

Basic figures on the EU

First quarter 2015

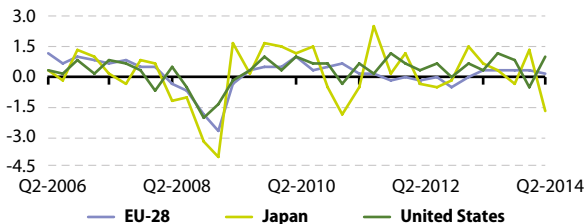
Indicators of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

EU-28		2005	2012	2013	Target
Employment	Employment rate (% of population aged 20–64)	67.9	68.4	68.4	75
	— male	75.9	74.5	74.2	:
	— female	60.0	62.3	62.6	:
EU-28		2005	2012	2013	Target
R&D	Gross domestic expenditure on R&D (% of GDP)	1.76	2.01	2.02	3
EU-28		2005	2012	2013	Target
Climate change / energy	Greenhouse gas emissions (index, 1990 = 100)	93.2	82.1	:	80
	Renewables in gross final energy consumption (%)	8.7	14.1	:	20
	Primary energy consumption (million tonnes of oil equivalent)	1.709.0	1.583.9	1.566.5	1.483
EU-28		2005	2012	2013	Target
Education	Early leavers from education & training (% of population aged 18–24)	15.7	12.7	12.0	< 10
	— male	17.7	14.4	13.6	:
	— female	13.7	10.9	10.2	:
	Tertiary educational attainment (% of population aged 30–34)	28.1	35.9	36.9	≥ 40
	— male	26.1	31.7	32.7	:
	— female	30.1	40.2	41.2	:
EU-28 (*)		2005	2012	2013	Target
Poverty or social exclusion	People at-risk-of poverty or social exclusion (million)	124.3	124.5	122.6	96.6
	People at-risk-of poverty or social exclusion (%)	25.7	24.8	24.5	:
	In households with very low work intensity (%)	10.4	10.5	10.7	:
	At-risk-of-poverty after social transfers (%)	16.4	16.9	16.7	:
	Severely materially deprived (%)	10.8	9.9	9.6	:

(*) 2005: EU-27. The target is 20 million less than the 2008 figure (see conclusions of European Council 17 June 2010 at http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020/pdf/council_conclusion_17_june_en.pdf).

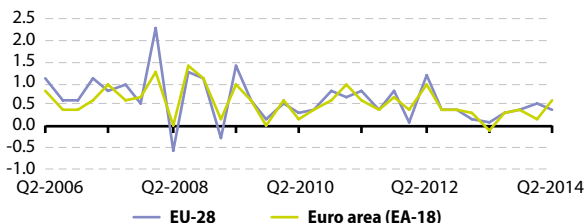
Selected Principal European Economic Indicators

GDP, quarterly growth rate (%)



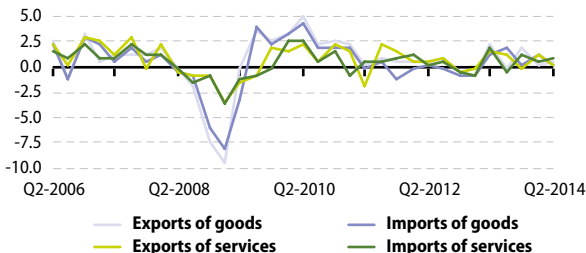
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Labour cost index, quarterly growth rate (%)



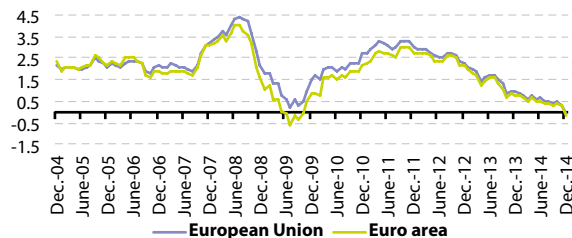
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Trade of goods and services, quarterly growth rate, EU-28 (%)



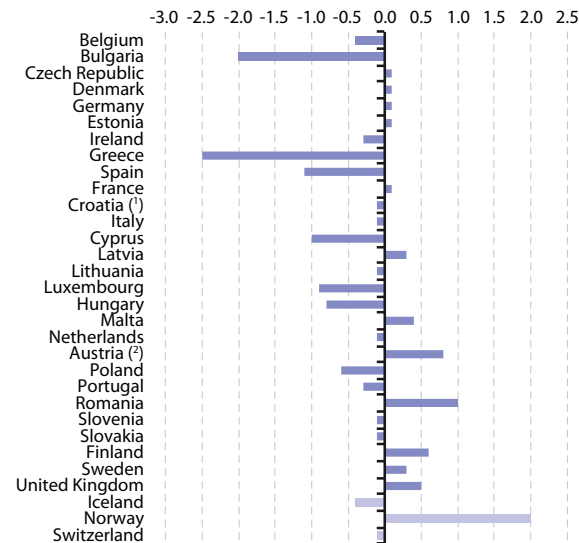
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Inflation, monthly data (annual rate of change), EU and EA, December 2004 to December 2014 ⁽¹⁾ (%)



⁽¹⁾ December 2014 data are provisional.

Inflation, monthly data (annual rate of change), EU Member States, December 2014 (%)



⁽¹⁾ Definition differs. ⁽²⁾ Provisional data.

Additional information: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Inflation_in_the_euro_area and http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/prc_hicp_esms.htm.

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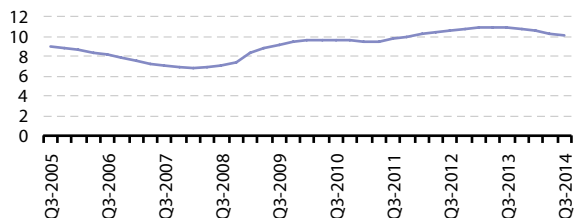
Economy and public finance

	GDP in current prices		GDP growth in volume			Government surplus		Government debt	
	(EUR / inhabitant (¹)(²))	(EUR 1 000 million)	Quarterly growth rate (%)			(% of GDP)		(% of GDP)	
	2013		Q1-2014	Q2-2014	Q3-2014	Q2-2014	Q3-2014	Q2-2014	Q3-2014
EU-28	25 700	13 069	0.4	0.2	0.3	-2.6	-2.9	87.0	86.6
Euro area (EA-18)	28 600	9 603	0.3	0.1	0.2	-1.9	-2.6	92.7	92.1
Belgium	34 500	383	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.6	-7.6	108.8	108.2
Bulgaria	5 500	40	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	20.5	23.6
Czech Republic	14 200	149	0.6	0.2	0.4	-0.6	0.2	44.4	43.8
Denmark	44 400	249	0.2	0.1	0.4	2.3	2.1	45.4	47.0
Germany	33 300	2 738	0.8	-0.1	0.1	2.2	0.1	75.3	74.8
Estonia	13 900	19	0.1	0.9	0.4	1.5	1.2	10.5	10.5
Ireland	35 600	164	:	:	:	-3.3	-4.0	117.0	114.8
Greece	17 400	182	0.8	0.4	0.7	-0.9	-0.8	177.5	176.0
Spain	22 300	1 023	0.3	0.5	0.5	-11.0	-1.2	96.4	96.8
France	31 300	2 060	0.0	-0.1	0.3	-3.0	-5.6	95.2	95.3
Croatia	10 100	43	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-7.3	-1.0	77.0	78.0
Italy	25 600	1 560	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-1.3	-3.5	133.8	131.8
Cyprus	19 000	17	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	4.8	109.8	104.7
Latvia	11 600	23	0.3	0.8	0.5	2.1	0.1	41.0	40.4
Lithuania	11 700	35	0.5	0.9	0.4	-2.0	2.9	38.7	38.3
Luxembourg	83 400	45	1.0	0.5	2.3	-0.4	4.0	23.2	22.9
Hungary	9 900	98	0.9	0.8	0.5	-3.5	-1.3	82.9	80.3
Malta	17 200	7	0.9	1.3	0.8	-3.3	-1.4	74.6	71.9
Netherlands	35 900	603	-0.4	0.6	0.1	-4.5	-3.7	69.6	69.0
Austria	37 000	313	0.1	0.0	-0.3	-1.3	-1.6	82.3	80.7
Poland	10 100	390	1.1	0.7	0.9	-2.7	-3.6	48.4	48.6
Portugal	15 800	166	-0.4	0.3	0.3	-7.4	-1.7	129.5	131.4
Romania	7 100	142	:	:	:	-0.9	1.9	37.9	38.1
Slovenia	17 100	35	0.1	1.1	0.7	-3.8	-4.0	78.3	78.1
Slovakia	13 300	72	:	:	:	-1.7	-2.4	55.6	55.4
Finland	35 600	193	-0.4	0.4	0.2	2.0	-2.2	58.9	58.1
Sweden	43 800	421	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.7	-2.1	38.8	39.0
United Kingdom	29 600	1 899	0.6	0.8	0.7	-7.3	-5.6	88.6	87.9
Iceland	34 000	11	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Norway	75 900	386	0.5	1.1	0.5	13.6	5.7	26.7	25.8
Switzerland	61 100	490	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.3	:	:
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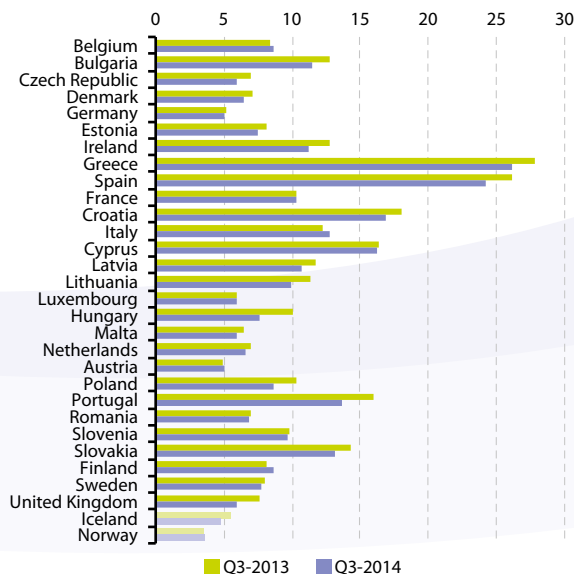
(¹) Break in series for Latvia. (²) Greece: 2012.

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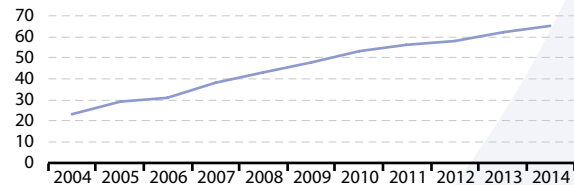
Unemployment rate, EU-28, Q3-2005–Q3-2014
(% of the labour force)



Unemployment rate, EU Member States, Q3-2013 and Q3-2014
(% of the labour force)

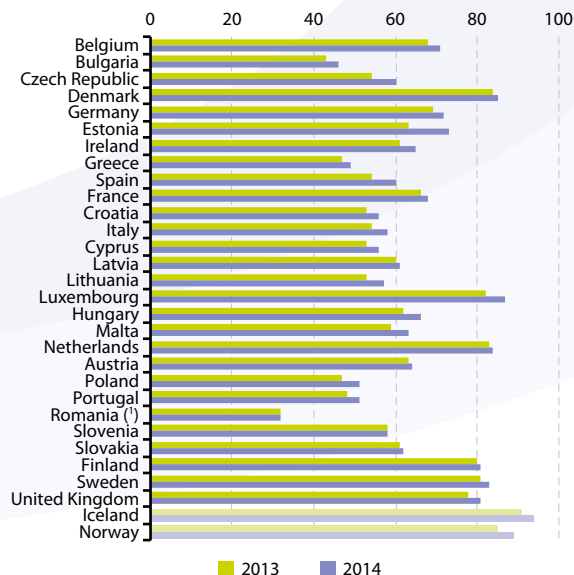


Daily internet access, EU-28, 2004–14⁽¹⁾
(% of the population)



(¹) 2004–06: EU-27 data.

Daily internet access, EU Member States, 2013 and 2014
(% of the population)



(¹) Break in time series.

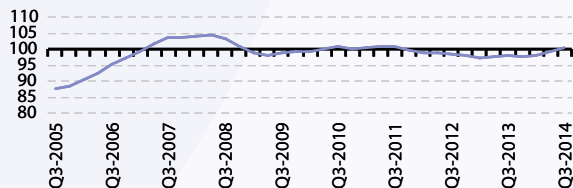
Additional information: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Unemployment_statistics and http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/une_esms.htm.

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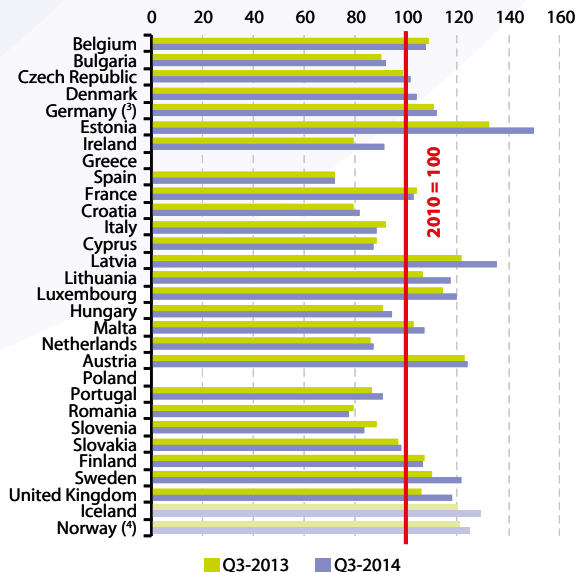
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Housing price, quarterly evolution, EU, Q3-2005–Q3-2014 ⁽¹⁾
(2010 = 100)



⁽¹⁾ Provisional data. The graph presents movements in house prices compared to 2010.

Housing price, EU Member States, Q3-2013 and Q3-2014 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
(2010 = 100)

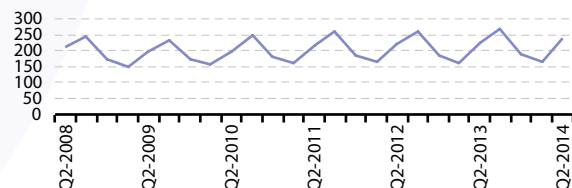


⁽¹⁾ The figures show if house prices have gone up or down compared to 2010 in each country. They do not compare current house price levels between countries. ⁽²⁾ Provisional data: BE, BG, CZ, DK, DE, FR, HR, IT, LV, HU, MT and NL. Data not available: EL and PL. ⁽³⁾ Data: Q1-2014. ⁽⁴⁾ Definition differs.

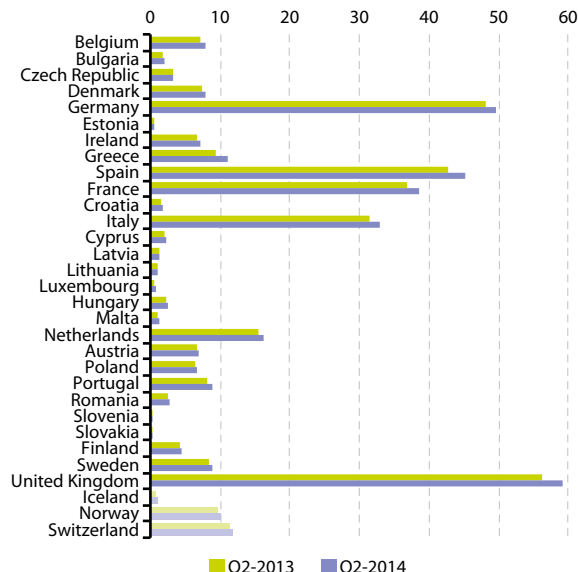
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Source: Eurostat (online data code: ei_hppl_q)

Passengers transported by air, EU-28, Q2-2008–Q2-2014
(million)



Passengers transported by air, EU Member States, Q2-2013 and Q2-2014 (million)



Additional information: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Air_transport_statistics and http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/avia_pa_esms.htm.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: avia_paoc)

General information

Coverage

This short guide shows information for the EU, the euro area, the EU Member States and three EFTA countries. The euro area (EA-18) is composed of: Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. The EU-28 includes the EA-18 countries and also: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Croatia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The three EFTA countries covered are: Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.

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Quarterly growth rates are expressed in relation to the previous quarter. Quarterly rates are generally calculated using seasonally adjusted data, although rates for the government surplus, deficit, debt, housing prices and passenger air transport are based on non seasonally adjusted data. Furthermore, annual rates of change for inflation are also based on non seasonally adjusted data.

Symbols and abbreviations

: not available

Figures in italics are estimates, provisional or forecast.

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