

Unemployment in the EU25

Regional unemployment rates in the EU25 ranged from 2.0% to 31.8% in 2003

Rates varied from 4.5% to 58.4% for young people

Regional unemployment rates¹ varied widely across the **EU25** in 2003, from 2.0% in the region of **Bolzano / Bozen** in **Italy**, to 31.8% in **Réunion** in **France**. Unemployment rose slightly in the **EU25** as a whole between 2002 and 2003, from 8.9% to 9.1%, and this was reflected at regional level, with rates rising in just under 60% of the 254 NUTS 2² regions of the **EU25**.

Of the 254 regions, 53 had an unemployment rate of 4.5% or less in 2003, i.e. half the average for the **EU25** (9.1%). They included 11 out of the 12 **Dutch** regions, 8 of the 9 **Austrian** regions, 18 regions in the **United Kingdom** and 8 Regions in **Italy**. **Cyprus** and **Luxembourg** also had unemployment below this level, as did one region each in **Belgium**, the **Czech Republic**, **Ireland**, **Hungary**, **Portugal** and **Sweden**. At the other extreme, 25 regions had a rate of 18.2% or higher, i.e. double that of the **EU25**: 10 out of the 16 **Polish** regions, five in **Germany**, four in **France** (all Overseas Departments), three in **Italy**, two in **Slovakia** and one in **Spain**.

The data on regional unemployment, compiled on the basis of the EU Labour Force Survey, are taken from a report³ published today by **Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities**.

Unemployment rate amongst women lowest in the Salzburg region

Between 2002 and 2003, the overall unemployment rate for women in the **EU25** rose slightly, from 9.9% to 10.0%. In 2003, female unemployment was lowest in the regions of **Salzburg** in **Austria** (2.3%) and **Dorset & Somerset** in the **United Kingdom** (2.4%), and highest in **Calabria** in **Italy** (33.3%), and **Réunion** in **France** (32.9%). The female unemployment rate was higher than the male rate in nearly two-thirds of the regions.

Unemployment rate amongst young people lowest in the Tirol region

Regional differences in the unemployment rate for young people aged 15 to 24 are also very marked. In the **EU25** in 2003, unemployment rates for young people ranged from 4.5% in the region of **Tirol** in **Austria**, to 58.4% in **Campania** in **Italy**. In six **EU25** regions, three each in **Austria** and the **Netherlands**, the unemployment rate for young people was 6% or less in 2003, while in six other regions, three in **Italy**, two in **France** and one in **Poland**, the rate was over 50%. In nearly three quarters of **EU25** regions the unemployment rate for young people was at least twice that for total unemployment. There were only seven regions where youth unemployment was less than or equal to total unemployment, all in **Germany**.

Highest and lowest unemployment rates in the EU25 in 2003 (in %)

Lowest unemployment rates			Highest unemployment rates		
Country	Region	Rate	Country	Region	Rate
Total					
IT	Bolzano / Bozen	2.0	FR	Réunion	31.8
AT	Salzburg	2.3	FR	Guadeloupe	26.3
NL	Zeeland	2.5	PL	Dolno•l•skie	26.0
AT	Tirol	2.5	PL	Zachodniopomorskie	25.5
UK	North Yorkshire	2.7	PL	Lubuskie	24.5
IT	Trento	2.9	FR	Guyane	24.4
IT	Emilia-Romagna	3.0	PL	Warmi•sko-Mazurskie	23.9
UK	Dorset & Somerset	3.1	IT	Calabria	23.4
UK	Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & N. Somerset	3.2	PL	Kujawsko-Pomorskie	21.8
NL	Gelderland	3.3	SK	Východné Slovensko	21.8
Women					
AT	Salzburg	2.3	IT	Calabria	33.3
UK	Dorset & Somerset	2.4	FR	Réunion	32.9
NL	Zeeland	2.4*	IT	Sicilia	28.9
AT	Tirol	2.6	FR	Guyane	28.5*
IT	Bolzano / Bozen	2.7*	IT	Campania	28.0
UK	Cheshire	2.8	FR	Guadeloupe	27.6
UK	Surrey, East & West Sussex	3.1	PL	Zachodniopomorskie	27.0
UK	Devon	3.2	ES	Andalucía	26.5
NL	Utrecht	3.3	EL	Dytiki Makedonia	26.1
UK	East Anglia	3.4	PL	Warmi•sko-Mazurskie	26.0
Young people (aged 15-24)					
AT	Tirol	4.5	IT	Campania	58.4
AT	Oberösterreich	5.5	IT	Calabria	56.7
AT	Steiermark	5.7	FR	Guadeloupe	56.0*
NL	Gelderland	5.9	IT	Sicilia	53.5
NL	Noord-Brabant	6.0	FR	Réunion	53.0
NL	Utrecht	6.0	PL	Zachodniopomorskie	51.5
AT	Niederösterreich	6.1	FR	Martinique	48.7*
NL	Drenthe	6.2*	PL	Lubuskie	48.1
NL	Noord-Holland	6.2	PL	Dolno•l•skie	46.8
DE	Oberbayern	6.3	PL	•wi•tokrzyskie	46.7

* Data with reduced reliability due to sample size.

- The unemployment rate is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the economically active population (the employed plus the unemployed). According to the recommendations of the International Labour Organisation, a person is deemed to be unemployed if all three of the following conditions are met:
 - § he or she is without work during the survey reference week;
 - § he or she is available for work, being able to take up employment within two weeks;
 - § he or she has actively sought work over the past four weeks.
- These data are based on the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics adopted in July 2003. NUTS 2003 provides a uniform, consistent breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics for the EU. Level 2 of the nomenclature has 254 regions: Belgium (11), Czech Republic (8), Germany (41), Greece (13), Spain (19), France (26), Ireland (2), Italy (21), Hungary (7), Netherlands (12), Austria (9), Poland (16), Portugal (7), Slovakia (4), Finland (5), Sweden (8) and United Kingdom (37). Denmark, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta and Slovenia are all considered as single regions at NUTS 2 level. For a list of the European statistical regions see: http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/ramon/nuts/codelist_en.cfm.
- Eurostat, *Statistics in Focus, General Statistics, 10/2004*, "Regional unemployment in the European Union and Candidate Countries in 2003".**

Unemployment rates in the regions of the European Union

	Total		Females		15-24 years old	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
EU25	8.9	9.1	9.9	10.0	17.9	18.4
BELGIUM	7.5	8.2	8.6	8.9	17.7	21.8
<i>Bruxelles-Cap. / Brussels Hfdst.</i>	14.5	15.6	14.4	15.1	32.9	35.1
<i>Vlaams Gewest</i>	4.9	5.7	5.7	6.3	11.6	15.5
Antwerpen	5.6	6.4	6.2	6.8	10.8	17.3
Limburg (BE)	5.3	6.8	6.7	8.1	13.2	18.9
Oost-Vlaanderen	5.5	5.5	6.2	6.1	14.5	13.2
Vlaams Brabant	4.0	5.6	4.5	5.9	(10.4)	19.8
West-Vlaanderen	3.8	4.2	5.0	5.0	9.0	10.0
<i>Région Wallonne</i>	10.5	10.8	12.6	11.9	26.5	31.8
Brabant Wallon	7.0	7.9	8.4	8.4	(:)	(25.0)
Hainaut	12.6	12.6	15.1	13.2	32.5	38.4
Liège	10.8	11.2	12.6	12.9	22.0	30.0
Luxembourg (BE)	6.5	6.7	(8.7)	(8.5)	(:)	(:)
Namur	9.4	9.5	11.6	11.0	27.4	28.6
CZECH REPUBLIC	7.3	7.8	9.0	9.9	16.9	18.6
Praha	3.6	4.2	4.6	5.3	9.4	9.5
Střední echy	5.0	5.2	7.4	7.3	8.5	7.7
Jihozápad	4.9	5.3	5.9	6.4	8.9	12.6
Severozápad	11.4	11.2	13.3	13.0	26.2	23.2
Severovýchod	5.4	6.5	7.1	8.7	13.1	16.8
Jihovýchod	6.8	7.2	7.9	8.9	17.0	19.7
Střední Morava	8.8	8.7	10.8	11.3	21.4	22.4
Moravskoslezsko	13.4	14.8	16.3	18.8	29.1	32.3
DENMARK	4.6	5.4	5.0	6.0	7.4	9.2
GERMANY	8.7	9.7	8.4	9.2	9.9	11.0
<i>Baden-Württemberg</i>	4.6	5.6	4.5	5.5	5.9	7.5
Stuttgart	4.5	5.7	4.3	5.5	6.0	8.0
Karlsruhe	5.1	6.0	4.7	5.7	6.9	7.2
Freiburg	4.3	5.1	4.3	5.1	(:)	(:)
Tübingen	4.4	5.5	4.8	5.8	(:)	8.3
<i>Bayern</i>	4.9	6.2	4.9	5.9	5.7	7.3
Oberbayern	3.8	5.0	3.7	4.7	4.1	6.3
Niederbayern	5.0	6.1	4.8	6.1	(:)	(:)
Oberpfalz	5.4	6.6	5.3	6.3	(:)	(:)
Oberfranken	7.4	8.8	7.3	7.9	(:)	(:)
Mittelfranken	6.0	7.4	5.9	7.4	(:)	(:)
Unterfranken	5.5	6.3	5.7	6.2	(:)	(:)
Schwaben	4.4	5.8	4.5	5.9	(:)	7.5
<i>Berlin</i>	15.9	17.5	13.9	15.4	20.1	20.8
<i>Brandenburg</i>	16.9	18.0	17.4	17.7	17.5	18.9
Brandenburg-Nordost	17.8	18.9	:	:	:	:
Brandenburg-Südwest	16.2	17.2	:	:	:	:
<i>Bremen</i>	10.2	11.1	8.3	8.7	(:)	(:)
<i>Hamburg</i>	8.3	9.4	7.2	8.1	9.6	9.4
<i>Hessen</i>	6.0	7.1	5.5	6.6	8.1	10.5
Darmstadt	5.6	6.8	5.3	6.6	7.4	9.7
Gießen	5.9	7.4	5.1	6.7	(:)	(:)
Kassel	7.3	7.8	6.5	6.7	(:)	(:)
<i>Mecklenburg-Vorpommern</i>	19.0	20.1	19.1	19.5	16.0	19.6
<i>Niedersachsen</i>	7.5	8.4	6.7	7.2	9.6	10.0
Braunschweig	9.2	9.8	8.9	8.9	11.0	13.0
Hannover	7.4	7.9	6.2	6.6	9.1	(:)
Lüneburg	6.7	7.9	6.2	7.2	10.8	(:)
Weser-Ems	6.9	8.2	5.9	6.6	8.5	9.8
<i>Nordrhein-Westfalen</i>	7.5	8.7	6.6	7.7	9.2	10.7
Düsseldorf	7.6	8.9	6.6	7.6	9.5	12.2
Köln	6.7	7.9	6.2	7.5	8.5	12.0
Münster	7.2	8.5	6.3	7.1	9.1	9.9
Detmold	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.2	10.5	10.5
Arnsberg	8.3	9.9	7.3	8.6	9.0	8.0
<i>Rheinland-Pfalz</i>	5.8	6.3	5.5	5.8	7.9	7.1
Koblenz	5.9	6.6	5.8	6.3	(:)	9.6
Trier	4.7	5.0	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
Rheinhausen-Pfalz	5.9	6.4	5.7	5.4	8.3	(:)
<i>Saarland</i>	7.6	8.1	6.7	7.2	(:)	(:)
<i>Sachsen</i>	17.4	17.6	17.8	17.8	15.6	16.7
Chemnitz	17.0	17.3	18.9	19.0	12.7	13.9
Dresden	17.0	16.5	16.8	17.0	17.6	18.3
Leipzig	18.8	19.4	17.5	17.4	16.8	18.2
<i>Sachsen-Anhalt</i>	19.0	19.6	20.6	20.8	15.3	15.3
Dessau	20.6	21.3	22.2	22.3	(:)	(:)
Halle	21.2	21.3	23.3	22.6	17.6	(:)
Magdeburg	16.7	17.6	18.0	18.9	12.5	15.1
<i>Schleswig-Holstein</i>	7.8	8.7	7.0	7.4	10.8	9.9
<i>Thüringen</i>	15.0	16.1	16.5	17.2	12.1	12.5

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	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
ESTONIA	10.3	10.0	9.7	9.9	17.6	20.6
GREECE	10.0	9.3	15.0	14.2	26.5	26.3
Voreia Ellada	11.4	10.6	17.6	16.6	29.5	27.5
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	10.4	10.3	15.4	15.4	24.5	24.5
Kentriki Makedonia	11.5	10.1	17.5	15.9	29.4	25.7
Dytiki Makedonia	14.7	16.1	23.3	26.1	(36.8)	40.9
Thessalia	10.6	9.7	17.6	16.2	32.4	28.7
Kentriki Ellada	9.3	9.0	14.5	13.7	29.7	30.0
Ipeiros	10.6	11.0	16.9	18.0	(36.4)	35.2
Ionia Nisia	9.0	11.0	(10.9)	14.2	(:)	(40.4)
Dytiki Ellada	10.5	8.9	16.8	14.8	32.6	31.3
Stereia Ellada	9.8	8.6	17.1	13.2	28.8	23.2
Peloponnisos	7.3	7.7	10.1	10.7	26.0	27.5
Attiki	9.2	8.7	13.3	12.7	22.5	23.9
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	9.7	8.0	14.4	13.2	27.2	23.7
Voreio Aigaio	9.2	7.4	(13.5)	(13.1)	(:)	(:)
Notio Aigaio	14.2	10.9	21.3	17.5	30.6	(23.5)
Kriti	7.7	6.8	11.5	11.2	24.3	22.3
SPAIN	11.4	11.3	16.4	15.9	22.2	22.7
Noroeste	11.4	12.1	16.5	17.5	24.2	25.6
Galicia	12.2	12.6	17.5	18.3	24.6	26.3
Asturias	9.8	11.2	13.8	16.0	23.1	27.0
Cantabria	10.1	10.6	15.1	15.3	23.4	20.2
Noreste	7.7	7.7	12.0	11.0	17.9	19.3
Pa is Vasco	9.4	9.2	14.2	12.5	22.1	23.2
Navarra	5.6	5.5	9.5	8.2	(12.9)	(14.8)
La Rioja	6.9	6.1	10.3	10.0	(:)	(:)
Aragón	5.5	6.3	9.1	9.5	13.8	15.8
Madrid	7.1	7.2	10.3	10.0	15.0	17.3
Centro (ES)	11.9	11.9	19.1	19.4	23.3	22.0
Castilla y León	10.4	11.0	16.9	18.3	24.3	24.4
Castilla-La Mancha	9.4	9.8	16.4	17.2	17.4	17.6
Extremadura	19.2	17.4	28.5	25.4	31.7	25.1
Este	9.7	9.8	13.3	13.1	19.4	20.2
Cataluña	9.6	9.3	13.1	12.2	19.5	20.5
Valenciana	10.3	10.8	14.4	14.8	20.1	19.4
Illes Balears	7.3	9.3	9.3	11.7	14.9	22.2
Sur	18.3	17.3	26.7	24.7	30.0	28.8
Andalucía	19.6	18.6	28.5	26.5	31.5	30.4
Murcia	11.3	10.6	16.6	15.2	22.2	20.1
Ceuta	(:)	(9.1)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
Melilla	(:)	(9.1)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
Canarias	11.1	11.4	15.4	15.2	19.8	23.4
FRANCE	9.2	9.3	10.3	10.3	19.8	20.6
Île de France	8.1	9.2	7.9	8.5	15.0	20.0
Bassin parisien	8.6	8.2	10.0	9.2	19.6	18.8
Champagne-Ardenne	9.3	8.8	11.0	10.5	27.0	19.1
Picardie	8.5	10.0	9.9	11.1	20.6	22.5
Haute-Normandie	10.1	9.4	10.8	9.6	22.2	21.4
Centre	8.6	6.4	10.4	7.0	16.0	16.5
Basse-Normandie	7.9	7.8	9.4	9.4	(15.9)	19.3
Bourgogne	6.9	7.0	8.4	8.8	16.7	14.0
Nord - Pas-de-Calais	13.4	12.5	16.0	13.9	29.4	27.9
Est	7.5	8.3	8.7	9.6	18.0	20.9
Lorraine	7.8	9.7	9.2	10.6	19.9	22.2
Alsace	6.7	7.0	7.0	8.9	13.4	19.0
Franche-Comté	8.3	7.7	10.0	8.8	21.8	21.1
Ouest	7.4	7.6	9.0	9.7	15.6	16.7
Pays de la Loire	7.7	8.1	9.6	10.1	14.6	16.7
Bretagne	6.7	6.9	8.2	9.0	16.0	16.7
Poitou-Charentes	8.0	7.6	9.4	10.1	17.0	17.0
Sud-ouest	8.5	8.9	10.3	10.8	18.3	22.0
Aquitaine	9.2	9.8	11.5	11.7	18.8	21.5
Midi-Pyrénées	8.1	8.6	9.9	10.7	17.6	23.0
Limousin	6.4	7.0	7.0	7.6	(19.2)	(20.1)
Centre-est	6.9	7.5	7.8	8.6	16.5	15.1
Rhône-Alpes	6.9	7.5	7.9	8.7	17.0	14.7
Auvergne	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.9	(13.6)	16.8
Méditerranée	12.0	10.8	13.4	11.7	24.9	21.5
Languedoc-Roussillon	13.1	12.0	15.0	12.7	31.3	23.8
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	11.4	10.1	12.4	11.0	21.4	20.0
Corse	(13.2)	(12.1)	(18.0)	(16.8)	(:)	(:)
Départements d'Outre-Mer	26.5	27.1	29.4	28.6	51.3	52.6
Guadeloupe	26.0	26.3	28.6	27.6	57.8	(56.0)
Martinique	22.9	21.0	26.0	23.2	(55.2)	(48.7)
Guyane	24.4	24.4	(29.0)	(28.5)	(:)	(:)
Réunion	29.3	31.8	32.1	32.9	48.6	53.0

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	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
IRELAND	4.5	4.8	4.1	4.4	8.4	9.1
Border, Midland and Western	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.2	10.1	10.2
Southern and Eastern	4.1	4.5	3.7	4.1	7.7	8.7
ITALY	9.0	8.7	12.2	11.6	27.2	27.1
<i>Nord Ovest</i>	4.4	4.2	6.4	5.9	13.3	13.6
Piemonte	5.1	4.8	7.3	6.8	15.5	17.6
Valle d'Aosta / Vallée d'Aoste	(3.6)	(4.1)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
Liguria	6.3	6.0	8.6	8.4	23.0	23.6
Lombardia	3.8	3.6	5.6	5.2	11.4	10.9
<i>Nord Est</i>	3.3	3.2	4.9	4.7	8.0	8.8
Bolzano / Bozen	1.9	2.0	(2.4)	(2.7)	(:)	(:)
Trento	3.4	2.9	5.3	(4.0)	(:)	(:)
Veneto	3.4	3.4	5.2	5.0	7.6	8.8
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	3.7	3.9	5.6	5.5	9.4	13.9
Emilia-Romagna	3.3	3.0	4.6	4.5	9.0	8.8
<i>Centro (IT)</i>	6.6	6.5	9.4	9.3	22.0	22.4
Toscana	4.8	4.7	7.3	7.3	16.2	15.0
Umbria	5.7	5.2	8.9	8.8	16.5	15.5
Marche	4.4	3.8	6.4	5.6	10.5	10.3
Lazio	8.6	8.7	11.9	12.0	32.0	33.7
<i>Sud</i>	17.7	17.0	25.8	24.4	48.9	48.3
Abruzzo	6.2	5.4	10.0	8.2	20.1	15.5
Molise	12.6	12.3	18.7	18.7	34.3	40.7
Campania	21.1	20.2	30.6	28.0	59.5	58.4
Puglia	14.0	13.8	20.6	21.1	37.8	38.6
Basilicata	15.3	16.1	23.8	25.4	43.4	40.4
Calabria	24.6	23.4	35.6	33.3	58.2	56.7
<i>Isole</i>	19.6	19.2	27.8	27.2	50.4	50.9
Sicilia	20.1	20.1	28.4	28.9	51.2	53.5
Sardegna	18.5	16.9	26.4	23.3	48.3	43.6
CYPRUS	3.3	4.1	4.2	4.6	7.7	8.9
LATVIA	12.1	10.5	11.0	10.4	20.8	18.0
LITHUANIA	13.7	12.4	12.9	12.2	23.0	25.1
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHY)	2.6	3.7	3.6	4.6	(7.0)	11.5
HUNGARY	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.6	12.7	13.4
<i>Közép Magyarország</i>	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	8.9	9.9
<i>Dunántúl</i>	5.5	5.6	5.2	5.5	11.5	12.3
Közép Dunántúl	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.5	10.7	10.7
Nyugat Dunántúl	4.0	4.6	4.1	4.4	8.9	10.1
Dél Dunántúl	7.9	7.9	7.1	8.0	15.9	16.8
<i>Alföld es Észak</i>	7.6	7.6	7.0	7.0	16.2	16.7
Észak Magyarország	8.9	9.7	7.7	8.6	19.9	20.5
Észak Alföld	7.8	6.8	7.0	6.0	15.0	15.3
Dél Alföld	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.6	14.2	14.6
MALTA	6.9	7.6	8.3	8.7	15.3	16.4
NETHERLANDS	2.8	3.7	3.1	3.9	5.0	6.4
<i>Noord-Nederland</i>	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.7	7.3	7.2
Groningen	4.2	4.9	5.2	5.4	(8.3)	(7.7)
Friesland	3.2	4.2	4.0	4.7	(6.7)	(7.5)
Drenthe	3.1	3.8	(3.6)	(4.1)	(6.6)	(6.2)
<i>Oost-Nederland</i>	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.8	4.6	6.4
Overijssel	2.9	3.6	3.1	4.0	4.8	6.3
Gelderland	2.4	3.3	2.9	3.4	4.0	5.9
Flevoland	3.7	4.1	(5.4)	(5.1)	(7.4)	(9.1)
<i>West-Nederland</i>	2.7	3.7	2.9	3.7	4.7	6.2
Utrecht	2.2	3.5	2.4	3.3	(4.3)	6.0
Noord-Holland	2.6	3.8	2.6	3.9	3.9	6.2
Zuid-Holland	2.9	3.9	3.2	3.9	5.4	6.5
Zeeland	(2.3)	2.5	(2.8)	(2.4)	(:)	(:)
<i>Zuid-Nederland</i>	2.7	3.7	3.1	4.0	5.0	6.4
Noord-Brabant	2.4	3.5	2.8	3.9	4.3	6.0
Limburg (NL)	3.3	4.2	4.0	4.3	6.6	7.4

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	Total		Females		15-24 years old	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
AUSTRIA	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.2	6.2	7.0
<i>Ostösterreich</i>	5.4	5.6	4.9	5.2	8.1	9.3
Burgenland	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.5	(:)	(:)
Niederösterreich	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	5.7	6.1
Wien	7.2	7.7	6.0	6.6	11.1	13.7
<i>Südösterreich</i>	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.5	5.7	6.3
Kärnten	2.7	3.3	3.2	3.9	(:)	7.6
Steiermark	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.4	5.8	5.7
<i>Westösterreich</i>	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.4	4.7	5.3
Oberösterreich	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.8	5.1	5.5
Salzburg	2.8	2.3	2.8	2.3	5.4	(:)
Tirol	2.0	2.5	1.8	2.6	(:)	4.5
Vorarlberg	2.5	4.0	2.8	5.1	(:)	(:)
POLAND	19.9	19.6	20.9	20.4	42.5	41.9
<i>Centralny</i>	18.2	17.6	18.9	17.8	38.7	38.2
•ódzkie	20.3	19.7	21.4	20.9	42.1	40.9
Mazowieckie	17.0	16.3	17.5	16.0	36.9	36.5
<i>Poludniowy</i>	18.4	19.3	20.2	20.6	40.0	43.7
Ma•opolskie	16.2	18.0	16.5	17.9	37.5	40.9
•l•skie	20.1	20.2	23.2	22.8	42.0	46.1
<i>Wschodni</i>	17.5	17.4	17.9	17.3	42.0	40.2
Lubelskie	16.6	16.0	16.5	15.3	37.8	37.7
Podkarpackie	18.2	17.7	19.2	17.9	45.7	41.8
•wi•tokrzyskie	18.8	19.1	19.4	19.3	48.7	46.7
Podlaskie	16.8	17.8	17.1	18.3	37.9	36.6
<i>Pólnocno-Zachodni</i>	21.7	20.6	23.0	22.2	44.0	41.7
Wielkopolskie	18.2	17.1	20.2	19.2	38.0	36.6
Zachodniopomorskie	26.0	25.5	26.3	27.0	54.6	51.5
Lubuskie	26.3	24.5	26.7	24.8	50.1	48.1
<i>Poludniowo-Zachodni</i>	24.4	24.1	24.5	24.4	49.0	45.4
Dolno•l•skie	26.1	26.0	25.6	26.0	50.2	46.8
Opolskie	19.7	18.3	21.0	19.4	45.3	40.7
<i>Pólnocny</i>	22.6	21.9	24.0	23.2	46.0	44.1
Kujawsko-Pomorskie	21.5	21.8	22.0	22.5	43.2	45.2
Warmi•sko-Mazurskie	25.9	23.9	27.7	26.0	52.2	46.4
Pomorskie	21.5	20.5	23.7	22.0	45.1	41.4
PORTUGAL	5.0	6.3	6.0	7.2	11.6	14.5
<i>Continente</i>	5.1	6.4	6.1	7.3	11.9	14.8
Norte	4.9	6.8	5.8	8.0	10.1	13.6
Algarve	5.2	6.1	(6.6)	(7.5)	(:)	(:)
Centro (PT)	3.1	3.6	4.0	4.1	10.5	11.0
Lisboa	6.8	8.1	7.5	8.6	15.2	18.1
Alentejo	7.5	8.2	10.6	10.7	(14.8)	22.2
<i>Açores</i>	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
<i>Madeira</i>	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
SLOVENIA	6.3	6.7	6.8	7.1	16.5	17.3
SLOVAKIA	18.7	17.6	18.7	17.7	37.7	33.4
Bratislavský kraj	8.7	7.1	9.2	8.2	18.4	13.1
Západné Slovensko	17.5	15.9	18.1	16.3	35.5	29.8
Stredné Slovensko	21.4	20.5	21.3	20.8	40.6	37.6
Východné Slovensko	22.2	21.8	21.7	21.6	44.4	41.0
FINLAND	9.1	9.0	9.1	8.9	21.0	21.8
<i>Manner-Suomi</i>	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.9	21.0	21.8
Itä-Suomi	13.3	12.3	13.7	11.7	29.3	29.1
Etelä-Suomi	7.1	7.5	6.7	7.0	17.5	18.8
Länsi-Suomi	9.5	9.4	10.5	10.0	21.6	21.7
Pohjois-Suomi	13.4	12.3	12.7	12.7	27.1	27.7
<i>Åland</i>	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
SWEDEN	5.1	5.7	4.6	5.2	12.8	13.7
Stockholm	4.0	5.1	3.7	4.8	11.5	12.7
Östra Mellansverige	5.2	5.9	4.9	5.5	13.6	14.9
Sydsverige	6.2	6.8	5.9	6.3	15.2	15.5
Norra Mellansverige	6.3	7.3	5.7	6.9	13.7	16.0
Mellersta Norrland	5.9	5.6	4.5	4.6	13.7	14.4
Övre Norrland	6.1	6.8	4.6	5.1	13.1	14.3
Småland med Öarna	3.9	4.4	4.1	4.6	9.6	11.9
Västssverige	4.9	4.9	4.3	4.3	12.9	11.9

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	Total		Females		15-24 years old	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
UNITED KINGDOM	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.3	12.0	12.3
North East	6.8	6.4	5.2	4.8	14.2	16.6
Tees Valley & Durham	7.2	7.5	6.0	5.1	16.6	19.5
Northumberland and Tyne & Wear	6.4	5.6	4.5	4.7	12.4	14.4
North West (inc. Merseyside)	5.3	4.9	4.3	4.1	12.6	12.3
Cumbria	5.1	4.9	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
Cheshire	4.2	3.3	3.2	2.8	11.8	(:)
Greater Manchester	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.6	12.2	13.1
Lancashire	4.4	4.3	3.7	3.7	12.4	11.8
Merseyside	6.6	6.5	5.4	4.7	14.3	15.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	5.2	5.0	4.3	4.0	12.6	11.8
East Riding & North Lincolnshire	6.3	5.9	5.2	3.7	15.5	10.9
North Yorkshire	3.7	2.7	3.6	(:)	(:)	(:)
South Yorkshire	5.2	5.7	3.7	4.8	12.4	13.5
West Yorkshire	5.4	5.2	4.5	4.1	13.1	12.6
East Midlands	4.5	4.4	4.4	3.9	10.6	10.7
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.2	11.2	10.1
Leicestershire, Rutland & Northamptonshire	4.0	4.0	4.6	3.8	10.4	10.7
Lincolnshire	4.3	4.3	(:)	(:)	(:)	12.7
West Midlands	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.1	14.2	14.3
Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Warwickshire	3.5	3.8	4.1	3.6	8.9	8.7
Shropshire & Staffordshire	4.6	4.1	4.0	3.6	11.2	11.7
West Midlands	7.4	7.6	6.7	6.8	18.2	18.1
East of England	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.7	9.4	10.1
East Anglia	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.4	9.8	10.0
Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire	3.5	3.9	3.2	4.5	8.4	9.1
Essex	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.4	10.0	11.2
London	6.7	7.0	6.0	6.3	14.2	16.5
Inner London	9.0	8.8	7.7	7.4	18.4	18.1
Outer London	5.3	5.8	4.9	5.6	11.6	15.5
South East	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	8.9	9.3
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire	3.4	3.9	3.0	3.6	8.6	8.6
Surrey, East & West Sussex	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.1	7.8	9.8
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.4	9.9	8.2
Kent	4.2	4.8	3.9	4.4	9.8	11.0
South West	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.1	9.1	8.7
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & North Somerset	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	8.5	8.3
Dorset & Somerset	3.6	3.1	3.4	2.4	8.5	9.3
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	4.2	4.2	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
Devon	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.2	10.6	8.6
Wales	5.6	4.7	5.0	3.5	14.0	13.1
West Wales & the Valleys	5.9	4.9	5.6	3.6	14.6	14.3
East Wales	5.1	4.3	4.1	3.5	13.0	11.3
Scotland	6.5	5.8	5.2	4.9	14.5	14.2
North Eastern Scotland	3.6	4.6	(:)	(:)	(:)	(:)
Eastern Scotland	5.8	4.9	4.9	4.3	13.7	12.8
South Western Scotland	7.9	7.0	6.1	5.5	17.0	16.7
Highlands & Islands	5.9	5.7	(:)	4.6	(:)	(:)
Northern Ireland	5.8	5.6	5.0	4.3	11.8	10.7
BULGARIA	18.2	13.7	17.3	13.2	37.2	28.2
Severozapaden	26.9	16.5	25.4	14.8	53.6	(40.4)
Severen tsentralen	18.1	13.6	16.9	12.8	36.5	29.0
Severoiztochen	22.3	19.4	22.5	20.6	40.0	31.9
Yugozapaden	13.3	11.3	12.4	10.6	28.3	23.2
Yuzhen tsentralen	17.2	11.1	15.7	10.0	38.5	25.3
Yugoiztochen	22.2	16.2	23.0	17.4	44.8	34.6
ROMANIA	8.4	7.0	7.7	6.4	23.2	19.6
Nord-Est	7.8	6.3	7.1	5.6	19.6	14.9
Sud-Est	10.6	8.3	11.2	7.4	26.7	18.3
Sud	9.8	7.8	9.1	7.0	29.8	25.2
Sud-Vest	6.7	6.0	6.2	5.3	22.4	19.4
Vest	7.2	5.9	6.8	4.9	18.6	14.8
Nord-Vest	7.6	6.0	6.6	5.6	19.4	17.2
Centru	8.4	7.2	7.0	7.4	22.8	22.4
Bucure• ti	8.8	8.6	7.3	7.8	26.1	26.9

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