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July 2014

Euro area unemployment rate at 11.5%

EU28 at 10.2%

The **euro area**¹ (EA18) seasonally-adjusted² unemployment rate³ was 11.5% in July 2014, stable compared with June 2014⁴, but down from 11.9% in July 2013. The **EU28**¹ unemployment rate was 10.2% in July 2014, also stable compared with June 2014⁴, but down from 10.9% in July 2013. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

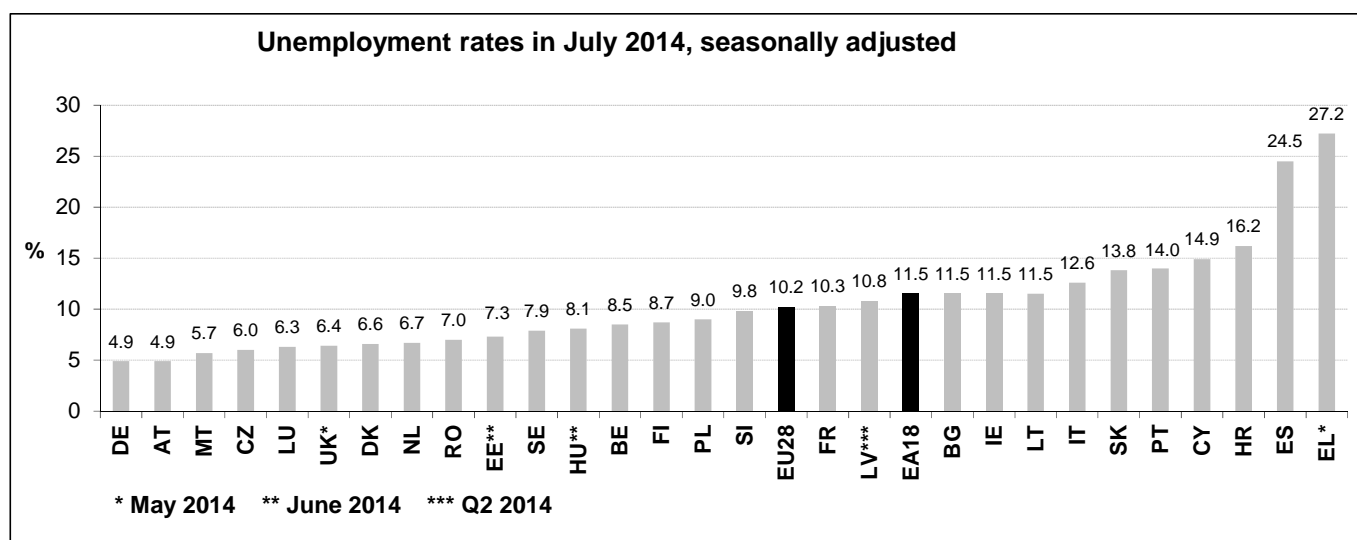
Eurostat estimates that 24.850 million men and women in the **EU28**, of whom 18.409 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in July 2014. Compared with June 2014, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 41 000 in the **EU28** and remained nearly stable in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2013, unemployment fell by 1.634 million in the **EU28** and by 725 000 in the **euro area**.

Member States

Among the Member States, the lowest unemployment rates were recorded in **Germany** and **Austria** (both 4.9%), and the highest in **Greece** (27.2% in May 2014) and **Spain** (24.5%).

Compared with a year ago, the unemployment rate fell in twenty-two Member States, increased in three and remained stable in three. The largest decreases were registered in **Hungary** (10.4% to 8.1% between June 2013 and June 2014), **Portugal** (16.3% to 14.0%), **Croatia** (18.1% to 16.2%), **Spain** (26.2% to 24.5%) and **Ireland** (13.1% to 11.5%). The only increases were registered in **Finland** (8.1% to 8.7%), **Italy** (12.1% to 12.6%) and **Luxembourg** (5.9% to 6.3%).

In July 2014, the unemployment rate in the **United States** was 6.2%, up from 6.1% in June 2014, but down from 7.3% in July 2013.



Youth unemployment

In July 2014, 5.062 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the **EU28**, of whom 3.327 million were in the **euro area**. Compared with July 2013, youth unemployment decreased by 563 000 in the **EU28** and by 226 000 in the **euro area**. In July 2014, the youth unemployment rate⁵ was 21.7% in the **EU28** and 23.2% in the **euro area**, compared with 23.6% and 24.0% respectively in July 2013. This is the lowest rate for the **EU28** since September 2011 and for the **euro area** since June 2012. In July 2014, the lowest rates were observed in **Germany** (7.8%), **Austria** (9.3%) and the **Netherlands** (10.4%), and the highest in **Spain** (53.8%), **Greece** (53.1% in May 2014), **Italy** (42.9%) and **Croatia** (41.5% in the second quarter 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
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 121/2014 of 31 July 2014, the June 2014 unemployment rates remain unchanged at 11.5% for the EA18 and 10.2% for the EU28. Among Member States, rates have been revised between 0.2 and 0.4 percentage points for Ireland, Cyprus, Poland and Finland. The rate has been revised upwards by 0.9 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
6. Latvia: quarterly data for all series.
Croatia, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia: quarterly data for youth unemployment.
7. For Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden and Iceland the trend component is used instead of the more volatile seasonally adjusted data. For Sweden and Iceland, seasonally adjusted data are available in the online data base on the Eurostat website: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/statistics/search_database
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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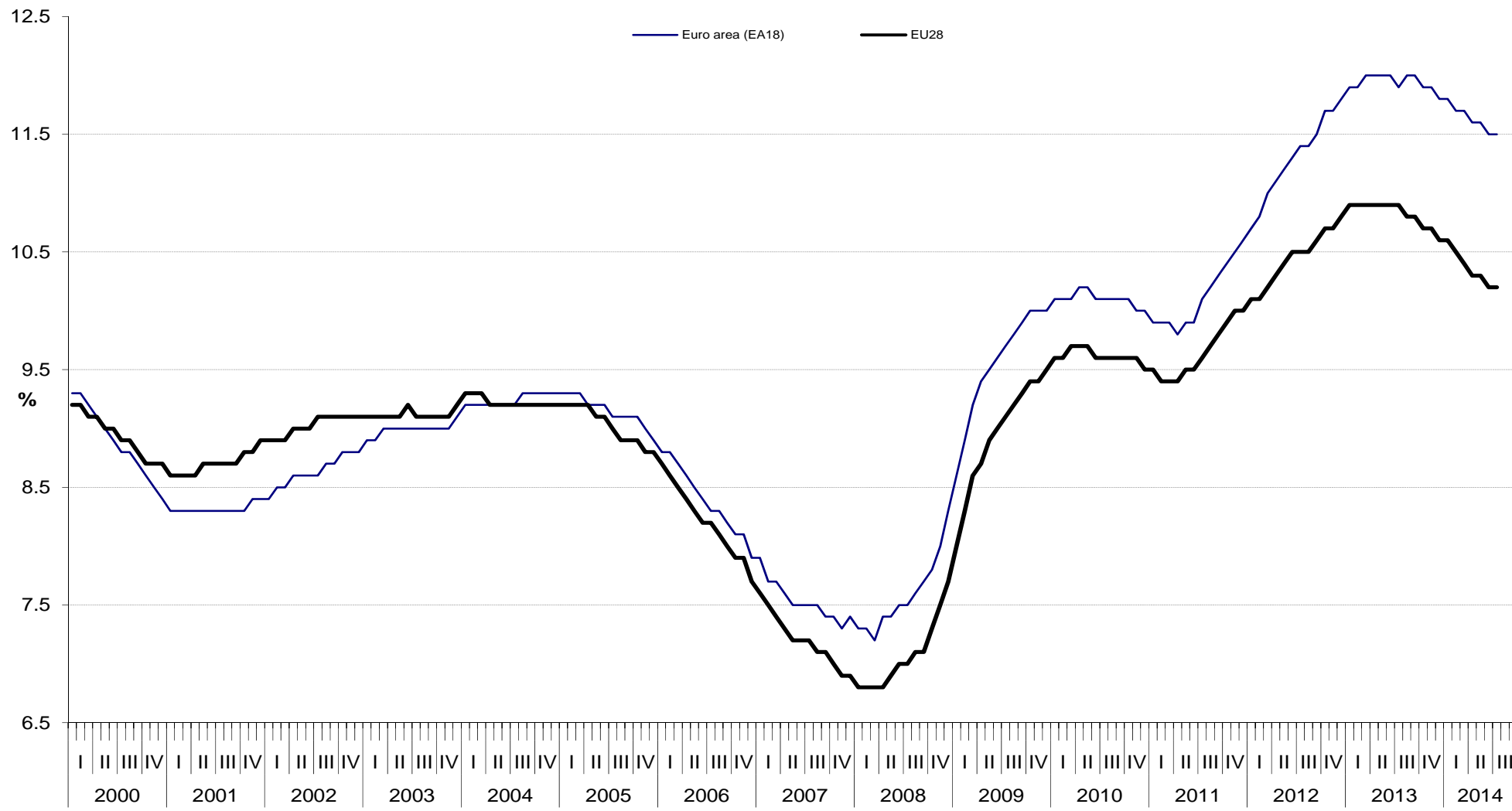
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Euro area and EU28 unemployment rates Seasonally adjusted series



Seasonally adjusted unemployment, totals

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jul 13	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Jul 13	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14
EA18	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.5	19 134	18 590	18 573	18 405	18 409
EU28	10.9	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	26 484	25 210	25 113	24 891	24 850
Belgium	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	421	420	422	423	425
Bulgaria	12.9	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.5	434	399	396	391	387
Czech Republic	6.9	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.0	367	335	324	317	315
Denmark⁸	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	204	185	185	188	190
Germany⁷	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	2 257	2 177	2 153	2 123	2 091
Estonia⁸	8.1**	7.8	7.3	7.3	:	56**	52	49	48	:
Ireland	13.1	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	283	253	252	249	247
Greece	27.7*	27.3	27.2	:	:	1 348*	1 306	1 309	:	:
Spain	26.2	24.9	24.7	24.6	24.5	6 072	5 711	5 678	5 637	5 615
France	10.3	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.3	3 015	2 971	2 984	3 007	3 026
Croatia	18.1	17.0	16.6	16.3	16.2	336	324	317	311	306
Italy	12.1	12.5	12.6	12.3	12.6	3 077	3 182	3 229	3 151	3 220
Cyprus	16.1	15.3	15.1	15.0	14.9	70	65	63	63	62
Latvia⁶	11.8***	10.8	10.8	10.8	:	118***	108	108	108	:
Lithuania	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.5	168	169	169	169	169
Luxembourg	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.3	15	16	16	16	16
Hungary⁸	10.4**	8.0	8.1	8.1	:	456**	356	364	362	:
Malta	6.3	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	12	11	11	11	11
Netherlands⁷	7.0	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.7	626	636	623	605	594
Austria⁷	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	214	216	219	221	218
Poland	10.4	9.4	9.2	9.1	9.0	1 798	1 638	1 605	1 576	1 551
Portugal	16.3	14.6	14.4	14.1	14.0	847	756	744	731	722
Romania	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.0	726	702	718	700	698
Slovenia	10.0	10.3	10.2	10.1	9.8	101	104	104	102	100
Slovakia	14.3	13.9	13.9	13.8	13.8	389	376	376	374	373
Finland⁷	8.1	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.7	216	227	232	231	232
Sweden⁷	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	409	412	411	409	407
United Kingdom⁸	7.7*	6.4	6.4	:	:	2 484*	2 094	2 061	:	:
Iceland⁷	5.6	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	10	10	9	9	9
Norway	3.4**	3.4	3.2	3.3	:	96**	92	88	90	:
United States	7.3	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.2	11 430	9 681	9 836	9 507	9 689

: Data not available

* May 2013

** June 2013

*** Q2 2013

Seasonally adjusted youth (under 25s) unemployment

	Rates (%)					Number of persons (in thousands)				
	Jul 13	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Jul 13	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14
EA18	24.0	23.5	23.3	23.2	23.2	3 553	3 387	3 371	3 337	3 327
EU28	23.6	22.3	22.0	21.9	21.7	5 625	5 233	5 151	5 105	5 062
Belgium	22.6	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.2	95	95	94	94	94
Bulgaria	28.4	24.3	23.6	22.6	21.2	65	46	43	41	37
Czech Republic	19.0	16.0	16.4	16.9	17.0	69	58	59	61	61
Denmark⁶	12.9	12.2	12.9	12.7	13.0	56	53	55	55	56
Germany⁷	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	351	349	347	344	341
Estonia⁸	16.1	19.4	17.1	15.7	:	10	11	9	8	:
Ireland	26.8	25.1	25.0	25.0	25.1	57	49	49	48	48
Greece	58.1	55.8	53.1	:	:	178	168	167	:	:
Spain	56.1	53.1	53.1	53.4	53.8	950	858	852	842	842
France	25.1	22.7	22.5	22.5	22.5	703	623	616	613	614
Croatia⁶	49.6	41.5	41.5	41.5	:	73	76	76	76	:
Italy	40.0	43.5	43.0	43.7	42.9	641	694	706	702	705
Cyprus⁶	40.2	35.1	35.1	35.1	:	17	13	13	13	:
Latvia⁶	23.7	21.6	21.6	21.6	:	21	19	19	19	:
Lithuania	22.0	21.6	21.7	21.8	21.7	28	28	29	29	29
Luxembourg	15.3	14.1	14.3	14.0	14.3	3	3	3	3	3
Hungary⁸	27.5	20.1	20.7	21.3	:	87	65	68	70	:
Malta	12.9	13.2	13.4	13.2	13.3	4	4	4	4	4
Netherlands⁷	11.5	11.0	10.8	10.5	10.4	164	153	149	145	145
Austria⁷	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.3	56	54	53	55	54
Poland	27.5	24.4	23.9	23.5	23.2	410	369	357	345	333
Portugal	37.6	37.8	37.3	36.4	35.5	150	143	140	133	126
Romania⁶	23.6	24.4*	:	:	:	187	192*	:	:	:
Slovenia⁶	21.0	22.1	22.1	22.1	:	16	15	15	15	:
Slovakia	33.6	32.0	32.2	32.1	31.7	74	68	69	68	67
Finland⁷	20.0	20.7	20.1	20.2	20.3	66	68	66	66	66
Sweden⁷	23.3	22.9	22.7	22.5	22.3	155	153	151	150	149
United Kingdom⁸	21.0	17.7	17.0	:	:	941	800	760	:	:
Iceland⁷	11.0	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8	4	3	3	3	3
Norway	9.5	8.1	7.4	7.6	:	37	30	28	28	:

: Data not available *Q1 2014

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%), by gender

	Males					Females				
	Jul 13	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Jul 13	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14
EA18	11.9	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	12.0	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7
EU28	10.9	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.8	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3
Belgium	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.2	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.9
Bulgaria	13.7	12.5	12.4	12.2	12.1	12.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	10.9
Czech Republic	6.0	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.0	8.1	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.2
Denmark⁸	7.2	6.2	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.9	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.3
Germany⁷	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6
Estonia⁸	8.5	8.3	7.7	7.5	:	7.7	7.2	6.8	6.9	:
Ireland	15.3	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.3	10.4	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.3
Greece	24.9	24.5	24.2	:	:	31.6	30.9	31.1	:	:
Spain	25.8	24.2	23.9	23.7	23.5	26.7	25.7	25.6	25.6	25.6
France	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.2	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Croatia	18.5	15.5	15.0	14.5	14.1	17.7	18.7	18.4	18.3	18.5
Italy	11.5	11.8	11.6	11.3	11.6	12.8	13.4	14.0	13.8	13.9
Cyprus	16.9	15.7	15.5	15.4	15.4	15.3	14.9	14.7	14.6	14.4
Latvia⁶	12.4	12.1	12.1	12.1	:	11.0	9.5	9.5	9.5	:
Lithuania	12.5	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	10.6	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8
Luxembourg	5.7	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.6
Hungary⁸	10.1	7.8	8.0	8.0	:	10.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	:
Malta	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.6	6.3	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8
Netherlands⁷	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.5	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.4
Austria⁷	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.5
Poland	9.7	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.5	11.2	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.5
Portugal	16.2	14.4	14.0	13.5	13.3	16.3	14.9	14.8	14.7	14.7
Romania	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.7	6.6	6.3	6.5	6.4	6.2
Slovenia	9.0	9.4	9.2	9.1	8.9	11.1	11.3	11.4	11.1	10.9
Slovakia	14.0	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	14.6	13.9	14.0	13.9	13.9
Finland⁷	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.2	7.4	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.0
Sweden⁷	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6
United Kingdom⁸	8.1	6.6	6.6	:	:	7.1	6.2	6.1	:	:
Iceland⁷	6.1	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9
Norway	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.4	:	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.2	:

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