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# Spanish unemployed falls to lowest since 2008 in June

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**S**pain's registered jobless fell to 3.16 million people in June, its lowest level since December 2008 and almost 2 million less than at its height at the tail end of the economic crisis in February 2013, data from the Labour Ministry showed yesterday.

Spain, which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the European Union, sank in to a near-five-year recession after a burst construction bubble in 2008 left millions out of work, gutting the jobs

market in all sectors. But a steady growth rate of around 3 percent since 2015 has brought employment back to struggling areas such as construction, while record-high tourist levels have boosted the service sector. The number of people in Spain registering as jobless fell by 2.77 percent in June from a month earlier, or by 89,968 people.

The number of people paying in to the social security system as workers rose by 0.48 percent month on month or 91,322 people, to 19.0 million people, the highest since Sep-

tember 2008, the ministry said.

In seasonally adjusted terms, registered unemployed fell by 15,865 people in June from a month earlier.

The number of people registered as out of work in the service sector fell by 66,698 people, in industry by 9,123 and by 9,407 people in construction while rising by 2,573 in agriculture.

Spain's unemployment rate stood at 15.8 percent in May, Eurostat said on Monday, the second highest in the European Union behind Greece at 20.1 percent.



## Days from Brexit crunch meeting, Britain's May calls for unity

*London.*—Prime Minister Theresa May has called on her Conservative Party to “stand together” over Brexit, days before a crunch meeting she hopes will overcome bitter rifts over how Britain should leave the European Union. Britain's exit

from the bloc will mark its biggest trading and foreign policy shift in almost half a century. But May has struggled to unite her ministers and party -- or parliament and the public -- around a plan, often reluctant to spell out her approach for fear

of angering one faction or another.

With the clock ticking towards a March departure date and passions running high, May needs to thrash out a deal with her ministers on a future customs arrangement with the EU.