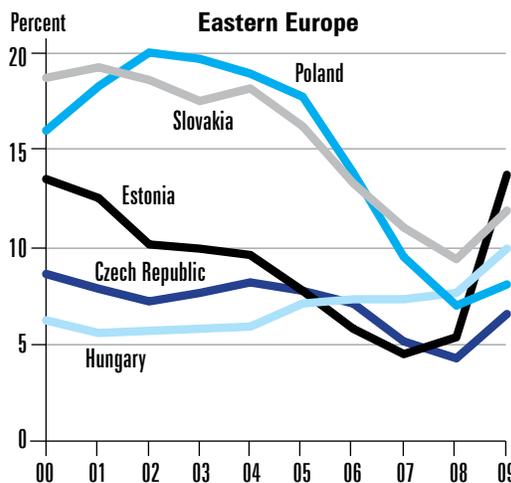
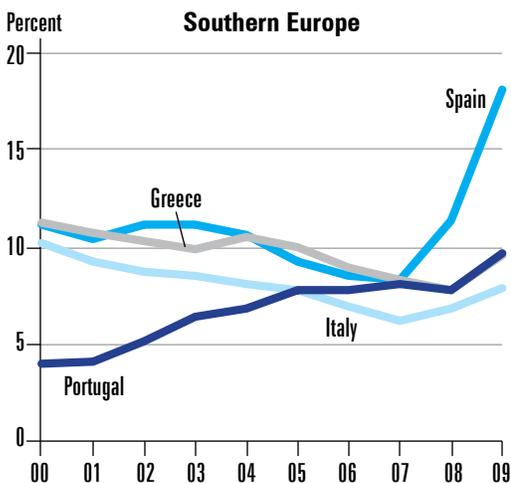
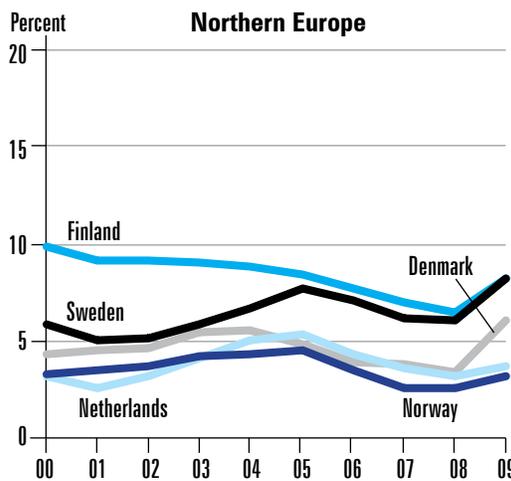
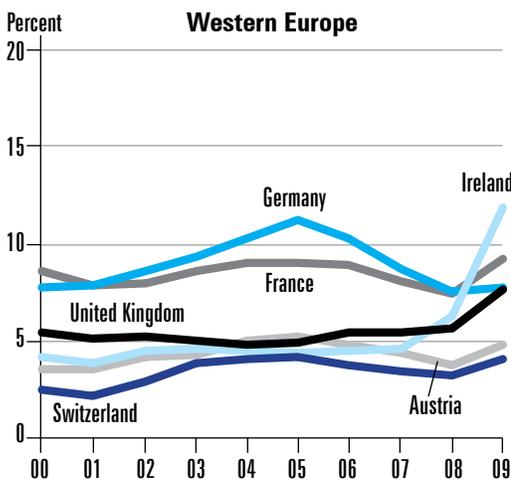
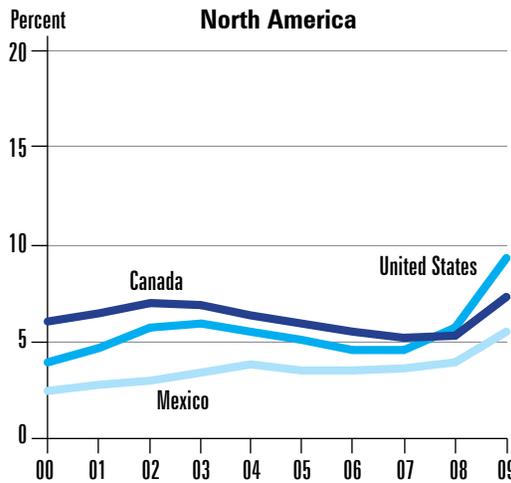
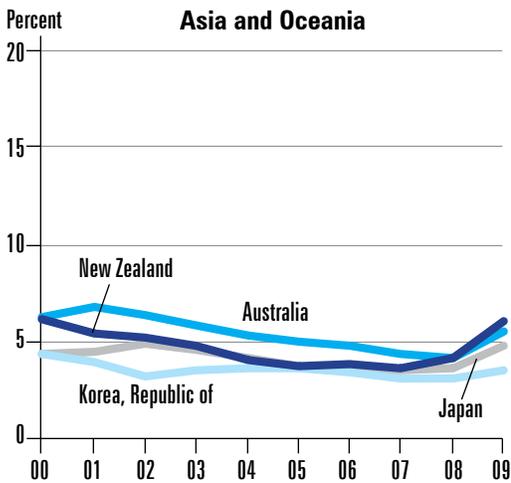


# Unemployment rates, selected countries, 2000–2009

## CHART 2.9

In 2009, Spain had, by far, the highest unemployment rate, and Norway had the lowest.



- Unemployment rates were higher in 2009 than 2000 in a majority of countries, due in part to the effects of the global recession at the end of the decade. Unemployment rates increased in 11 countries between 2007 and 2008, and in all countries between 2008 and 2009.

- Poland recorded the highest unemployment rate of the period (20.0 percent in 2002), and Switzerland had the lowest (2.2 percent in 2001).

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