8.7	9.0	13.6	14.1	30.8	29.4	9.0	9.4
<i>SUD-OUEST</i>	11.1	11.5	8.8	9.1	13.7	14.2	25.7	27.8	9.5	9.9
AQUITAINE	11.9	12.1	9.5	9.5	14.7	15.2	28.5	32.4	10.1	10.2
MIDI-PYRENEES	10.7	11.2	8.5	9.0	13.2	13.7	22.8	23.9	9.3	9.9
LIMOUSIN	9.4	9.7	7.3	7.5	11.7	12.1	24.4	23.8	7.7	8.1
<i>CENTRE-EST</i>	10.2	10.7	8.3	8.9	12.4	12.8	25.9	25.1	8.6	9.2
RHONE-ALPES	10.1	10.6	8.4	9.0	12.2	12.5	25.1	24.3	8.6	9.2
AUVERGNE	10.5	11.2	8.2	8.6	13.3	14.3	29.7	29.1	8.6	9.4
<i>MEDITERRANEE</i>	14.8	16.1	12.7	14.0	17.3	18.6	27.2	28.9	13.4	14.6
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON	14.9	16.4	12.3	13.9	18.2	19.6	28.2	29.3	13.3	14.9
PROVENCE-ALPES-COTE DAZUR	14.8	15.7	13.0	13.9	16.9	17.9	26.7	27.9	13.4	14.4
CORSE	13.9	21.0	12.6	17.0	15.4	27.1	27.4	:	12.4	:
DEPARTEMENTS DOUTRE-MER	29.0	31.1	25.2	27.7	33.8	35.3	51.3	54.0	25.7	28.0

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	IRELAND	12.2	11.8	12.2	11.8	12.3	11.8	19.5	18.3	10.5
ITALIA	11.9	12.1	9.2	9.5	16.4	16.4	33.3	33.9	8.4	8.6
<i>NORD OVEST</i>	8.6	8.6	5.9	5.5	12.5	13.1	26.5	27.3	5.8	5.7
PIEMONTE	7.9	7.6	5.2	4.6	11.8	12.0	24.4	22.9	5.1	5.2
VALLE DAOSTA	5.8	5.2	3.9	3.5	8.4	7.6	18.7	17.3	4.2	3.6
LIGURIA	10.7	11.6	8.2	8.1	14.7	16.8	34.9	43.1	7.7	7.5
LOMBARDIA	6.0	6.3	4.1	4.2	8.9	9.3	16.0	18.0	4.3	4.2
<i>NORD EST</i>	5.9	5.3	3.5	3.1	9.8	8.7	14.5	14.8	4.3	3.5
TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	3.8	3.4	2.7	2.3	5.5	5.0	8.3	8.0	2.9	2.5
VENETO	5.9	5.4	3.3	3.1	10.2	9.1	13.7	15.5	4.3	3.5
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA	7.9	6.3	5.0	3.6	12.1	10.0	23.9	18.7	5.3	4.4
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	6.3	5.3	3.4	3.2	10.1	8.2	18.3	13.5	4.4	4.1
<i>CENTRO (I)</i>	7.9	8.1	4.7	5.1	12.6	12.6	23.5	24.9	5.6	5.8
TOSCANA	8.1	8.5	4.6	5.3	13.1	13.2	24.7	26.2	5.6	6.0
UMBRIA	10.0	10.4	5.6	6.9	16.9	15.8	31.8	32.3	7.1	7.6
MARCHE	6.2	5.9	4.3	3.5	9.1	9.4	16.6	17.4	4.6	4.5
LAZIO	12.6	13.2	9.8	10.3	17.5	18.2	47.7	49.3	8.2	8.7
ABRUZZO-MOLISE	10.7	11.5	6.8	8.4	17.0	16.6	33.1	36.2	7.9	8.3
ABRUZZO	8.9	9.9	5.5	7.0	14.8	14.8	27.6	31.5	6.7	7.2
MOLISE	17.3	17.8	12.1	14.1	25.5	24.0	52.1	53.6	12.6	12.8
CAMPANIA	25.6	25.5	21.3	22.3	34.2	31.9	68.6	66.6	18.1	18.5
SUD	18.6	20.2	14.9	15.5	26.0	29.8	48.2	51.8	13.5	14.9
PUGLIA	15.8	17.9	12.6	13.6	23.0	27.3	42.6	45.8	10.9	12.8
BASILICATA	18.9	19.4	15.3	15.8	25.5	26.1	46.7	53.5	14.6	14.4
CALABRIA	23.7	25.0	19.6	19.4	30.9	35.2	60.5	65.5	18.0	19.0
SICILIA	23.1	24.0	19.0	20.8	32.6	31.8	59.7	60.1	16.6	17.8
SARDEGNA	20.6	21.8	16.5	16.5	29.2	31.8	52.8	49.3	14.5	16.7
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHE)	2.8	3.2	1.9	2.4	4.2	4.4	6.5	8.7	2.2	2.5
NEDERLAND	7.0	6.2	5.9	5.0	8.5	8.0	11.5	10.9	6.1	5.3
<i>NOORD-NEDERLAND</i>	8.4	8.3	7.2	6.6	10.2	10.6	13.9	13.8	7.2	7.2
GRONINGEN	9.3	10.1	8.0	8.1	11.3	12.9	16.8	18.9	7.8	8.3
FRIESLAND	7.9	7.8	6.8	6.3	9.6	10.0	12.9	13.7	6.8	6.6
DRENTHE	7.9	6.7	6.7	5.4	9.6	8.6	12.0	7.5	7.1	6.6
<i>OOST-NEDERLAND</i>	6.9	5.9	5.9	4.7	8.3	7.5	11.4	10.3	5.9	4.9
OVERIJSSSEL	7.3	6.2	6.2	5.0	8.8	7.9	12.0	11.6	6.1	5.1
GELDERLAND	6.4	5.6	5.5	4.5	7.8	7.1	10.3	9.5	5.6	4.8
FLEVOLAND	8.5	6.2	7.3	5.0	10.3	8.0	16.0	11.1	6.8	5.3
<i>WEST-NEDERLAND</i>	6.9	6.2	5.8	4.9	8.3	7.9	11.6	11.2	5.9	5.2
UTRECHT	5.8	5.0	4.9	4.0	7.0	6.4	9.4	8.8	5.1	4.2
NOORD-HOLLAND	7.5	6.4	6.3	5.1	9.1	8.2	12.3	12.4	6.6	5.4
ZUID-HOLLAND	6.8	6.4	5.8	5.2	8.2	8.2	11.6	11.6	5.8	5.5
ZEELAND	6.8	5.6	5.8	4.5	8.2	7.1	12.7	8.0	5.3	5.0
<i>ZUID-NEDERLAND</i>	6.7	5.8	5.7	4.7	8.1	7.5	10.4	9.5	6.0	5.2
NOORD-BRABANT	6.4	5.5	5.4	4.4	7.7	7.1	9.6	9.5	5.7	4.8
LIMBURG (NL)	7.4	6.5	6.3	5.2	9.0	8.3	12.4	9.6	6.5	6.0
OESTERREICH	3.9	4.5	2.8	3.7	5.2	5.6	5.6	6.4	3.5	4.2
<i>OSTOESTERREICH</i>	4.0	4.7	3.1	4.2	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.7	3.8	4.5
BURGENLAND	2.8	3.7	1.7	2.8	4.3	4.8	3.8	5.1	2.6	3.4
NIEDEROESTERREICH	3.0	3.6	2.0	2.8	4.4	4.6	3.8	4.4	2.9	3.5
WIEN	5.0	5.8	4.5	5.7	5.6	5.9	6.9	7.6	4.7	5.6
<i>SUEDOESTERREICH</i>	4.7	5.5	3.1	4.0	6.9	7.4	7.5	8.1	4.2	5.0
KAERNTEN	5.0	6.1	3.0	4.3	7.6	8.4	8.9	9.8	4.3	5.4
STEIERMARK	4.6	5.2	3.1	3.9	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.3	4.1	4.8
<i>WESTOESTERREICH</i>	3.3	3.8	2.2	2.9	4.6	5.0	5.2	6.0	2.9	3.4
OBEROESTERREICH	2.6	3.3	1.9	2.6	3.5	4.2	3.8	5.0	2.4	3.0
SALZBURG	3.1	3.6	2.2	2.8	4.3	4.6	6.0	6.4	2.6	3.1
TIROL	4.6	5.0	3.0	3.6	6.9	6.8	7.3	8.0	4.1	4.4
VORARLBERG	3.4	4.1	2.1	2.9	5.2	5.7	5.2	6.0	3.0	3.6
PORTUGAL	7.3	7.4	6.6	6.4	8.1	8.5	16.4	17.2	5.7	5.8
<i>CONTINENTE</i>	7.3	7.4	6.7	6.5	8.1	8.5	16.5	17.2	5.8	5.8
NORTE	6.5	7.0	6.1	6.3	6.9	7.9	13.2	13.8	5.0	5.6
CENTRO (P)	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.3	4.5	9.2	16.2	3.3	2.4
LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO	9.4	8.9	8.7	7.7	10.3	10.3	23.5	21.5	7.4	7.1
ALENTEJO	11.8	12.3	8.1	9.6	16.6	16.1	27.8	23.3	9.1	10.6
ALGARVE	6.6	9.1	6.0	8.5	7.3	10.0	14.1	19.3	5.6	7.5
ACORES	8.1	7.2	5.1	4.2	14.0	12.8	17.2	18.1	5.8	4.8
MADEIRA	4.8	5.5	3.4	4.5	6.5	6.6	11.9	13.3	3.4	3.9

Table 1: Unemployment in the regions of the European Union in April 1995 and April 1996

(continued)

	Total		Males		Females		< 25 years		≥ 25 years	
	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996	4/1995	4/1996
	SUOMI (FINLAND)	17.3	15.7	18.4	15.6	16.1	15.9	36.1	31.4	15.1
<i>MANNER-SUOMI</i>	17.3	15.8	18.5	15.7	16.1	15.9	36.1	31.5	15.2	14.0
<i>UUSIMAA</i>	14.5	12.7	16.6	13.3	12.5	12.1	30.4	24.6	12.8	11.3
<i>ETELÄ-SUOMI</i>	17.4	16.1	17.5	15.0	17.4	17.4	35.2	31.6	15.3	14.3
<i>ITÄ-SUOMI</i>	20.6	19.3	23.0	20.3	18.0	18.2	44.1	37.9	18.0	17.3
<i>VÄLI-SUOMI</i>	17.6	15.8	17.8	14.7	17.2	16.9	38.3	34.9	15.1	13.6
<i>POHJOIS-SUOMI</i>	20.3	19.1	21.6	19.7	18.5	18.0	40.9	37.3	17.6	16.7
<i>AHVENANMAA/ÅLAND</i>	5.7	4.7	5.8	4.7	5.4	4.4	20.7	14.8	4.7	3.7
SVERIGE	9.1	10.0	10.1	10.9	8.0	9.0	20.4	22.1	7.6	8.5
<i>STOCKHOLM</i>	7.7	7.7	8.7	8.7	6.7	6.7	15.6	15.3	6.7	6.9
<i>ÖSTRA MELLANSVERIGE</i>	9.1	10.6	10.2	11.4	8.0	9.7	22.2	25.0	7.4	8.9
<i>SMÅLAND MED ÖARNA</i>	7.3	9.0	7.3	8.9	7.3	9.2	15.4	20.5	6.2	7.5
<i>SYDSVERIGE</i>	9.1	10.6	9.8	11.3	8.3	9.8	19.5	21.8	7.8	9.3
<i>VÄSTSVRIGE</i>	9.4	10.4	9.8	10.8	9.0	9.9	21.5	22.6	7.9	8.9
<i>NORRA MELLANSVERIGE</i>	10.7	10.9	12.1	12.1	9.1	9.6	24.1	24.3	9.0	9.3
<i>MELLERSTA NORRLAND</i>	10.3	12.2	13.1	14.6	7.2	9.6	25.7	30.2	8.3	10.0
<i>ÖVRE NORRLAND</i>	12.0	12.1	15.6	14.9	8.1	9.1	27.8	29.3	9.9	10.0
UNITED KINGDOM	8.8	8.3	10.1	9.8	7.0	6.5	15.4	14.9	7.5	7.1
<i>NORTH</i>	11.0	9.6	13.5	11.9	7.7	6.7	19.3	17.0	9.2	8.1
<i>CLEVELAND, DURHAM</i>	11.1	9.7	13.9	12.1	7.5	6.6	19.5	17.1	9.3	8.1
<i>CUMBRIA</i>	7.7	7.1	9.1	8.4	5.9	5.3	13.7	13.0	6.5	5.9
<i>NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR</i>	12.1	10.5	14.9	13.0	8.5	7.3	21.1	18.4	10.2	8.9
<i>YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE</i>	9.1	8.1	10.7	9.7	7.0	6.0	16.6	15.5	7.6	6.7
<i>HUMBERSIDE</i>	10.2	9.0	11.8	10.6	8.0	6.8	19.3	17.9	8.4	7.4
<i>NORTH YORKSHIRE</i>	5.9	5.3	6.3	5.9	5.3	4.6	10.3	9.6	5.1	4.6
<i>SOUTH YORKSHIRE</i>	11.2	9.7	13.4	11.9	8.1	6.9	19.3	18.0	9.4	8.1
<i>WEST YORKSHIRE</i>	8.6	7.7	10.1	9.4	6.6	5.6	15.8	14.9	7.1	6.3
<i>EAST MIDLANDS</i>	7.8	6.7	9.0	7.8	6.2	5.2	14.1	12.6	6.6	5.6
<i>DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE</i>	9.0	7.7	10.7	9.2	6.7	5.8	16.0	14.7	7.6	6.4
<i>LEICS., NORTHAMPTONSHIRE</i>	6.5	5.3	7.3	6.1	5.5	4.3	11.7	10.1	5.5	4.5
<i>LINCOLNSHIRE</i>	7.3	6.5	7.9	7.3	6.5	5.5	13.6	12.3	6.2	5.5
<i>EAST ANGLIA</i>	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.6	6.0	4.9	11.3	10.1	5.8	5.0
<i>SOUTH EAST (UK)</i>	8.6	7.3	9.7	8.3	7.3	6.0	14.6	12.4	7.6	6.4
<i>BEDFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE</i>	6.2	5.0	6.9	5.7	5.3	4.1	10.9	8.7	5.4	4.3
<i>BERKS., BUCKS., OXFORDSHIRE</i>	5.2	4.1	5.8	4.7	4.3	3.3	9.0	7.2	4.5	3.5
<i>SURREY, EAST-WEST SUSSEX</i>	5.9	5.0	6.7	5.7	4.9	4.0	10.1	8.6	5.2	4.4
<i>ESSEX</i>	7.7	6.5	8.4	7.3	6.6	5.4	13.2	11.4	6.6	5.6
<i>GREATER LONDON</i>	12.0	10.3	13.5	11.8	10.2	8.4	19.9	17.0	10.6	9.1
<i>HAMPSHIRE, ISLE OF WIGHT</i>	6.5	5.4	7.4	6.3	5.3	4.2	11.1	9.5	5.6	4.7
<i>KENT</i>	8.2	7.0	9.4	8.2	6.6	5.4	14.2	12.7	7.1	5.9
<i>SOUTH WEST (UK)</i>	7.6	6.5	8.6	7.5	6.3	5.2	13.2	11.8	6.5	5.5
<i>AVON, GLOUCS., WILTSHIRE</i>	6.9	5.8	7.8	6.7	5.8	4.7	11.5	10.3	6.0	5.0
<i>CORNWALL, DEVON</i>	9.1	7.9	10.3	9.1	7.7	6.5	16.9	15.6	7.7	6.6
<i>DORSET, SOMERSET</i>	7.0	5.9	7.9	6.8	5.7	4.7	11.8	10.1	6.1	5.1
<i>WEST MIDLANDS</i>	8.8	7.5	9.9	8.5	7.3	6.0	16.1	13.5	7.4	6.3
<i>HEREFORD-WORCS., WARWICKS.</i>	6.1	5.2	6.6	5.7	5.5	4.6	11.4	9.6	5.3	4.4
<i>SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE</i>	6.5	5.3	7.2	6.1	5.6	4.4	12.1	9.8	5.4	4.5
<i>WEST MIDLANDS (COUNTY)</i>	11.4	9.8	13.1	11.4	9.2	7.8	20.2	17.1	9.6	8.3
<i>NORTH WEST (UK)</i>	9.2	7.9	11.0	9.7	6.9	5.7	18.1	15.2	7.5	6.5
<i>CHESHIRE</i>	6.8	5.7	7.7	6.8	5.6	4.4	13.2	11.0	5.6	4.7
<i>GREATER MANCHESTER</i>	9.2	7.9	11.1	9.7	6.9	5.6	17.7	14.9	7.5	6.4
<i>LANCASHIRE</i>	7.0	6.0	8.4	7.3	5.3	4.4	13.8	11.4	5.7	4.9
<i>MERSEYSIDE</i>	13.4	11.7	16.2	14.5	9.8	8.3	26.8	22.7	10.7	9.4
<i>WALES</i>	8.7	8.0	10.4	9.5	6.5	5.9	16.3	14.7	7.1	6.6
<i>CLWYD, DYFED, GWYNEDD, POWYS</i>	8.0	7.6	9.0	8.7	6.7	6.2	14.9	13.9	6.6	6.4
<i>GWENT, MID-S-W GLAMORGAN</i>	9.1	8.2	11.3	10.1	6.4	5.7	17.2	15.1	7.4	6.7
<i>SCOTLAND</i>	8.8	7.9	10.5	9.5	6.6	5.9	14.8	14.0	7.5	6.7
<i>BORD.-CENTR.-FIFE-LOTH.-TAY.</i>	8.1	7.5	9.8	8.9	6.2	5.7	14.1	13.6	6.9	6.3
<i>DUMFR.-GALLOWAY, STRATHCLYDE</i>	9.7	8.9	12.0	11.0	7.0	6.3	16.4	15.5	8.2	7.5
<i>HIGHLANDS, ISLANDS</i>	10.6	8.2	11.8	9.2	9.0	6.9	14.8	12.1	9.8	7.5
<i>GRAMPIAN</i>	5.7	5.2	6.1	5.7	5.2	4.6	9.7	9.5	4.9	4.4
<i>NORTHERN IRELAND</i>	13.0	11.5	15.2	13.7	10.0	8.6	17.5	15.4	12.0	10.6

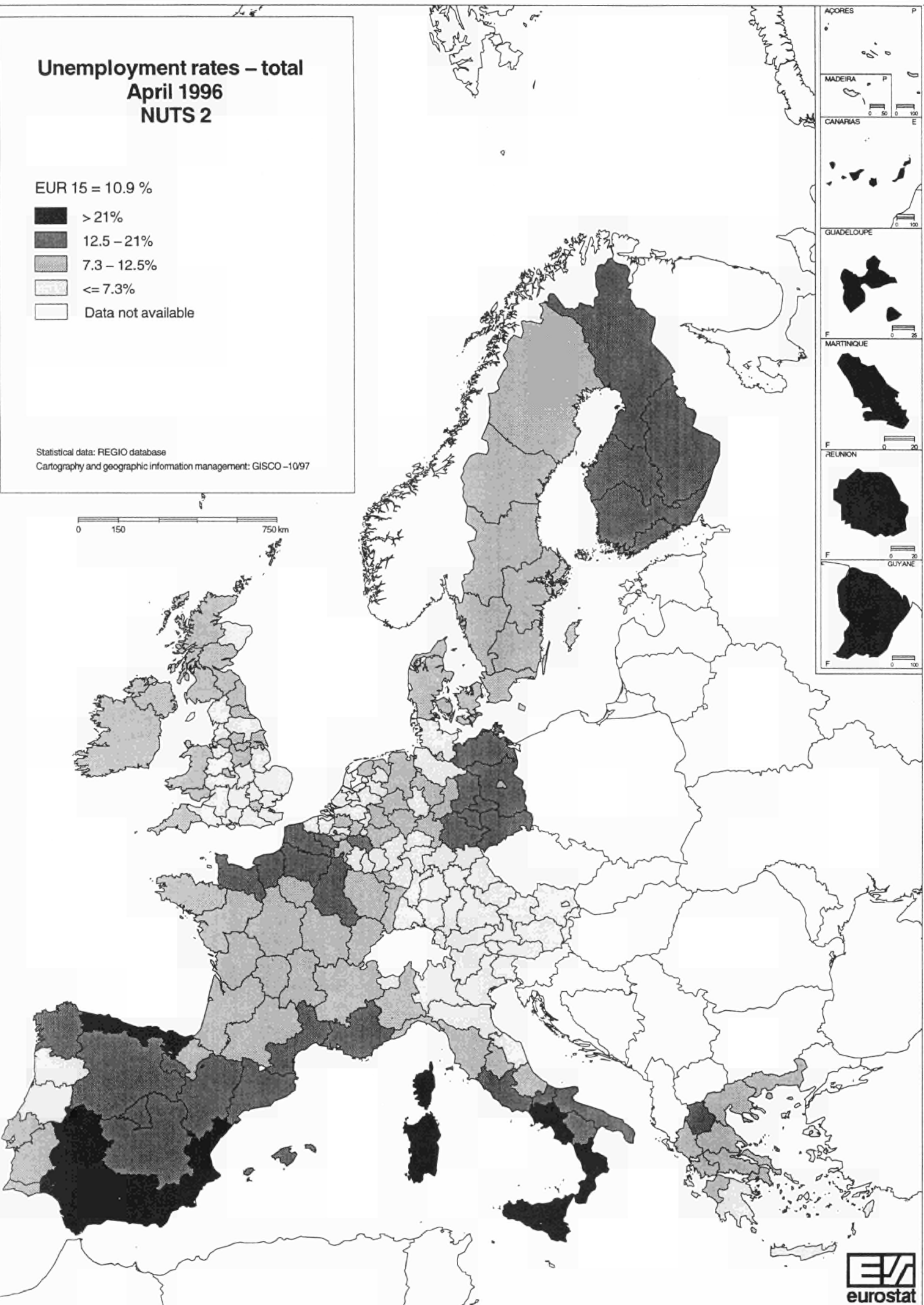
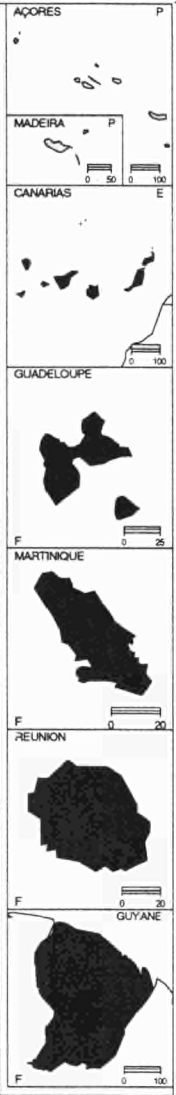
Unemployment rates – total April 1996 NUTS 2

EUR 15 = 10.9 %

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- 12.5 – 21%
- 7.3 – 12.5%
- <= 7.3%
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

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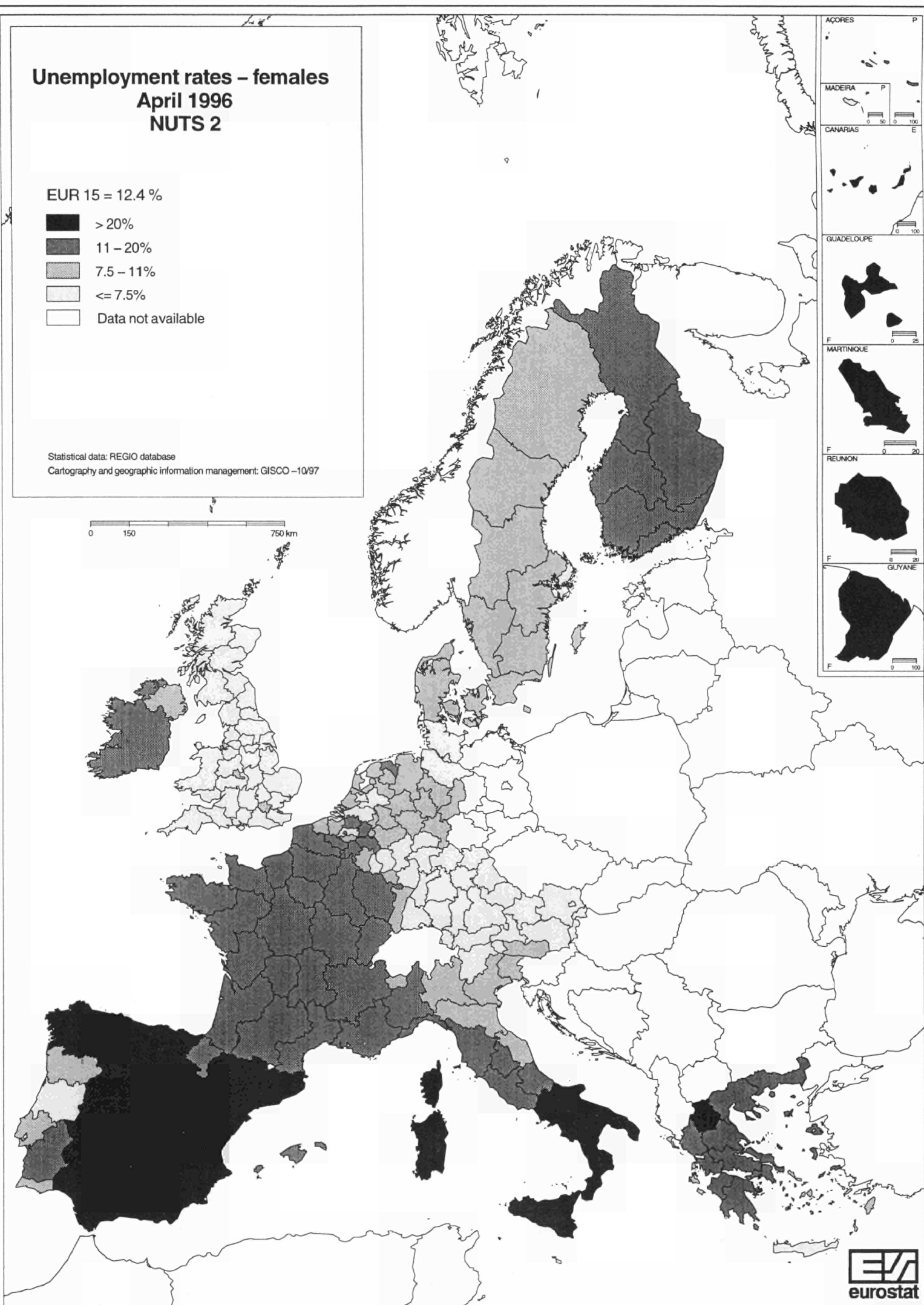
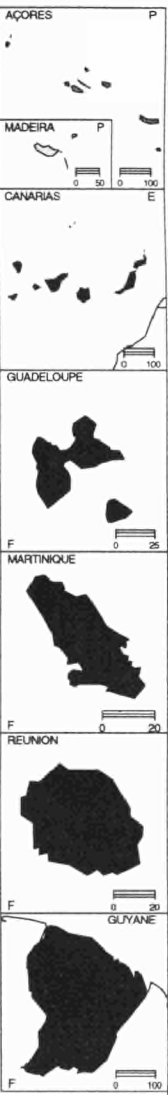
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Statistical data: REGIO database
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METHOD USED FOR THE CALCULATION OF REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

The unemployment rates are obtained by dividing the estimated number of unemployed in April of 1995 and 1996 by the corresponding figures of the working population. These data (numerator, denominator) are firstly estimated at national level and then are broken down by region.

I. Estimation of unemployment for comparison between the Member States of the European Union

1. Estimation basis: the Community Labour Force Survey (LFS)

The LFS, carried out in spring (2nd quarter), provides for each Member State:

- the number of the unemployed, broken down by sex and age, i.e. males under 25, females under 25, males aged 25 years and over and females aged 25 years and over, thus four categories in all
- the working population (or labour force), which is the total of the employed and the unemployed, broken down into the same four categories.

The definition of unemployment used in the LFS corresponds to that of the International Labour Office (ILO) which was agreed upon by the 13th International Conference of Labour Statisticians. According to this definition, which can differ significantly from those used by national administrations, unemployed persons are those who, during the reference period of the interview, were aged 15 years or over, without work, available for work within the next two weeks and had used an active method of seeking work at some time during the previous four weeks.

2. Updating of unemployment and working population

The updating of the number of unemployed provided by the LFS is done according to the trend of the number of persons registered at unemployment offices. For Italy, Spain, Portugal and United Kingdom the figures are updated with the results of the quarterly national labour force survey in conjunction with data on the registered at unemployment offices. For Finland and Sweden the number of unemployed in the monthly labour force survey is used. The LFS results are not updated for Greece.

The working population is calculated by adding the estimated unemployment figures to the employment data which are provided by the most recent LFS available.

II. Regional breakdown of the number of unemployed and the working population

The estimated unemployment data for April for each category and for each Member State, are subsequently regionalised on the basis of the number of persons registered at unemployment offices in April of the reference year. Exceptions stand: for Italy, Portugal and Greece where the regional unemployment structures are taken from the LFS, and: Spain, Netherlands where the national labour force surveys are used.

The estimated working population data for April for each category and for each Member State, are subsequently regionalised according to the results of the latest available LFS. For Spain, Netherlands, Finland and Sweden, the national labour force surveys are used.

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