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Welcome to Statistics Explained

Statistics Explained, your guide to European statistics.

Statistics Explained is an official Eurostat website presenting all possible statistical topics in an easily understandable way. Together, the articles make up everyone's **encyclopedia** of European statistics, completed by a **statistical glossary** clarifying all terms used and by numerous links to further information and the very latest data and metadata, a **portal** for occasional and regular users alike.

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Europe in figures - Eurostat yearbook 2009 (with CD-ROM)

Europe in figures - Eurostat yearbook 2009 - presents a comprehensive selection of statistical data on Europe. The yearbook may be viewed as an introduction to European statistics. Most data cover the period 1997-2007 for the European Union and some indicators are provided for other countries such as candidate countries to the European Union, members of EFTA, Japan or the United States (subject to availability). With just over 500 statistical tables, graphs and maps, the yearbook treats the following areas: the economy, population, education, health, living conditions and welfare, the labour market, industry and services, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, international trade, transport, the environment, energy, science and technology and Europe's regions. This edition's spotlight chapter covers creativity and innovation - the theme of the European year 2009.

Europe in figures is divided into an introduction, 16 main chapters and a set of annexes. The main chapters contain data and/or background information relating to particular topics, starting with a spotlight chapter on creativity and innovation. Each subchapter starts with an introduction containing background information and policy relevance, followed by some details regarding definitions and data availability and then a commentary on the main findings. The main focus of each subchapter is a set of tables and graphs that have been selected to show the wide variety of data available for that particular topic; often these include information on how important benchmark indicators have developed during recent years within the EU, its Member States and the euro area. Users will find a great deal more information when consulting the Eurostat website, which contains subject-specific publications and online databases. The annexes at the end of the publication contain, among other things, a list of statistical symbols, abbreviations and acronyms, and a subject index.

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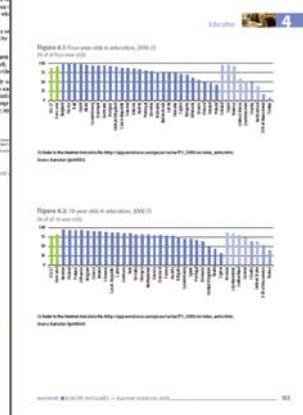
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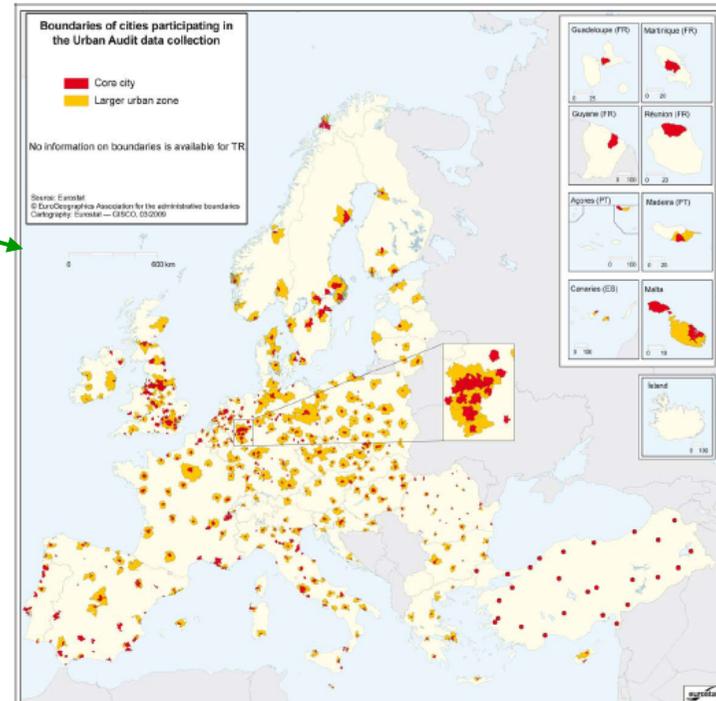
Statistical information is essential for understanding our complex and rapidly changing world. Eurostat regional yearbook 2009 offers a wealth of information on life in the European regions in the 27 Member States of the European Union and in the candidate countries and EFTA countries. If you would like to dig deeper into the way the regions of Europe are evolving in a number of statistical domains, this publication is for you! The texts are written by specialists in the different statistical domains and are accompanied by statistical maps, figures and tables on each subject. A broad set of regional data are presented on the following themes: population, European cities, labour market, gross domestic product, household accounts, structural business statistics, information society, science, technology and innovation, education, tourism and agriculture. The publication is available in German, English and French.

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Map 2.1: Boundaries of cities participating in the Urban Audit data collection



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GDP per inhabitant ranged from 26% of the EU27 average in 2008
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Construction output up by 0.5% in both the euro area and EU27
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Migrants sent 32 bn euro to their former country of residence in 2009
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December 2009 compared with November 2009
Industrial new orders up by 0.8% in euro area
Up by 0.6% in EU27

In December 2009 compared with November 2009, the euro area¹ (EA16) industrial new orders index² rose by 0.8%, after +2.7% in November³. In the EU27⁴ new orders increased by 0.6% in December 2009, after +2.4% in November⁵. Excluding ships, railway & aerospace equipment⁶, for which changes tend to be more volatile, industrial new orders fell by 0.4% in the euro area and by 0.6% in the EU27 in December.

In December 2009 compared with December 2008, industrial new orders increased by 9.5% in the euro area and by 6.3% in the EU27. Total industry excluding ships, railway & aerospace equipment⁶ rose by 8.1% and 5.5% respectively.

Compared with 2008, the average new orders index for 2009 fell by 22.6% in the euro area and by 21.9% in the EU27.

These estimates are released by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

Euro area and EU27 industrial new orders, total manufacturing working on orders

Legend: Euro area, seasonally adjusted series (pink line); EU27, seasonally adjusted series (black line)

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17 % of EU citizens were at-risk-of-poverty in 2008

In 2008 as in 2007, 17% of the population was assessed to be at-risk-of-poverty following the concept of relative poverty adopted in the European Union. Despite this overall stability the risk of poverty rose by 5 percentage points in Latvia, and decreased significantly only in Ireland and Romania (both -2 percentage points).

20% of children were at-risk-of-poverty in the EU in 2008 with the highest figures in Romania, Bulgaria, Italy, and Latvia. The at-risk-of-poverty rate exceeded 30% for the elderly population (aged 65 and more) in Latvia, Cyprus, Estonia and Bulgaria. On average, social protection reduced poverty by 32% in the EU with large discrepancies between countries.

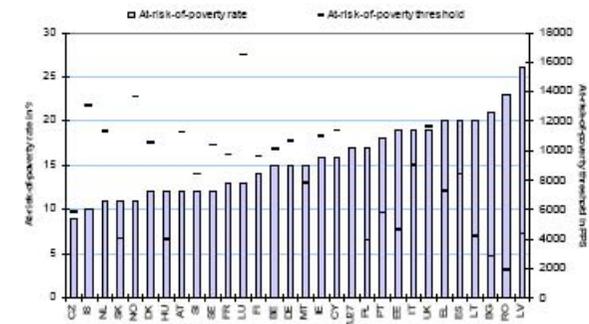
Holding a job is not always sufficient to escape from poverty and 8% of the EU population were at-risk-of-poverty in 2008 despite having a job.

Material deprivation affected 17% of the EU population in 2008 and some of the new Member States (Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Latvia and Poland) recorded the highest values.

All figures are based on the EU-SILC (Statistics on Income and Living Conditions) source.

In 2008, approximately 85 million people in EU-27 (17%) lived below the poverty threshold, a situation likely to hamper their capacity to fully participate in society. This figure, calculated as a weighted average of national results, masks considerable variation between Member States. At one extreme, the Member States with the highest poverty rates are Latvia (26%), Romania (23%), Bulgaria (21%), Lithuania, Greece and Spain (all 20%). At the other extreme, the share of the population at risk of poverty is around 9% in the Czech Republic, 10% in Iceland, and 11% in the Netherlands, Slovakia and Norway.

Chart 1: At-risk-of-poverty rate (%) and At-risk-of-poverty threshold (PPS), 2008



Note: provisional data for UK
Source: Eurostat ([LIC_2010_LIC_20102](#))

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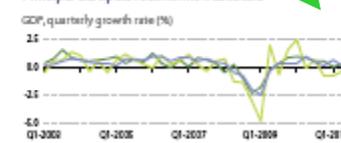
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Europe 2020 strategy indicators, EU-27

	2008	2009	2010	Target	
Employment	Employment rate, aged 20-64 (% of population)	70.1	69.0	68.6	75
	- women	62.8	62.3	62.1	
	- men	77.9	75.8	75.1	
R&D	Gross domestic expenditure on R&D (% of GDP)	1.9	2.0	2.0	3
	Greenhouse gas emissions (1990=100)	89	83		80
Climate change / energy	Renewable share of final energy consumption (%)	10.5	11.7		20
	Energy intensity (kgoe/EUR 1 000 of GDP)	167.4	165.2		(1)
Education	Early leavers from education & training (%)	14.9	14.4	14.1	10
	- women	12.9	12.5	12.3	
	- men	16.9	16.3	16.0	
Tertiary education attainment, aged 20-34 (%)		31.1	32.3	33.6	40
	- women	34.3	35.7	37.2	
	- men	28.0	28.9	30.0	
Poverty / social inclusion	People at-risk of poverty eradication (million)	115.7	113.7	115.5	20 mil. less
	People at-risk of poverty eradication (%)	23.6	23.1	23.4	
	- with very low work intensity (%)	9.0	9.0	9.9	
	- after social transfers (%)	16.4	16.3	16.4	
- severely materially deprived (%)	8.4	8.1	8.1		

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Services trade balance, EU-27

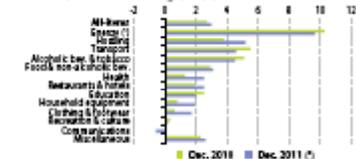


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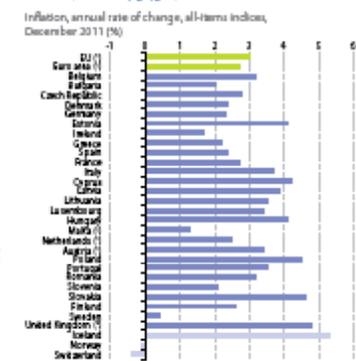


Services trade balance, EU-27

Inflation, annual rate of change, EU (%)



Inflation, annual rate of change, all-items indices, December 2011 (%)



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Eurostat does not work alone. Since the early days of the Community it was realised that decisions on and planning and implementation of Community policies must be based on reliable and comparable statistics. So the European Statistical System (ESS) was built up gradually with the objective of providing comparable statistics at EU level.

The ESS is the partnership between the Community statistical authority, which is the Commission (Eurostat), and the national statistical institutes (NSIs) and other national authorities responsible in each Member State for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. Member States collect data and compile statistics for national and EU purposes. The ESS functions as a network in which Eurostat's role is to lead the way in the harmonization of statistics in close cooperation with the national statistical authorities. ESS work concentrates mainly on EU policy areas - but, with the extension of EU policies, harmonization has been extended to nearly all statistical fields.

The ESS also coordinates its work with EEA/EFTA countries, candidate countries, at European level with other Commission services, agencies and the ECB and international organisations such as OECD, the UN, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.



List of National Statistical Institutes and other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics as designated by Member States (update: 17th February 2010)

The list above is published for information only in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164). It will be updated regularly. Where necessary, the names of the National statistical institutes and other national authorities have been translated into English by Eurostat.

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The Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics constitutes the legal basis for the preparation of the European statistical programme, providing the framework for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, the main fields and the objectives of the actions envisaged for a period not exceeding five years. The current programme covers the period 2008-2012. It was established by the Council Decision 1578/2007/EC of 11 December 2007. The five-year programmes are backed up by annual programmes that set more detailed objectives for each year.

[European Parliament and Council Decision 1578/2007/EC of 11 December 2007 on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012](#)

Annual Programme 2010

The Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and the Communication on the improvement of coordination of statistical work, adopted by the Commission on 21 February 1996 (SEC (96) 253/4 of 15 February 1996), provide for the Commission adoption of an annual statistical work programme. This programme is discussed with the Statistical authorities of the Member States and Commission services concerned. The statistical work programme of the Commission comprises the priorities of the Commission as regards the statistical work for 2010. It relates to the 2008-2012 programme and to the political strategy of the Commission for 2010.



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