

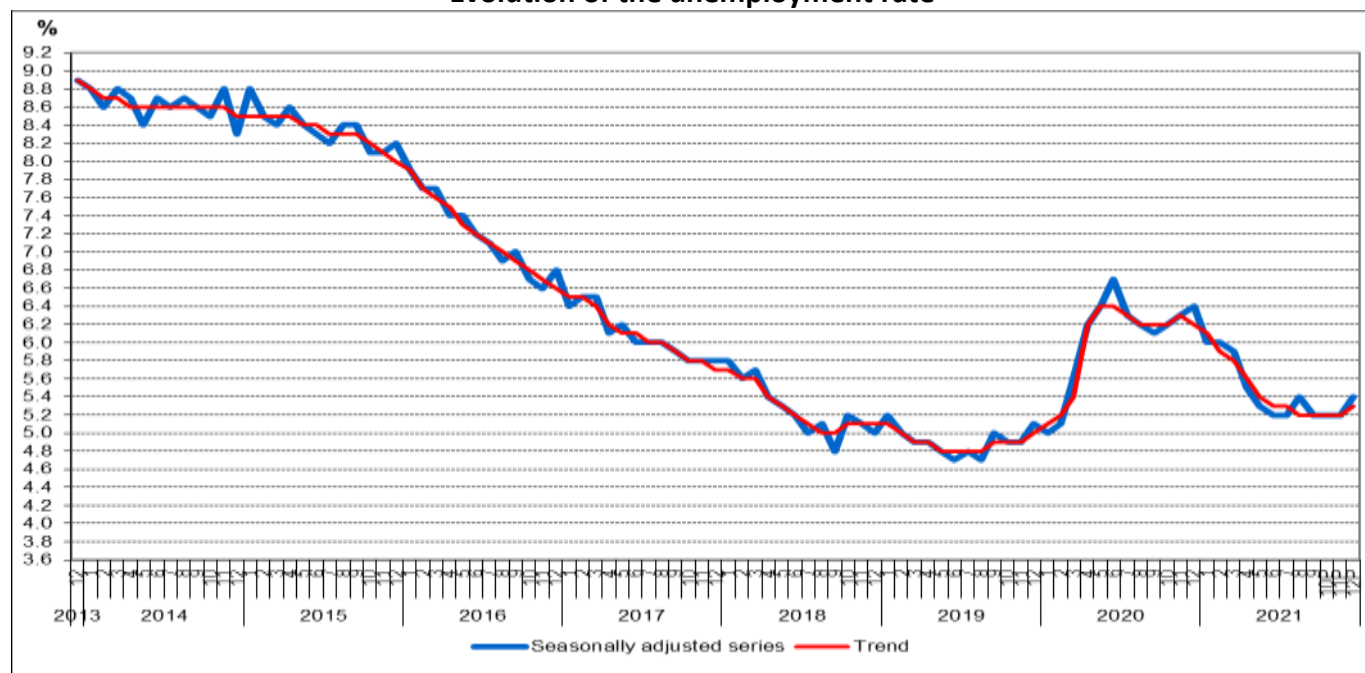
Area: ILO* unemployment

In December 2021, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.4%

- Unemployment rate** in December 2021 increased with 0.2 percentage points as compared to the previous month, reaching 5.4%.
- Men's unemployment rate was higher than that of women with 0.5 percentage points.

Starting with 2021, the methodology of the Household Labor Force Survey (the primary source of data in this press release) has been revised to meet the requirements of the new European regulations that entered into force on 1 January 2021 (see also the methodological note). These changes have a significant impact on the estimates making direct comparison with data published for previous periods unfeasible. Consequently, to facilitate the interpretation of the results, the data in this press release referring to the months up to December 2020 (inclusive) have been recalculated to reflect the definitions in force since 2021. Data for the entire series are now comparable.

Evolution of the unemployment rate



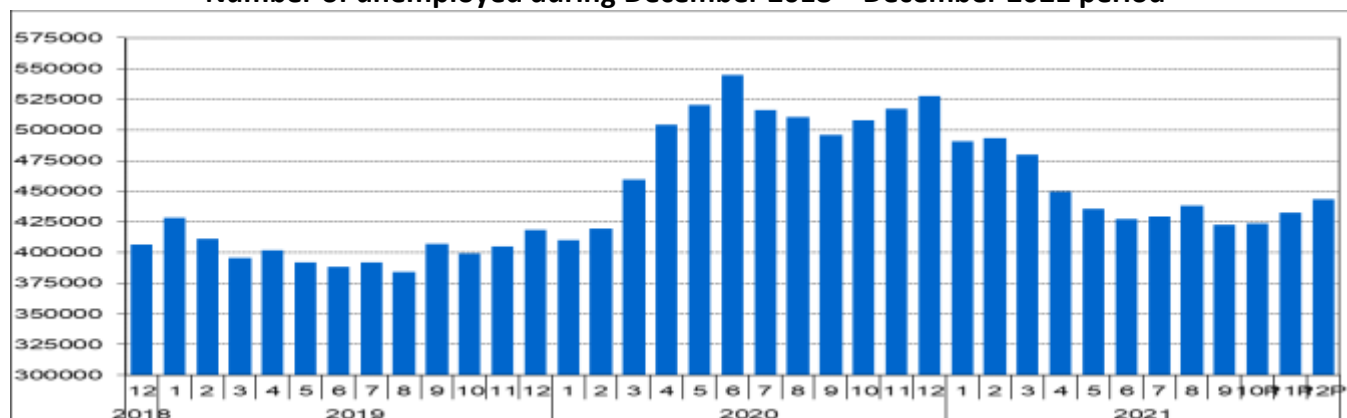
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The number of unemployed (aged 15-74 years) estimated for December 2021 was of 443 thousand persons, increasing as compared to the previous month (432 thousand persons), but decreasing as compared to the same month of the previous year (528 thousand persons).

* according to the standards of International Labour Office, the data being obtained by the Household Labour Force Survey - (see points 1 and 3 in Methodological explanations).

Number of unemployed during December 2018 – December 2021 period



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According to the breakdown by gender, men's unemployment rate was with 0.5 percentage points higher than that of women (the values concerned are 5.6% for men and 5.1% for women).

The high level of the unemployment rate among young people (15-24 years old) of 20.3% still holds attention.

Unemployment rate by gender (%)

	2020	2021											
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct. ^P	Nov. ^P	Dec. ^P
Total													
15-74 years	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.4
15-24 years	21.2	21.3	21.3	21.3	19.7	19.7	19.7	20.3	20.3	20.3
25-74 years	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.4
Male													
15-74 years	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.6
15-24 years	21.6	21.2	21.2	21.2	19.4	19.4	19.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
25-74 years	5.2	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6
Female													
15-74 years	6.4	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.1
15-24 years	20.6	21.4	21.4	21.4	20.2	20.2	20.2	20.2	20.2	20.2
25-74 years	5.6	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.0

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The unemployment rate of adult persons (aged 25-74 years) was estimated at 4.4% for December 2021 (4.6% in the case of men and 4.0% in that of women's).

The number of unemployed aged 25-74 years accounted for 76.3% of the total number of unemployed estimated for December 2021.

Additional information:

** The **unemployment rate** is the weight of the unemployed in the active population.

For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the [Methodological explanations](#).

Monthly data on the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate compiled according to international definition (ILO - International Labour Office) can also be obtained from the publication "Monthly Statistical Bulletin No. 12/2021". Data in the TEMPO database will be available starting with the 1st of February 2022.

The next press release, which will include the estimates for January 2022, will be issued on the 3rd of March 2022.

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