

April 2014

## Euro area unemployment rate at 11.7%

EU28 at 10.4%

The **euro area**<sup>1</sup> (EA18) seasonally-adjusted<sup>2</sup> unemployment rate<sup>3</sup> was 11.7% in April 2014, down from 11.8% in March 2014<sup>4</sup>, and from 12.0% in April 2013. The **EU28**<sup>1</sup> unemployment rate was 10.4% in April 2014, down from 10.5% in March 2014<sup>4</sup>, and from 10.9% in April 2013. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

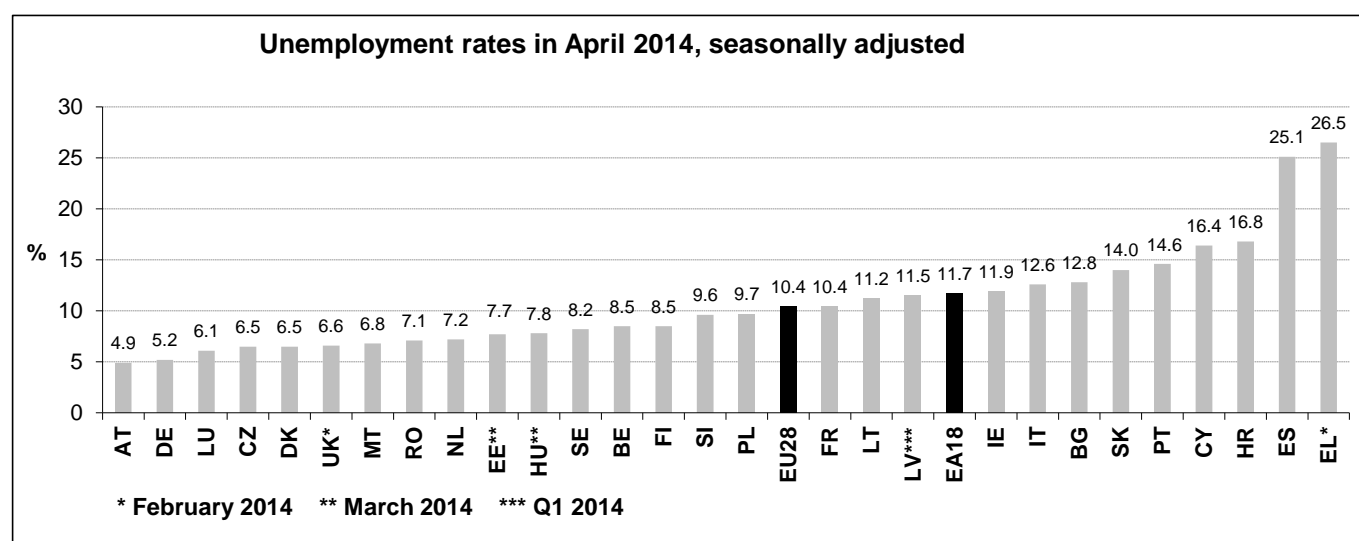
Eurostat estimates that 25.471 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 18.751 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in April 2014. Compared with March 2014, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 151 000 in the **EU28** and by 76 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with April 2013, unemployment fell by 1.167 million in the **EU28** and by 487 000 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** (6.1%), and the highest in **Greece** (26.5% in February 2014) and **Spain** (25.1%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate fell in eighteen Member States, remained stable in two and increased in eight. The largest decreases were registered in **Hungary** (10.6% to 7.8% between March 2013 and March 2014), **Portugal** (17.3% to 14.6%) and **Ireland** (13.7% to 11.9%), and the highest increases in **Cyprus** (15.6% to 16.4%) and the **Netherlands** (6.5% to 7.2%).

In April 2014, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 6.3%, down from 6.7% in March 2014, and from 7.5% in April 2013.



## Youth unemployment

In April 2014, 5.259 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.381 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with April 2013, youth unemployment decreased by 415 000 in the **EU28** and by 202 000 in the **euro area**. In April 2014, the youth unemployment rate<sup>5</sup> was 22.5% in the **EU28** and 23.5% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.6% and 23.9% respectively in April 2013. In April 2014, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.9%), **Austria** (9.5%) and the **Netherlands** (11.0%), and the highest in **Greece** (56.9% in February 2014), **Spain** (53.5%) and **Croatia** (49.0% in the first quarter of 2014).

1. The euro area (EA18) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, 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, Norway and the United States.
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](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 70/2014 of 2 May 2014, the March 2014 unemployment rates for the EA18 and the EU28 are unchanged. Among Member States, rates have been revised between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Ireland, Poland and Portugal. The revision for Portugal also reflects the inclusion of the latest Census results in the weighting of the LFS. The rates have been revised downwards by 0.5 percentage points for Cyprus and upwards by 1.1 percentage points for Lithuania.
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](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, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data.
8. For Denmark, Estonia, Hungary and the United Kingdom 3-month moving averages of LFS data are used instead of pure monthly indicators.

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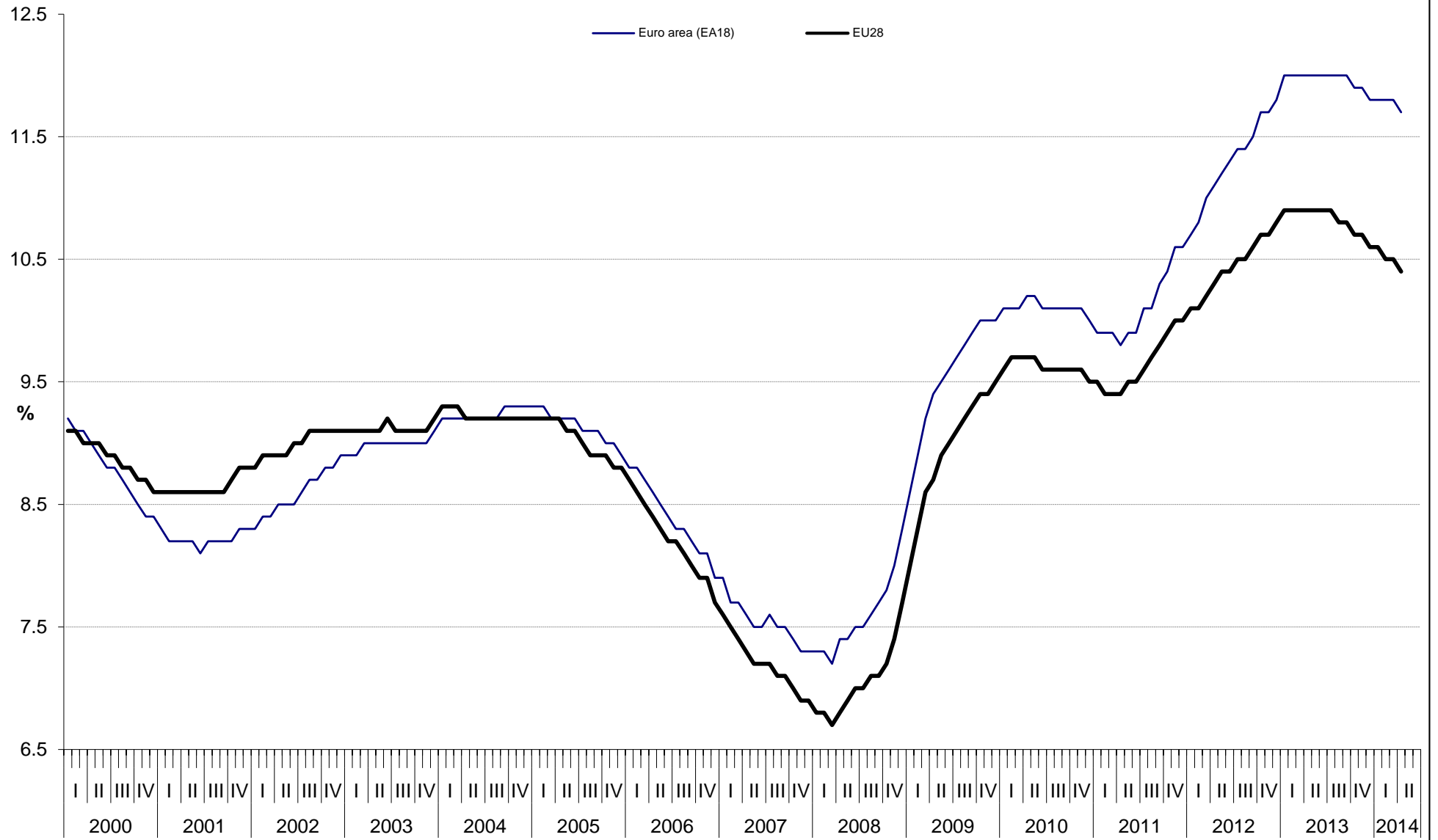
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# Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates

## Seasonally adjusted series



### Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Apr 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	Apr 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14
<b>EA18</b>	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.8	<b>11.7</b>	19 238	18 908	18 858	18 827	<b>18 751</b>
<b>EU28</b>	10.9	10.6	10.5	10.5	<b>10.4</b>	26 638	25 807	25 681	25 622	<b>25 471</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	<b>8.5</b>	415	419	418	420	<b>423</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	13.0	13.1	13.0	13.0	<b>12.8</b>	440	441	438	438	<b>431</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.6	<b>6.5</b>	378	353	348	351	<b>341</b>
<b>Denmark<sup>8</sup></b>	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.6	<b>6.5</b>	201	201	198	188	<b>186</b>
<b>Germany<sup>7</sup></b>	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	<b>5.2</b>	2 276	2 210	2 213	2 220	<b>2 225</b>
<b>Estonia<sup>8</sup></b>	8.8**	8.2	7.8	7.7	:	60**	55	52	51	:
<b>Ireland</b>	13.7	12.1	12.1	12.0	<b>11.9</b>	296	260	260	257	<b>256</b>
<b>Greece</b>	26.7*	26.6	26.5	:	:	1 315*	1 308	1 300	:	:
<b>Spain</b>	26.3	25.4	25.3	25.2	<b>25.1</b>	6 112	5 839	5 779	5 760	<b>5 721</b>
<b>France</b>	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	<b>10.4</b>	3 033	3 028	3 046	3 051	<b>3 038</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	16.8	17.4	17.4	17.2	<b>16.8</b>	283	292	292	290	<b>284</b>
<b>Italy</b>	12.0	12.7	12.7	12.6	<b>12.6</b>	3 077	3 240	3 237	3 230	<b>3 216</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	15.6	16.2	16.4	16.9	<b>16.4</b>	69	72	73	75	<b>72</b>
<b>Latvia<sup>6</sup></b>	12.7***	11.5	11.5	11.5	:	118***	116	116	116	:
<b>Lithuania</b>	12.3	11.4	11.7	11.9	<b>11.2</b>	180	168	173	177	<b>166</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	<b>6.1</b>	14	16	15	16	<b>16</b>
<b>Hungary<sup>8</sup></b>	10.6**	8.2	7.9	7.8	:	464**	367	354	352	:
<b>Malta</b>	6.2	6.9	6.9	6.9	<b>6.8</b>	12	13	13	13	<b>13</b>
<b>Netherlands<sup>7</sup></b>	6.5	7.1	7.3	7.2	<b>7.2</b>	580	634	649	642	<b>636</b>
<b>Austria<sup>7</sup></b>	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	<b>4.9</b>	212	220	217	215	<b>215</b>
<b>Poland</b>	10.6	10.0	9.9	9.8	<b>9.7</b>	1 834	1 742	1 734	1 713	<b>1 692</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	17.3	15.0	14.9	14.8	<b>14.6</b>	900	775	768	760	<b>753</b>
<b>Romania</b>	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	<b>7.1</b>	734	730	721	724	<b>702</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	10.7	9.8	9.7	9.6	<b>9.6</b>	107	97	96	95	<b>95</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	14.2	14.0	14.0	14.0	<b>14.0</b>	385	381	381	381	<b>383</b>
<b>Finland<sup>7</sup></b>	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.4	<b>8.5</b>	218	224	225	226	<b>227</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1	<b>8.2</b>	422	421	418	416	<b>421</b>
<b>United Kingdom<sup>8</sup></b>	7.8*	6.7	6.6	:	:	2 480*	2 185	2 145	:	:
<b>Iceland<sup>7</sup></b>	5.6**	5.4	5.4	5.4	:	10**	10	10	10	:
<b>Norway</b>	3.7**	3.5	3.5	3.3	:	95**	96	95	91	:
<b>United States</b>	7.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	<b>6.3</b>	11 579	10 212	10 409	10 444	<b>9 681</b>

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\* February 2013

\*\* March 2013

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### Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Apr 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	Apr 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14
<b>EA18</b>	23.9	23.8	23.6	23.6	<b>23.5</b>	3 583	3 472	3 429	3 417	<b>3 381</b>
<b>EU28</b>	23.6	22.9	22.6	22.6	<b>22.5</b>	5 674	5 409	5 336	5 307	<b>5 259</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	23.4	24.2	24.1	23.9	<b>23.6</b>	98	98	97	96	<b>95</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	29.1	27.9	27.8	27.7	<b>27.2</b>	70	60	59	58	<b>56</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	19.8	17.8	16.5	16.4	<b>16.4</b>	74	63	59	59	<b>58</b>
<b>Denmark<sup>8</sup></b>	12.5	13.8	13.4	12.8	<b>12.4</b>	55	60	58	55	<b>53</b>
<b>Germany<sup>7</sup></b>	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.9	<b>7.9</b>	348	346	345	343	<b>341</b>
<b>Estonia<sup>8</sup></b>	17.5	19.4	16.2	17.2	:	11	11	9	10	:
<b>Ireland</b>	27.9	26.4	26.3	25.4	<b>24.3</b>	60	54	53	50	<b>47</b>
<b>Greece</b>	58.8	56.7	56.9	:	:	181	165	163	:	:
<b>Spain</b>	55.5	54.3	53.7	53.7	<b>53.5</b>	969	900	874	866	<b>852</b>
<b>France</b>	25.2	23.6	23.6	23.4	<b>23.2</b>	715	663	661	656	<b>649</b>
<b>Croatia<sup>6</sup></b>	50.5	49.0	49.0	49.0	:	76	73	73	73	:
<b>Italy</b>	39.4	42.9	42.7	42.9	<b>43.3</b>	644	690	677	686	<b>685</b>
<b>Cyprus<sup>6</sup></b>	39.6	42.3	42.3	42.3	:	16	18	18	18	:
<b>Latvia<sup>6</sup></b>	21.2	19.7	19.7	19.7	:	19	18	18	18	:
<b>Lithuania</b>	22.6	20.7	21.1	21.2	<b>19.6</b>	28	26	27	28	<b>26</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	17.5	17.4	17.2	17.0	<b>17.0</b>	3	3	3	3	<b>3</b>
<b>Hungary<sup>8</sup></b>	27.7	22.5	20.6	20.0	:	84	72	67	65	:
<b>Malta</b>	13.6	12.8	12.7	12.8	<b>12.7</b>	4	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
<b>Netherlands<sup>7</sup></b>	10.6	11.1	11.5	11.3	<b>11.0</b>	152	156	162	157	<b>153</b>
<b>Austria<sup>7</sup></b>	8.3	10.4	9.9	9.6	<b>9.5</b>	49	62	58	56	<b>55</b>
<b>Poland</b>	27.4	26.1	25.6	25.1	<b>24.6</b>	413	393	387	377	<b>368</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	40.3	35.4	35.9	36.3	<b>36.1</b>	157	135	138	140	<b>141</b>
<b>Romania<sup>6</sup></b>	23.6	24.1*	:	:	:	189	191*	:	:	:
<b>Slovenia<sup>6</sup></b>	23.4	19.6	19.6	19.6	:	18	13	13	13	:
<b>Slovakia</b>	33.5	32.8	32.6	32.7	<b>32.9</b>	74	68	68	69	<b>69</b>
<b>Finland<sup>7</sup></b>	20.0	20.3	20.5	20.6	<b>20.7</b>	67	67	68	68	<b>68</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	24.1	23.0	23.7	23.6	<b>24.3</b>	161	154	161	155	<b>165</b>
<b>United Kingdom<sup>8</sup></b>	20.9	18.7	18.4	:	:	941	843	826	:	:
<b>Iceland<sup>7</sup></b>	11.5	10.4	10.4	10.5	:	4	3	3	3	:
<b>Norway</b>	8.6	8.7	7.9	7.8	:	33	33	29	29	:

: Data not available \* Q4 2013

### Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Apr 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	Apr 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14
EA18	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	12.1	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8
EU28	10.9	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.4	11.0	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.5
Belgium	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.3
Bulgaria	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.7	11.8	12.1	12.0	12.0	11.8
Czech Republic	6.2	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5	8.3	8.2	7.9	8.0	7.6
Denmark <sup>8</sup>	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.1	6.1	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.0	6.9
Germany <sup>7</sup>	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7
Estonia <sup>8</sup>	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.5	:	8.4	7.8	7.3	6.9	:
Ireland	15.7	13.6	13.8	13.7	13.5	11.3	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.0
Greece	24.2	23.9	23.8	:	:	31.4	30.1	30.0	:	:
Spain	25.7	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.5	27.0	26.1	25.9	26.0	25.9
France	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.2	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3
Croatia	17.7	17.5	17.5	17.3	17.1	15.8	17.3	17.3	17.0	16.4
Italy	11.3	12.0	12.1	12.0	12.1	13.1	13.7	13.5	13.5	13.3
Cyprus	16.2	17.1	17.4	18.1	17.4	15.0	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.3
Latvia <sup>6</sup>	12.4	12.8	12.8	12.8	:	11.0	10.2	10.2	10.2	:
Lithuania	13.9	12.5	12.8	12.9	12.2	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.8	10.2
Luxembourg	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.6	6.2	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8
Hungary <sup>8</sup>	10.5	7.9	7.6	7.6	:	10.5	8.6	8.3	8.1	:
Malta	6.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.5
Netherlands <sup>7</sup>	6.9	7.4	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.0	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.0
Austria <sup>7</sup>	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8
Poland	9.9	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.2	11.4	10.6	10.5	10.4	10.3
Portugal	17.3	14.9	14.9	14.8	14.7	17.3	15.2	14.9	14.7	14.6
Romania	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.7	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.3
Slovenia	10.3	9.1	9.0	8.8	8.8	11.1	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6
Slovakia	13.8	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.7	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.7
Finland <sup>7</sup>	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	7.4	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Sweden	8.8	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.3
United Kingdom <sup>8</sup>	8.2	7.1	6.9	:	:	7.1	6.4	6.3	:	:
Iceland <sup>7</sup>	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	:	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	:
Norway	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	:	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.3	:

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