

“Task 1 Academic: Long-term Unemployment” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

The table below gives information about unemployment in five different countries in 2011.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

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Rates and World Rankings for Long-term National Unemployment

Country	Male	World Rank	Female	World Rank	Total
France	3.17%	21	3.28%	27	3.22%
Germany	3.6%	17	3.43%	26	3.5%
Netherlands	0.8%	48	0.9%	47	0.85%
Poland	1.82%	36	2.38%	32	2.07%
Spain	4.76%	10	6.33%	13	5.44%

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Paragraph 1

The data provides details about the percentage of people who were unemployed long-term by gender and a country's respective world ranking.

Paragraph 2

The Netherlands had by far the lowest rate of long-term unemployment for both males and females which was under 1%. Its world rankings for both categories were, therefore, low. By contrast, Spain had the highest unemployment rate for both males and females at 4.76% and 6.33% respectively, which resulted in high world rankings. Its male unemployment rate placed it just inside the top ten.

Paragraph 3

Germany and France were similar in their rates and rankings for male and female unemployment but the former was exceptional among all five countries in that its female unemployment rate was actually lower than the male unemployment rate, 3.43% compared to 3.6%. Poland's unemployment rates were far better than Germany's and France's but higher than the Netherlands' rates.

Paragraph 4

Overall, there was a wide range in the rate (and, therefore, world ranking) of the long-term unemployed, with the Netherlands having only 0.85% unemployed over the long term and Spain the highest at 5.44%.