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August 2013

Euro area unemployment rate at 12.0%

EU28 at 10.9%

The **euro area**¹ (EA17) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 12.0% in August 2013, stable compared with July⁴. The **EU28**¹ unemployment rate was 10.9%, also stable compared with July⁴. In both zones, rates have risen compared with August 2012, when they were 11.5% and 10.6% respectively. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

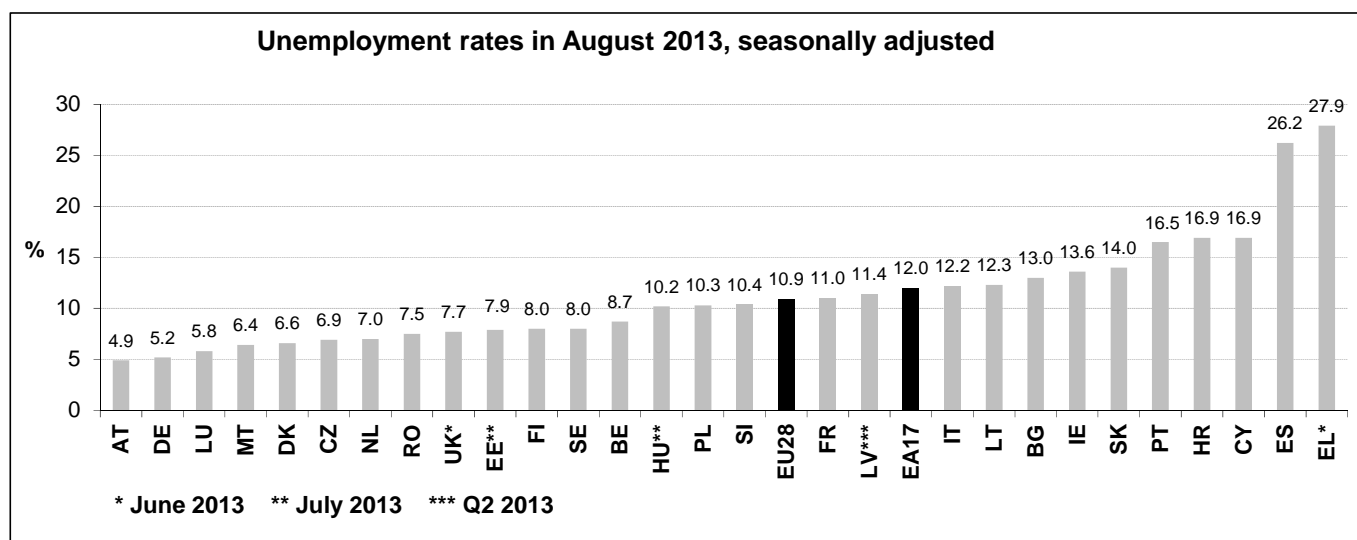
In August 2013, 26.595 million men and women were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 19.178 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2013, the number of persons unemployed remained nearly stable in both the **EU28** and the **euro area**. Compared with August 2012, unemployment rose by 882 000 in the **EU28** and by 895 000 in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Austria** (4.9%), **Germany** (5.2%) and **Luxembourg** (5.8%), and the highest in **Greece** (27.9% in June 2013) and **Spain** (26.2%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate increased in sixteen Member States, fell in eleven and remained stable in **Poland**. The highest increases were registered in **Cyprus** (12.3% to 16.9%) and **Greece** (24.6% to 27.9% between June 2012 and June 2013). The largest decreases were observed in **Latvia** (15.6% to 11.4% between the second quarters of 2012 and 2013) and **Estonia** (10.1% to 7.9% between July 2012 and July 2013).

In August 2013, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 7.3%, down from 7.4% in July 2013 and from 8.1% in August 2012.



Youth unemployment

In August 2013, 5.499 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.457 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with August 2012, youth unemployment decreased by 123 000 in the **EU28** and by 52 000 in the **euro area**. In August 2013, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 23.3% in the **EU28** and 23.7% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.1% and 23.4% respectively in August 2012. In August 2013, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.7%) and **Austria** (8.6%), and the highest in **Greece** (61.5% in June 2013), **Spain** (56.0%) and **Croatia** (52.0% in the second quarter of 2013).

1. The euro area (EA17) consists of Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.
The EU28 includes Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Croatia (HR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE) and the United Kingdom (UK).
The tables also include Iceland (IS), Norway (NO) and the United States (US).
2. Non-seasonally adjusted and trend data can be found in the statistical database on the Eurostat website. For further details please refer to the *Unemployment statistics* article in Statistics Explained:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Unemployment_statistics
3. Eurostat produces harmonised unemployment rates for individual EU Member States, the euro area and the EU. These unemployment rates are based on the definition recommended by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The measurement is based on a harmonised source, the European Union Labour Force Survey (LFS).
Based on the ILO definition, Eurostat defines unemployed persons as persons aged 15 to 74 who:
 - are without work;
 - are available to start work within the next two weeks;
 - and have actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks.The *unemployment rate* is the number of people unemployed as a percentage of the labour force. The *labour force* is the total number of people employed plus unemployed. In this news release unemployment rates are based on employment and unemployment data covering persons aged 15 to 74.
4. The data in this News Release are normally subject to small revisions, caused by the updates to the seasonally adjusted series whenever new monthly data are added. Larger revisions can occur when the most recent LFS data are included in the calculation process. Compared with the rates published in News Release 126/2013 of 30 August 2013, the July 2013 unemployment rate was revised from 12.1% to 12.0% for the EA17 and from 11.0% to 10.9% for the EU28. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Luxembourg, Malta, and Slovakia. The rate has been revised downwards by 0.9 percentage points for Cyprus and by 0.8 percentage points for Slovenia.
5. The *youth unemployment rate* is the number of people aged 15 to 24 unemployed as a percentage of the labour force of the same age. Therefore, the youth unemployment rate should not be interpreted as the share of jobless people in the overall youth population. For further details please refer to the *Youth unemployment* article in Statistics Explained:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Youth_unemployment
6. Latvia: quarterly data for all series.
Croatia, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: quarterly data for youth unemployment.
7. For Germany, Austria, Finland and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

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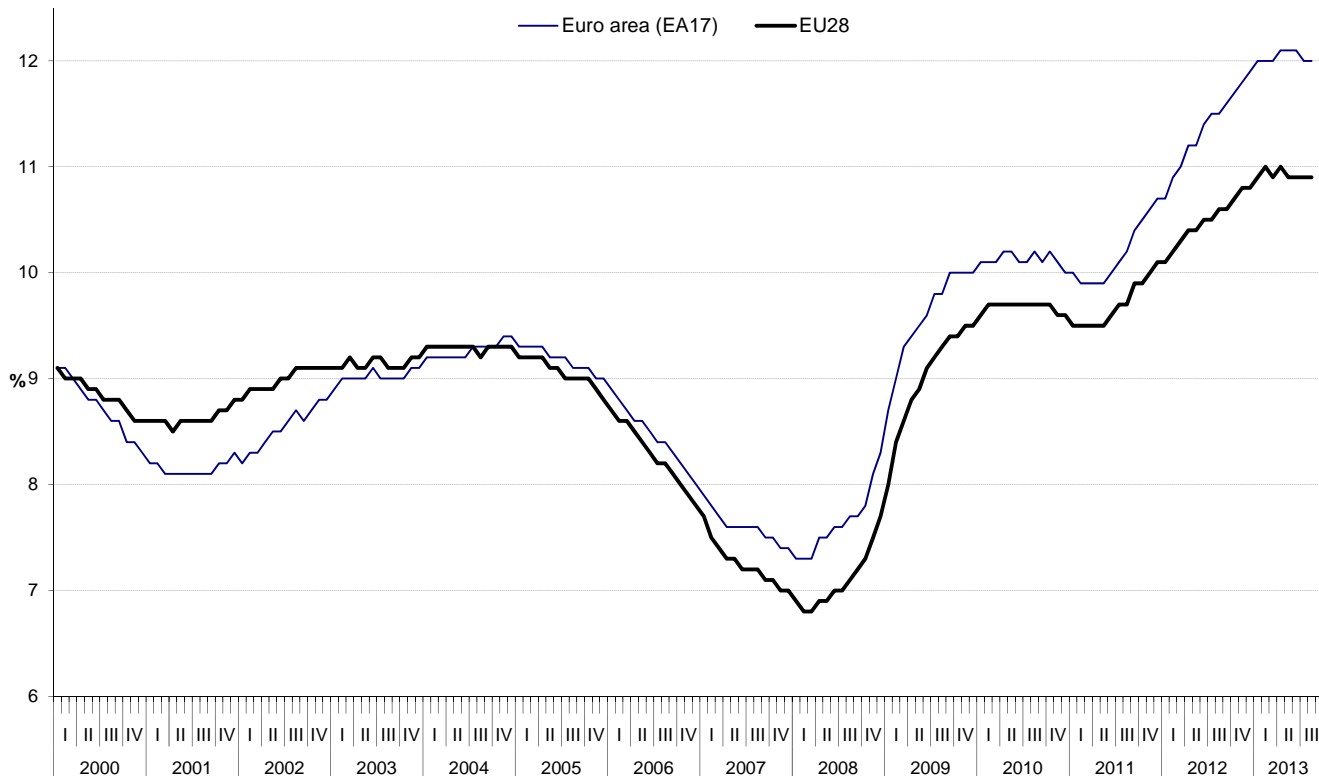
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates

Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment

Totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Aug 12	May 13	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Aug 12	May 13	June 13	July 13	Aug 13
EA17	11.5	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.0	18 283	19 212	19 194	19 183	19 178
EU28	10.6	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	25 713	26 677	26 633	26 602	26 595
BE	7.6	8.5	8.5	8.7	8.7	375	421	424	433	437
BG	12.3	12.9	12.9	13.0	13.0	412	436	435	439	439
CZ	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	369	374	363	365	364
DK	7.4	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.6	214	196	192	194	189
DE[†]	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	2 292	2 264	2 247	2 227	2 207
EE	10.1**	8.0	7.9	7.9	:	71**	57	56	55	:
IE	14.7	13.9	13.8	13.7	13.6	317	299	299	297	295
EL	24.6*	27.6	27.9	:	:	1 229*	1 383	1 404	:	:
ES	25.6	26.4	26.3	26.2	26.2	5 909	5 987	5 946	5 923	5 893
FR	10.3	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.0	3 006	3 181	3 217	3 244	3 243
HR	15.8	16.9	17.0	16.9	16.9	276	285	285	285	284
IT	10.7	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.2	2 732	3 117	3 090	3 084	3 127
CY	12.3	15.9	16.3	16.4	16.9	54	71	73	73	76
LV^b	15.6***	11.4	11.4	:	:	148***	115	115	:	:
LT	13.1	11.8	11.9	12.2	12.3	193	172	173	179	180
LU	5.1	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.8	13	15	15	15	15
HU	10.7**	10.4	10.4	10.2	:	467**	457	457	450	:
MT	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.4	12	12	12	12	12
NL	5.3	6.6	6.8	7.0	7.0	468	594	613	626	629
AT[†]	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	195	200	204	212	215
PL	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.3	1 772	1 824	1 807	1 793	1 784
PT	16.3	17.0	16.7	16.6	16.5	885	903	889	879	877
RO	6.9	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	693	727	746	739	744
SI	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.4	96	108	106	104	105
SK	14.1	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.0	383	385	386	381	378
FI[†]	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	211	216	214	213	212
SE	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.0	412	401	405	398	406
UK	7.9*	7.7	7.7	:	:	2 529*	2 480	2 464	:	:
IS[†]	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	11	10	10	10	10
NO	3.1**	3.5	3.4	3.6	:	85**	93	91	97	:
US	8.1	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.3	12 538	11 722	11 805	11 514	11 374

Source: Eurostat

: Data not available

* June 2012

** July 2012

*** Q2 2012

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Aug 12	May 13	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Aug 12	May 13	June 13	July 13	Aug 13
EA17	23.4	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.7	3 509	3 508	3 500	3 479	3 457
EU28	23.1	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.3	5 622	5 599	5 574	5 531	5 499
BE	20.4	23.2	23.3	23.7	23.8	84	97	98	100	100
BG	26.2	28.6	28.9	28.8	28.2	65	68	67	66	65
CZ	19.4	18.4	18.3	18.6	19.0	73	68	67	68	69
DK	13.1	11.9	11.7	12.0	11.5	58	51	51	52	49
DE ⁷	8.0	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	362	351	352	352	349
EE	20.2	14.8	15.3	15.7	:	14	10	10	11	:
IE	30.4	28.0	28.2	28.5	28.5	68	60	61	61	61
EL	56.9	62.0	61.5	:	:	179	184	182	:	:
ES	54.4	55.6	55.8	55.9	56.0	962	914	893	877	863
FR	25.0	25.3	25.7	25.8	25.5	702	715	717	717	701
HR ⁶	44.7	52.0	52.0	:	:	69	78	78	:	:
IT	34.6	38.2	39.1	39.7	40.1	594	635	643	642	667
CY ⁶	28.1	38.6	38.6	:	:	12	16	16	:	:
LV ⁶	29.9	19.7	19.7	:	:	31	18	18	:	:
LT	26.1	22.2	22.6	23.1	23.2	32	28	28	29	29
LU	17.9	18.4	18.7	18.2	18.4	3	3	3	3	3
HU	28.9	27.6	28.1	27.7	:	88	86	89	88	:
MT	14.6	13.7	13.7	13.4	13.3	4	4	4	4	4
NL	9.4	10.6	11.0	11.5	11.4	132	152	158	164	162
AT ⁷	9.3	8.6	9.3	9.1	8.6	56	50	56	55	50
PL	26.7	26.7	26.3	26.2	26.0	407	402	393	381	373
PT	40.1	39.4	38.3	37.3	36.8	177	154	147	139	136
RO ⁶	22.4	23.2	23.2	:	:	189	187	187	:	:
SI ⁶	22.9	25.0	25.0	:	:	17	20	20	:	:
SK	34.7	33.6	34.1	32.6	31.8	79	74	76	72	68
FI ⁷	19.0	20.1	20.0	19.8	19.7	64	66	66	65	65
SE	25.6	23.3	23.8	23.1	23.6	163	152	154	152	157
UK	20.6	21.4	21.1	:	:	938	956	944	:	:
IS ⁷	12.5	11.3	11.1	11.0	10.9	4	4	4	4	4
NO	8.7	8.6	8.7	9.5	:	33	33	33	37	:

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Aug 12	May 13	June 13	July 13	Aug 13	Aug 12	May 13	June 13	July 13	Aug 13
EA17	11.3	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	12.3	12.2	12.3	12.3
EU28	10.5	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
BE	7.7	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	7.6	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4
BG	13.7	13.9	14.0	14.2	14.2	10.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6
CZ	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.7	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.3
DK	7.5	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.7	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.5
DE ⁷	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8
EE	10.7	7.9	8.1	8.2	:	9.3	8.1	7.8	7.6	:
IE	17.8	15.9	15.9	15.8	15.6	10.9	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.3
EL	22.6	24.6	24.9	:	:	29.2	31.5	31.9	:	:
ES	25.4	25.6	25.5	25.3	25.2	25.9	27.3	27.2	27.3	27.4
FR	10.1	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.5	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.2
HR	16.0	17.9	18.0	18.0	18.0	15.7	15.7	15.7	15.7	15.8
IT	9.8	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.7	11.9	13.1	12.9	12.8	12.9
CY	12.9	16.2	16.6	16.4	16.9	11.6	15.5	16.0	16.3	17.0
LV ⁶	15.2	12.0	12.0	:	:	13.5	10.8	10.8	:	:
LT	15.0	13.1	13.2	13.4	13.6	11.1	10.5	10.6	11.1	11.1
LU	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.8	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7
HU	11.0	10.2	10.3	10.1	:	10.3	10.7	10.4	10.3	:
MT	5.6	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.4	7.7	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.3
NL	5.3	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.4	5.2	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.6
AT ⁷	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.1	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.7
PL	9.6	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	11.0	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2
PT	16.7	16.9	16.5	16.3	16.2	15.8	17.1	17.0	16.9	16.9
RO	7.5	7.9	8.3	8.2	8.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.7
SI	8.8	10.2	10.0	9.8	9.9	10.5	11.3	11.1	11.0	10.9
SK	13.5	13.8	13.9	13.7	13.6	14.8	14.6	14.7	14.5	14.6
FI ⁷	8.5	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
SE	8.5	8.1	8.2	8.0	8.1	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.8
UK	8.1	8.3	8.2	:	:	7.3	7.1	7.0	:	:
IS ⁷	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.9
NO	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.8	:	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.4	:

Source: Eurostat : Data not available