

LABOUR MARKET SITUATION

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Reference period: August 2022

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The unemployment rate in the OECD was broadly stable in August 2022, increasing slightly to 4.9%, after 4.8% in July and 4.9% in June (Figure 1, Table 1). The unemployment rate was below or equal to the pre-pandemic rate in 80% of OECD countries (Figure 2). The number of unemployed workers in the OECD increased slightly for the first time since April 2021, reaching 33.2 million (Table 2).

The OECD unemployment rate was stable for both women and men in August, at 5.1% and 4.7% respectively (Table 3). However, the OECD unemployment rate for younger workers increased, reflecting a marked increase for younger men (Tables 3 and 4).

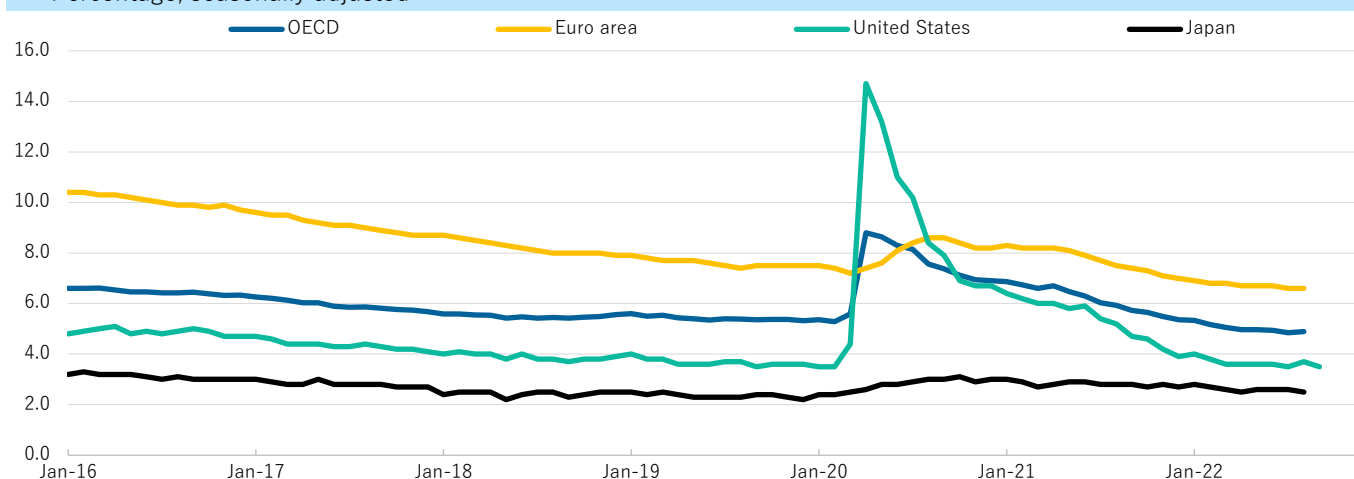
The unemployment rate was also stable in the euro area at 6.6% in August, as well as in one third of the euro area countries. The largest increases occurred in Austria and the Netherlands. Outside the euro area, the unemployment rate fell slightly in Japan. The unemployment rate increased in the United States and more markedly in Canada in August, but slightly declined in both countries in September, according to more recent figures.

In the second quarter of 2022, the OECD employment rate, including both employees and self-employed, reached its highest level since the start of the series in 2005, climbing to 69.5% (Figure 3). About 80% of all OECD countries recorded an increase (Table 5).

The OECD labour force participation rate – the share of the working-age population that is either employed or unemployed – hit 73.2% in Q2 2022, the highest level recorded since the start of the series in 2008 (Figure 4, Table 6). The female labour force participation rate in the OECD reached 65.9% for the first time since the start of the series.

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

Percentage, seasonally adjusted

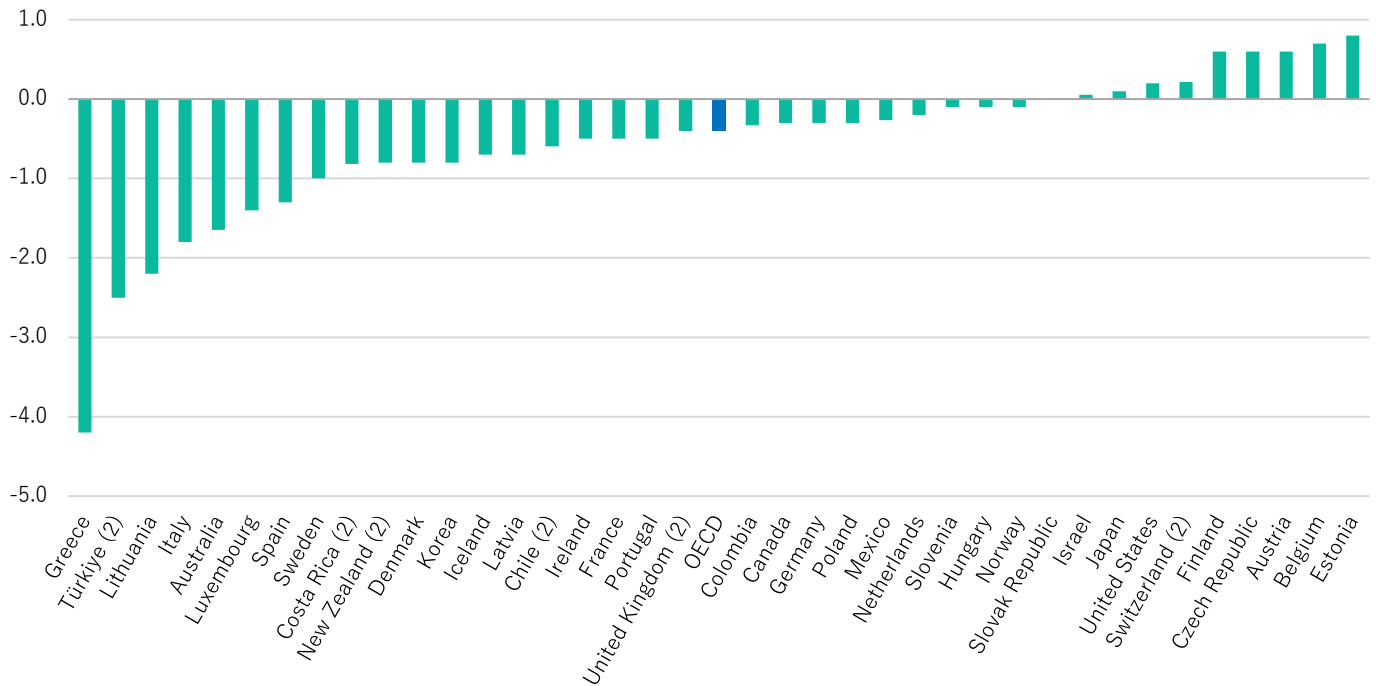


(1) The fall in the OECD unemployment rate when compared with the April 2020 peak should be interpreted with caution, as it largely reflects the return of temporary laid-off workers in the United States and Canada, where they are recorded as unemployed, unlike in most other countries, including European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

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Figure 2 – Change in unemployment rate for OECD countries

August 2022 compared with February 2020, percentage points

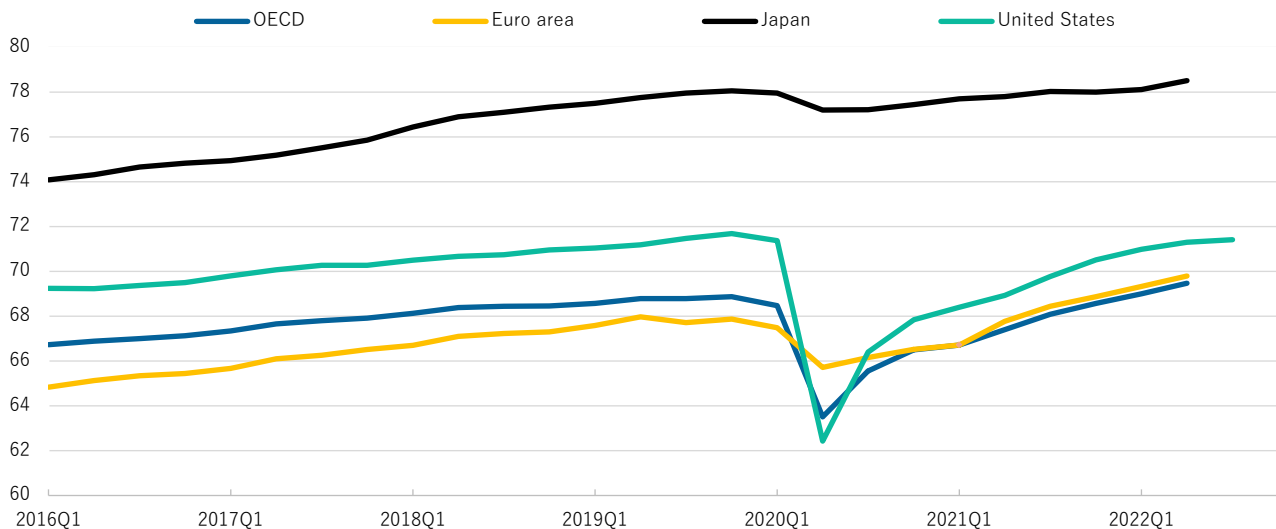


(2) For Costa Rica, Chile, and Türkiye change between February 2020 and July 2022; for the United Kingdom, change between February 2020 and June 2022; for New Zealand and Switzerland, change between fourth quarter 2019 and second quarter 2022



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 Q2 compared with 2019 Q4, percentage points

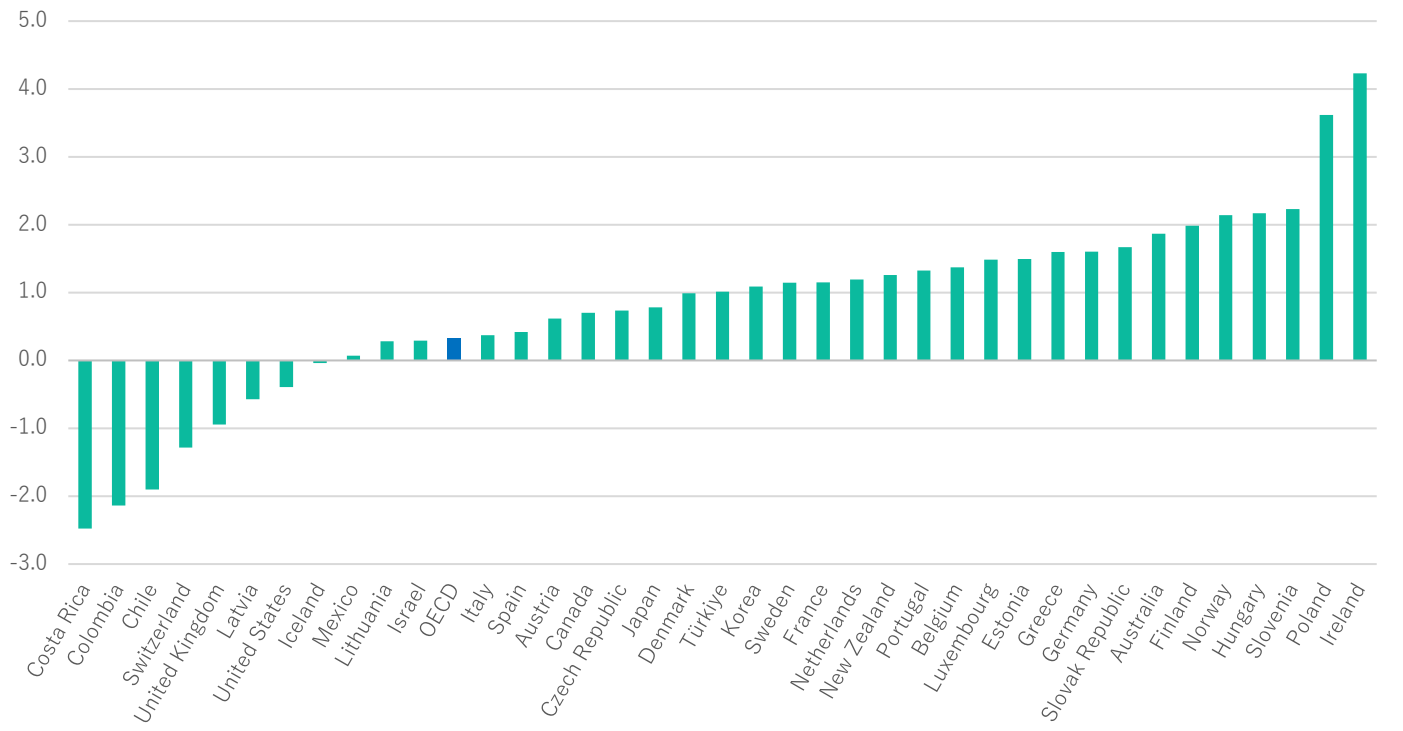


Table 1 – OECD Unemployment rates*Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted*

	2020	2021	2021		2022		2020	2022					
			Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD	7.2	6.2	5.9	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.9
G7	6.5	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0
European Union	7.2	7.1	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0
Euro area	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.7	7.4	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6
Australia	6.5	5.1	4.6	4.7	4.1	3.8	5.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.5
Austria	6.0	6.2	5.6	5.3	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.6	5.2
Belgium	5.8	6.3	6.2	5.8	5.4	5.8	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.8
Canada	9.6	7.5	7.2	6.3	5.8	5.1	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.4
Chile	10.8	8.9	8.2	7.7	7.8	7.5	8.2	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.6	..
Colombia	15.9	13.8	12.8	13.2	12.2	10.7	11.2	12.1	10.7	10.2	11.2	10.6	10.9
Costa Rica	19.6	16.4	15.4	13.7	13.6	11.6	12.7	13.3	12.0	11.6	11.8	11.8	..
Czech Republic	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.5	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
Denmark	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.2	5.2	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.4
Estonia	6.9	6.2	5.9	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Finland	7.7	7.7	7.5	6.9	6.7	6.4	6.7	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.8	7.2	7.3
France	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.4	7.3	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.3
Germany	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Greece	17.6	14.8	13.7	13.0	13.2	12.6	16.4	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.4	12.3	12.2
Hungary	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.5
Iceland	6.4	6.0	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.0	5.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3
Ireland	5.9	6.3	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.3	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3
Israel	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.4	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.4
Italy	9.3	9.6	9.1	9.0	8.5	8.1	9.6	8.3	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8
Japan	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
Korea	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.3	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.5
Latvia	8.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.5	7.2	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.5
Lithuania	8.5	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.3	5.4	7.4	6.1	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.2
Luxembourg	6.7	5.4	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.2	5.8	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4
Mexico ⁽¹⁾	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
Netherlands	4.9	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.4	3.3	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.8
New Zealand	4.6	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norway	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.1	2.7	3.8	3.0	2.8	3.5
Poland	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6
Portugal	7.1	6.6	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.0	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Slovak Republic	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0
Slovenia	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.1
Spain	15.5	14.8	14.6	13.5	13.3	12.7	13.7	13.2	12.9	12.6	12.5	12.4	12.4
Sweden	8.5	8.8	8.7	8.3	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.0	6.9
Switzerland	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	13.1	12.0	11.5	11.2	11.0	10.7	12.6	11.0	11.0	10.7	10.4	10.1	..
United Kingdom	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6
United States	8.1	5.4	5.1	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7

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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			
			Q4	Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD	46,817	40,972	36,885	35,004	33,655	33,696	33,480	32,821	33,192
G7	24,546	19,885	17,305	16,247	15,708	15,745	15,572	15,215	15,579
European Union	15,186	14,957	13,889	13,406	13,128	13,137	13,065	12,973	12,921
Euro area	12,840	12,619	11,730	11,327	11,100	11,091	11,059	10,996	10,966
Australia	879	701	642	568	529	549	494	474	488
Austria	271	284	243	213	206	219	196	214	245
Belgium	291	324	304	280	305	307	312	308	304
Canada	1,897	1,520	1,298	1,193	1,049	1,058	1,004	1,007	1,113
Chile	938	806	721	739	724	724	727	736	..
Colombia	3,731	3,263	3,112	2,986	2,694	2,584	2,801	2,659	2,709
Costa Rica	468	401	333	330	285	285	292	292	..
Czech Republic	137	150	121	126	130	131	128	124	129
Denmark	171	155	140	136	128	127	132	145	137
Estonia	48	43	37	40	41	41	42	42	41
Finland	209	212	192	186	178	170	191	201	205
France	2,381	2,365	2,255	2,228	2,320	2,334	2,332	2,276	2,231
Germany	1,551	1,536	1,415	1,338	1,303	1,302	1,302	1,303	1,303
Greece	790	678	611	622	596	603	587	573	569
Hungary	198	196	183	174	162	172	151	171	171
Iceland	13	13	10	9	9	9	9	9	9
Ireland	139	158	135	130	115	111	114	114	117
Israel	177	206	188	165	152	161	145	149	150
Italy	2,296	2,371	2,256	2,124	2,020	2,007	1,998	1,975	1,944
Japan	1,922	1,946	1,877	1,860	1,787	1,800	1,800	1,760	1,750
Korea	1,108	1,037	971	862	808	811	832	852	721
Latvia	79	71	68	65	62	61	61	62	62
Lithuania	126	105	99	92	81	81	82	78	79
Luxembourg	21	18	15	15	14	14	14	14	14
Mexico ⁽¹⁾	2,337	2,372	2,227	2,053	1,952	1,990	1,973	1,927	1,946
Netherlands	465	408	370	339	326	323	339	353	378
New Zealand	132	110	93	94	96	...	...	...	...
Norway	136	129	105	98	93	112	89	82	104
Poland	537	580	525	477	464	465	457	446	440
Portugal	358	337	318	298	309	311	310	310	313
Slovak Republic	186	188	181	177	173	173	172	170	167
Slovenia	51	49	47	42	45	46	45	43	42
Spain	3,531	3,430	3,144	3,098	2,962	2,946	2,920	2,912	2,902
Sweden	468	488	457	429	433	435	428	393	390
Switzerland	238	252	231	218	212	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	4,040	3,927	3,755	3,697	3,663	3,681	3,558	3,445	..
United Kingdom	1,552	1,525	1,373	1,259	1,294	1,294	1,224
United States	12,948	8,623	6,832	6,245	5,934	5,950	5,912	5,670	6,014

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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	2022		2022			2020	2021	2022		2022		
			Q1	Q2	Jun	Jul	Aug			Q1	Q2	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD	7.4	6.3	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	6.9	6.0	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
G7	6.5	5.1	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	6.4	5.3	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1
European Union	7.5	7.4	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	7.0	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7
Euro area	8.3	8.1	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.7	7.4	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2
Australia	6.4	5.0	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.4	6.6	5.2	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.5
Austria	5.9	6.1	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.9	6.1	6.3	4.7	4.6	4.4	5.0	5.6
Belgium	5.5	5.9	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	6.0	6.6	5.4	6.1	6.3	6.1	5.9
Canada	9.5	7.2	5.8	4.8	4.5	4.8	5.3	9.6	7.7	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.5
Chile	11.0	9.2	8.2	8.2	8.0	8.2	..	10.6	8.6	7.4	7.0	7.1	7.2	..
Colombia	20.1	17.5	15.6	13.9	14.3	13.4	13.7	12.8	11.3	9.7	8.3	8.9	8.5	8.8
Costa Rica	25.7	22.0	17.5	15.4	15.0	15.5	..	15.6	12.7	10.9	9.1	9.7	9.4	..
Czech Republic	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.0
Denmark	6.0	5.2	4.6	4.3	4.0	5.0	4.5	5.3	5.1	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.3	4.3
Estonia	6.7	5.6	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.6	5.6	7.1	6.8	6.2	6.6	6.8	6.1	5.9
Finland	7.4	7.1	6.4	5.8	6.6	6.9	6.5	8.1	8.2	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.9
France	8.0	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.2	8.1	8.0	7.3	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.4
Germany	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Greece	21.5	19.0	17.4	16.6	16.4	16.3	16.1	14.6	11.4	9.8	9.4	9.2	9.1	9.0
Hungary	4.2	4.2	3.4	3.2	2.8	3.5	3.3	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7
Iceland	6.3	6.5	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.3	6.6	5.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
Ireland	5.9	6.2	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.8	6.3	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
Israel	4.1	4.9	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1	4.5	5.0	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.7
Italy	10.3	10.7	9.7	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.3	8.6	8.7	7.6	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.7
Japan	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7
Korea	4.0	3.8	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.9	3.6	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.4
Latvia	7.1	6.6	5.8	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	9.1	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.5
Lithuania	7.7	6.6	6.0	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	9.3	7.6	6.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	5.9
Luxembourg	6.8	5.9	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	6.5	5.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1
Mexico ⁽¹⁾	4.2	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	4.6	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2
Netherlands	5.1	4.5	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.6	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.6
New Zealand	5.0	3.9	3.4	3.5	...	...	...	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.1	...	...	...
Norway	4.5	4.2	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	3.3	4.9	4.7	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.7
Poland	3.3	3.4	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.4	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
Portugal	7.4	6.9	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.3	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.3
Slovak Republic	7.1	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9
Slovenia	5.7	5.4	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3	3.7	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.7
Spain	17.4	16.7	15.0	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.1	11.7	11.1	10.9	11.0	11.0
Sweden	8.5	9.1	8.2	8.1	8.5	7.9	7.0	8.5	8.5	7.1	7.2	6.7	6.1	6.9
Switzerland	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.7	...	...	...	4.7	4.9	4.3	4.0	...	...	...
Türkiye	14.8	14.7	13.7	13.9	13.7	13.1	..	12.4	10.7	9.6	9.1	8.7	8.6	..
United Kingdom	4.3	4.3	3.5	3.6	3.5	4.8	4.7	3.9	3.9	3.7
United States	8.4	5.2	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	7.8	5.5	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.8

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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	2022		2022			2020	2021	2022		2022		
			Q1	Q2	Jun	Jul	Aug			Q1	Q2	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD	15.3	12.8	11.1	10.6	10.7	10.3	10.6	6.1	5.3	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
G7	13.9	10.6	9.1	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	5.6	4.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5
European Union	17.4	16.7	14.2	14.1	14.2	13.8	13.8	6.3	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2
Euro area	17.9	16.9	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.0	13.9	7.0	6.9	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Australia	14.3	11.3	8.8	8.5	7.9	7.0	8.4	5.0	4.0	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5
Austria	11.7	11.0	8.1	9.6	9.8	10.4	10.6	5.3	5.6	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.5
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	15.9	18.2	14.8	16.8	16.8	..	..	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8
Canada	20.0	13.6	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.2	9.9	7.9	6.5	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.7
Chile	24.7	20.0	17.2	16.5	16.9	17.2	..	9.6	7.9	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	..
Colombia	27.3	25.6	23.4	21.0	21.5	19.8	23.4	13.7	11.7	10.2	8.9	9.4	9.0	8.8
Costa Rica	42.4	39.4	33.9	31.0	30.0	30.4	..	15.8	12.5	10.3	8.6	9.0	8.9	..
Czech Republic	7.9	8.2	6.9	7.5	7.5	6.5	7.9	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
Denmark	11.5	10.8	9.9	8.0	10.3	11.7	10.2	4.7	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.3
Estonia	18.3	16.9	18.7	20.4	24.3	24.0	24.6	6.0	5.4	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1
Finland	20.8	17.1	13.6	12.2	15.2	14.2	12.4	6.0	6.5	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.3	6.6
France	21.4	18.9	16.6	17.7	17.6	16.9	16.5	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.2
Germany	7.5	7.0	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Greece	38.4	35.5	33.5	31.9	30.4	26.1	28.6	16.6	13.8	12.1	11.6	11.4	11.5	11.2
Hungary	12.4	13.4	10.7	10.3	9.5	9.5	8.8	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.2
Iceland	11.9	12.3	9.9	9.0	8.8	9.0	9.3	5.5	5.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4
Ireland	15.9	14.8	8.7	9.8	10.9	11.1	11.6	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1
Israel ⁽²⁾	7.9	7.7	6.3	6.1	5.6	8.0	7.8	3.7	4.5	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.4
Italy	29.5	29.9	24.9	22.9	22.9	23.1	21.2	8.1	8.3	7.4	7.1	7.1	..	..
Japan	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.9	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Korea	10.5	8.5	7.7	7.5	7.1	7.2	6.2	3.6	3.4	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.3
Latvia	14.8	14.8	11.5	13.4	13.9	14.7	15.6	7.7	7.1	6.6	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9
Lithuania	19.5	14.4	13.5	11.3	10.9	11.6	11.5	7.7	6.6	5.7	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.8
Luxembourg	22.7	18.2	16.7	15.7	15.6	15.8	16.5	5.4	4.3	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5
Mexico ⁽³⁾	8.2	8.1	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.5	3.7	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Netherlands	10.6	9.4	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.8	8.6	3.7	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
New Zealand	12.4	10.5	9.6	9.1	..	..	..	3.3	2.6	2.1	2.3	..	..	..
Norway	13.2	12.5	9.9	9.6	10.1	7.9	9.5	3.4	3.2	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.6
Poland	10.9	11.9	9.8	8.9	8.6	8.4	8.4	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2
Portugal	22.9	23.1	20.2	19.3	19.0	17.7	16.7	6.0	5.5	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3
Slovak Republic	20.3	20.6	20.7	19.9	19.7	19.4	19.3	5.8	6.1	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3
Slovenia ⁽¹⁾	14.4	13.1	9.6	12.4	12.4	..	..	4.4	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5
Spain	38.3	35.0	29.8	27.6	27.1	26.4	26.6	14.0	13.4	12.1	11.5	11.3	11.4	11.3
Sweden	23.2	24.8	22.1	21.3	20.9	18.1	20.3	6.7	6.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.1
Switzerland	8.6	8.9	7.6	8.1	..	..	..	4.3	4.6	4.0	3.8	..	..	..
Türkiye	24.9	22.8	20.5	19.9	19.9	19.1	..	11.1	10.1	9.3	9.0	8.7	8.5	..
United Kingdom	13.7	12.3	10.6	10.4	9.1	3.3	3.4	2.8	2.9	2.9
United States	15.1	9.7	8.3	7.9	8.1	7.8	8.0	7.1	4.7	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	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 year old)
Employment levels and employment as a percentage of working age population and levels, seasonally adjusted

	Employment rates											Levels
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2019	2021				2022		Thousands
					Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q2 - 2022
OECD	68.4	68.8	66.0	67.7	68.9	66.7	67.4	68.1	68.6	69.0	69.5	608,351
G7	71.4	72.1	69.6	71.1	72.2	70.2	70.7	71.4	71.9	72.2	72.5	347,698
European Union	67.4	68.1	67.1	68.4	68.0	67.2	68.2	68.8	69.3	69.7	70.1	197,562
Euro area	67.2	67.9	66.7	68.0	67.9	66.7	67.8	68.4	68.9	69.3	69.8	151,552
Australia	73.8	74.3	72.7	75.0	74.4	74.4	75.3	74.8	75.3	76.8	77.4	12,891
Austria	73.0	73.5	71.7	72.4	73.7	71.3	71.9	73.0	73.4	73.9	74.4	4,384
Belgium	64.5	65.3	64.5	65.3	65.1	63.7	65.1	66.3	66.0	66.5	66.1	4,890
Canada	73.5	74.2	70.0	73.2	74.1	72.1	72.5	73.8	74.7	75.1	75.4	18,642
Chile	64.1	64.1	55.8	58.5	63.8	57.4	57.2	59.1	60.3	61.5	62.2	8,409
Colombia	66.5	65.4	57.8	57.8	64.5	57.2	57.9	58.4	57.9	60.7	62.7	21,380
Costa Rica	61.0	61.6	54.8	57.2	61.6	56.0	55.6	58.3	58.7	58.6	60.0	2,069
Czech Republic	74.8	75.1	74.4	74.4	75.1	73.9	73.9	74.7	75.0	75.4	75.5	5,043
Denmark	74.1	75.0	74.4	75.6	75.2	74.1	75.7	75.7	76.6	76.5	77.0	2,857
Estonia	75.1	75.6	74.0	74.0	76.1	73.6	72.9	74.5	75.0	76.3	76.2	636
Finland	71.2	72.0	71.2	72.7	72.3	71.6	72.8	72.7	73.5	73.9	74.6	2,533
France	66.2	66.4	66.1	67.3	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.6	67.7	67.9	68.0	27,817
Germany ⁽²⁾	74.9	75.7	76.2	75.8	75.8	74.7	75.4	76.4	76.8	77.1	77.4	41,292
Greece	54.5	56.1	53.7	57.3	56.3	53.7	57.3	58.7	59.3	60.4	61.4	4,068
Hungary	71.4	72.2	72.0	73.1	72.2	72.0	73.0	73.3	73.9	74.2	74.4	4,590
Iceland ⁽¹⁾	85.1	84.1	(b) 80.3	79.8	83.6	77.4	79.2	80.5	81.9	82.6	83.4	198
Ireland	68.5	69.5	66.6	69.9	69.5	66.1	69.3	71.5	72.5	73.4	74.0	2,477
Israel	69.0	68.9	66.8	66.6	68.6	65.3	65.7	67.2	68.2	69.1	69.0	3,925
Italy	58.5	59.1	57.5	58.3	59.0	56.7	58.0	58.8	59.4	59.6	60.3	22,481
Japan	77.2	78.1	77.7	77.9	78.0	77.7	77.8	78.0	78.0	78.1	78.5	58,333
Korea	66.6	66.8	65.9	66.5	67.0	65.6	66.4	66.8	67.2	68.0	68.6	24,886
Latvia	71.7	72.2	71.5	69.9	72.6	68.8	69.6	70.9	70.2	70.6	71.5	844
Lithuania	72.4	73.0	71.6	72.4	73.0	71.2	71.8	73.2	73.6	72.9	74.3	1,363
Luxembourg	67.1	68.0	67.3	69.4	67.9	68.1	69.6	70.2	69.5	70.6	70.1	309
Mexico ⁽³⁾	61.6	62.3	..	61.0	62.4	59.6	61.1	61.5	61.9	61.9	62.6	54,262
Netherlands	78.7	79.7	79.3	80.2	79.8	79.4	79.8	80.5	80.9	81.3	81.8	9,233
New Zealand	77.5	77.5	76.8	78.3	77.4	77.2	77.8	79.1	79.2	79.1	79.2	2,623
Norway	74.8	75.3	74.7	76.3	75.4	74.9	76.0	76.9	77.5	77.9	77.9	2,740
Poland	66.7	67.5	67.8	70.3	67.7	69.4	70.1	70.6	71.0	71.3	71.5	16,394
Portugal	69.0	69.9	68.5	70.2	69.8	68.6	70.1	70.9	70.9	71.6	71.6	4,699
Slovak Republic	69.6	70.4	69.5	69.5	70.2	68.1	69.1	70.0	70.5	70.8	71.6	2,570
Slovenia	70.6	71.3	70.1	71.5	70.9	69.0	71.7	72.8	72.4	73.1	73.0	965
Spain	62.4	63.3	61.0	62.7	63.3	61.2	62.6	63.4	63.9	64.2	64.9	20,213
Sweden ⁽¹⁾	(b) 76.9	76.6	74.9	75.4	76.3	74.4	75.3	75.7	76.1	76.6	77.0	5,004
Switzerland	80.1	80.5	79.9	79.3	80.7	79.0	78.4	79.5	80.1	79.5	79.3	4,524
Türkiye	52.0	50.3	47.5	50.3	50.4	49.3	49.4	50.5	51.8	52.1	52.7	29,674
United Kingdom	75.6	76.2	75.4	75.1	76.5	74.7	75.0	75.3	75.5	75.6	75.5	31,324
United States	70.7	71.4	67.1	69.4	71.7	68.4	68.9	69.8	70.5	71.0	71.3	147,808

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2019	2021				2022	
					Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
OECD	72.5	72.8	71.2	72.3	72.9	71.7	72.2	72.5	72.7	72.9	73.2
G7	74.9	75.3	74.4	75.1	75.5	74.6	75.0	75.3	75.4	75.5	75.7
European Union	72.8	73.2	72.3	73.6	73.0	72.7	73.7	73.9	74.2	74.4	74.7
Euro area	73.4	73.6	72.5	73.7	73.4	72.8	73.8	74.2	74.2	74.4	74.8
Australia	78.0	78.5	77.9	79.1	78.6	79.2	79.5	78.5	79.1	80.1	80.4
Austria	77.1	77.3	76.4	77.3	77.3	76.9	77.1	77.4	77.5	77.7	77.9
Belgium	68.7	69.1	68.4	69.7	68.8	68.4	69.5	70.7	70.1	70.4	70.2
Canada	78.2	78.7	77.4	79.1	78.7	78.7	78.8	79.5	79.6	79.5	79.4
Chile	69.4	69.3	62.7	64.3	69.3	64.2	63.1	64.6	65.5	66.9	67.4
Colombia	73.7	73.2	69.0	67.4	72.5	67.3	68.0	67.2	66.9	69.4	70.4
Costa Rica	68.1	70.1	68.3	68.6	70.7	69.2	68.1	69.0	68.2	68.1	68.2
Czech Republic	76.6	76.7	76.4	76.6	76.7	76.5	76.3	76.8	76.8	77.2	77.4
Denmark	78.2	79.1	79.0	79.6	79.2	79.1	79.6	79.7	80.0	80.2	80.2
Estonia	79.3	79.2	79.6	79.1	79.5	79.2	78.4	79.4	79.5	80.9	81.0
Finland	77.0	77.4	77.3	78.8	77.7	77.9	79.3	78.9	79.2	79.3	79.7
France	72.8	72.6	72.0	73.0	72.5	72.5	73.1	73.3	73.2	73.3	73.7
Germany ⁽²⁾	77.5	78.1	77.3	78.7	78.2	77.9	78.3	79.1	79.4	79.6	79.8
Greece	68.1	68.5	65.3	67.3	68.2	64.4	67.8	68.4	68.5	69.3	69.8
Hungary	74.1	74.7	75.1	76.2	74.7	75.4	76.1	76.4	76.8	77.0	76.9
Iceland ⁽¹⁾	87.5	87.3	(b) 85.2	85.1	86.7	84.1	85.0	84.9	86.3	86.4	86.7
Ireland	72.8	73.2	70.8	74.6	73.2	71.3	74.6	75.8	76.7	77.2	77.4
Israel	72.0	71.7	69.9	70.2	71.3	68.8	69.5	70.8	71.5	71.9	71.6
Italy	65.6	65.7	63.6	64.5	65.4	63.1	64.5	65.1	65.3	65.0	65.8
Japan	78.9	79.7	79.7	80.3	80.0	80.1	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.4	80.7
Korea	69.3	69.5	68.6	69.0	69.6	68.6	69.1	69.1	69.4	70.1	70.6
Latvia	77.7	77.3	78.1	75.8	77.4	75.1	75.8	76.6	75.9	76.3	76.8
Lithuania	77.3	78.1	78.6	78.2	78.4	77.5	77.9	78.7	78.8	77.8	78.7
Luxembourg	71.1	72.0	72.2	73.2	72.1	72.1	73.9	74.3	72.6	73.5	73.6
Mexico ⁽³⁾	63.8	64.6	..	63.7	64.7	62.5	63.9	64.1	64.4	64.3	64.8
Netherlands	82.8	83.4	83.4	83.7	83.5	83.3	83.5	83.9	84.0	84.2	84.7
New Zealand	81.2	80.9	80.6	81.6	80.8	81.0	81.2	82.0	82.1	81.9	82.0
Norway	77.9	78.3	78.2	80.0	78.4	78.9	80.1	80.2	80.5	80.6	80.6
Poland	69.4	69.9	70.1	72.8	69.9	72.1	72.7	73.1	73.3	73.4	73.5
Portugal	74.5	74.9	73.8	75.2	74.9	73.9	75.5	75.7	75.8	76.2	76.2
Slovak Republic	74.4	74.8	74.5	74.6	74.6	73.5	74.3	75.1	75.5	75.6	76.3
Slovenia	74.5	74.7	73.8	75.1	74.1	72.9	75.1	76.3	75.8	76.3	76.3
Spain	73.7	73.8	72.2	73.7	73.8	72.7	73.9	74.3	74.0	74.0	74.2
Sweden ⁽¹⁾	(b) 82.3	82.5	82.1	82.9	82.4	82.4	83.0	83.0	83.1	83.3	83.6
Switzerland	84.2	84.3	84.1	83.7	84.3	83.8	83.0	83.7	84.1	83.3	83.0
Türkiye	58.5	58.4	54.9	57.3	58.2	56.6	56.7	57.3	58.4	58.6	59.3
United Kingdom	78.9	79.3	79.1	78.7	79.5	78.6	78.8	78.8	78.7	78.6	78.6
United States	73.6	74.1	73.0	73.4	74.4	72.9	73.3	73.5	73.7	73.9	74.0

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