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OECD employment and labour force participation rates reach record highs in the fourth quarter of 2022

The OECD employment and labour force participation rates increased to 69.6% and 73.3% in the fourth quarter of 2022. This marks new record highs for the series that began in 2005 and 2008, respectively. Almost half of OECD countries reported record highs for both indicators, including Canada, France, Germany, and Japan (Figure 1, Tables 1 and 2).

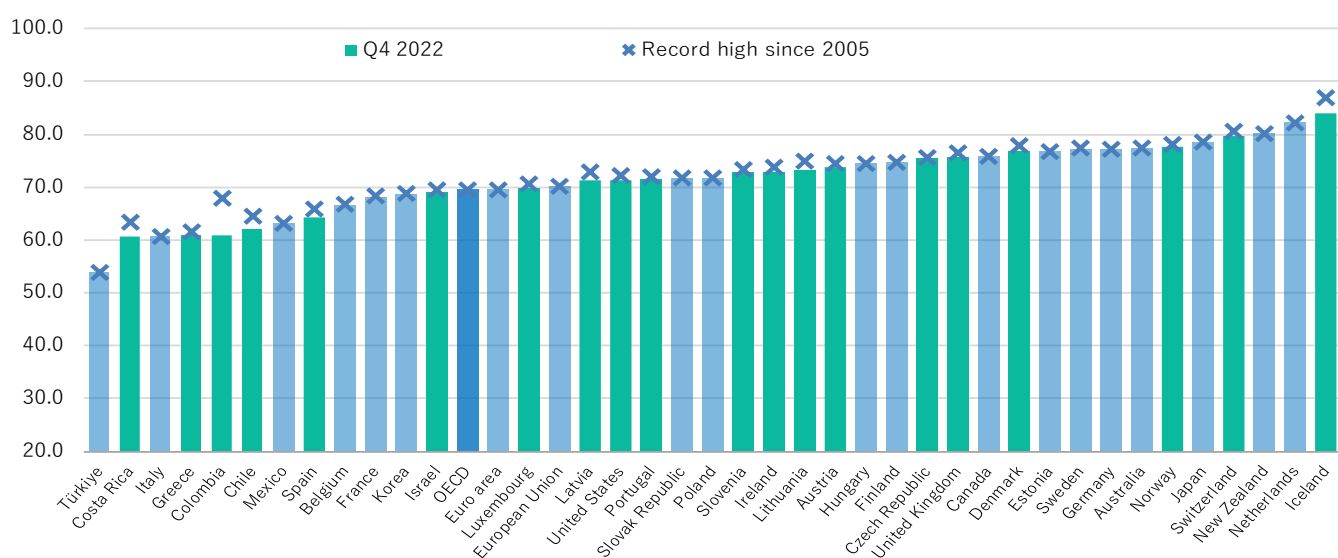
In the fourth quarter of 2022, the employment rate returned to its record high of close to 70% in the euro area, and the European Union, its highest level since 2005. By contrast, it declined by more than 1.0 percentage point in Colombia and Lithuania.

In 2022, the number of men and women in employment increased across all age groups (Figure 2) and reached its record high for both prime-age (aged 25-54) and older workers (aged 55-64). Despite a recent increase, the number of young men and women in employment in 2022 remained below its 2007 peak.

The OECD employment rate edged up to a record high of 62.5% for women, while it was stable for the third consecutive month at its highest level of 76.7% for men. The OECD labour force participation rate also reached its highest level of 66% for women and remained stable for men at its pre-pandemic level of 80.6% (Figure 3).

In February 2023, the unemployment rate remained at its record low in the OECD (4.8%) and in the euro area (6.6%) (Figure 4 and Table 3). The unemployment rate was stable or decreased in more than 70% of OECD countries, but close to its lowest level in only seven countries, including Canada, France, and Germany (Figure 4 and Table 3). It remained stable in Canada at 5.0% in March 2023 for the fifth consecutive month, while it fell slightly to 3.5% in the United States.

Figure 1 – Employment rate for OECD countries – current and record high rates
Q4 2022 compared with the highest rate recorded since 2005, percentage of working age population, seasonally adjusted



Note: In the fourth quarter of 2022, employment rates for Australia, Belgium, Canada, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Türkiye, as well as for the OECD, the Euro area and the European Union, all highlighted in blue in the chart, were close (within 0.1 percentage point) to their record highs.

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Figure 2 – Change in OECD employment by age and gender
Thousands of persons

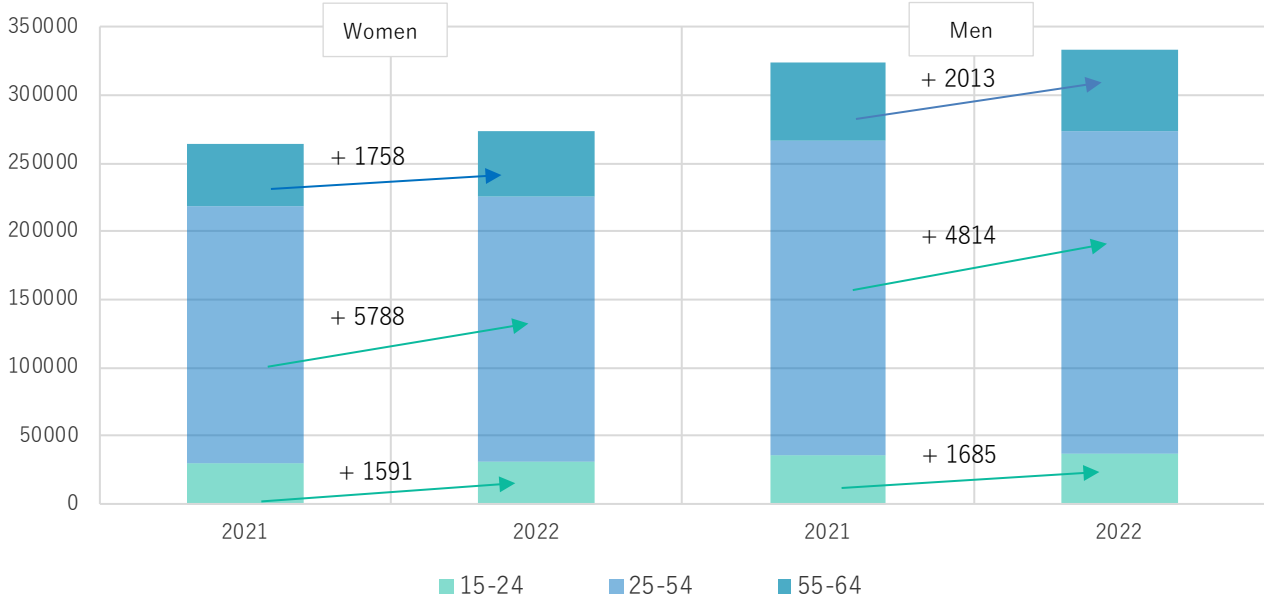
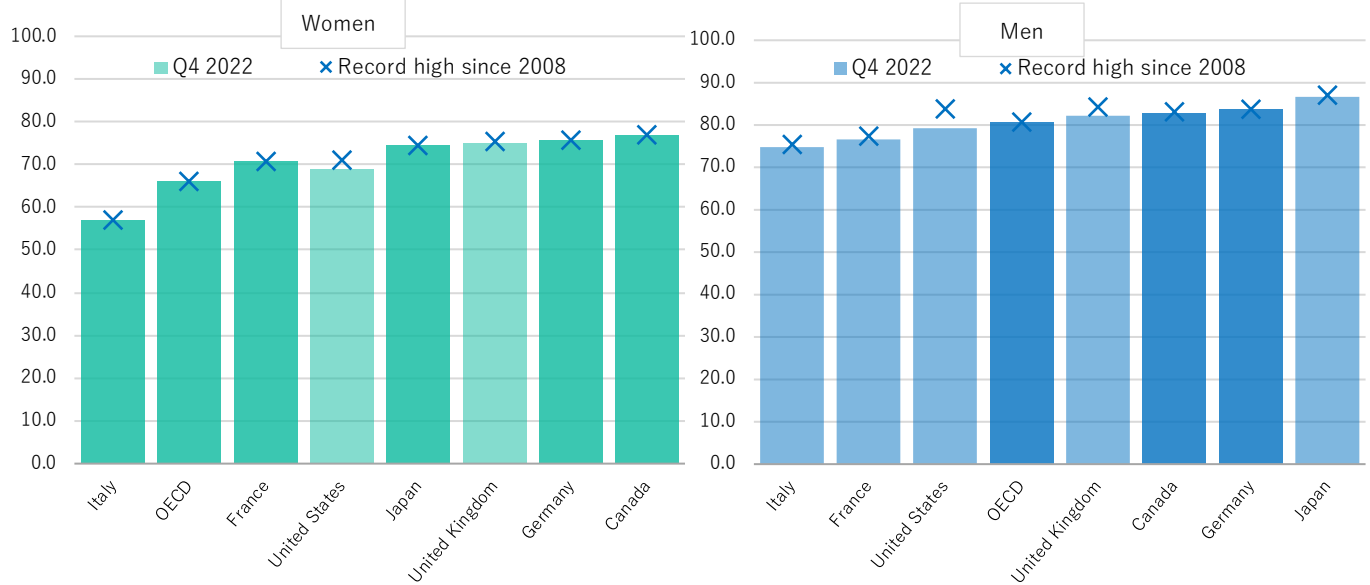


Figure 3 – Labour force participation rate (aged 15-64) by gender
Major seven countries, percentage of corresponding working age population, seasonally adjusted

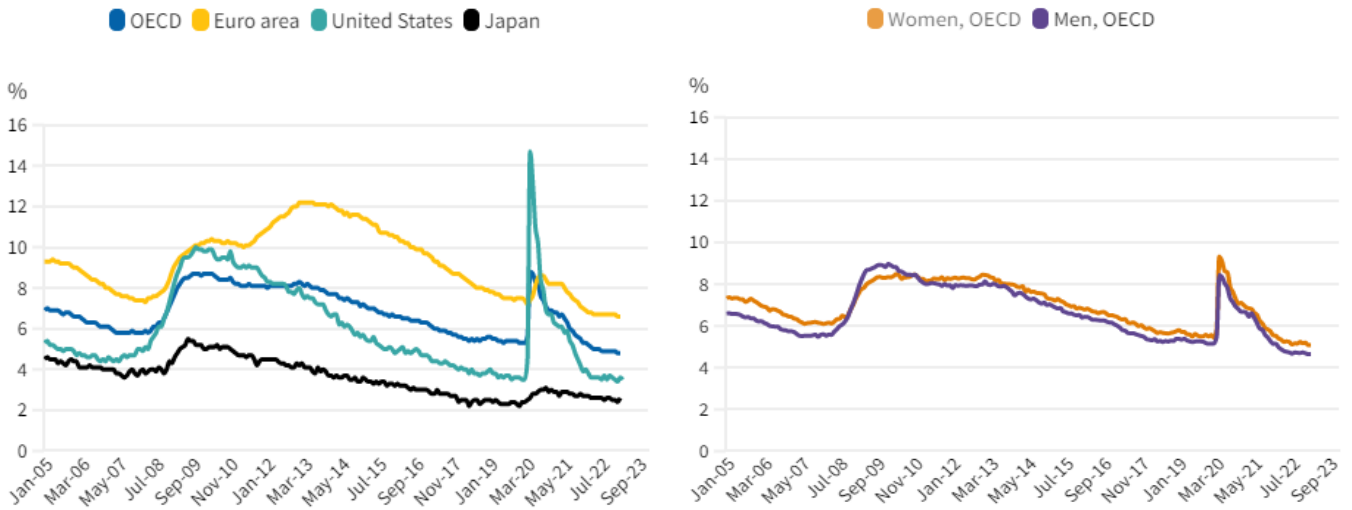


Note: In the fourth quarter of 2022, labour force participation rates for Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the OECD were close (within 0.2 p.p.) to their record highs for women ; labour force participation rates for Canada, Germany and the OECD were close (within 0.2 p.p.) to their record highs for men.



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Figure 4 – 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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Table 1 – Employment rates and levels (aged 15–64)
Percentage of the working age population and levels, seasonally adjusted

| | Employment rates | | | | | | | | | | Change from previous period | Record high since 2005 | Levels <i>Thousands</i> | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2019 | 2021 | | | 2022 | | | | | | |
| | | | | Q4 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | | Q4 - 2022 |
| OECD | 66.0 | 67.7 | 69.4 | 68.9 | 68.1 | 68.6 | 69.0 | 69.5 | 69.5 | 69.6 | ↑ | 69.6 2022Q4 | 609,613 | |
| G7 | 69.6 | 71.1 | 72.5 | 72.3 | 71.4 | 71.9 | 72.2 | 72.5 | 72.6 | 72.6 | → | 72.6 2022Q4 | 348,165 | |
| European Union | 67.1 | 68.4 | 69.9 | 68.0 | 68.9 | 69.3 | 69.6 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 70.1 | ↑ | 70.1 2022Q4 | 198,186 | |
| Euro area | 66.6 | 67.9 | 69.5 | 68.5 | 68.3 | 68.8 | 69.3 | 69.6 | 69.4 | 69.6 | ↑ | 69.6 2022Q2 | 153,384 | |
| Australia | 72.7 | 74.9 | 77.2 | 74.4 | 74.8 | 75.3 | 76.7 | 77.2 | 77.5 | 77.5 | → | 77.5 2022Q4 | 13,097 | |
| Austria | 71.7 | 72.4 | 74.0 | 73.7 | 73.0 | 73.4 | 73.9 | 74.4 | 73.8 | 73.9 | ↑ | 74.4 2022Q2 | 4,362 | |
| Belgium | 64.5 | 65.3 | 66.5 | 65.1 | 66.3 | 66.1 | 66.5 | 66.1 | 66.8 | 66.7 | ↓ | 66.8 2022Q3 | 4,949 | |
| Canada | 70.1 | 73.5 | 75.6 | 74.6 | 74.0 | 75.1 | 75.3 | 75.8 | 75.5 | 75.8 | ↑ | 75.8 2022Q2 | 18,838 | |
| Chile | 55.8 | 58.5 | 61.9 | 63.8 | 59.1 | 60.3 | 61.5 | 62.2 | 62.1 | 61.9 | ↓ | 64.5 2019Q3 | 8,388 | |
| Colombia | 57.8 | 57.8 | 61.6 | 64.6 | 58.3 | 58.1 | 60.7 | 62.6 | 62.1 | 60.9 | ↓ | 67.9 2017Q2 | 20,697 | |
| Costa Rica | 54.8 | 57.2 | 60.1 | 61.6 | 58.3 | 58.7 | 58.6 | 60.0 | 60.9 | 60.7 | ↓ | 63.3 2013Q4 | 2,095 | |
| Czech Republic | 74.4 | 74.4 | 75.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.0 | 75.4 | 75.5 | 75.6 | 75.4 | ↓ | 75.6 2022Q3 | 4,997 | |
| Denmark | 74.4 | 75.6 | 76.8 | 75.2 | 75.6 | 76.7 | 76.6 | 77.0 | 76.8 | 76.7 | → | 77.8 2006Q4 | 2,876 | |
| Estonia | 74.0 | 74.0 | 76.4 | 76.1 | 74.4 | 75.1 | 76.3 | 76.2 | 76.3 | 76.8 | ↑ | 76.8 2022Q4 | 642 | |
| Finland | 71.2 | 72.7 | 74.3 | 72.3 | 72.8 | 73.5 | 73.8 | 74.6 | 74.0 | 74.7 | ↑ | 74.7 2022Q4 | 2,540 | |
| France | 66.1 | 67.3 | 68.1 | 66.5 | 67.6 | 67.7 | 67.9 | 68.0 | 68.3 | 68.3 | → | 68.3 2022Q3 | 27,878 | |
| Germany ⁽¹⁾ | 76.2 | 75.8 | 77.2 | 75.8 | 76.4 | 76.8 | 77.1 | 77.3 | 77.2 | 77.3 | → | 77.3 2022Q2 | 41,294 | |
| Greece | 53.7 | 57.3 | 60.7 | 56.3 | 58.8 | 59.3 | 60.2 | 61.1 | 60.7 | 60.8 | ↑ | 61.6 2008Q2 | 4,037 | |
| Hungary | 72.0 | 73.1 | 74.4 | 72.2 | 73.3 | 73.9 | 74.2 | 74.4 | 74.4 | 74.4 | → | 74.4 2022Q4 | 4,585 | |
| Iceland ⁽²⁾ | 80.3 | (b) 79.8 | 83.3 | 83.6 | 80.7 | 81.9 | 82.8 | 83.7 | 82.7 | 83.9 | ↑ | 87.0 2016Q3 | 204 | |
| Ireland | 66.6 | 69.9 | 73.2 | 69.5 | 71.6 | 72.5 | 73.2 | 73.8 | 72.8 | 73.0 | ↑ | 73.8 2022Q2 | 2,465 | |
| Israel | 66.8 | 66.6 | 69.2 | 68.6 | 67.1 | 68.2 | 69.1 | 69.1 | 69.5 | 69.0 | ↓ | 69.5 2022Q3 | 3,955 | |
| Italy | 57.5 | 58.3 | 60.2 | 59.0 | 58.8 | 59.4 | 59.5 | 60.2 | 60.1 | 60.7 | ↑ | 60.7 2022Q4 | 22,563 | |
| Japan | 77.7 | 77.9 | 78.5 | 78.1 | 78.0 | 77.9 | 78.1 | 78.6 | 78.6 | 78.6 | → | 78.6 2022Q3 | 58,057 | |
| Korea | 65.9 | 66.5 | 68.5 | 67.0 | 66.8 | 67.2 | 68.0 | 68.6 | 68.7 | 68.7 | → | 68.7 2022Q3 | 24,812 | |
| Latvia | 71.5 | 69.9 | 71.3 | 72.6 | 70.9 | 70.2 | 70.6 | 71.5 | 71.8 | 71.3 | ↓ | 72.9 2019Q3 | 842 | |
| Lithuania | 71.6 | 72.4 | 73.8 | 73.0 | 73.2 | 73.6 | 72.7 | 74.2 | 75.0 | 73.1 | ↓ | 75.0 2022Q3 | 1,350 | |
| Luxembourg | 67.3 | 69.4 | 70.1 | 68.0 | 70.2 | 69.5 | 70.6 | 70.1 | 70.0 | 69.7 | ↓ | 70.6 2022Q1 | 310 | |
| Mexico ⁽³⁾ | .. | 61.0 | 62.5 | 62.4 | 61.5 | 61.9 | 61.9 | 62.6 | 62.5 | 63.1 | ↑ | 63.1 2022Q4 | 54,818 | |
| Netherlands | 79.3 | 80.2 | 81.8 | 79.8 | 80.4 | 80.9 | 81.4 | 81.9 | 81.7 | 82.1 | ↑ | 82.1 2022Q4 | 9,316 | |
| New Zealand | 76.8 | 78.3 | 79.7 | 77.3 | 79.1 | 79.3 | 79.1 | 79.3 | 80.1 | 80.2 | ↑ | 80.2 2022Q4 | 2,652 | |
| Norway | 74.7 | 76.3 | 77.7 | 75.4 | 76.9 | 77.4 | 77.8 | 77.8 | 77.7 | 77.6 | ↓ | 78.1 2008Q3 | 2,732 | |
| Poland | 67.8 | 70.3 | 71.4 | 67.7 | 70.8 | 70.9 | 71.2 | 71.3 | 71.1 | 71.7 | ↑ | 71.7 2022Q4 | 16,306 | |
| Portugal | 68.5 | 70.2 | 71.7 | 69.8 | 70.9 | 71.0 | 71.6 | 71.6 | 71.9 | 71.6 | ↓ | 71.9 2022Q3 | 4,685 | |
| Slovak Republic | 69.5 | 69.5 | 71.4 | 70.2 | 70.0 | 70.5 | 70.7 | 71.5 | 71.4 | 71.7 | ↑ | 71.7 2022Q4 | 2,568 | |
| Slovenia | 70.1 | 71.5 | 73.1 | 70.9 | 72.8 | 72.4 | 73.1 | 73.0 | 73.4 | 73.0 | ↓ | 73.4 2022Q3 | 962 | |
| Spain | 61.0 | 62.7 | 64.4 | 63.4 | 63.4 | 63.9 | 64.1 | 64.7 | 64.6 | 64.3 | ↓ | 65.9 2007Q2 | 20,133 | |
| Sweden | 74.9 | 75.4 | 77.1 | 76.4 | 75.6 | 76.1 | 76.6 | 77.2 | 77.4 | 77.3 | → | 77.4 2022Q3 | 5,013 | |
| Switzerland | 79.9 | 79.3 | 79.5 | 80.7 | 79.4 | 80.2 | 79.5 | 79.3 | 79.3 | 79.7 | ↑ | 80.7 2019Q4 | 4,578 | |
| Türkiye | 47.5 | 50.3 | 52.8 | 50.3 | 50.7 | 51.6 | 52.0 | 52.7 | 52.8 | 53.9 | ↑ | 53.9 2022Q4 | 30,486 | |
| United Kingdom | 75.4 | 75.1 | 75.6 | 76.5 | 75.3 | 75.5 | 75.6 | 75.5 | 75.5 | 75.6 | ↑ | 76.5 2019Q4 | 31,436 | |
| United States | 67.1 | 69.4 | 71.3 | 71.7 | 69.8 | 70.5 | 71.0 | 71.3 | 71.4 | 71.4 | → | 72.2 2006Q4 | 148,098 | |

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Table 2 –Labour force participation rates (aged 15–64)
Percentage of the working age population, seasonally adjusted

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2019 | 2021 | | 2022 | | | | Change from previous period | Record high since 2008 | |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | | | | Q4 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| OECD | 71.2 | 72.3 | 73.1 | 72.9 | 72.5 | 72.7 | 72.9 | 73.2 | 73.2 | 73.3 | ↑ | 73.3 | 2022Q4 |
| G7 | 74.4 | 75.1 | 75.7 | 75.5 | 75.3 | 75.4 | 75.5 | 75.7 | 75.7 | 75.7 | → | 75.7 | 2022Q4 |
| European Union | 72.3 | 73.6 | 74.6 | 73.0 | 74.0 | 74.2 | 74.3 | 74.6 | 74.5 | 74.7 | ↑ | 74.7 | 2022Q4 |
| Euro area | 72.5 | 73.7 | 74.6 | 74.1 | 74.0 | 74.1 | 74.4 | 74.7 | 74.6 | 74.6 | → | 74.7 | 2022Q2 |
| Australia | 77.8 | 79.1 | 80.3 | 78.6 | 78.5 | 79.1 | 80.0 | 80.3 | 80.4 | 80.4 | → | 80.4 | 2022Q4 |
| Austria | 76.4 | 77.3 | 77.8 | 77.3 | 77.4 | 77.5 | 77.6 | 77.8 | 77.7 | 77.8 | ↑ | 77.8 | 2022Q2 |
| Belgium | 68.4 | 69.7 | 70.5 | 68.8 | 70.7 | 70.1 | 70.4 | 70.2 | 70.7 | 70.7 | → | 70.7 | 2022Q4 |
| Canada | 77.7 | 79.5 | 79.8 | 79.1 | 79.7 | 80.0 | 79.9 | 80.0 | 79.6 | 79.9 | ↑ | 80.0 | 2021Q4 |
| Chile | 62.7 | 64.3 | 67.4 | 69.3 | 64.6 | 65.5 | 66.8 | 67.4 | 67.6 | 67.8 | ↑ | 69.7 | 2019Q3 |
| Colombia | 69.0 | 67.4 | 69.6 | 72.6 | 67.1 | 67.1 | 69.3 | 70.3 | 70.0 | 68.7 | ↓ | 74.7 | 2017Q2 |
| Costa Rica | 68.3 | 68.6 | 68.7 | 70.7 | 69.0 | 68.2 | 68.1 | 68.2 | 69.4 | 68.9 | ↓ | 71.1 | 2020Q1 |
| Czech Republic | 76.4 | 76.6 | 77.3 | 76.7 | 76.8 | 76.8 | 77.2 | 77.4 | 77.3 | 77.3 | → | 77.4 | 2022Q2 |
| Denmark | 79.0 | 79.6 | 80.4 | 79.2 | 79.6 | 80.1 | 80.3 | 80.4 | 80.6 | 80.4 | ↓ | 80.6 | 2022Q3 |
| Estonia | 79.6 | 79.1 | 81.2 | 79.5 | 79.4 | 79.5 | 80.9 | 81.0 | 81.3 | 81.5 | ↑ | 81.5 | 2022Q4 |
| Finland | 77.3 | 78.8 | 79.8 | 77.7 | 78.9 | 79.2 | 79.3 | 79.7 | 80.1 | 80.2 | ↑ | 80.2 | 2022Q4 |
| France | 72.0 | 73.0 | 73.6 | 72.5 | 73.3 | 73.2 | 73.3 | 73.7 | 73.7 | 73.6 | ↓ | 73.7 | 2022Q3 |
| Germany ⁽¹⁾ | 77.3 | 78.7 | 79.7 | 78.2 | 79.1 | 79.4 | 79.5 | 79.7 | 79.8 | 79.7 | → | 79.8 | 2022Q3 |
| Greece | 65.3 | 67.3 | 69.4 | 68.2 | 68.5 | 68.5 | 69.3 | 69.7 | 69.4 | 69.2 | ↓ | 69.7 | 2022Q2 |
| Hungary | 75.1 | 76.2 | 77.2 | 74.7 | 76.3 | 76.9 | 77.0 | 76.9 | 77.3 | 77.5 | ↑ | 77.5 | 2022Q4 |
| Iceland ⁽²⁾ | 85.2 | (b) 85.2 | 86.7 | 86.7 | 85.1 | 86.3 | 86.5 | 87.0 | 86.2 | 87.1 | ↑ | 89.8 | 2016Q3 |
| Ireland | 70.8 | 74.6 | 76.7 | 73.2 | 75.9 | 76.7 | 77.1 | 77.2 | 76.2 | 76.4 | ↑ | 77.2 | 2022Q2 |
| Israel | 69.9 | 70.2 | 71.9 | 71.2 | 70.8 | 71.4 | 71.9 | 71.7 | 72.2 | 72.0 | ↓ | 72.4 | 2015Q3 |
| Italy | 63.6 | 64.5 | 65.6 | 65.4 | 65.1 | 65.3 | 65.0 | 65.7 | 65.6 | 65.8 | ↑ | 66.1 | 2019Q2 |
| Japan | 79.7 | 80.3 | 80.7 | 80.0 | 80.3 | 80.2 | 80.4 | 80.8 | 80.8 | 80.7 | ↓ | 80.8 | 2022Q3 |
| Korea | 68.6 | 69.0 | 70.5 | 69.6 | 69.1 | 69.4 | 70.1 | 70.6 | 70.7 | 70.7 | → | 70.7 | 2022Q3 |
| Latvia | 78.1 | 75.8 | 76.8 | 77.4 | 76.6 | 75.9 | 76.3 | 76.8 | 77.3 | 76.6 | ↓ | 78.4 | 2020Q2 |
| Lithuania | 78.6 | 78.2 | 78.6 | 78.4 | 78.6 | 78.9 | 77.9 | 78.8 | 79.9 | 78.0 | ↓ | 79.9 | 2022Q3 |
| Luxembourg | 72.2 | 73.2 | 73.5 | 72.1 | 74.3 | 72.6 | 73.5 | 73.6 | 73.8 | 73.1 | ↓ | 74.3 | 2021Q3 |
| Mexico ⁽³⁾ | .. | 63.7 | 64.7 | 64.7 | 64.1 | 64.4 | 64.3 | 64.8 | 64.7 | 65.2 | ↑ | 65.2 | 2022Q4 |
| Netherlands | 83.4 | 83.7 | 84.7 | 83.5 | 83.8 | 84.0 | 84.3 | 84.7 | 84.9 | 85.1 | ↑ | 85.1 | 2022Q4 |
| New Zealand | 80.6 | 81.6 | 82.5 | 80.8 | 82.0 | 82.0 | 81.9 | 82.1 | 83.0 | 83.2 | ↑ | 83.2 | 2022Q4 |
| Norway | 78.2 | 80.0 | 80.4 | 78.4 | 80.3 | 80.4 | 80.6 | 80.5 | 80.3 | 80.3 | → | 80.6 | 2022Q1 |
| Poland | 70.1 | 72.8 | 73.5 | 69.9 | 73.1 | 73.2 | 73.4 | 73.4 | 73.3 | 73.9 | ↑ | 73.9 | 2022Q4 |
| Portugal | 73.8 | 75.2 | 76.4 | 74.9 | 75.6 | 75.8 | 76.2 | 76.3 | 76.6 | 76.6 | → | 76.6 | 2022Q4 |
| Slovak Republic | 74.5 | 74.6 | 76.1 | 74.6 | 75.1 | 75.5 | 75.6 | 76.3 | 76.1 | 76.3 | ↑ | 76.3 | 2022Q4 |
| Slovenia | 73.8 | 75.1 | 76.2 | 74.1 | 76.3 | 75.8 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.5 | 75.7 | ↓ | 76.5 | 2022Q3 |
| Spain | 72.2 | 73.7 | 74.0 | 73.8 | 74.3 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.0 | ↓ | 74.6 | 2015Q2 |
| Sweden | 82.1 | 82.9 | 83.5 | 82.5 | 83.0 | 83.1 | 83.2 | 83.6 | 83.4 | 83.6 | ↑ | 83.6 | 2022Q2 |
| Switzerland | 84.1 | 83.7 | 83.2 | 84.3 | 83.7 | 84.1 | 83.3 | 83.0 | 82.9 | 83.3 | ↑ | 84.8 | 2020Q4 |
| Türkiye | 54.9 | 57.3 | 59.2 | 58.2 | 57.7 | 58.2 | 58.4 | 59.2 | 58.9 | 60.1 | ↑ | 60.1 | 2022Q4 |
| United Kingdom | 79.1 | 78.7 | 78.5 | 79.5 | 78.8 | 78.7 | 78.6 | 78.6 | 78.4 | 78.6 | ↑ | 79.6 | 2020Q1 |
| United States | 73.0 | 73.4 | 74.0 | 74.4 | 73.5 | 73.7 | 73.9 | 74.0 | 74.1 | 74.1 | → | 75.3 | 2008Q3 |

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Table 3 – Unemployment rates (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | | | | 2020 | 2022 | | | | | 2023 | | Change from previous period | Record low since 2001 | |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | Feb | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | | | |
| OECD | 6.2 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | → | 4.8 | Feb-23 | |
| G7 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | → | 3.9 | Jan-23 | |
| European Union | 7.1 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | ↓ | 6.0 | Feb-23 | |
| Euro area | 7.7 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.6 | → | 6.6 | Jan-23 | |
| Australia | 5.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 | ↓ | 3.4 | Oct-22 | |
| Austria | 6.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | ↓ | 3.6 | Jan-01 | |
| Belgium | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | → | 4.9 | Apr-20 | |
| Canada | 7.5 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | → | 4.9 | Jun-22 | |
| Chile | 8.9 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 | .. | ↑ | 5.6 | Jul-13 | |
| Colombia | 13.8 | 11.2 | 12.2 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 10.6 | ↓ | 8.5 | Nov-15 | |
| Costa Rica | 16.4 | 12.2 | 13.6 | 11.7 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 12.6 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.8 | .. | .. | → | 8.3 | Sep-10 | |
| Czech Republic | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.4 | ↓ | 1.7 | Feb-19 | |
| Denmark | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.2 | ↑ | 3.2 | Jan-08 | |
| Estonia | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | ↓ | 3.9 | May-08 | |
| Finland | 7.7 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.6 | ↓ | 5.7 | Apr-08 | |
| France | 7.9 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.0 | ↓ | 7.0 | May-20 | |
| Germany | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | → | 2.9 | May-19 | |
| Greece | 14.8 | 12.5 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 11.8 | 16.4 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 10.3 | 11.4 | ↑ | 7.5 | May-08 | |
| Hungary | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | ↑ | 3.2 | May-19 | |
| Iceland | 6.0 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | → | 2.6 | Jun-07 | |
| Ireland | 6.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | ↓ | 3.9 | Mar-01 | |
| Israel | 5.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 | ↓ | 3.3 | Feb-20 | |
| Italy | 9.6 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 9.5 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.0 | → | 5.9 | Apr-07 | |
| Japan | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.6 | ↑ | 2.2 | May-18 | |
| Korea | 3.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.6 | ↓ | 2.6 | Aug-22 | |
| Latvia | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.7 | ↓ | 5.3 | Oct-07 | |
| Lithuania | 7.1 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.5 | ↑ | 4.0 | Nov-07 | |
| Luxembourg | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | → | 1.8 | May-01 | |
| Mexico | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | ↓ | 2.3 | Aug-01 | |
| Netherlands | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | ↓ | 3.1 | Apr-01 | |
| New Zealand | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ↑ | 3.2 | Q4-21 | |
| Norway | 4.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | ↑ | 2.4 | Sep-07 | |
| Poland | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | → | 2.8 | Feb-22 | |
| Portugal | 6.6 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 6.8 | ↓ | 5.0 | Jan-01 | |
| Slovak Republic | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | ↓ | 5.6 | Oct-19 | |
| Slovenia | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.2 | ↓ | 3.2 | Feb-23 | |
| Spain | 14.8 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 13.0 | 13.6 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.8 | ↓ | 7.9 | May-07 | |
| Sweden | 8.8 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.6 | ↑ | 5.6 | Jun-02 | |
| Switzerland | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | → | 4.1 | Q4-19 | |
| Türkiye | 12.0 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 12.5 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 10.0 | ↑ | 8.0 | Jun-12 | |
| United Kingdom | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | .. | .. | → | 3.5 | Jul-22 | |
| United States | 5.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | ↑ | 3.4 | Jan-23 | |

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| Change from previous period (x) | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|----------------|
| ↑ | x ≥ 0.1 | → | -0.1 < x < 0.1 |
| ↓ | | | x ≤ -0.1 |

Change between January 2023 and February 2023 except for Chile where the change is reported between December 2022 and January 2023; for Costa Rica and the United Kingdom, change between November and December 2022; for New Zealand and Switzerland, change between third quarter and fourth quarter 2022.

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

Table 4 – Unemployment levels (aged 15 and over)*Thousands of persons, seasonally adjusted*

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | | | 2022 | | 2023 | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb |
| OECD | 40,993 | 33,933 | 33,804 | 33,285 | 33,599 | 33,601 | 33,524 | 33,204 | 33,197 |
| G7 | 19,907 | 15,754 | 15,775 | 15,468 | 15,515 | 15,568 | 15,225 | 15,162 | 15,506 |
| European Union | 14,956 | 13,253 | 13,208 | 13,160 | 13,226 | 13,266 | 13,228 | 13,144 | 13,120 |
| Euro area | 12,758 | 11,290 | 11,258 | 11,233 | 11,239 | 11,264 | 11,255 | 11,201 | 11,142 |
| Australia | 700 | 522 | 533 | 498 | 495 | 496 | 503 | 524 | 507 |
| Austria | 284 | 221 | 206 | 236 | 233 | 258 | 229 | 238 | 235 |
| Belgium | 324 | 294 | 305 | 285 | 304 | 306 | 309 | 312 | 312 |
| Canada | 1,542 | 1,098 | 1,066 | 1,063 | 1,066 | 1,068 | 1,043 | 1,046 | 1,066 |
| Chile | 806 | 758 | 725 | 756 | 816 | 816 | 823 | 844 | .. |
| Colombia | 3,263 | 2,781 | 2,686 | 2,726 | 2,733 | 2,714 | 2,810 | 2,858 | 2,621 |
| Costa Rica | 401 | 300 | 285 | 297 | 287 | 287 | 287 | .. | .. |
| Czech Republic | 150 | 126 | 130 | 123 | 125 | 139 | 122 | 130 | 126 |
| Denmark | 155 | 139 | 129 | 143 | 147 | 149 | 149 | 137 | 165 |
| Estonia | 43 | 40 | 41 | 41 | 39 | 39 | 38 | 38 | 37 |
| Finland | 212 | 190 | 179 | 203 | 191 | 189 | 204 | 200 | 185 |
| France | 2,365 | 2,234 | 2,297 | 2,208 | 2,194 | 2,188 | 2,191 | 2,174 | 2,153 |
| Germany | 1,536 | 1,343 | 1,325 | 1,346 | 1,334 | 1,335 | 1,321 | 1,305 | 1,290 |
| Greece | 678 | 588 | 597 | 580 | 552 | 553 | 556 | 473 | 527 |
| Hungary | 195 | 176 | 172 | 176 | 183 | 184 | 184 | 189 | 189 |
| Iceland | 13 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Ireland | 158 | 120 | 115 | 114 | 119 | 120 | 119 | 118 | 117 |
| Israel | 206 | 163 | 152 | 158 | 180 | 174 | 187 | 192 | 174 |
| Italy | 2,371 | 2,028 | 2,035 | 2,008 | 1,987 | 1,977 | 1,985 | 2,020 | 2,008 |
| Japan | 1,946 | 1,793 | 1,793 | 1,783 | 1,740 | 1,730 | 1,710 | 1,670 | 1,800 |
| Korea | 1,037 | 833 | 826 | 806 | 834 | 814 | 887 | 842 | 743 |
| Latvia | 71 | 65 | 62 | 67 | 66 | 66 | 65 | 65 | 64 |
| Lithuania | 105 | 89 | 84 | 91 | 92 | 92 | 91 | 97 | 97 |
| Luxembourg | 18 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 |
| Mexico | 2,372 | 1,940 | 1,948 | 1,909 | 1,833 | 1,781 | 1,807 | 1,746 | 1,656 |
| Netherlands | 408 | 350 | 326 | 371 | 360 | 364 | 352 | 360 | 356 |
| New Zealand | 110 | 97 | 96 | 97 | 99 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Norway | 129 | 95 | 93 | 96 | 95 | 92 | 100 | 106 | 115 |
| Poland | 580 | 498 | 484 | 507 | 507 | 509 | 495 | 479 | 479 |
| Portugal | 337 | 314 | 309 | 316 | 334 | 336 | 350 | 368 | 360 |
| Slovak Republic | 188 | 170 | 173 | 167 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 167 |
| Slovenia | 49 | 41 | 45 | 40 | 36 | 36 | 35 | 33 | 32 |
| Spain | 3,430 | 3,025 | 2,979 | 2,979 | 3,049 | 3,056 | 3,061 | 3,054 | 3,027 |
| Sweden | 488 | 419 | 433 | 395 | 421 | 407 | 421 | 414 | 432 |
| Switzerland | 252 | 212 | 211 | 205 | 211 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Türkiye | 3,927 | 3,592 | 3,682 | 3,416 | 3,551 | 3,555 | 3,613 | 3,449 | 3,514 |
| United Kingdom | 1,525 | 1,263 | 1,294 | 1,224 | 1,270 | 1,270 | 1,253 | .. | .. |
| United States | 8,623 | 5,996 | 5,964 | 5,836 | 5,925 | 6,000 | 5,722 | 5,694 | 5,936 |

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

Table 5 – Unemployment rates by sex (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

| | Women | | | | | | | Men | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | | 2022 | | 2023 | |
| | | | Q3 | Q4 | Dec | Jan | Feb | Q3 | | | Q4 | Dec | Jan | Feb | | |
| OECD | 6.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | | |
| G7 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | | |
| European Union | 7.4 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.7 | | |
| Euro area | 8.1 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.2 | | |
| Australia | 5.0 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | | |
| Austria | 6.1 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 | | |
| Belgium | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.2 | | |
| Canada | 7.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 | | |
| Chile | 9.2 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 9.0 | .. | 8.6 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.3 | .. | | |
| Colombia | 17.5 | 14.3 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.5 | 13.6 | 11.3 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 8.4 | | |
| Costa Rica | 22.0 | 16.4 | 16.6 | 16.0 | 15.2 | .. | .. | 12.7 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 9.5 | .. | .. | | |
| Czech Republic | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | | |
| Denmark | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 5.8 | | |
| Estonia | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | | |
| Finland | 7.1 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 7.3 | | |
| France | 7.8 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.3 | | |
| Germany | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | | |
| Greece | 19.0 | 16.4 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 13.2 | 15.8 | 11.4 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.8 | | |
| Hungary | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | | |
| Iceland | 6.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | | |
| Ireland | 6.2 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | | |
| Israel | 4.9 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | | |
| Italy | 10.7 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.9 | | |
| Japan | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.9 | | |
| Korea | 3.8 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.6 | | |
| Latvia | 6.6 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 8.8 | | |
| Lithuania | 6.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 7.6 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 7.3 | | |
| Luxembourg | 5.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | | |
| Mexico | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.5 | | |
| Netherlands | 4.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | | |
| New Zealand | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.5 | ... | ... | ... | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.3 | ... | ... | ... | | |
| Norway | 4.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | | |
| Poland | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | | |
| Portugal | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.5 | | |
| Slovak Republic | 7.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.6 | | |
| Slovenia | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | | |
| Spain | 16.7 | 14.8 | 14.7 | 14.8 | 14.7 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 13.1 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.3 | | |
| Sweden | 9.1 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.4 | | |
| Switzerland | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | ... | ... | ... | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | ... | ... | ... | | |
| Türkiye | 14.7 | 13.5 | 12.8 | 13.5 | 14.2 | 13.5 | 12.6 | 10.7 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 8.7 | | |
| United Kingdom | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | .. | .. | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | .. | .. | | |
| United States | 5.2 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | | |

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Source: OECD Short-term Labour Market Statistics, <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?lang=en&QueryId=36499>.

Table 6 – Unemployment rates by age group (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

| | Youth (15-24) | | | | | | | Prime-age and Older Workers (25+) | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | | 2022 | 2023 | | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | | 2022 | 2023 | |
| | | | Q3 | Q4 | | Dec | Jan | | | Feb | Q3 | | Q4 | Dec |
| OECD | 12.8 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| G7 | 10.6 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| European Union | 16.7 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 14.4 | 14.5 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| Euro area | 16.9 | 14.5 | 14.9 | 14.4 | 14.3 | 14.4 | 14.4 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Australia | 11.3 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Austria | 11.0 | 9.4 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| Belgium ⁽¹⁾ | 18.2 | 16.3 | 17.5 | 16.1 | 16.1 | .. | .. | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Canada | 13.6 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 10.3 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 6.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Chile | 20.0 | 17.7 | 18.8 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 20.2 | .. | 7.9 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | .. |
| Colombia | 25.6 | 21.9 | 21.8 | 21.5 | 21.0 | 21.7 | 19.7 | 11.7 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.0 |
| Costa Rica | 39.4 | 31.0 | 30.9 | 28.9 | 28.5 | .. | .. | 12.5 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.2 | .. | .. |
| Czech Republic | 8.2 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 9.7 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Denmark | 10.8 | 10.4 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 11.2 | 10.5 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| Estonia | 16.9 | 18.1 | 18.5 | 15.9 | 17.4 | 16.2 | 15.9 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| Finland | 17.1 | 14.1 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 18.7 | 14.9 | 13.0 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| France | 18.9 | 17.3 | 17.9 | 17.1 | 16.9 | 17.4 | 17.6 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| Germany | 7.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Greece | 35.5 | 31.4 | 31.2 | 29.4 | 29.2 | 26.5 | 29.7 | 13.8 | 11.4 | 11.2 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 9.4 | 10.4 |
| Hungary | 13.1 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| Iceland | 12.3 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Ireland | 14.8 | 10.0 | 11.3 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 5.1 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| Israel ⁽²⁾ | 7.7 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| Italy | 29.9 | 23.7 | 23.4 | 23.1 | 22.2 | 22.8 | 22.4 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.9 | .. | .. |
| Japan | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Korea | 8.5 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| Latvia | 14.8 | 15.1 | 17.0 | 18.1 | 17.9 | 17.4 | 16.8 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Lithuania | 14.4 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 13.3 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| Luxembourg | 18.3 | 17.4 | 17.2 | 18.4 | 18.1 | 18.8 | 18.8 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Mexico | 8.1 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Netherlands | 9.4 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| New Zealand | 10.5 | 9.3 | 9.0 | 9.7 | ... | ... | ... | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Norway | 12.5 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 12.5 | 9.5 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3.0 |
| Poland | 11.9 | 10.8 | 11.3 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Portugal | 23.1 | 19.1 | 18.2 | 18.8 | 19.3 | 20.9 | 18.8 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Slovak Republic | 20.6 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 20.7 | 21.0 | 20.5 | 19.9 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Slovenia ⁽¹⁾ | 13.1 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.3 | .. | .. | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Spain | 35.0 | 29.7 | 30.8 | 30.0 | 29.6 | 29.4 | 29.3 | 13.4 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.6 |
| Sweden | 24.8 | 21.7 | 20.5 | 22.4 | 23.4 | 20.4 | 23.7 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| Switzerland | 8.9 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.4 | ... | ... | ... | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Türkiye | 22.8 | 19.5 | 18.9 | 19.2 | 19.3 | 19.9 | 19.2 | 10.1 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 8.4 |
| United Kingdom | 12.3 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 10.8 | .. | .. | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | .. | .. |
| United States | 9.7 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.9 |

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(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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Methodological information:

The OECD unemployment rate is calculated as the total number of unemployed people in all OECD countries as a percentage of the total labour force (i.e. the unemployed plus those in employment).

For countries for which unemployment data for the most recent month or quarter are not available, the latest available data are used to compile data for the OECD total.

All rates and levels are seasonally adjusted (s.a.).

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Access Data:

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The entry into force in 2021 of the Integrated European Social Statistics (IESS) Framework Regulation resulted in a new methodology of the EU Labour Force Survey, [updating the definitions of the labour status](#). Information by country on the status of the implementation of IESS regulation as well as on possible resulting breaks in time series can be found in a Eurostat Statistics Explained [article](#).

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