

# Unemployment rate (NHC) - 15-74 yrs, Both genders, per cent

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Geography					
Norway	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.2
Østfold	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2
Akershus	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7
Oslo	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.2
Hedmark	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.4
Oppland	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.4
Buskerud	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9
Vestfold	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.4
Telemark	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.3
Aust-Agder	2.4	2.7	2.4	3.1	2.6
Vest-Agder	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.9	2.6
Rogaland	1.3	1.6	1.9	3.5	3.5
Hordaland	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.6
Sogn og Fjordane	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.3
Møre og Romsdal	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.3	2.5
Trøndelag	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.8
Nordland	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.8
Troms	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5
Finnmark	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6

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## Description

Unemployment rate according to the central unemployment register. Percent of the population (15-74 years) by January.

To change the table, open the "change selection of...".

Three measures are available. Use the Measure button to select:

1. Number of people

2. Per cent = Percentage of the population

3. Ratio (Norway = 100) = Ratio between the county's percentage and the national percentage for a given year. Examples; ratio = 130 means that the county's percentage is 30% higher than the national level. A ratio of 87 means that the county's percentage is 13% lower than the national level

The figures in Norhealth differ somewhat from Statistics Norway figures due to the use of different denominator.

## Rationale for indicator

Unemployed people are regarded as a vulnerable group.

## Source

Statistics Norway (SSB)

## Collection

The central unemployment register contains all unemployed persons registered at the Employment Offices.

## Interpretation and sources of error

The rate of unemployment should be viewed in relation to business and health insurance.

The figures for registered fully unemployed persons are regarded as reliable. The main reason for this is that entitlement to unemployment benefit is forfeited if the person fails to sign in at their local job centre at regular intervals. NAV - the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration's ARENA register is consequently updated on a near-continuous basis with recent data on every single job-seeker. There will, however, be a proportion of unemployed persons who do not register with NAV, and who therefore do not figure in the ARENA register. This means that there will be a certain degree of under-reporting. Typical examples are young people, students and others who are not eligible for unemployment benefit. Conversely, there may be instances of individuals registered with NAV who no longer qualify for job-seeker status. This problem primarily applies to participants on labour market schemes. In some cases, an individual may have completed or dropped out of a labour market scheme without this having been NAV-registered, which results in over-reporting. For participants on labour market schemes who received (scheme-based) individual-benefit instead of unemployment benefit, there is currently no obligation to sign in every 14 days as in the case of unemployment benefit recipients (fully unemployed persons and some labour market scheme participants), which has made it difficult for NAV to detect falsely registered scheme participants. However, NAV is now planning to introduce this requirement for individual-benefit recipients also.

## Time periods

1990-2017

## Geographical level

Norway, health regions and counties

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## Gender

Both genders, men and women

## Age groups

15-74 years, 15-29 years and 30-74 years

## Frequency of updates

Annually

## Last updated

5/13/19

## Keywords

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- Unemployed
- Arbeidsledige
- Unemployment
- Jobseeker

## Fact sheets

Below are links to relevant fact sheets, articles and reports. These may describe trends over time in the Norwegian population or differences by sex, age group, geographical region or socioeconomic status:

- [Work and health](#)