This map only shows the unemployed young women that live in the territories of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Most of these women, who are aged between 15 or 16 and 24 live in Western Europe. Within this region the highest rates of young unemployed women were in Greece, Italy, Spain and France, in 2002.

Unemployment is high both where there are few jobs and where people are supported so are not compelled to take any work just to survive.

Only a small proportion of territories are shown here because the majority are not part of the OECD.

Territory size shows the proportion of all young (aged 15 or 16 to 24) unemployed women that form the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that live there.

“In a majority of ... Europe ... there is a higher youth unemployment rate for women than for men, but in many countries the differences are not large ...”

Economic Commission for Europe, 2003