

LABOUR MARKET SITUATION

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Reference period: May 2022

Unemployment rate in the OECD stabilises at 5% in May 2022

The unemployment rate in the OECD stabilised at 5.0% in May 2022 – its lowest level since the series began in 2001 (Figure 1, Table 1). The May unemployment rate was below or equal to the pre-pandemic rate in two thirds of OECD countries (Figure 2). The number of unemployed workers in the OECD remained broadly stable at 33.8 million (Table 2).

The OECD unemployment rate for women rose marginally for the first time since December 2020 (Table 3). The unemployment rate for men and for workers aged 25 and above was stable, while it continued to decline among younger workers (aged 15 to 24) (Tables 3 and 4).

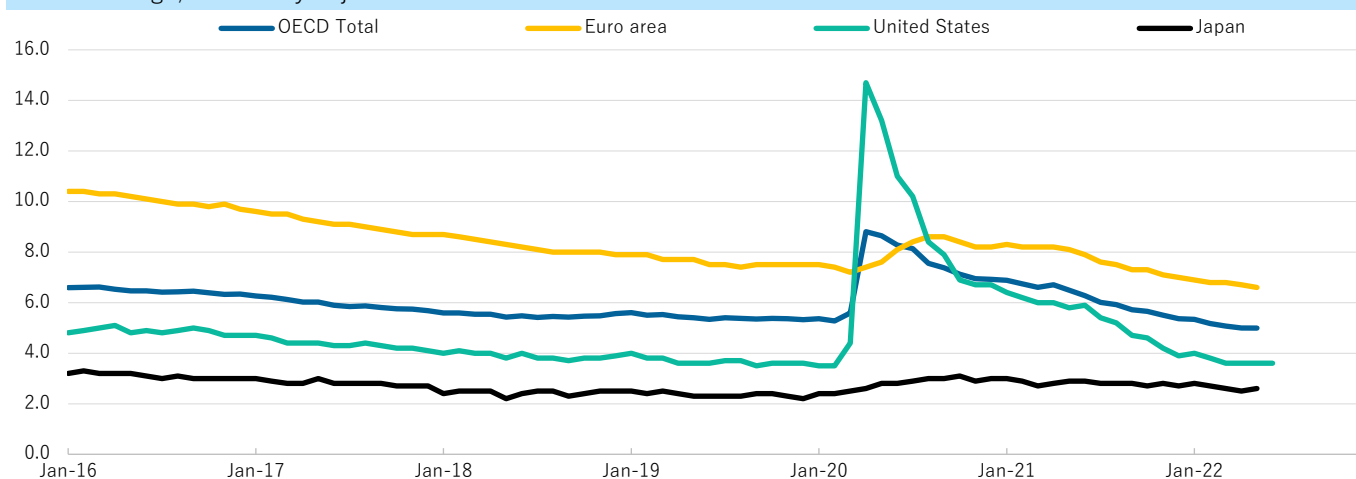
In the euro area, the unemployment rate fell slightly, to 6.6% in May from 6.7% in April, and was stable in one-third of euro area countries. The largest declines within the euro area were observed in Italy, Lithuania and Spain and the largest increases in Austria, Belgium, and Portugal. In June 2022, the unemployment rate remained stable, at 3.6% for the fourth consecutive month, in the United States while it declined further in Canada to 4.9%.

At the onset of the war in Ukraine, both the employment and the labour force participation rates in the OECD were at their highest levels since the start of the series in 2005 and 2008 respectively. The OECD employment rate, which is the percentage share of the working-age population with jobs, including both employees and self-employed, climbed to 69.0% in the first quarter of 2022 (Figure 3). The employment rate increased in 90% of OECD countries (Table 5).

The OECD labour force participation rate – the share of the working-age population that is either employed or unemployed – hit 72.9% in the first quarter of 2022, reaching the level recorded in the fourth quarter of 2019 for the first time (Figure 4 and Table 6).

» **Figure 1 – Unemployment rates** ⁽¹⁾

Percentage, seasonally adjusted.

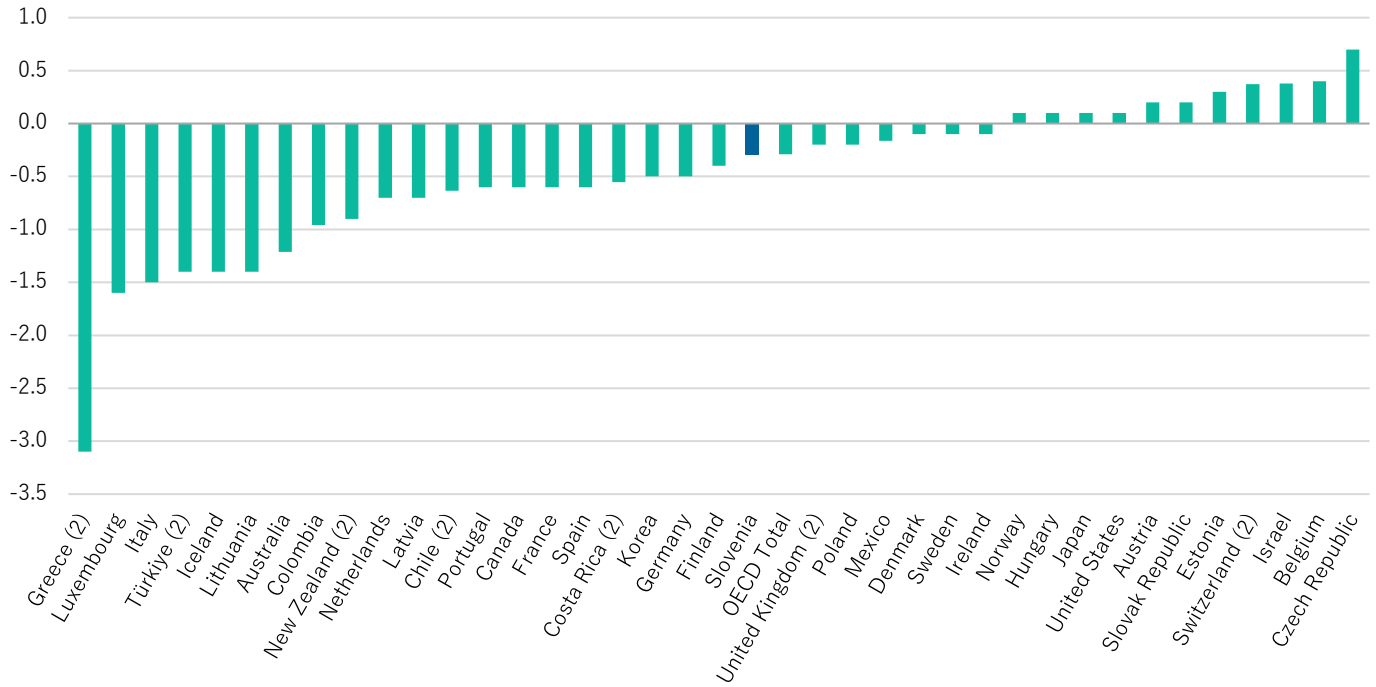


(1) The fall in the OECD unemployment rate when compared with the April 2020 peak should be interpreted with caution, as it largely reflects the return of temporary laid-off workers in the United States and Canada, where they are recorded as unemployed, unlike in most other countries, including European member states, where they are recorded as employed.

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Figure 2 – Change in unemployment rate for OECD countries

May 2022 compared with February 2020, percentage points

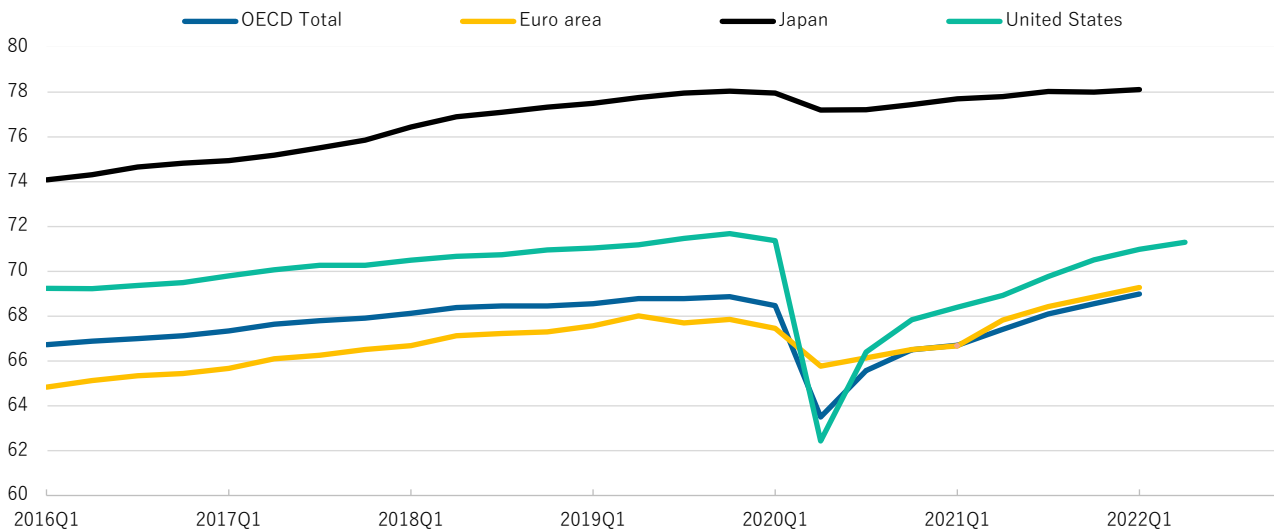


(2) For Greece, Costa Rica, Chile, and Türkiye change between February 2020 and April 2022; for the United Kingdom, change between February 2020 and March 2022; for New Zealand and Switzerland, change between fourth quarter 2019 and first quarter 2022.



Figure 3 – Employment rates⁽³⁾

Percentage of the working-age population, seasonally adjusted



(3) A large part of the increase in the employment rate for the OECD in the third quarter of 2020 and, to a lesser extent, fourth quarter of 2020 reflects the return to work of furloughed workers in Canada and the United States, where they are recorded as unemployed, whereas in most other countries, they are recorded as employed.



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Figure 4 – Change in labour force participation rate for OECD countries
 2022 Q1 compared with 2019 Q4, percentage points

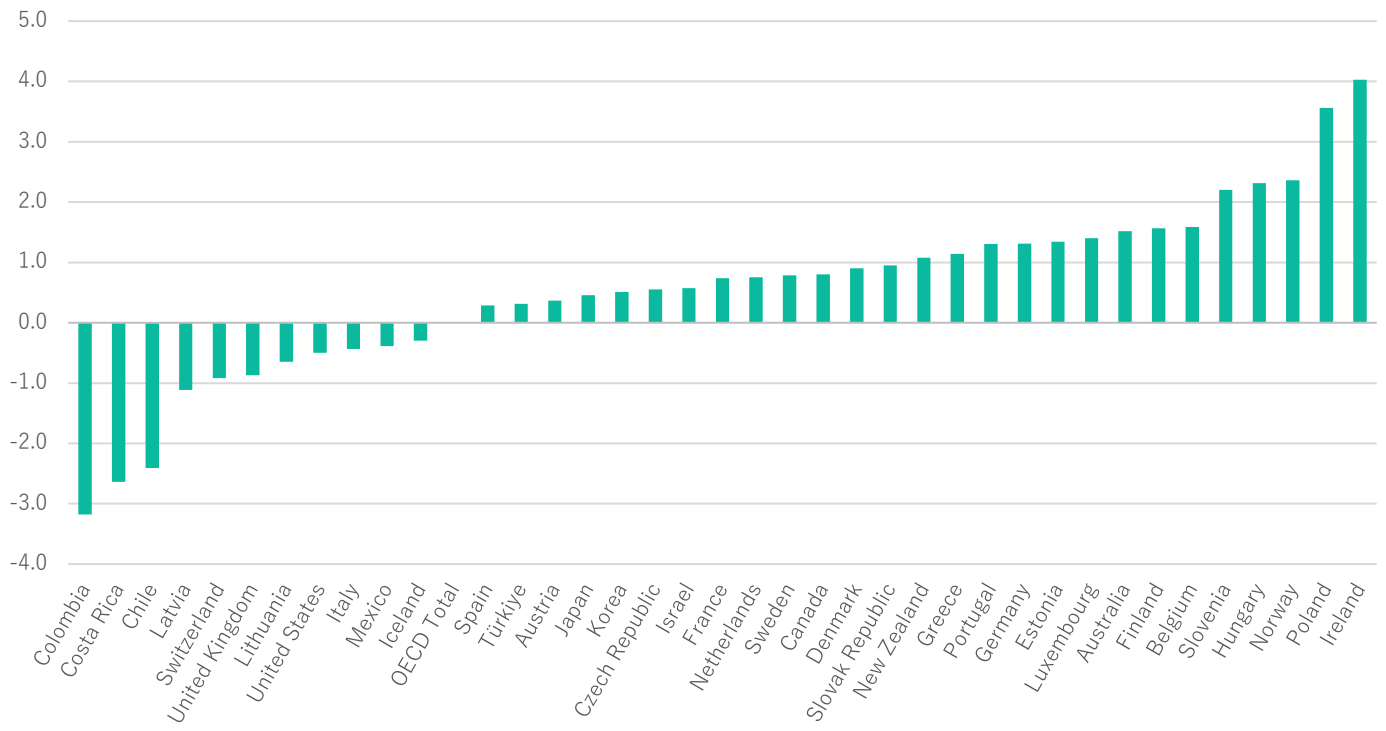


Table 1 – OECD Unemployment rates*Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted*

	2020	2021	2021			2022	2020	2021	2022				
			Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			Feb	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
OECD - Total	7.2	6.2	6.5	5.9	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0
G7	6.5	5.2	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0
European Union	7.2	7.1	7.3	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1
Euro area	8.0	7.7	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.8	7.4	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6
Australia	6.5	5.1	5.2	4.6	4.7	4.1	5.1	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9
Austria	6.0	6.2	6.7	5.6	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.8
Belgium	5.8	6.3	6.3	6.2	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.5
Canada	9.6	7.5	7.9	7.2	6.3	5.8	5.7	6.0	6.5	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.1
Chile	10.8	8.9	9.1	8.2	7.7	7.8	8.2	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.6	..
Colombia	15.9	13.8	14.6	12.8	13.2	12.2	11.2	12.5	12.4	12.0	12.1	10.7	10.3
Costa Rica	19.6	16.4	18.0	15.3	13.7	13.6	12.5	13.1	13.3	13.6	13.3	12.0	..
Czech Republic	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.5
Denmark	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.8
Estonia	6.9	6.2	6.7	5.9	5.3	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Finland	7.7	7.7	8.1	7.5	6.9	6.6	6.6	7.2	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.2
France	8.0	7.9	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.3	7.8	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2
Germany	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8
Greece	17.6	14.8	15.9	13.7	13.1	12.6	15.8	12.9	13.2	12.5	12.2	12.7	..
Hungary	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.6
Iceland	6.4	6.0	6.2	5.1	4.5	4.0	4.9	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.5
Ireland	5.9	6.3	6.9	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.1	5.0	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.7
Israel	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.4	3.8	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.7
Italy	9.3	9.6	9.8	9.1	9.0	8.5	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.1
Japan	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6
Korea	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.8	3.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
Latvia	8.1	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.3	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.5
Lithuania	8.5	7.1	7.5	6.7	6.7	6.3	7.4	6.6	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0
Luxembourg	6.7	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.4	5.8	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.2
Mexico ⁽¹⁾	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.4
Netherlands	4.9	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.4	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3
New Zealand	4.6	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norway	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.2	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.1	2.7	3.7
Poland	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Portugal	7.1	6.6	6.9	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.7	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.1
Slovak Republic	6.7	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2
Slovenia	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
Spain	15.5	14.8	15.4	14.7	13.5	13.3	13.7	13.3	13.2	13.3	13.4	13.3	13.1
Sweden	8.5	8.8	9.2	8.6	8.2	7.7	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.8
Switzerland	4.8	5.1	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	13.1	12.0	12.5	11.4	11.3	11.2	12.6	11.3	11.4	10.9	11.2	11.3	..
United Kingdom	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.8
United States	8.1	5.4	5.9	5.1	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6

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Source: OECD Short-term Labour Market Statistics, <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?lang=en&QueryId=36324>

Table 2 – Unemployment levels*Thousands of persons, seasonally adjusted*

	2020	2021	2021		2022	2022			
			Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
OECD - Total	46,818	40,973	39,265	36,892	35,027	34,876	34,315	33,825	33,848
G7	24,546	19,885	19,161	17,290	16,208	16,194	15,724	15,604	15,572
European Union	15,186	14,957	14,553	13,885	13,360	13,328	13,231	13,139	13,066
Euro area	12,840	12,619	12,316	11,723	11,278	11,252	11,189	11,085	11,004
Australia	879	701	630	642	566	564	551	540	548
Austria	271	284	259	244	213	222	199	201	222
Belgium	291	325	326	303	279	278	276	281	290
Canada	1,897	1,520	1,470	1,298	1,193	1,136	1,100	1,086	1,058
Chile	938	806	748	721	738	738	740	726	..
Colombia	3,731	3,263	3,020	3,112	2,987	2,949	3,000	2,700	2,587
Costa Rica	468	401	378	333	330	330	325	293	..
Czech Republic	137	150	143	121	126	133	122	126	130
Denmark	171	155	143	140	138	134	140	141	150
Estonia	48	43	41	37	40	39	39	39	40
Finland	209	212	207	191	185	180	178	172	173
France	2,381	2,365	2,337	2,248	2,216	2,216	2,220	2,193	2,197
Germany	1,551	1,536	1,494	1,407	1,305	1,303	1,274	1,252	1,239
Greece	790	678	644	613	600	599	586	600	..
Hungary	198	196	188	185	173	179	155	167	175
Iceland	13	13	11	9	9	9	8	8	8
Ireland	139	158	142	136	131	126	135	130	128
Israel	177	206	208	188	165	167	164	151	162
Italy	2,296	2,371	2,266	2,255	2,130	2,130	2,088	2,072	2,028
Japan	1,922	1,946	1,917	1,877	1,860	1,880	1,790	1,760	1,800
Korea	1,108	1,037	890	971	862	780	770	782	811
Latvia	79	71	69	68	65	65	64	62	61
Lithuania	126	105	99	99	92	91	89	91	88
Luxembourg	21	18	16	15	14	14	14	14	14
Mexico ⁽¹⁾	2,337	2,372	2,327	2,228	2,055	2,169	1,947	1,893	1,993
Netherlands	465	408	399	370	339	336	327	316	323
New Zealand	132	110	98	93	94	...	...	...	...
Norway	136	129	123	105	97	103	92	79	109
Poland	537	580	551	526	479	476	474	473	468
Portugal	358	337	324	321	305	301	307	308	314
Slovak Republic	186	188	185	181	177	177	176	175	172
Slovenia	51	49	47	47	42	41	41	41	40
Spain	3,531	3,430	3,417	3,148	3,106	3,094	3,141	3,107	3,046
Sweden	468	488	479	456	430	412	428	437	438
Switzerland	238	252	244	232	221	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	4,040	3,927	3,745	3,766	3,759	3,661	3,788	3,853	..
United Kingdom	1,552	1,525	1,452	1,373	1,259	1,259	1,300
United States	12,948	8,623	8,225	6,832	6,245	6,270	5,952	5,941	5,950

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Source: OECD Short-term Labour Market Statistics, <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?lang=en&QueryId=36325>.



Table 3 – Unemployment rates by sex*Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted*

	Women							Men						
	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022			2020	2021	2021	2022	2022		
			Q4	Q1	Mar	Apr	May			Q4	Q1	Mar	Apr	May
OECD - Total	7.4	6.3	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	6.9	6.0	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8
G7	6.5	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.0	6.4	5.3	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0
European Union	7.5	7.4	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	7.0	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7
Euro area	8.3	8.1	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.7	7.4	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.2
Australia	6.4	5.0	4.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8	6.6	5.2	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.9
Austria	5.9	6.1	5.3	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.2	6.1	6.3	5.3	4.7	4.4	4.4	5.2
Belgium	5.5	5.9	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	6.0	6.6	6.7	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.7
Canada	9.5	7.2	6.0	5.8	5.5	5.1	4.8	9.6	7.7	6.6	5.8	5.2	5.4	5.4
Chile	11.0	9.2	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.1	..	10.6	8.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.2	..
Colombia	20.1	17.5	16.7	15.6	15.6	14.0	13.6	12.8	11.3	10.7	9.7	9.6	8.2	7.8
Costa Rica	25.7	22.0	17.3	17.5	17.8	16.2	..	15.6	12.7	11.3	10.9	10.2	9.1	..
Czech Republic	3.0	3.4	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.2	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8
Denmark	6.0	5.2	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.4
Estonia	6.7	5.6	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.5	7.1	6.8	5.7	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5
Finland	7.4	7.1	6.5	6.3	6.2	5.6	5.3	8.1	8.2	7.2	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.9
France	8.0	7.8	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	8.1	8.0	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.3
Germany	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0
Greece	21.5	19.0	17.2	16.6	16.1	16.2	..	14.6	11.4	9.8	9.5	9.1	9.9	..
Hungary	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.4	2.7	3.2	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5
Iceland	6.3	6.5	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.5	6.6	5.7	4.5	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5
Ireland	5.9	6.2	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.6	5.8	6.3	5.2	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.7
Israel	4.1	4.9	4.4	4.0	4.1	3.4	3.4	4.5	5.0	4.4	3.7	3.5	3.7	4.1
Italy	10.3	10.7	10.1	9.8	9.4	9.7	9.7	8.6	8.7	8.2	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.0
Japan	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.4	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8
Korea	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.9	3.6	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.6
Latvia	7.1	6.6	6.6	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.7	9.1	8.5	8.0	8.0	7.7	7.4	7.2
Lithuania	7.7	6.6	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.0	9.3	7.6	7.6	6.5	6.0	6.1	5.9
Luxembourg	6.8	5.9	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	6.5	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0
Mexico ⁽¹⁾	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.6	4.6	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.3
Netherlands	5.1	4.5	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.6	4.6	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0
New Zealand	5.0	3.9	3.3	3.3	...	...	...	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.1	...	...	...
Norway	4.5	4.2	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.3	3.0	4.9	4.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.0	4.3
Poland	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6
Portugal	7.4	6.9	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.0	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.8
Slovak Republic	7.1	7.0	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3
Slovenia	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7
Spain	17.4	16.7	15.3	15.0	15.2	15.2	15.0	13.9	13.1	12.0	11.8	11.9	11.7	11.4
Sweden	8.5	9.1	8.8	8.3	8.5	8.6	7.3	8.5	8.5	7.7	7.2	6.9	7.0	8.2
Switzerland	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.6	...	...	...	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.4	...	...	...
Türkiye	14.8	14.7	14.2	13.9	14.2	14.5	..	12.4	10.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	..
United Kingdom	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.5	3.7	4.8	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.9
United States	8.4	5.2	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	7.8	5.5	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.6

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Table 4 – Unemployment rates by age group
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

	Youth (15-24)							Prime-age and Older Workers (25+)						
	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022			2020	2021	2021	2022	2022		
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OECD - Total	15.3	12.8	11.5	11.0	10.8	10.6	10.4	6.1	5.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
G7	13.9	10.6	9.3	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.5	5.6	4.5	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5
European Union	17.4	16.7	14.8	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.3	6.3	6.2	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4
Euro area	17.9	16.9	14.8	14.0	13.8	13.8	13.1	7.0	6.9	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0
Australia	14.3	11.3	11.1	8.8	8.3	8.8	8.8	5.0	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0
Austria	11.7	11.0	9.5	8.1	7.2	11.4	8.4	5.3	5.6	4.8	4.2	4.0	3.5	4.3
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	15.9	18.2	15.8	14.6	14.6	..	..	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7
Canada	20.0	13.6	10.7	11.4	9.8	10.1	9.8	7.9	6.5	5.6	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.3
Chile	24.7	20.0	16.9	17.2	16.8	17.2	..	9.6	7.9	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.7	..
Colombia	27.3	25.6	24.8	23.4	22.3	21.3	20.2	13.7	11.7	11.2	10.2	10.3	8.8	8.5
Costa Rica	42.4	39.4	35.6	34.4	32.3	30.8	..	15.8	12.5	10.2	10.2	10.1	8.9	..
Czech Republic	7.9	8.2	7.1	6.9	7.1	7.7	6.4	2.3	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Denmark	11.6	10.8	9.8	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.8	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.2
Estonia	18.3	16.9	17.3	18.6	17.2	15.0	14.4	6.0	5.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.8
Finland	20.8	17.1	14.8	13.4	11.7	12.2	10.1	6.0	6.5	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.7
France	21.4	18.9	16.6	16.4	16.6	16.3	15.9	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.2
Germany	7.5	7.0	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.3	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6
Greece	38.4	35.5	31.3	30.7	26.0	36.8	..	16.6	13.8	12.2	11.8	11.6	11.5	..
Hungary	12.4	13.4	12.7	10.5	9.3	12.4	10.8	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.1
Iceland	11.9	12.3	9.1	9.6	9.5	9.0	8.7	5.5	5.0	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.7
Ireland	15.9	14.8	11.8	8.5	7.1	5.6	4.9	4.6	5.1	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.6
Israel ⁽²⁾	7.9	7.7	7.5	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.5	3.7	4.5	4.1	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.9
Italy	29.5	29.9	27.0	24.3	24.1	22.6	20.5	8.1	8.3	7.9	7.5	7.5	..	..
Japan	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.8	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5
Korea	10.5	8.5	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.3	8.2	3.6	3.4	3.2	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.5
Latvia	14.8	14.8	12.4	11.5	11.1	10.7	10.4	7.7	7.1	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.2
Lithuania	19.5	14.4	10.6	13.5	14.3	12.9	11.4	7.7	6.6	6.4	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.5
Luxembourg	22.7	17.9	16.2	14.9	14.5	14.0	13.7	5.4	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5
Mexico ⁽³⁾	8.2	8.1	7.6	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.5	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.8
Netherlands	10.6	9.4	8.0	7.3	7.1	6.9	7.2	3.7	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4
New Zealand	12.4	10.5	8.8	9.6	...	...	...	3.3	2.7	2.2	2.1	...	...	...
Norway	13.2	12.5	11.2	9.9	10.0	7.0	11.5	3.4	3.2	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.3
Poland	10.9	11.9	9.7	9.8	9.6	9.2	8.8	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Portugal	22.9	23.1	21.8	20.3	20.3	20.6	19.8	6.0	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.2
Slovak Republic	20.3	20.6	19.3	20.6	20.9	20.8	20.3	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5
Slovenia ⁽¹⁾	14.4	13.1	10.3	9.4	9.4	..	..	4.4	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Spain	38.3	35.0	31.3	29.7	29.4	28.6	27.1	14.0	13.4	12.3	12.1	12.3	12.2	12.0
Sweden	23.2	24.8	24.1	22.2	22.7	21.8	21.7	6.7	6.8	6.2	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.9
Switzerland	8.6	8.9	8.3	7.6	...	...	...	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.1	...	...	...
Türkiye	24.9	22.8	21.2	20.7	20.8	20.0	..	11.1	10.1	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.7	..
United Kingdom	13.7	12.3	11.1	10.6	10.8	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8
United States	15.1	9.7	8.4	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.1	4.7	3.6	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.0

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Note:

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2. Israel: Data shown in this table are not seasonally adjusted.
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Table 5 – Employment rates and levels (15-64)

Employment levels and employment as a percentage of corresponding working age population and levels, seasonally adjusted

	Employment rates											Levels
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021				2022	Thousands
					Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1 - 2022
OECD - Total	68.4	68.8	66.0	67.7	68.9	66.5	66.7	67.4	68.1	68.6	69.0	603,067
G7	71.4	72.1	69.6	71.1	72.2	69.9	70.2	70.7	71.4	71.9	72.2	345,485
European Union	67.4	68.1	67.1	68.4	68.0	67.0	67.2	68.2	68.8	69.3	69.7	196,706
Euro area	67.2	67.9	66.7	68.0	67.9	66.5	66.7	67.8	68.4	68.9	69.3	150,292
Australia	73.8	74.3	72.7	75.0	74.4	73.6	74.4	75.3	74.8	75.3	76.8	12,757
Austria	73.0	73.5	71.7	72.4	73.6	71.6	71.3	72.0	73.0	73.3	73.9	4,330
Belgium	64.5	65.3	64.5	65.3	65.1	64.0	63.7	65.1	66.3	66.1	66.5	4,900
Canada	73.5	74.2	70.0	73.2	74.1	71.9	72.1	72.5	73.8	74.7	75.1	18,511
Chile	64.1	64.1	55.8	58.5	63.8	56.3	57.4	57.2	59.1	60.2	61.5	8,314
Colombia	66.5	65.4	57.8	57.8	64.5	59.4	57.2	57.8	58.5	57.9	60.7	20,426
Costa Rica	61.0	61.6	54.8	57.2	61.6	55.3	56.0	55.6	58.3	58.7	58.6	2,014
Czech Republic	74.8	75.1	74.4	74.4	75.1	74.1	73.9	73.9	74.7	75.0	75.4	5,036
Denmark	74.1	75.0	74.4	75.6	75.2	74.4	74.1	75.8	75.7	76.6	76.5	2,845
Estonia	75.1	75.6	74.0	74.0	76.1	73.7	73.6	72.9	74.5	75.0	76.3	631
Finland	71.2	72.0	71.2	72.7	72.3	71.4	71.6	72.9	72.7	73.5	73.8	2,509
France	66.2	66.4	66.1	67.3	66.5	66.2	66.5	67.1	67.6	67.7	67.9	27,653
Germany ⁽²⁾	74.9	75.7	76.2	75.8	75.8	(u) 74.6	74.7	75.4	76.4	76.8	77.1	40,916
Greece	54.5	56.1	53.7	57.3	56.3	53.7	53.7	57.4	58.7	59.2	60.3	4,035
Hungary	71.4	72.2	72.0	73.1	72.2	72.2	72.0	73.1	73.3	73.9	74.1	4,587
Iceland ⁽¹⁾	85.1	84.1	80.3	79.8	83.6	(b) 76.6	77.3	79.2	80.5	81.9	82.5	195
Ireland	68.5	69.5	66.6	69.9	69.5	66.4	66.1	69.4	71.5	72.5	73.3	2,439
Israel	69.0	68.9	66.8	66.6	68.6	65.8	65.3	65.8	67.2	68.2	69.0	3,915
Italy	58.5	59.1	57.5	58.3	59.0	57.3	56.7	58.0	58.8	59.4	59.5	22,290
Japan	77.2	78.1	77.7	77.9	78.0	77.4	77.7	77.8	78.0	78.0	78.1	57,833
Korea	66.6	66.8	65.9	66.5	67.0	65.6	65.6	66.4	66.8	67.2	68.0	24,741
Latvia	71.7	72.2	71.5	69.9	72.6	71.3	68.8	69.6	70.9	70.2	70.6	828
Lithuania	72.4	73.0	71.6	72.4	73.0	71.5	71.1	72.0	73.2	73.4	72.6	1,320
Luxembourg	67.1	68.0	67.3	69.4	67.9	68.5	68.1	69.6	70.2	69.5	70.6	307
Mexico ⁽³⁾	61.6	62.3	..	61.0	62.4	59.2	59.6	61.0	61.5	61.9	62.0	53,624
Netherlands	78.7	79.7	79.3	80.2	79.8	79.2	79.4	79.8	80.5	80.8	81.3	9,159
New Zealand	77.5	77.5	76.8	78.3	77.4	76.5	77.2	77.8	79.1	79.2	79.1	2,624
Norway	74.8	75.3	74.7	76.3	75.4	(b) 74.5	74.9	75.9	76.9	77.5	78.0	2,721
Poland	66.7	67.5	67.8	70.3	67.7	68.4	69.4	70.1	70.6	70.9	71.3	16,377
Portugal	69.0	69.9	68.5	70.2	69.9	68.9	68.6	70.0	70.9	71.0	71.7	4,712
Slovak Republic	69.6	70.4	69.5	69.5	70.2	69.4	68.1	69.2	70.0	70.5	70.7	2,545
Slovenia	70.6	71.3	70.1	71.5	70.9	70.1	69.0	71.6	72.8	72.4	73.1	974
Spain	62.4	63.3	61.0	62.7	63.3	61.1	61.2	62.6	63.4	63.8	64.1	20,031
Sweden ⁽¹⁾	76.9	76.6	74.9	75.4	76.3	74.7	74.4	75.4	75.7	76.0	76.5	4,935
Switzerland	80.1	80.5	79.9	79.3	80.7	80.2	79.0	78.5	79.5	80.1	79.5	4,529
Türkiye	52.0	50.3	47.5	50.3	50.4	47.9	49.2	49.5	50.5	51.8	52.0	29,223
United Kingdom	75.6	76.2	75.4	75.2	76.5	74.7	74.7	75.1	75.4	75.5	75.7	31,277
United States	70.7	71.4	67.1	69.4	71.7	67.8	68.4	68.9	69.8	70.5	71.0	147,004

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Table 6 –Labour force participation rates (15-64)*Labour force as a percentage of corresponding working age population, seasonally adjusted*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021				2022
					Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
OECD - Total	72.5	72.8	71.2	72.3	72.9	71.7	71.7	72.2	72.5	72.7	72.9
G7	74.9	75.3	74.4	75.1	75.5	74.6	74.6	75.0	75.3	75.4	75.5
European Union	72.8	73.2	72.3	73.6	73.0	72.5	72.7	73.7	73.9	74.2	74.4
Euro area	73.4	73.6	72.5	73.7	73.4	72.5	72.7	73.8	74.2	74.2	74.4
Australia	78.0	78.5	77.9	79.1	78.6	79.1	79.2	79.5	78.5	79.1	80.1
Austria	77.1	77.3	76.4	77.3	77.3	76.5	76.9	77.2	77.4	77.5	77.6
Belgium	68.7	69.1	68.4	69.7	68.8	68.2	68.4	69.5	70.7	70.1	70.4
Canada	78.2	78.7	77.4	79.1	78.7	78.7	78.8	79.5	79.6	79.6	79.5
Chile	69.4	69.3	62.7	64.3	69.3	63.6	64.2	63.1	64.6	65.5	66.9
Colombia	73.7	73.2	69.0	67.4	72.5	70.5	67.3	68.0	67.3	66.9	69.3
Costa Rica	68.1	70.1	68.3	68.6	70.7	69.3	69.2	68.1	69.0	68.2	68.1
Czech Republic	76.6	76.7	76.4	76.6	76.7	76.5	76.5	76.3	76.8	76.8	77.2
Denmark	78.2	79.1	79.0	79.6	79.2	79.0	79.1	79.6	79.7	80.0	80.1
Estonia	79.3	79.2	79.6	79.1	79.5	80.2	79.2	78.4	79.4	79.5	80.9
Finland	77.0	77.4	77.3	78.8	77.7	77.9	77.9	79.3	78.9	79.2	79.3
France	72.8	72.6	72.0	73.0	72.5	72.1	72.4	73.2	73.3	73.2	73.3
Germany ⁽²⁾	77.5	78.1	77.3	78.7	78.2	(u) 77.6	77.9	78.4	79.1	79.4	79.5
Greece	68.1	68.5	65.3	67.3	68.2	65.2	64.4	67.8	68.4	68.5	69.3
Hungary	74.1	74.7	75.1	76.2	74.7	75.4	75.4	76.1	76.4	76.9	77.0
Iceland ⁽¹⁾	87.5	87.3	85.2	85.1	86.7	(b) 83.6	84.1	85.0	84.9	86.3	86.4
Ireland	72.8	73.2	70.8	74.6	73.2	71.1	71.3	74.5	75.8	76.7	77.2
Israel	72.0	71.7	69.9	70.2	71.3	69.2	68.8	69.6	70.8	71.5	71.8
Italy	65.6	65.7	63.6	64.5	65.4	63.4	63.1	64.5	65.1	65.2	65.0
Japan	78.9	79.7	79.7	80.3	80.0	80.0	80.1	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.4
Korea	69.3	69.5	68.6	69.0	69.6	68.5	68.6	69.1	69.1	69.4	70.1
Latvia	77.7	77.3	78.1	75.8	77.4	77.8	75.1	75.8	76.6	75.9	76.3
Lithuania	77.3	78.1	78.6	78.2	78.4	78.7	77.4	78.0	78.7	78.8	77.7
Luxembourg	71.1	72.0	72.2	73.2	72.1	73.4	72.1	73.9	74.3	72.6	73.5
Mexico ⁽³⁾	63.8	64.6	..	63.7	64.7	62.2	62.6	63.9	64.1	64.4	64.3
Netherlands	82.8	83.4	83.4	83.7	83.5	83.5	83.3	83.5	83.9	84.0	84.2
New Zealand	81.2	80.9	80.6	81.6	80.8	80.7	81.0	81.2	82.0	82.1	81.8
Norway	77.9	78.3	78.2	80.0	78.4	(b) 78.2	79.0	80.0	80.3	80.5	80.8
Poland	69.4	69.9	70.1	72.8	69.9	70.9	72.1	72.7	73.1	73.3	73.5
Portugal	74.5	74.9	73.8	75.2	74.9	74.4	73.9	75.4	75.6	75.9	76.2
Slovak Republic	74.4	74.8	74.5	74.6	74.6	74.7	73.4	74.4	75.1	75.5	75.6
Slovenia	74.5	74.7	73.8	75.1	74.1	74.0	72.9	75.1	76.3	75.8	76.3
Spain	73.7	73.8	72.2	73.7	73.8	73.0	72.7	73.9	74.3	74.0	74.1
Sweden ⁽¹⁾	82.3	82.5	82.1	82.9	82.4	82.3	82.3	83.1	83.0	83.0	83.2
Switzerland	84.2	84.3	84.1	83.7	84.3	84.8	83.8	82.9	83.7	84.1	83.3
Türkiye	58.5	58.4	54.9	57.3	58.2	55.1	56.5	56.8	57.4	58.3	58.5
United Kingdom	78.9	79.3	79.1	78.8	79.5	78.9	78.6	78.9	78.9	78.8	78.6
United States	73.6	74.1	73.0	73.4	74.4	73.0	72.9	73.3	73.5	73.7	73.9

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