

July 2011

Euro area unemployment rate at 10.0%

EU27 at 9.5%

The **euro area**¹ (EA17) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 10.0% in July 2011, unchanged compared with June⁴. It was 10.2% in July 2010. The **EU27**¹ unemployment rate was 9.5% in July 2011, unchanged compared with June⁴. It was 9.7% in July 2010.

Eurostat estimates that 22.711 million men and women in the **EU27**, of whom 15.757 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in July 2011. Compared with June 2011, the number of persons unemployed increased by 18 000 in the **EU27** and by 61 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2010, unemployment decreased by 451 000 in the **EU27** and by 247 000 in the **euro area**.

These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

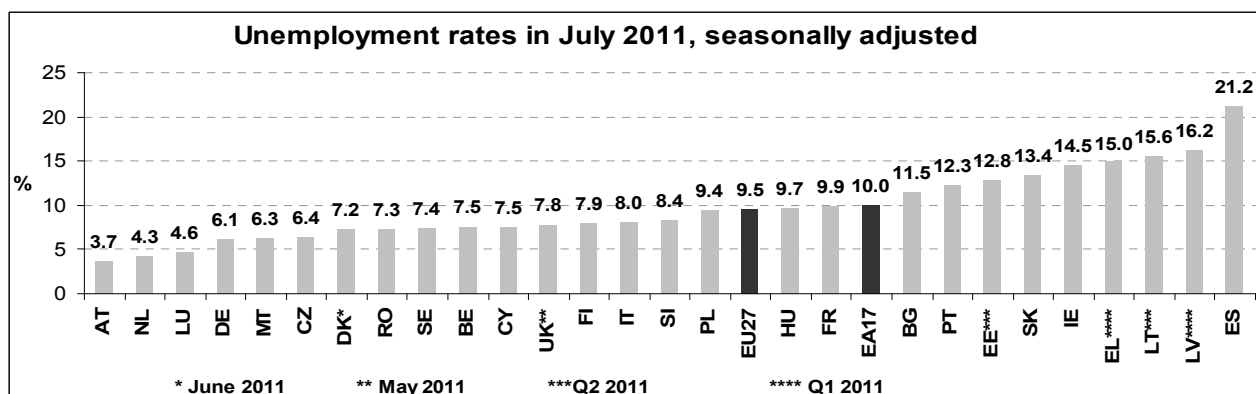
Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Austria** (3.7%), the **Netherlands** (4.3%) and **Luxembourg** (4.6%), and the highest in **Spain** (21.2%), **Latvia** (16.2% in the first quarter of 2011) and **Lithuania** (15.6% in the second quarter of 2011).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate fell in sixteen Member States and increased in eleven. The largest falls were observed in **Estonia** (17.9% to 12.8% between the second quarters of 2010 and 2011), **Latvia** (19.9% to 16.2% between the first quarters of 2010 and 2011) and **Lithuania** (18.2% to 15.6% between the second quarters of 2010 and 2011). The highest increases were registered in **Greece** (11.0% to 15.0% between the first quarters of 2010 and 2011), **Bulgaria** (10.0% to 11.5%) and **Slovenia** (7.2% to 8.4%).

Between July 2010 and July 2011, the unemployment rate for males fell from 10.0% to 9.6% in the **euro area** and from 9.6% to 9.3% in the **EU27**. The female unemployment rate remained unchanged at 10.4% in the **euro area** and at 9.7% in the **EU27**.

In July 2011, 5.115 million young persons (under-25s) were unemployed in the **EU27**, of which 3.143 million in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2010, youth unemployment decreased by 173 000 in the **EU27** and by 111 000 in the **euro area**. In July 2011, the youth unemployment rate was 20.7% in the **EU27** and 20.5% in the **euro area**. In July 2010 it was 20.9% in both zones. The lowest rates were observed in the **Netherlands** (7.5%), **Austria** (7.8%) and **Germany** (9.5%), and the highest in **Spain** (46.2%), **Greece** (38.5% in the first quarter of 2011), **Lithuania** (33.1% in the second quarter of 2011) and **Slovakia** (32.9%).

In July 2011, the unemployment rate was 9.1% in the **USA**. In June 2011, it was 4.6% in **Japan**.



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 EU27 includes Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), 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).
2. Non-seasonally adjusted and trend data can be found in the statistical database on the Eurostat website.
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.
 The numbers of unemployed and the monthly unemployment rates are estimates based on results of the LFS which is a continuous household survey carried out in Member States on the basis of agreed definitions. These results are interpolated/extrapolated to monthly data using national survey data and/or national monthly series on registered unemployment. The most recent figures are therefore provisional; results from the Labour Force Survey are available 90 days after the end of the reference period for most Member States.
 Monthly unemployment and employment series are calculated first at the level of four categories for each Member State (males and females 15-24 years, males and females 25-74 years). These series are then seasonally adjusted and all the national and European aggregates are calculated.
 Member States may publish other rates such as register based unemployment rates, or rates based on national Labour Force Surveys or corresponding surveys. These rates may vary from those published by Eurostat due to a different definition or methodological choices.
Current deviations from the definition of unemployment in the EU Labour Force Survey:
Spain, Italy and United Kingdom: Unemployment is restricted to persons aged 16-74. In Spain and Italy the legal minimum age for working is 16. Employment data used for Italy includes also those above 74.
4. Compared with the rates published in News Release 114/2011 of 1 August 2011, the June 2011 unemployment rates have been revised from 9.9% to 10.0% for the EA17 and from 9.4% to 9.5% for the EU27. Among Member States, the rate has been revised by between 0.2 to 0.4 percentage points for Luxembourg and Portugal. The unemployment rate for Poland was revised upwards by 0.5 percentage points. The revisions are primarily caused by the inclusion of the most recent EU Labour Force Survey data in the calculation process and updates to the seasonally adjusted series.
 The following LFS data are used in the calculations of the monthly unemployment rates published in this News Release:
 For Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Romania, Finland and Sweden monthly data up to and including July 2011.
 For the United Kingdom monthly data up to and including April - May - June 2011 (3-month rolling average).
 For Denmark, Estonia, Spain, Lithuania, Poland and Portugal quarterly data up to and including Q2 2011.
 For Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Greece, France, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Slovenia and Slovakia quarterly data up to and including Q1 2011.
5. For Romania, the series now published are direct monthly estimates from the LFS. Figures for youth unemployment continue to be published on a quarterly basis.
6. Italy has implemented a method to produce monthly unemployment data purely based on the LFS. For the moment, these data should be considered provisional.
7. Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania: quarterly data for all series.
Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: quarterly data for youth unemployment.
8. For Germany, Austria and Finland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.

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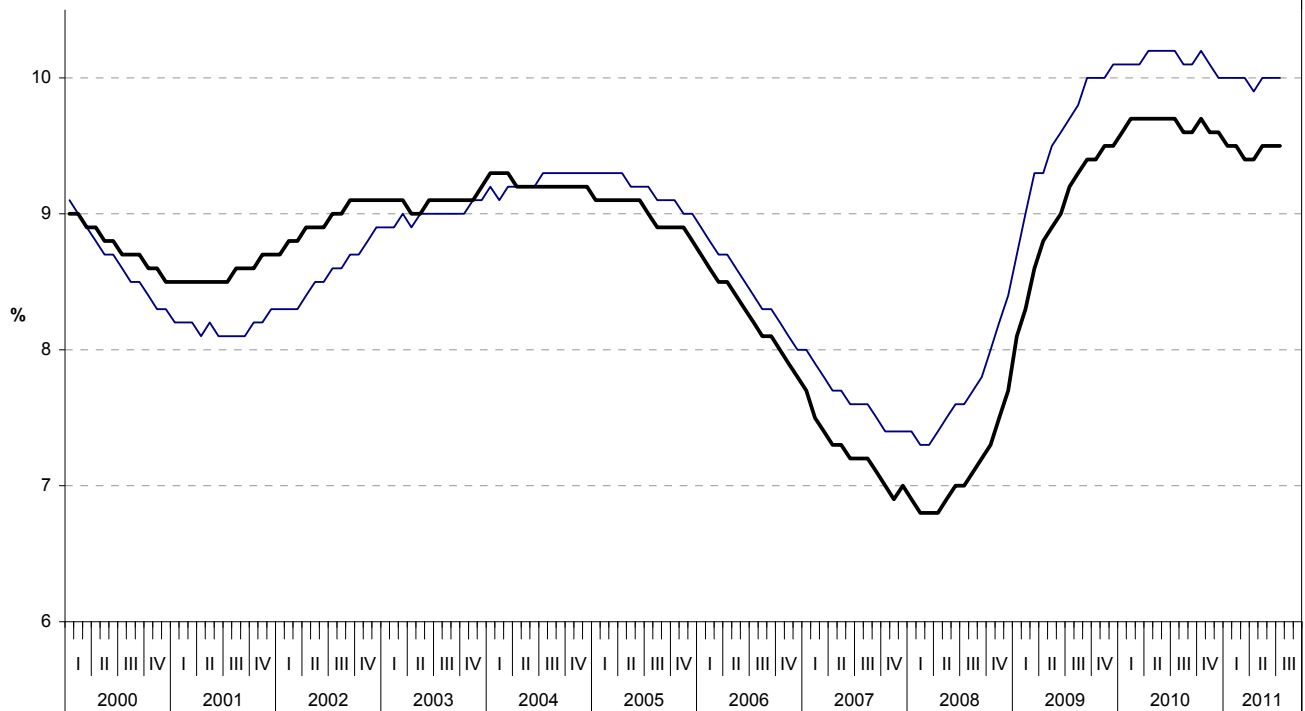
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Euro area and EU27 unemployment rates

— Euro area (EA17), seasonally adjusted series — EU27, seasonally adjusted series



SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (%)

TOTALS

	Jul 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011
EA17	10.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
EU27	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5
BE	8.4	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.5
BG	10.0	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.4	11.5
CZ	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4
DK	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.2	:
DE⁸	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1
EE⁷	16.1	13.6	13.6	13.6	12.8	12.8	12.8	:
IE	13.7	14.3	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.3	14.5
EL⁷	13.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	:	:	:	:
ES	20.3	20.4	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8	21.0	21.2
FR	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.9
IT⁶	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.0
CY	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.5
LV⁷	18.3	16.2	16.2	16.2	:	:	:	:
LT⁷	18.3	16.5	16.5	16.5	15.6	15.6	15.6	:
LU	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.6
HU	11.2	11.5	10.9	10.6	10.3	10.0	9.9	9.7
MT	6.8	6.3	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3
NL	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.3
AT⁸	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.7
PL	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4
PT	12.1 ^e	12.4	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.3
RO⁵	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.3
SI	7.2	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4
SK	14.4	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4
FI⁸	8.4	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
SE	8.5	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.4	7.7	7.4	7.4
UK	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.8	:	:
NO	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.3	:
US	9.5	9.0	8.9	8.8	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.1
JP	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6	:

: Data not available

e: Estimate

Source: Eurostat

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (%)

	Youth (under 25's)				Males				Females			
	Jul-10	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Jul-10	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Jul-10	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11
EA17	20.9	20.5	20.5	20.5	10.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4
EU27	20.9	20.9	20.8	20.7	9.6	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7
BE	21.6	18.4	18.1	17.6	8.2	7.4	7.4	7.5	8.8	7.3	7.5	7.5
BG	22.3	26.9	27.2	27.0	10.7	12.2	12.3	12.3	9.3	10.1	10.3	10.5
CZ	18.3	16.9	16.7	16.2	6.2	5.5	5.4	5.3	8.5	7.9	7.8	7.7
DK	13.6	14.0	13.7	:	8.0	7.6	7.4	:	6.6	7.2	7.0	:
DE ⁸	9.8	9.3	9.4	9.5	7.5	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.9
EE ⁷	27.8	21.8	21.8	:	17.5	13.2	13.2	:	14.7	12.5	12.5	:
IE	27.8	27.7	28.0	28.3	16.8	17.1	17.3	17.4	9.8	10.4	10.6	10.9
EL ⁷	33.6	38.5*	:	:	10.4	12.3*	:	:	16.6	18.6*	:	:
ES	42.0	45.1	45.7	46.2	19.8	20.5	20.7	20.9	21.0	21.2	21.3	21.5
FR	23.9	22.9	23.1	23.4	9.4	8.8	8.9	9.0	10.2	10.6	10.7	10.8
IT ⁶	26.9	28.2	27.9	27.6	7.5	7.3	7.1	7.2	9.5	9.1	9.3	9.3
CY ⁷	17.1	19.6	19.6	:	6.3	7.2	7.3	7.3	6.5	7.7	7.7	7.7
LV ⁷	33.1	29.7*	:	:	20.9	17.8*	:	:	15.6	14.5*	:	:
LT ⁷	35.1	33.1	33.1	:	21.2	18.2	18.2	:	15.5	12.9	12.9	:
LU	14.4	12.3	12.3	13.3	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.7	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.7
HU	26.8	24.6	24.6	23.9	11.6	9.8	9.6	9.3	10.7	10.2	10.2	10.1
MT	12.5	11.9	12.3	12.4	6.7	6.1	6.0	6.3	7.0	6.5	6.6	6.5
NL	8.8	6.9	7.1	7.5	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.3
AT ⁸	8.6	8.4	7.8	7.8	4.8	4.3	3.8	3.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9
PL	23.7	24.9	24.3	23.7	9.2	9.0	8.8	8.7	9.9	10.2	10.3	10.3
PT	28.5 ^e	29.2	28.3	27.2	11.7 ^e	12.3	12.2	12.0	12.6 ^e	13.0	12.8	12.7
RO ⁵	22.2	22.8*	:	:	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.6	6.5	6.9	7.0	6.9
SI ⁷	14.4	18.6	18.6	:	7.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	7.1	8.3	8.3	8.4
SK	33.5	33.3	33.1	32.9	14.3	13.1	13.1	13.1	14.5	13.6	13.8	13.9
FI ⁵	21.0	20.3	20.3	20.4	9.0	8.4	8.4	8.5	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.2
SE	25.4	23.3	22.9	21.6	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.6	8.5	7.5	7.4	7.1
UK	18.8	20.2	:	:	8.3	8.4	:	:	6.9	7.1	:	:
NO	8.6	8.1	8.2	:	3.9	3.5	3.5	:	3.0	3.0	3.0	:
US	18.5	17.3	17.3	17.4	10.4	9.5	9.7	9.6	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5
JP	:	:	:	:	5.4	4.7	4.7	:	4.6	4.2	4.5	:

* Data for Q1 2011

: Data not available

e: Estimate

Source: Eurostat

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED (in millions)

	Jul-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11
EA17	16.004	15.704	15.665	15.653	15.608	15.672	15.696	15.757
EU27	23.162	22.832	22.679	22.628	22.645	22.723	22.693	22.711
EA17 - youth	3.254	3.177	3.166	3.185	3.140	3.148	3.133	3.143
EU27 - youth	5.288	5.240	5.198	5.205	5.165	5.189	5.145	5.115

