

## UNEMPLOYMENT

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Reference period: September 2023

### OECD unemployment rate unchanged at 4.8% in September 2023

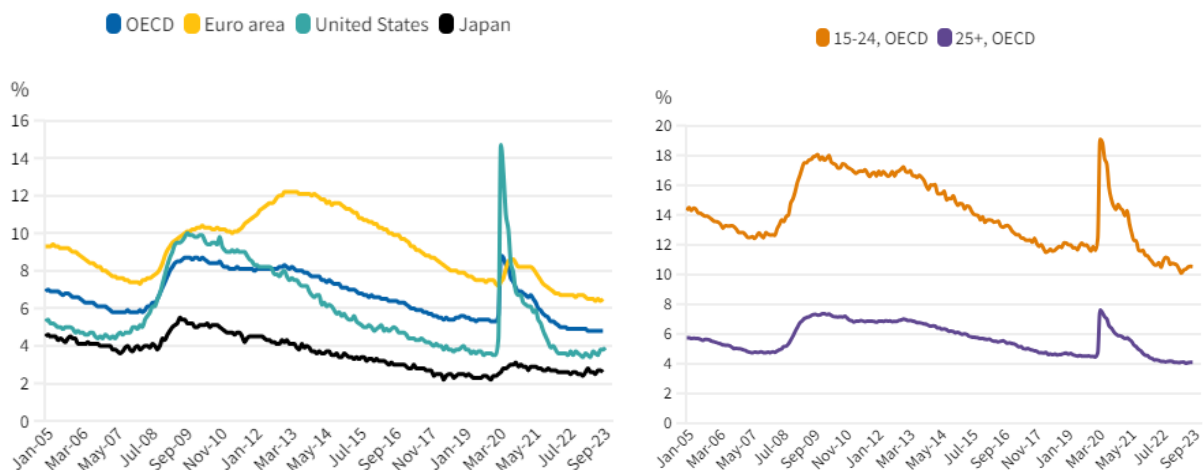
The OECD unemployment rate was stable at 4.8% in September 2023, having remained below 5.0% since July 2022 (Figure 1 and Table 1). The unemployment rate rose in 16 OECD countries in September 2023, was unchanged in 11, and declined in 6 (Figure 2 and Table 1). The number of unemployed persons in the OECD increased to 33.3 million in September, its highest level in 2023, mainly driven by an increase in the number of unemployed men.

In September 2023, the OECD unemployment rates were broadly stable across all defined categories: men, women, youth (aged 15-24) and workers aged 25 and above (Figure 1, Tables 3 and 4). However, the youth unemployment rate remained close to or above 20% in 9 OECD countries in September and increased in 16. Pronounced increases of more than one percentage point were recorded in Korea, Czechia, Luxembourg, and Sweden.

In the euro area, the unemployment rate has hovered around 6.5% since February 2023. In September, it was stable or increased slightly in all euro area countries except in Greece, where it has continued to decline rapidly to reach 10%, its lowest level since August 2009. Spain's unemployment rate remained the highest in the euro area in September.

The unemployment rate was broadly stable or edged up in OECD countries outside Europe (Table 1). More recent data show that the unemployment rate rose in Canada and the United States in October, reaching 5.7% and 3.9% respectively.

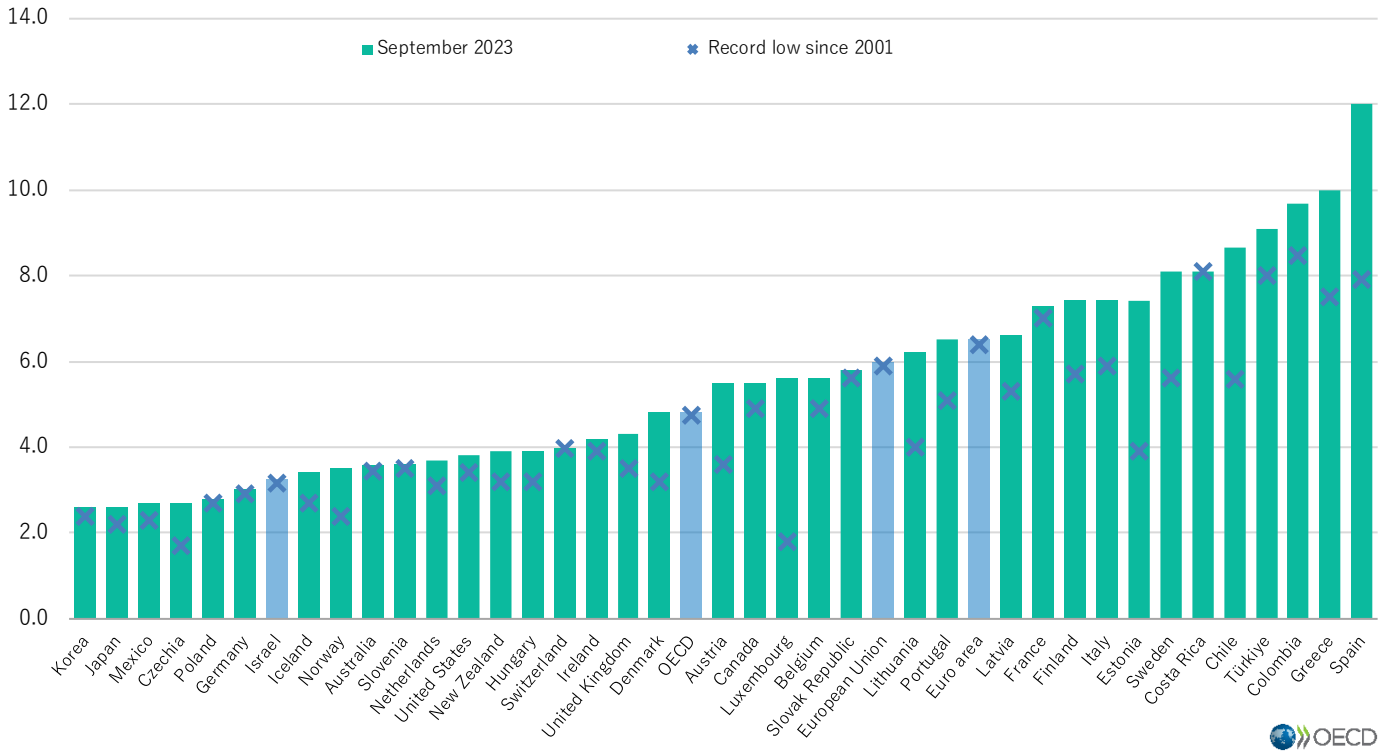
» **Figure 1 – Unemployment rates**  
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: 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 – Unemployment rate for OECD countries**  
 September 2023 compared with the lowest rate recorded since 2001, percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The September 2023 unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 percentage point of its record low in Israel, as well as for the OECD, the European Union and the euro area (bars reported in blue).  
 For Costa Rica and Chile, the unemployment rate for August 2023 is reported ; for the United Kingdom, June 2023; for Switzerland, second quarter 2023; for New Zealand, third quarter 2023.

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

**Table 1 – Unemployment rates (aged 15 and over)**
*Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted*

	2021	2022	2022	2023			2020	2023						Change from previous period	Record low since 2001	
				Q4	Q1	Q2		Q3	Feb	Apr	May	Jun	Jul		Aug	Sep
<b>OECD</b>	6.2	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	→	<b>4.8</b>	<b>Jun-23</b>
<b>G7</b>	5.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	→	3.9	Jan-23
<b>European Union</b>	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.6	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	→	<b>5.9</b>	<b>May-23</b>
<b>Euro area</b>	7.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	7.3	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	↑	<b>6.4</b>	<b>Jun-23</b>
<b>Australia</b>	5.1	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	5.1	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.6	↓	3.4	Oct-22
<b>Austria</b>	6.2	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.5	4.6	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.7	5.3	5.5	↑	3.6	Jan-01
<b>Belgium</b>	6.3	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.6	↑	4.9	Apr-20
<b>Canada</b>	7.5	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.7	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	→	4.9	Jun-22
<b>Chile</b>	8.9	7.9	8.4	8.7	8.3	8.7	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.7	..	→	5.6	Jul-13
<b>Colombia</b>	13.8	11.2	11.0	10.6	9.9	9.5	11.2	10.3	10.1	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.7	↑	8.5	Nov-15
<b>Costa Rica</b>	16.4	12.2	11.7	10.6	9.5	8.1	12.5	10.0	9.5	9.6	8.8	8.1	..	↓	8.1	Aug-23
<b>Czechia</b>	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.6	1.8	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.7	↑	1.7	Feb-19
<b>Denmark</b>	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.6	4.4	4.8	↑	3.2	Jan-08
<b>Estonia</b>	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.5	6.7	7.4	5.1	6.2	6.7	7.1	7.5	7.3	7.4	↑	3.9	May-08
<b>Finland</b>	7.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.4	6.7	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.4	↑	5.7	Apr-08
<b>France</b>	7.9	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.8	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.3	→	7.0	May-20
<b>Germany</b>	3.6	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	→	2.9	May-19
<b>Greece</b>	14.8	12.5	11.7	11.3	11.3	10.4	16.3	11.6	11.1	11.1	10.7	10.6	10.0	↓	7.5	May-08
<b>Hungary</b>	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	↓	3.2	May-19
<b>Iceland</b>	6.1	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.4	5.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	→	2.7	Sep-07
<b>Ireland</b>	6.3	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2	↑	3.9	Mar-01
<b>Israel</b>	5.0	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.2	→	<b>3.2</b>	<b>Aug-23</b>
<b>Italy</b>	9.6	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.4	9.5	7.8	7.6	7.4	7.6	7.3	7.4	↑	5.9	Apr-07
<b>Japan</b>	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.6	↓	2.2	May-18
<b>Korea</b>	3.7	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	3.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.6	↑	2.4	Aug-23
<b>Latvia</b>	7.6	6.9	6.8	6.1	6.4	6.6	7.3	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	→	5.3	Oct-07
<b>Lithuania</b>	7.1	5.9	6.1	7.2	6.1	6.2	7.3	6.5	6.1	5.8	6.4	6.1	6.2	↑	4.0	Nov-07
<b>Luxembourg</b>	5.4	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.6	↑	1.8	May-01
<b>Mexico</b>	4.1	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	→	2.3	Aug-01
<b>Netherlands</b>	4.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	↑	3.1	Apr-01
<b>New Zealand</b>	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↑	3.2	Q4-21
<b>Norway</b>	4.5	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.5	↓	2.4	Sep-07
<b>Poland</b>	3.4	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	→	2.7	Jan-23
<b>Portugal</b>	6.6	6.0	6.4	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	↑	5.1	Jan-01
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	6.8	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	→	5.6	Apr-19
<b>Slovenia</b>	4.8	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	↑	3.5	Dec-22
<b>Spain</b>	14.8	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.0	11.9	13.6	12.1	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	↑	7.9	May-07
<b>Sweden</b>	8.9	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.2	7.2	8.0	7.1	8.1	8.1	→	5.6	Jun-02
<b>Switzerland</b>	5.1	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.0	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↓	4.0	Q2-23
<b>Türkiye</b>	12.0	10.5	10.2	9.9	9.7	9.2	12.6	10.0	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.2	9.1	↓	8.0	Jun-12
<b>United Kingdom</b>	4.5	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.2	..	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.3	..	..	..	↑	3.5	Jul-22
<b>United States</b>	5.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.8	→	3.4	Jan-23

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Change from previous period (x)				
↑	x >= 0.1	→	-0.1 < x < 0.1	↓
Change between August 2023 and September 2023 except for Chile and Costa Rica where the change is reported between July and August 2023; for the United Kingdom, change between May and June 2023; for Switzerland, change between first quarter 2023 and second quarter 2023; for New Zealand, change between second quarter 2023 and third quarter 2023;				

Note: figures in bold in the columns "Record low since 2001" stress that the unemployment rate reached its lowest level in the current monthly period.

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**Table 2 – Unemployment levels (aged 15 and over)**
*Thousands of persons, seasonally adjusted*

	2021	2022	2023			2023			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>OECD</b>	40,996	33,935	33,208	32,969	33,185	32,719	33,070	33,242	33,261
<b>G7</b>	19,907	15,754	15,498	15,692	16,128	15,737	15,822	16,302	16,261
<b>European Union</b>	14,959	13,248	13,100	12,949	12,995	12,948	13,027	12,931	13,026
<b>Euro area</b>	12,756	11,285	11,163	10,976	11,000	10,923	11,035	10,948	11,017
<b>Australia</b>	700	523	515	518	534	504	542	540	520
<b>Austria</b>	284	221	227	234	260	239	268	251	260
<b>Belgium</b>	324	294	300	296	293	296	291	291	297
<b>Canada</b>	1,542	1,098	1,055	1,099	1,179	1,147	1,167	1,181	1,189
<b>Chile</b>	806	758	859	819	862	834	860	862	..
<b>Colombia</b>	3,263	2,781	2,664	2,543	2,434	2,392	2,402	2,435	2,464
<b>Costa Rica</b>	401	300	249	225	183	225	204	183	..
<b>Czechia</b>	150	126	133	139	137	146	143	129	139
<b>Denmark</b>	155	139	151	150	154	150	175	136	151
<b>Estonia</b>	43	40	40	50	55	53	56	55	55
<b>Finland</b>	212	190	191	202	208	204	206	208	211
<b>France</b>	2,365	2,234	2,180	2,247	2,269	2,243	2,272	2,272	2,264
<b>Germany</b>	1,536	1,343	1,310	1,309	1,321	1,315	1,320	1,322	1,321
<b>Greece</b>	678	588	532	534	488	525	505	492	468
<b>Hungary</b>	195	176	188	191	194	193	194	195	192
<b>Iceland</b>	13	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
<b>Ireland</b>	158	119	113	114	114	117	114	113	116
<b>Israel</b>	206	163	176	162	147	161	152	143	146
<b>Italy</b>	2,371	2,028	1,994	1,926	1,890	1,881	1,918	1,858	1,893
<b>Japan</b>	1,946	1,793	1,807	1,767	1,820	1,730	1,840	1,850	1,770
<b>Korea</b>	1,037	833	789	752	765	763	823	709	761
<b>Latvia</b>	71	65	58	61	63	62	63	63	62
<b>Lithuania</b>	105	89	110	94	95	90	96	94	95
<b>Luxembourg</b>	18	15	16	17	18	18	18	18	19
<b>Mexico</b>	2,372	1,940	1,680	1,728	1,699	1,608	1,782	1,671	1,643
<b>Netherlands</b>	408	350	358	350	366	353	362	364	371
<b>New Zealand</b>	110	97	103	110	118	...	...	...	...
<b>Norway</b>	129	95	111	100	107	101	107	109	105
<b>Poland</b>	580	498	465	482	478	485	480	477	477
<b>Portugal</b>	337	314	362	339	339	335	336	336	344
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	188	170	166	163	159	162	160	159	159
<b>Slovenia</b>	49	41	36	39	37	38	37	36	37
<b>Spain</b>	3,430	3,025	3,018	2,853	2,870	2,841	2,859	2,860	2,891
<b>Sweden</b>	492	421	421	427	445	458	407	461	467
<b>Switzerland</b>	252	212	206	199	..	...	...	...	...
<b>Türkiye</b>	3,927	3,592	3,467	3,379	3,218	3,312	3,271	3,214	3,168
<b>United Kingdom</b>	1,525	1,263	1,329	1,439	..	1,464	..	..	..
<b>United States</b>	8,623	5,996	5,823	5,904	6,185	5,957	5,841	6,355	6,360

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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 (aged 15 and over)**
*Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted*

	Women							Men						
	2021	2022	2023		2023			2021	2022	2023		2023		
			Q2	Q3	Jul	Aug	Sep			Q2	Q3	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>OECD</b>	6.3	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	6.0	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7
<b>G7</b>	5.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	5.3	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.3
<b>European Union</b>	7.4	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.8	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
<b>Euro area</b>	8.1	7.2	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.4	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
<b>Australia</b>	5.0	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.7	5.2	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.4
<b>Austria</b>	6.1	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.0	6.3	4.9	5.1	5.9	6.1	5.7	5.9
<b>Belgium</b>	5.9	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.9	6.6	5.8	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2
<b>Canada</b>	7.4	5.1	5.0	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.3	7.7	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.8
<b>Chile</b>	9.2	8.5	8.8	9.2	9.2	9.2	..	8.6	7.4	7.9	8.3	8.2	8.3	..
<b>Colombia</b>	17.5	14.3	12.9	11.9	11.6	12.1	12.1	11.3	9.0	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.9
<b>Costa Rica</b>	22.0	16.4	12.1	9.0	11.1	9.0	..	12.7	9.4	8.0	7.5	7.4	7.5	..
<b>Czechia</b>	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.0	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.5
<b>Denmark</b>	5.2	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.5	4.9	4.6	5.1	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.7	4.0	4.9
<b>Estonia</b>	5.6	5.0	6.9	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.7	6.8	6.1	6.5	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1
<b>Finland</b>	7.1	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.6	8.2	7.1	7.8	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.2
<b>France</b>	7.8	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.2	8.0	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
<b>Germany</b>	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
<b>Greece</b>	19.0	16.4	14.6	13.2	13.4	13.7	12.4	11.4	9.3	8.6	8.2	8.5	8.1	8.0
<b>Hungary</b>	4.2	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
<b>Iceland</b>	6.4	3.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	5.8	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
<b>Ireland</b>	6.2	4.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	6.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4
<b>Israel</b>	4.9	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.1	5.0	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.4
<b>Italy</b>	10.7	9.4	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.3	8.7	8.7	7.1	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.5
<b>Japan</b>	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8
<b>Korea</b>	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	3.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.5
<b>Latvia</b>	6.6	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5	8.5	8.1	7.8	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.6
<b>Lithuania</b>	6.6	5.5	5.9	6.0	6.2	5.9	5.9	7.6	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.6
<b>Luxembourg</b>	5.9	4.7	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.0	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.6
<b>Mexico</b>	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.6
<b>Netherlands</b>	4.5	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6
<b>New Zealand</b>	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.1	...	...	...	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.8	...	...	...
<b>Norway</b>	4.2	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	4.7	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7
<b>Poland</b>	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
<b>Portugal</b>	6.9	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.9	6.3	5.6	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.1
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	7.0	6.4	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	6.7	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8
<b>Slovenia</b>	5.4	4.3	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8
<b>Spain</b>	16.7	14.8	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.7	13.1	11.3	10.4	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.5
<b>Sweden</b>	9.2	7.9	7.5	8.3	7.5	8.6	8.8	8.6	7.1	7.4	7.3	6.8	7.6	7.5
<b>Switzerland</b>	5.3	4.6	4.1	..	...	...	...	4.9	4.1	3.9	..	...	...	...
<b>Türkiye</b>	14.7	13.5	13.3	12.5	12.8	12.5	12.3	10.7	9.0	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.5
<b>United Kingdom</b>	4.3	3.6	3.9	..	..	..	..	4.7	3.9	4.4	..	..	..	..
<b>United States</b>	5.2	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	5.5	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.6	4.0	4.1

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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+)						
	2021	2022	2023		2023			2021	2022	2023		2023		
			Q2	Q3	Jul	Aug	Sep			Q2	Q3	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>OECD</b>	12.8	10.9	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	5.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
<b>G7</b>	10.6	9.0	8.5	9.1	8.9	9.2	9.1	4.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5
<b>European Union</b>	16.7	14.5	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.2	6.2	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
<b>Euro area</b>	16.9	14.5	13.9	14.0	14.0	13.9	14.0	6.8	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
<b>Australia</b>	11.3	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.6	8.3	8.0	4.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7
<b>Austria</b>	11.0	9.4	10.2	11.8	11.7	11.4	12.2	5.6	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.6
<b>Belgium <sup>(1)</sup></b>	18.2	16.3	14.2	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	5.3	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9
<b>Canada</b>	13.6	10.1	10.6	10.7	10.2	11.3	10.5	6.6	4.5	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7
<b>Chile</b>	20.0	17.7	20.0	21.9	21.8	21.9	..	7.9	7.0	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.6	..
<b>Colombia</b>	25.6	21.9	19.8	19.0	18.6	18.7	19.6	11.7	9.4	8.2	7.9	7.7	8.0	8.1
<b>Costa Rica</b>	39.4	31.0	26.4	22.7	23.1	22.7	..	12.5	9.3	7.0	6.0	6.7	6.0	..
<b>Czechia</b>	8.2	7.6	10.3	8.9	9.5	7.9	9.4	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3
<b>Denmark</b>	10.8	10.5	9.7	11.9	11.8	11.6	12.4	4.2	3.5	4.0	3.8	4.6	3.2	3.5
<b>Estonia</b>	16.9	18.1	15.9	21.3	22.3	20.7	20.8	5.4	4.5	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2
<b>Finland</b>	17.1	14.1	16.3	16.8	18.4	15.6	16.5	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.2
<b>France</b>	18.9	17.3	16.5	16.1	16.2	16.1	16.0	6.6	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
<b>Germany</b>	7.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	3.2	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
<b>Greece</b>	35.5	31.4	25.9	21.3	22.6	21.9	19.4	13.8	11.4	10.4	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.4
<b>Hungary</b>	13.1	10.8	12.2	12.3	12.1	12.7	12.0	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
<b>Iceland</b>	12.2	8.9	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	5.1	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>Ireland</b>	14.8	10.0	10.2	11.4	10.9	11.4	11.9	5.1	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1
<b>Israel <sup>(2)</sup></b>	7.7	6.9	5.4	6.6	7.1	6.9	5.9	4.5	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
<b>Italy</b>	29.9	23.7	22.2	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.9	8.3	7.1	6.6	..	..	..	..
<b>Japan</b>	4.6	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.4
<b>Korea</b>	8.5	7.0	5.3	5.5	5.9	4.4	6.3	3.4	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.4
<b>Latvia</b>	14.8	15.1	9.6	9.3	8.9	9.2	9.7	7.1	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4
<b>Lithuania</b>	14.4	11.8	9.3	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.6	6.6	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.1
<b>Luxembourg</b>	18.3	17.3	18.2	19.5	18.7	19.3	20.6	4.3	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3
<b>Mexico</b>	8.1	6.5	5.9	5.8	6.1	5.6	5.9	3.4	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1
<b>Netherlands</b>	9.4	7.6	8.1	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.8	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>New Zealand</b>	10.5	9.3	10.0	11.5	...	...	...	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.6	...	...	...
<b>Norway</b>	12.5	9.9	9.7	11.1	10.9	11.8	10.5	3.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4
<b>Poland</b>	11.9	10.8	11.5	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.1	2.8	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
<b>Portugal</b>	23.1	19.1	18.4	20.0	20.1	20.3	19.7	5.5	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.5
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	20.6	19.9	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.8	20.1	6.1	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>Slovenia <sup>(1)</sup></b>	13.1	10.2	10.4	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
<b>Spain</b>	35.0	29.7	27.8	27.8	27.9	27.6	27.8	13.4	11.7	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.8
<b>Sweden</b>	24.7	21.7	21.3	21.2	18.2	22.1	23.4	6.9	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.0
<b>Switzerland</b>	8.9	7.5	7.4	..	...	...	...	4.6	3.9	3.5	..	...	...	...
<b>Türkiye</b>	22.8	19.5	17.8	17.1	17.6	16.9	16.7	10.1	8.8	8.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7
<b>United Kingdom</b>	12.3	10.5	12.3	..	..	..	..	3.4	2.8	3.0	..	..	..	..
<b>United States</b>	9.7	8.1	7.1	8.3	8.0	8.6	8.4	4.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.1

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Note:

(1) Belgium and Slovenia: For youth unemployment, quarterly data are shown for all the months in the quarter.

(2) Israel: Data shown in this table are not seasonally adjusted.

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