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**Lowest for under-25s (19.8%) since 1993**  
**EU15 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: 10.2% IN APRIL**  
**11.3% for EUR-11**

**EU15** seasonally-adjusted unemployment was 10.2% in April, **Eurostat, Statistical Office of the European Communities in Luxembourg**, reports today. Following revisions, this is the same as March.

The **EUR-11**<sup>1</sup> rate stood at 11.3% – also the same as March revised.

The **EU15** level is down on April last year when it was 10.7% and April 1996 when it stood at 10.9%.

Eurostat says the fall in the 12 months to this April was more marked for men (9.5% to 8.8%) than for women (12.4% to 12.1%). The under-25 rate fell to below 20% – at 19.8% the lowest since 1993.

Lowest rate **EU15** in this latest month remained **Luxembourg's** 2.3% with **Austria** next at 4.4%. **Spain's** 18.9% was still by far the **EU's** highest recorded rate. Next came **Finland's** 12.6%. However, the **Finnish** series has been revised, with marked falls in earlier figures.

In contrast, **US** unemployment was 4.7% (March); the **Japanese** rate 4.1%.

Eurostat estimates 18.0 million men and women were unemployed in **EU15** in April. This is a seasonally-adjusted figure in line with ILO criteria.

**Unemployment rates (%) in April and March**

	<b>April</b>	<b>March</b>		<b>April</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	2.3	2.2	<b>Germany</b>	10.0	10.0
<b>Austria</b>	4.4	4.5	<b>EU15</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	:	4.4	<b>EUR-11<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	4.7	4.8	<b>France</b>	11.9	12.0

<b>Portugal</b>	6.5	6.5	<b>Italy</b>	:	:
<b>UK*</b>	:	:	<b>Finland</b>	12.6	12.7
<b>Sweden</b>	8.8	8.3	<b>Spain</b>	18.9	19.2
<b>Belgium</b>	8.9	9.0	<b>Greece</b>	:	:
<b>Ireland</b>	9.3	9.4			

: Data not available

\* Data for March and April currently under revision; results will be published next month.

## Notes

1. Member States participating in Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) – Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.
2. This news release summarises Eurostat *Monthly bulletin theme 3 series B 6/98*, out shortly.
3. 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 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>96.04</b>	10.9	11.6	9.9	7.2	8.7	9.7	22.5	12.3	11.9	12.0	3.2	6.4	4.4	7.5	15.0	9.5	8.4	5.5	3.4
<b>97.04</b>	10.7	11.6	9.3	5.6	9.8	9.6	21.1	12.3	10.3	12.1	2.6	5.3	4.3	6.8	14.5	10.4	7.3	4.9	3.3
<b>97.12</b>	10.4	11.5	9.0	5.0	10.3	:	20.0	12.2	9.7	12.0	2.5	4.6	4.3	6.6	12.3	8.7	6.4	4.7	3.5
<b>98.01</b>	10.3	11.4	8.9	5.3	10.1	:	19.7	12.1	9.7	12.0	2.3	4.7	4.4	6.6	11.7	9.0	6.4	4.7	3.5
<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>	10.2	11.3	9.0	4.8	10.0	:	19.2	12.0	9.4	:	2.2	4.4	4.5	6.5	12.7	8.3	:	4.7	3.8
<b>98.04</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>	:	<b>18.9</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>9.3</b>	:	<b>2.3</b>	:	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>8.8</b>	:	:	<b>4.1</b>

### MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
<b>96.04</b>	9.7	9.8	7.8	5.9	8.1	6.0	17.9	10.4	11.8	9.4	2.4	5.1	3.8	6.6	14.6	10.1	9.8	5.5	3.3
<b>97.04</b>	9.5	9.9	7.3	4.7	9.1	6.2	16.5	10.7	10.2	9.5	1.8	4.0	3.6	6.0	15.4	10.7	8.2	4.9	3.2
<b>97.12</b>	9.1	9.7	7.1	4.2	9.6	:	15.2	10.4	9.6	9.2	1.7	3.5	3.4	5.8	11.6	9.3	7.1	4.7	3.5
<b>98.01</b>	8.9	9.5	7.0	4.3	9.2	:	14.9	10.3	9.5	9.2	1.6	3.6	3.5	5.7	11.6	9.7	7.0	4.6	3.7
<b>98.02</b>	8.9	9.5	7.0	4.0	9.2	:	14.6	10.3	9.4	:	1.5	3.6	3.6	5.7	11.6	8.8	7.1	4.5	3.7

<b>98.03</b>	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	:	4.6	3.9
<b>98.04</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>	:	<b>14.0</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>9.1</b>	:	<b>1.4</b>	:	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>9.4</b>	:	:	<b>4.2</b>

### FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
<b>96.04</b>	12.5	14.1	13.0	8.7	9.6	15.4	29.8	14.5	12.1	16.3	4.5	8.3	5.3	8.7	15.6	8.9	6.5	5.4	3.6
<b>97.04</b>	12.4	14.0	12.0	6.7	10.6	14.8	28.3	14.4	10.3	16.5	3.8	7.1	5.3	7.7	13.5	10.0	6.0	5.0	3.4
<b>97.12</b>	12.3	14.1	11.7	6.0	11.2	:	27.6	14.2	9.9	16.6	3.8	6.1	5.5	7.6	13.1	8.0	5.6	4.7	3.4
<b>98.01</b>	12.2	13.9	11.6	6.4	11.1	:	27.2	14.2	9.9	16.5	3.6	6.1	5.4	7.7	11.9	8.4	5.7	4.8	3.3
<b>98.02</b>	12.2	13.9	11.7	6.0	11.1	:	27.0	14.2	9.8	:	3.6	6.1	5.4	7.6	13.1	8.5	5.6	4.8	3.4
<b>98.03</b>	12.1	13.9	11.6	5.8	11.0	:	26.8	14.1	9.7	:	3.5	5.9	5.5	7.6	13.4	7.7	:	4.9	3.7
<b>98.04</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>10.9</b>	:	<b>26.6</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>	:	<b>3.7</b>	:	<b>5.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	:	:	<b>4.0</b>

### 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
<b>96.04</b>	22.1	24.0	23.2	11.4	9.8	31.2	42.2	28.7	18.6	33.8	9.0	11.9	6.2	17.6	28.6	20.9	15.6	11.9	6.7
<b>97.04</b>	21.4	23.5	23.5	8.5	10.8	31.0	39.7	29.4	16.1	33.4	7.6	9.4	6.7	14.8	25.0	21.2	14.4	11.4	6.4
<b>97.12</b>	20.5	22.6	22.4	7.3	11.0	:	37.5	27.9	14.4	32.9	7.4	7.7	6.6	15.2	24.0	18.0	13.6	10.5	7.2
<b>98.01</b>	20.5	22.5	22.1	7.7	10.7	:	37.1	27.5	14.3	33.4	6.2	8.5	6.6	15.2	26.8	18.2	13.7	10.9	7.3
<b>98.02</b>	20.3	22.3	22.4	7.1	10.6	:	36.7	27.3	14.0	:	6.2	8.3	6.6	15.1	24.2	17.5	13.6	10.6	7.1
<b>98.03</b>	20.1	22.2	22.4	6.9	10.5	:	36.2	27.0	13.9	:	6.1	7.8	6.7	14.9	24.2	17.6	:	10.6	7.5
<b>98.04</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>10.4</b>	:	<b>35.7</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>13.6</b>	:	<b>6.5</b>	:	<b>6.4</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	:	:	<b>7.8</b>

### MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
<b>96.04</b>	20.8	21.8	19.6	9.7	10.4	21.5	36.7	25.7	19.4	29.6	9.6	10.9	5.3	15.1	28.8	21.5	18.4	12.7	6.8
<b>97.04</b>	19.8	21.2	19.4	6.9	11.7	22.2	33.9	26.9	16.8	28.4	5.7	7.9	5.7	11.6	25.4	21.7	16.1	11.8	6.5
<b>97.12</b>	19.0	20.4	18.3	5.9	12.0	:	31.4	25.2	15.1	28.6	4.9	7.4	5.3	11.5	23.7	21.0	15.1	10.9	7.6
<b>98.01</b>	18.9	20.3	18.1	6.1	11.6	:	31.2	24.8	15.0	29.1	4.1	8.5	5.3	11.6	24.0	18.1	14.9	11.4	8.0
<b>98.02</b>	18.7	20.1	18.3	5.6	11.4	:	30.5	24.6	14.7	:	4.1	8.3	5.5	11.5	22.2	18.1	14.8	11.5	7.7
<b>98.03</b>	18.5	19.9	18.4	5.3	11.4	:	29.8	24.3	14.5	:	3.9	7.1	5.3	11.2	21.9	18.4	:	11.1	8.1
<b>98.04</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>	:	<b>29.1</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>14.1</b>	:	<b>3.1</b>	:	<b>5.3</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>16.9</b>	:	:	<b>8.5</b>

### FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
<b>96.04</b>	23.5	26.5	27.5	13.4	9.1	41.3	48.9	31.9	17.6	39.0	8.3	13.0	7.2	20.7	28.4	20.2	12.4	11.0	6.4
<b>97.04</b>	23.2	26.2	28.3	10.5	9.7	40.6	46.8	32.2	15.2	39.5	9.8	10.9	7.8	18.9	24.6	20.6	12.2	10.9	6.3
<b>97.12</b>	22.2	25.2	27.3	9.2	9.8	:	45.0	30.9	13.6	38.3	10.2	8.1	8.0	19.6	24.4	14.8	12.0	10.1	6.8
<b>98.01</b>	22.3	25.1	27.0	9.6	9.7	:	44.3	30.5	13.5	39.0	8.7	8.5	7.9	19.6	30.4	18.3	12.3	10.4	6.6
<b>98.02</b>	22.1	25.0	27.3	9.1	9.6	:	44.5	30.2	13.2	:	8.6	8.3	7.9	19.5	26.7	16.9	12.1	9.7	6.5
<b>98.03</b>	22.0	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	:	10.0	6.8
<b>98.04</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>	:	<b>44.0</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>12.9</b>	:	<b>10.3</b>	:	<b>7.6</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>16.6</b>	:	:	<b>7.0</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
<b>96.04</b>	9.1	9.8	8.4	6.3	8.6	6.8	18.4	10.4	10.4	8.5	2.4	5.3	4.1	5.8	13.5	8.1	6.9	4.3	2.9
<b>97.04</b>	9.1	9.9	7.7	5.0	9.6	6.8	17.3	10.5	8.9	8.8	2.0	4.5	3.9	5.4	13.2	9.1	5.9	3.7	2.8
<b>97.12</b>	8.9	10.0	7.6	4.5	10.2	:	16.7	10.5	8.6	8.7	1.9	4.0	4.0	5.2	10.7	7.6	5.1	3.6	2.9
<b>98.01</b>	8.8	9.8	7.5	4.8	10.0	:	16.4	10.4	8.6	8.7	1.9	4.0	4.0	5.2	9.8	8.0	5.1	3.5	3.0
<b>98.02</b>	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
<b>98.03</b>	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	7.2	:	3.6	3.3
<b>98.04</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	:	<b>15.7</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	:	<b>1.8</b>	:	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>7.9</b>	:	:	<b>3.6</b>

### MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
<b>96.04</b>	8.1	8.2	6.5	5.1	7.8	4.3	14.5	8.7	10.3	6.5	1.6	4.1	3.5	5.1	12.8	8.6	8.2	4.2	2.9
<b>97.04</b>	8.0	8.4	6.1	4.2	8.8	4.5	13.5	9.0	8.9	6.8	1.4	3.4	3.3	5.0	14.0	9.4	6.8	3.7	2.8
<b>97.12</b>	7.7	8.3	5.9	3.8	9.3	:	12.4	8.9	8.5	6.4	1.4	2.9	3.2	4.8	9.9	7.9	5.7	3.6	3.0
<b>98.01</b>	7.6	8.1	5.9	4.0	9.0	:	12.1	8.9	8.4	6.4	1.3	2.8	3.2	4.8	9.9	8.6	5.6	3.3	3.1
<b>98.02</b>	7.5	8.1	5.9	3.6	9.0	:	11.9	8.9	8.3	:	1.3	2.8	3.3	4.7	10.2	7.7	5.7	3.2	3.2
<b>98.03</b>	7.5	8.1	5.9	3.5	9.0	:	11.6	8.8	8.2	:	1.2	2.6	3.3	4.7	10.7	7.6	:	3.4	3.4
<b>98.04</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>9.0</b>	:	<b>11.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	:	<b>1.3</b>	:	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>8.5</b>	:	:	<b>3.7</b>

### FEMALES

EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP	
<b>96.04</b>	10.6	12.0	11.2	7.7	9.7	10.9	25.1	12.4	10.5	11.9	3.8	7.1	4.9	6.7	14.2	7.4	5.3	4.3	3.0
<b>97.04</b>	10.6	12.1	10.1	5.9	10.8	10.6	23.8	12.3	9.0	12.1	2.9	6.2	4.8	5.9	12.2	8.7	4.8	3.8	2.9
<b>97.12</b>	10.6	12.3	9.9	5.4	11.4	:	23.7	12.4	8.9	12.6	2.8	5.6	5.0	5.6	11.5	7.2	4.3	3.7	2.9
<b>98.01</b>	10.6	12.2	9.8	5.7	11.3	:	23.3	12.3	8.9	12.5	2.9	5.6	5.0	5.7	9.7	7.3	4.4	3.7	2.7
<b>98.02</b>	10.6	12.2	9.8	5.4	11.3	:	23.1	12.4	8.8	:	2.9	5.6	5.0	5.7	11.4	7.5	4.4	3.8	2.9
<b>98.03</b>	10.5	12.2	9.8	5.2	11.2	:	22.9	12.3	8.7	:	2.8	5.2	5.1	5.6	11.7	6.6	:	3.9	3.2
<b>98.04</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>	:	<b>22.7</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	:	<b>2.7</b>	:	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	:	:	<b>3.5</b>