

Module 04: The End of Optimism? The Great Depression in Europe

Evidence 3: Unemployment Statistics for Europe, 1929-1933



Questions to Consider

- Compare the numbers of unemployed in the European countries included in the chart below. What striking similarities or differences do you see?

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Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
Austria	225,000	239,000	304,000	417,000	456,000
Belgium	28,000	42,000	207,000	350,000	383,000
Czech	50,000	88,000	340,000	634,000	878,000
France	9,000	14,000	72,000	347,000	356,000
Germany	2,484,000	3,041,000	4,744,000	6,034,000	5,599,000
Norway	24,000	23,000	29,000	38,000	42,000
Poland	177,000	289,000	373,000	360,000	280,000
Sweden	44,000	42,000	73,000	99,000	121,000
U.K.	1,204,000	1,694,000	2,666,000	2,660,000	2,821,000
Yugoslavia	12,000	10,000	12,000	23,000	23,000

Source:

Lionel Robbins, *The Great Depression* (New York: Macmillan, 1936) 213.