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**June 1998**  
**EU15 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS TO 10.1%**  
**EUR-11 down to 11.2%**

EU15 seasonally-adjusted unemployment fell to 10.1% in June from 10.2% in May and April, Eurostat – the Statistical Office of the European Communities in Luxembourg – estimates today. This compares to 10.8% in June of both 1997 and '96.

The **EUR-11**<sup>1</sup> rate was 11.2% in June compared to 11.3% in each of the previous months, 11.7% in June '97 and 11.6% in June '96.

The under-25 rate fell to 19.8%. In June last year the rate stood at 21.5%. For both men and women it fell by the same amount – 0.4 percentage points – to 18.2% and 21.6% respectively.

Lowest unemployment was in **Luxembourg** (2.2% – May). Next came the **Netherlands** (4.0% – also May) and **Denmark** and **Austria**, both on 4.5%.

**Spain's** 18.8% was still by far the **EU's** highest rate. Only other recorded figures above the **EU** averages were **France** (11.8%) and **Finland** (12.5%). The **German** rate was 9.7%; in April it had been 10.0%.

**US** unemployment was 4.5%; the **Japanese** rate 4.1% (May).

Eurostat estimates 17.0 million men and women were unemployed in **EU15** in June. This is a seasonally-adjusted figure in line with ILO criteria.

**Unemployment rates (%) in June & May in ascending order**

	June	May		June	May
<b>Luxembourg</b>	:	2.2	<b>Germany</b>	9.7	9.8
<b>Netherlands</b>	:	4.0	<b>EU15</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>Austria</b>	4.5	4.5	<b>EUR-11</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<b>Denmark</b>	4.5	4.6	<b>France</b>	11.8	11.9
<b>Portugal</b>	6.3	6.4	<b>Italy</b>	:	:
<b>UK</b>	:	:	<b>Finland</b>	12.5	12.7
<b>Sweden</b>	8.0	8.8	<b>Spain</b>	18.8	19.0
<b>Belgium</b>	8.8	8.9	<b>Greece</b>	:	:
<b>Ireland</b>	9.1	9.2			

: Data unavailable

## Notes

1. Member States participating in Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) – Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.
2. The monthly unemployment rate and numbers of unemployed are estimated and based on data from the annual Community Labour Force Survey (LFS), held in spring according to ILO (International Labour Organisation) recommendations. These results are interpolated/extrapolated to monthly data using figures from national quarterly surveys and national monthly series on registered unemployment. Estimated rates might differ from national unemployment rates due to differences in methods and definitions of unemployment.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (%)

### TOTAL

### MALES AND FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
<b>96.06</b>	10.8	11.6	9.7	6.9	8.8	9.7	22.2	12.4	11.9	12.0	3.1	6.2	4.3	7.4	16.1	9.5	8.2	5.3	3.4
<b>97.06</b>	10.8	11.7	9.3	5.5	10.0	9.6	21.0	12.5	10.1	12.0	2.6	5.4	4.4	6.8	13.7	10.4	7.3	5.0	3.4
<b>98.02</b>	10.3	11.4	9.0	4.9	10.0	:	19.5	12.1	9.5	:	2.3	4.6	4.4	6.6	12.3	8.7	6.5	4.6	3.6
<b>98.03</b>	10.3	11.3	9.0	4.8	10.0	:	19.2	12.0	9.4	:	2.2	4.3	4.5	6.5	12.7	8.3	6.4	4.7	3.9
<b>98.04</b>	10.2	11.3	8.9	4.7	10.0	:	19.0	11.9	9.3	:	2.3	4.2	4.4	6.5	12.6	8.8	6.3	4.3	4.1
<b>98.05</b>	10.2	11.3	8.9	4.6	9.8	:	19.0	11.9	9.2	:	2.2	4.0	4.5	6.4	12.7	8.8	:	4.4	4.1
<b>98.06</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>9.7</b>	:	<b>18.8</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>9.1</b>	:	:	:	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	:	<b>4.5</b>	:

### MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
96.06	9.6	9.8	7.5	5.6	8.1	6.0	17.7	10.5	11.7	9.4	2.3	4.9	3.6	6.4	15.6	10.0	9.5	5.3	3.5
97.06	9.4	9.9	7.4	4.6	9.3	6.2	16.2	10.8	10.1	9.3	1.8	3.8	3.7	6.0	12.8	10.6	8.1	4.9	3.3
98.02	8.9	9.5	7.0	3.9	9.2	:	14.6	10.3	9.4	:	1.5	3.6	3.6	5.7	11.7	8.8	7.1	4.5	3.7
98.03	8.9	9.5	7.0	3.9	9.2	:	14.3	10.2	9.2	:	1.5	3.3	3.6	5.6	12.1	8.8	7.1	4.6	3.9
98.04	8.8	9.4	7.0	3.8	9.2	:	14.1	10.2	9.1	:	1.4	3.1	3.6	5.6	11.9	9.4	6.9	4.1	4.2
98.05	8.8	9.4	7.0	3.9	9.1	:	14.0	10.4	9.0	:	1.4	3.0	3.7	5.6	12.1	8.7	:	4.2	4.3
98.06	8.7	9.3	6.9	3.7	9.0	:	13.7	10.0	8.9	:	:	:	3.7	5.5	12.1	8.4	:	4.4	:

## FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
96.06	12.5	14.1	12.7	8.5	9.7	15.4	29.5	14.6	12.1	16.3	4.3	8.1	5.3	8.6	16.6	8.9	6.5	5.3	3.3
97.06	12.5	14.2	12.0	6.5	10.9	14.8	28.6	14.5	10.3	16.4	3.8	7.7	5.3	7.8	14.6	10.3	6.2	5.0	3.5
98.02	12.2	13.9	11.7	6.0	11.1	:	27.0	14.2	9.8	:	3.6	6.0	5.4	7.6	13.1	8.5	5.7	4.8	3.4
98.03	12.1	13.9	11.6	5.8	11.1	:	26.8	14.1	9.7	:	3.5	5.8	5.5	7.6	13.4	7.7	5.6	4.8	3.7
98.04	12.1	13.8	11.5	5.7	10.9	:	26.8	14.0	9.7	:	3.6	5.7	5.4	7.5	13.3	8.2	5.5	4.6	4.0
98.05	12.0	13.7	11.5	5.6	10.7	:	26.8	13.6	9.6	:	3.5	5.4	5.5	7.4	13.3	9.0	:	4.5	3.9
98.06	12.0	13.7	11.3	5.4	10.5	:	26.6	14.0	9.6	:	:	:	5.6	7.3	12.9	7.6	:	4.7	:

## UNDER 25 YEARS

### MALES AND FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
96.06	22.0	24.0	23.0	10.8	10.0	31.2	42.3	29.1	18.6	33.3	8.7	11.4	6.2	17.3	29.8	21.0	15.3	11.8	6.7
97.06	21.5	23.5	23.5	8.4	10.9	31.0	39.3	29.5	15.9	33.0	8.0	9.9	6.8	15.2	30.7	22.4	14.9	11.4	6.8
98.02	20.3	22.4	22.4	7.1	10.6	:	36.7	27.3	14.0	:	6.3	8.3	6.6	15.1	24.4	17.6	13.6	10.7	7.1
98.03	20.1	22.2	22.4	6.9	10.5	:	36.2	27.0	13.8	:	6.2	7.8	6.6	14.9	24.4	17.6	13.6	10.5	7.5
98.04	20.0	22.1	22.3	6.8	10.4	:	36.2	26.7	13.6	:	6.5	7.5	6.5	14.6	25.8	16.9	13.2	9.7	7.8
98.05	20.0	22.1	22.3	6.8	10.2	:	36.0	26.5	13.4	:	5.9	7.6	6.5	14.3	26.4	18.7	:	10.0	7.6
98.06	19.8	22.0	21.8	6.8	10.1	:	35.6	26.7	13.4	:	:	:	6.6	13.7	25.7	16.3	:	10.7	:

## MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
96.06	20.7	21.9	19.3	9.0	10.5	21.5	37.3	26.2	19.3	29.1	9.2	10.6	5.2	14.8	30.8	21.0	17.7	12.4	6.9
97.06	19.9	21.1	19.6	6.8	11.8	22.2	33.2	27.0	16.6	28.5	5.7	7.0	5.8	11.6	26.6	21.6	16.8	11.9	7.0
98.02	18.7	20.1	18.3	5.5	11.4	:	30.5	24.6	14.7	:	4.1	8.3	5.5	11.5	22.4	18.1	14.9	11.5	7.8
98.03	18.5	19.9	18.4	5.3	11.4	:	29.7	24.3	14.5	:	3.9	7.1	5.3	11.2	22.2	18.5	14.7	11.1	8.1
98.04	18.4	19.9	18.4	5.3	11.3	:	29.8	24.3	14.1	:	3.1	6.9	5.3	11.1	24.2	17.0	14.4	9.8	8.5
98.05	18.6	20.2	18.3	5.4	11.1	:	29.5	26.8	14.0	:	3.5	6.8	5.3	10.7	26.3	17.6	:	10.7	8.1
98.06	18.2	19.6	18.0	5.4	10.9	:	29.2	24.0	13.9	:	:	:	5.4	10.2	25.4	18.6	:	11.0	:

## FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
96.06	23.4	26.4	27.4	12.9	9.4	41.3	48.4	32.2	17.7	38.7	8.2	12.3	7.2	20.6	28.6	21.0	12.3	11.1	6.5
97.06	23.5	26.4	28.3	10.3	9.8	40.6	46.7	32.2	15.1	38.7	10.6	12.9	7.9	19.6	35.5	23.1	12.7	10.8	6.6
98.02	22.1	25.0	27.3	9.1	9.6	:	44.4	30.2	13.2	:	8.7	8.3	7.8	19.5	26.8	17.0	12.1	9.7	6.5
98.03	22.1	24.9	27.2	8.9	9.5	:	44.5	29.9	13.1	:	8.7	8.6	8.0	19.5	27.1	16.7	12.2	9.9	6.8
98.04	22.0	24.8	27.0	8.8	9.4	:	44.2	29.4	12.9	:	10.3	8.2	7.7	19.0	27.8	16.7	11.8	9.5	7.0
98.05	21.6	24.3	27.0	8.7	9.2	:	44.1	26.2	12.7	:	8.5	8.4	7.8	18.5	26.6	19.9	:	9.3	7.0
98.06	<b>21.8</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>9.0</b>	:	<b>43.6</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>12.7</b>	:	:	:	<b>8.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>13.7</b>	:	<b>10.3</b>	:

## 25 YEARS AND OVER

### MALES AND FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
96.06	9.1	9.8	8.1	6.1	8.7	6.8	18.2	10.4	10.3	8.6	2.3	5.2	4.0	5.7	14.4	8.0	6.8	4.1	2.9
97.06	9.1	10.0	7.8	4.9	9.9	6.8	17.4	10.6	8.8	8.7	1.9	4.6	4.0	5.4	11.4	9.0	5.8	3.8	2.9
98.02	8.8	9.8	7.5	4.4	10.0	:	16.1	10.5	8.5	:	1.9	4.0	4.0	5.1	10.7	7.6	5.1	3.5	3.1
98.03	8.8	9.8	7.5	4.3	10.0	:	15.9	10.4	8.4	:	1.8	3.7	4.1	5.1	11.2	7.1	5.1	3.6	3.3
98.04	8.8	9.8	7.4	4.2	9.9	:	15.7	10.4	8.4	:	1.8	3.5	4.1	5.1	10.8	7.9	5.0	3.3	3.6
98.05	8.7	9.7	7.4	4.2	9.8	:	15.7	10.3	8.3	:	1.8	3.3	4.2	5.1	10.9	7.6	:	3.3	3.7
98.06	<b>8.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>	:	<b>15.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	:	:	:	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>	:	<b>3.4</b>	:

## MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
96.06	8.0	8.2	6.2	4.8	7.8	4.3	14.3	8.8	10.2	6.6	1.6	3.9	3.4	5.0	13.6	8.6	7.9	4.0	3.0
97.06	8.0	8.4	6.1	4.1	9.0	4.5	13.3	9.1	8.7	6.7	1.4	3.3	3.3	5.0	10.9	9.2	6.5	3.7	2.9
98.02	7.5	8.1	5.9	3.6	9.0	:	11.9	8.9	8.3	:	1.3	2.9	3.3	4.7	10.1	7.8	5.7	3.2	3.3
98.03	7.5	8.1	5.9	3.5	9.0	:	11.6	8.8	8.2	:	1.2	2.6	3.4	4.7	10.7	7.6	5.7	3.4	3.4
98.04	7.5	8.0	5.9	3.5	9.0	:	11.4	8.7	8.1	:	1.3	2.4	3.4	4.7	10.1	8.5	5.6	3.0	3.7
98.05	7.5	8.0	5.8	3.5	8.9	:	11.3	8.7	8.0	:	1.2	2.4	3.4	4.8	10.2	7.6	:	3.1	3.8
98.06	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	:	<b>11.1</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>	:	:	:	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>7.2</b>	:	<b>3.2</b>	:

## FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
96.06	10.7	12.1	10.9	7.6	9.8	10.9	24.8	12.4	10.6	12.0	3.7	7.1	4.9	6.6	15.3	7.3	5.3	4.2	2.7
97.06	10.7	12.3	10.1	5.7	11.0	10.6	24.2	12.4	8.9	12.2	2.8	6.5	4.8	5.8	11.9	8.7	4.9	3.9	3.0
98.02	10.6	12.2	9.8	5.4	11.3	:	23.1	12.4	8.8	:	2.9	5.5	5.0	5.7	11.4	7.5	4.4	3.8	2.9
98.03	10.5	12.2	9.8	5.2	11.3	:	22.9	12.3	8.7	:	2.8	5.2	5.1	5.6	11.7	6.6	4.3	3.8	3.2
98.04	10.5	12.2	9.7	5.1	11.1	:	22.9	12.3	8.8	:	2.6	5.1	5.0	5.7	11.5	7.2	4.3	3.6	3.5
98.05	10.5	12.1	9.6	4.9	10.9	:	22.9	12.3	8.8	:	2.8	4.7	5.1	5.6	11.6	7.6	:	3.6	3.4
98.06	<b>10.4</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>	:	<b>22.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>	:	:	:	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	:	<b>3.6</b>	: