

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Reference period: January 2024

OECD unemployment rate unchanged at 4.8% in January 2024

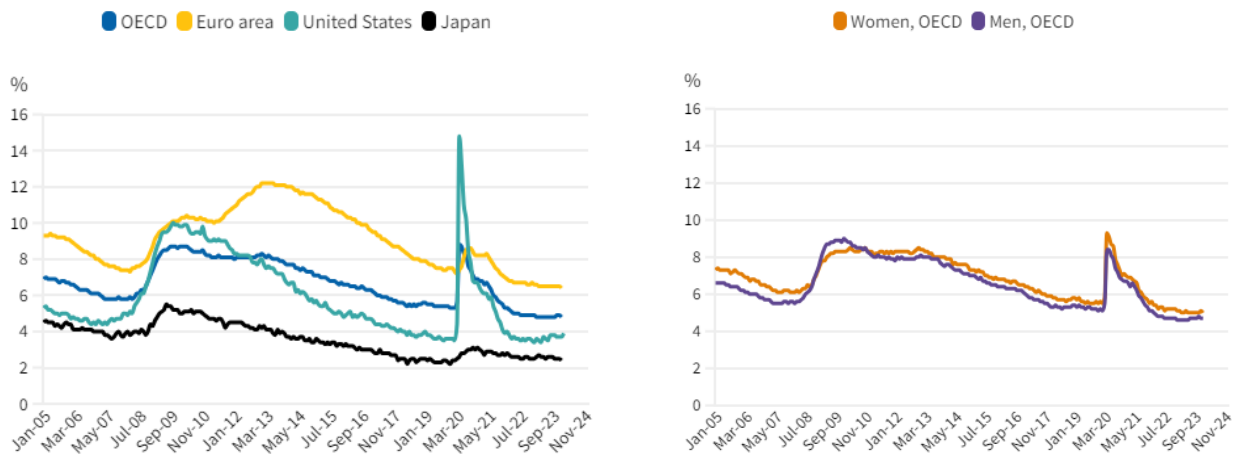
The OECD unemployment rate was broadly stable at 4.8% in January 2024, having remained below 5.0% since July 2022 (Figure 1 and Table 1). The rate was unchanged in 23 OECD countries in January, rose in 6 countries, and declined in only 3 countries. The number of unemployed persons in the OECD decreased to 33.5 million in January, mainly driven by a decrease in the number of unemployed younger workers (aged 15-24) (Table 2).

In January 2024, the OECD unemployment rate for women remained broadly stable at 5.0%, 0.3 percentage point higher than the rate for men, which also remained stable. The unemployment rate for women also exceeded that of men in the European Union, the euro area and 21 OECD countries in January 2024 (or in the latest period available) with the largest gender gaps in Greece, Colombia, Türkiye, and Spain. By contrast, the unemployment rate for women was lower than that for men in 16 OECD countries, and the unemployment rate for women and men was the same in Sweden (Figure 3 and Table 3). The OECD unemployment rate was stable for workers aged 25 and above while it declined for younger workers (Table 4).

In the European Union and the euro area, the unemployment rate remained at record lows of 6.0% and 6.4%, respectively. In January 2024, it was stable or increased in most OECD euro area countries. Only Austria recorded a marked decrease (Table 1).

Outside the European OECD countries, unemployment rates in January 2024 were also stable or declined. The largest decrease was recorded in Colombia (Table 1). In February 2024, the unemployment rate was broadly stable at 5.8% in Canada, while it increased in the United States to 3.9%, its highest level since January 2022.

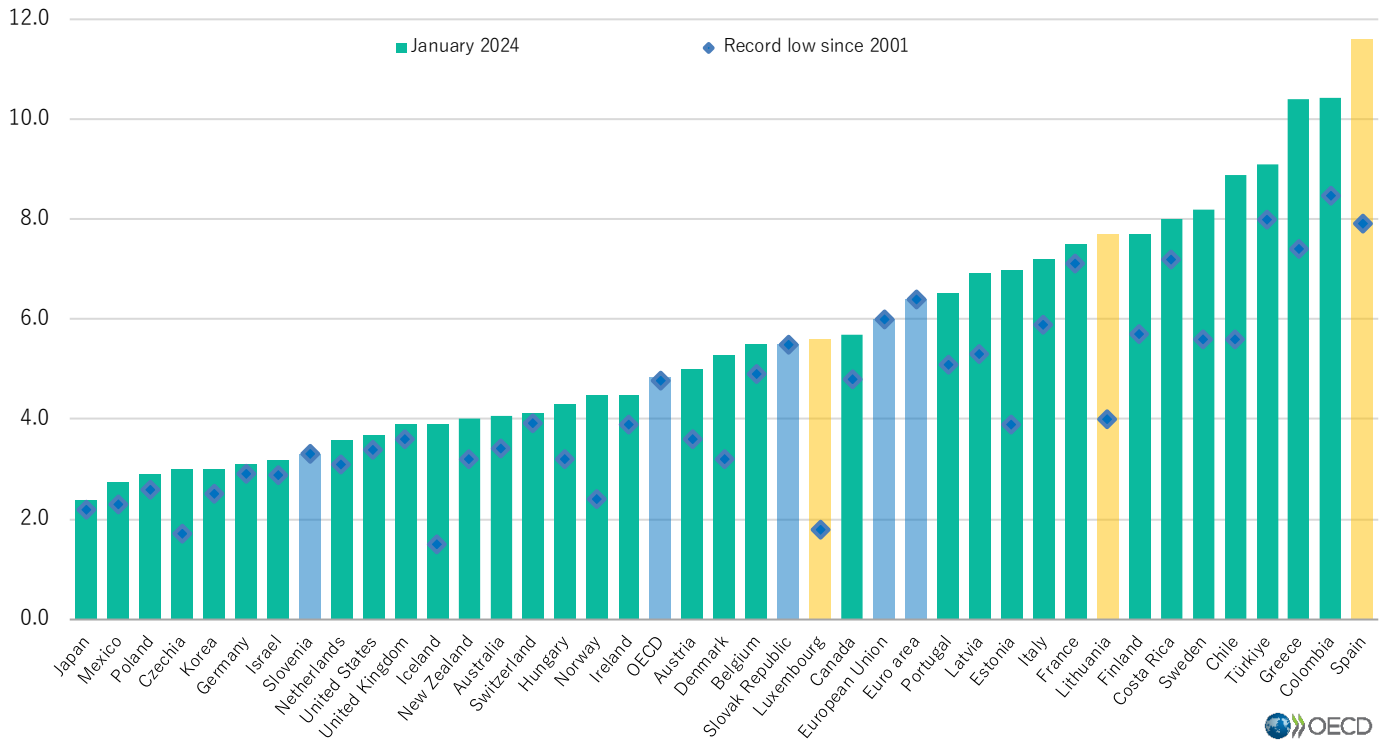
» **Figure 1 – Unemployment rates**
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



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.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#), and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

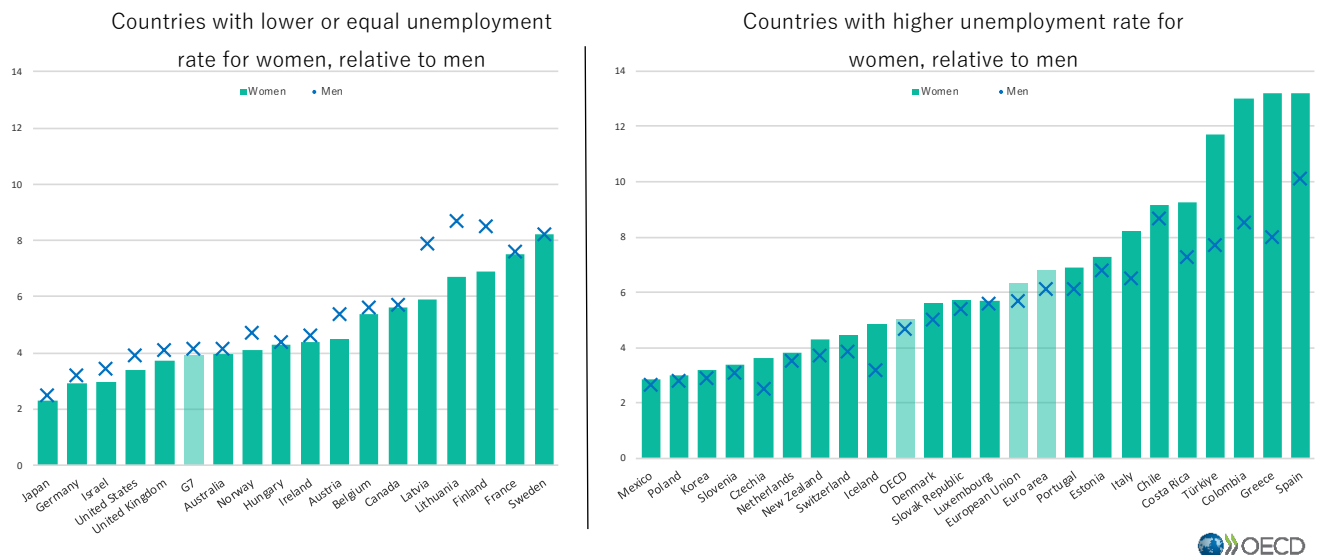
Figure 2 – Unemployment rate for OECD countries
 January 2024 compared with the lowest rate recorded since 2001, percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The January 2024 unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 percentage point (p.p.) of its record low in Slovenia and Slovak Republic, as well as for the OECD, the European Union and the euro area (bars reported in blue). It was more than 3.5 percentage points above its record low in Lithuania, Luxembourg, and Spain (bars reported in yellow). For Costa Rica, Chile, Iceland and the United Kingdom, the unemployment rate for December 2023 is reported ; for Switzerland, third quarter 2023; for New Zealand, fourth quarter 2023.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#), and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

Figure 3 – Unemployment rate by sex for OECD countries
 January 2024, Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: For Costa Rica, Chile, Iceland and the United Kingdom, the unemployment rate for December 2023 is reported ; for Switzerland, third quarter 2023; for New Zealand, fourth quarter 2023.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment levels](#)

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

	2022	2023	2023				2020	2023						2024	Change from previous period	Record low	
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Feb	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			Jan	since 2001
OECD	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8	→	4.8	Jun-23	
G7	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	→	3.9	Jan-23	
European Union	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0	→	6.0	Feb-23	
Euro area	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	→	6.4	Jan-24	
Australia	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.9	5.1	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.1	→	3.4	Oct-22	
Austria	4.8	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.1	4.6	5.4	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.0	↓	3.6	Jan-01	
Belgium	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5	→	4.9	Apr-20	
Canada	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	→	4.8	Jul-22	
Chile	7.9	8.7	8.7	8.3	8.7	9.0	8.2	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.0	8.9	..	↓	5.6	Jul-13	
Colombia	11.2	10.2	10.6	10.0	9.6	10.5	11.2	9.6	9.8	10.2	10.3	10.8	10.4	↓	8.5	Nov-15	
Costa Rica	12.2	8.9	10.5	9.5	8.1	7.3	12.7	8.1	7.7	7.2	7.3	8.0	..	↑	7.2	Oct-23	
Czechia	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	1.8	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.8	3.0	↑	1.7	Feb-19	
Denmark	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.3	4.3	4.7	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.3	↑	3.2	Jan-08	
Estonia	5.6	6.4	5.5	6.7	7.1	6.5	5.1	7.3	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.9	7.0	→	3.9	May-08	
Finland	6.8	7.2	6.7	7.1	7.4	7.5	6.7	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.7	↑	5.7	Apr-08	
France	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.5	→	7.1	Feb-08	
Germany	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	→	2.9	May-19	
Greece	12.5	11.1	11.3	11.3	10.9	10.6	16.2	11.0	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.4	10.4	→	7.4	May-08	
Hungary	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	→	3.2	May-19	
Iceland	3.8	3.4	3.6	2.7	3.6	3.5	6.1	3.0	4.2	3.3	3.2	3.9	..	↑	1.5	Feb-07	
Ireland	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	→	3.9	Mar-01	
Israel	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.2	→	2.9	Nov-23	
Italy	8.1	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.4	9.5	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.2	→	5.9	Apr-07	
Japan	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	→	2.2	May-18	
Korea	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.4	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.8	3.2	3.0	↓	2.5	Aug-23	
Latvia	6.9	6.5	6.1	6.4	6.6	6.9	7.3	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9	→	5.3	Oct-07	
Lithuania	6.0	6.9	6.9	6.4	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.7	↑	4.0	Nov-07	
Luxembourg	4.6	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.6	→	1.8	May-01	
Mexico	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	→	2.3	Aug-01	
Netherlands	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	→	3.1	Apr-01	
New Zealand	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	→	3.2	Q4-21
Norway	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	4.5	↑	2.4	Sep-07	
Poland	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	→	2.6	Feb-23	
Portugal	6.2	6.6	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	→	5.1	Jan-01	
Slovak Republic	6.2	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.6	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	→	5.5	Jan-24	
Slovenia	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.5	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	→	3.3	Jan-24	
Spain	12.9	12.1	12.8	12.0	11.9	11.8	13.6	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.6	→	7.9	May-07	
Sweden	7.5	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.8	8.0	7.8	8.1	8.2	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.2	→	5.6	Jun-02	
Switzerland	4.3	..	4.1	3.9	4.1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↑	3.9	Q2-23
Türkiye	10.5	9.4	9.8	9.7	9.2	8.8	12.6	9.2	9.1	8.6	9.0	8.9	9.1	↑	8.0	Jun-12	
United Kingdom	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	..	→	3.6	Jul-22	
United States	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	→	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 December 2023 and January 2024 except for Chile, Costa Rica, Iceland and the United Kingdom where the change is reported between November and December; for Switzerland, change between second quarter 2023 and third quarter 2023; for New Zealand, change between third quarter 2023 and fourth quarter 2023.

Note: figures in bold in the columns “record low since 2001” stress that the unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 percentage point of its lowest level in the current monthly period.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#), and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

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

	2022	2023	2023			2023			2024
			Q2	Q3	Q4	Oct	Nov	Dec		Jan
OECD	33,976	33,323	33,129	33,282	33,551	33,454	33,502	33,767	33,521
G7	15,776	15,960	15,823	16,158	16,229	16,418	16,200	16,105	15,907
European Union	13,255	13,120	13,011	13,122	13,191	13,254	13,168	13,151	13,144
Euro area	11,291	11,109	11,027	11,098	11,098	11,155	11,097	11,043	11,009
Australia	523	536	521	539	570	555	577	578	601
Austria	221	241	235	256	244	244	233	254	236
Belgium	294	294	297	283	296	295	295	298	297
Canada	1,098	1,155	1,119	1,185	1,240	1,236	1,241	1,244	1,225
Chile	758	862	820	864	907	904	907	893	..
Colombia	2,781	2,576	2,551	2,449	2,642	2,576	2,620	2,731	2,651
Costa Rica	300	205	225	183	164	159	164	183	..
Czechia	126	138	139	137	141	149	129	144	155
Denmark	139	154	153	153	162	168	158	160	171
Estonia	40	48	50	53	48	46	47	52	53
Finland	190	204	202	209	214	213	216	214	219
France	2,234	2,263	2,264	2,280	2,328	2,312	2,330	2,341	2,330
Germany	1,343	1,335	1,308	1,342	1,366	1,361	1,367	1,370	1,370
Greece	588	522	534	509	497	498	500	493	495
Hungary	176	195	192	197	207	205	207	209	214
Iceland	8	8	6	8	8	8	8	9	..
Ireland	121	120	117	125	127	127	126	128	128
Israel	163	153	162	146	135	137	128	141	142
Italy	2,028	1,952	1,958	1,939	1,901	1,951	1,910	1,842	1,838
Japan	1,793	1,783	1,770	1,807	1,750	1,760	1,770	1,720	1,700
Korea	833	787	756	762	823	729	809	930	889
Latvia	65	61	61	62	65	64	65	66	65
Lithuania	90	105	98	107	112	114	113	109	118
Luxembourg	15	17	17	18	19	19	19	19	19
Mexico	1,940	1,693	1,725	1,698	1,673	1,621	1,672	1,728	1,671
Netherlands	350	359	350	366	360	361	357	361	368
New Zealand	97	113	110	119	122	...	...	...	...
Norway	95	107	100	108	110	111	113	105	134
Poland	511	502	492	502	539	537	543	537	522
Portugal	318	349	340	340	349	352	348	346	347
Slovak Republic	170	162	162	161	156	158	156	155	154
Slovenia	41	38	38	39	36	37	36	35	34
Spain	3,025	2,894	2,853	2,862	2,838	2,859	2,836	2,818	2,796
Sweden	421	437	427	446	457	452	451	468	467
Switzerland	212	..	198	208	..	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	3,592	3,275	3,376	3,215	3,092	3,008	3,139	3,129	3,214
United Kingdom	1,285	1,393	1,460	1,407	1,320	1,355	1,320	1,359	..
United States	5,996	6,080	5,943	6,197	6,324	6,443	6,262	6,268	6,124

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Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment levels](#).

Table 3 – Unemployment rates by sex (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

	Women							Men						
	2022	2023	2023		2023		2024	2022	2023	2023		2023		2024
			Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec				Jan	Q3	Q4	Nov		Dec	Jan
OECD	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7
G7	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
European Union	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7
Euro area	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1
Australia	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1
Austria	4.5	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.4
Belgium	5.3	5.0	4.8	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.8	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Canada	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.7
Chile	8.5	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.1	..	7.4	8.4	8.3	8.8	8.8	8.7	..
Colombia	14.3	12.8	12.0	12.8	12.7	13.0	13.0	9.0	8.2	7.8	8.8	8.6	9.2	8.5
Costa Rica	16.4	10.8	9.0	8.3	8.3	9.2	..	9.4	7.7	7.5	6.8	6.8	7.3	..
Czechia	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.6	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.5
Denmark	4.5	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.6	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.4	5.0
Estonia	5.0	6.6	7.6	6.8	6.7	7.3	7.3	6.1	6.2	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.6	6.8
Finland	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.3	8.5
France	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6
Germany	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2
Greece	16.4	14.3	13.9	13.2	13.4	13.1	13.2	9.3	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.7	8.2	8.0
Hungary	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4
Iceland	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.2	4.8	..	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.2	..
Ireland	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.6
Israel	3.6	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.4
Italy	9.4	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.2	8.2	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.5
Japan	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.5
Korea	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.4	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9
Latvia	5.6	5.4	5.3	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.9	8.2	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9
Lithuania	5.5	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.7	6.4	7.3	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.5	8.7
Luxembourg	4.7	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.6
Mexico	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7
Netherlands	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
New Zealand	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.3	...	...	...	3.1	3.5	3.8	3.7	...	...	...
Norway	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.3	4.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.7	4.7
Poland	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8
Portugal	6.6	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.9	5.7	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.1
Slovak Republic	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4
Slovenia	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.1
Spain	14.8	13.8	13.5	13.4	13.4	13.3	13.2	11.3	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.1
Sweden	7.9	7.9	8.3	8.2	7.9	8.7	8.2	7.1	7.5	7.4	7.8	7.9	7.7	8.2
Switzerland	4.6	..	4.4	..	...	...	...	4.1	..	3.9	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	13.5	12.7	12.5	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.7	9.0	7.7	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.3	7.7
United Kingdom	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.7	..	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.1	..
United States	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9

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Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

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+)						
	2022	2023	2023		2023		2024	2022	2023	2023		2023		2024
			Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec				Jan	Q3	Q4	Nov		Dec	Jan
	2022	2023	2023	2023	2024	2022	2023	2023	2023	2024	2022	2023	2023	2023	2024
OECD	10.9	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.6	10.4	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
G7	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.9	8.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
European Union	14.5	14.4	14.6	14.9	14.7	14.9	14.9	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1
Euro area	14.5	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.5	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6
Australia	8.2	8.4	8.4	9.4	9.7	9.5	9.4	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0
Austria	9.4	10.4	11.0	10.6	9.3	11.2	10.4	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.3
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	16.3	16.0	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.2	..	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6
Canada	10.1	10.7	10.9	11.4	11.6	11.3	10.8	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.8
Chile	17.7	21.4	22.0	22.4	22.4	22.3	..	7.0	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	7.8	..
Colombia	21.9	20.2	19.1	21.4	21.3	21.4	20.4	9.4	8.5	8.0	8.7	8.6	9.1	8.8
Costa Rica	31.0	24.8	22.1	22.1	22.1	21.7	..	9.3	6.6	6.2	5.3	5.3	6.1	..
Czechia	7.6	8.6	8.8	7.2	6.2	8.4	8.1	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.7
Denmark	10.5	11.2	12.0	12.7	11.9	12.4	11.3	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.3
Estonia	18.1	17.4	21.3	19.3	20.2	18.4	18.1	4.5	5.5	5.9	5.4	5.2	6.0	6.1
Finland	14.1	16.1	16.9	17.1	17.0	15.3	18.7	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.3
France	17.3	17.2	17.6	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.3
Germany	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Greece	31.4	26.9	26.2	28.2	30.9	25.8	22.9	11.4	10.1	9.9	9.6	9.7	9.5	9.7
Hungary	10.8	12.3	12.4	13.8	13.8	14.0	14.3	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7
Iceland	8.5	9.1	10.3	9.8	7.0	10.3	..	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.7	..
Ireland	10.0	10.6	11.3	11.2	10.9	11.5	12.1	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3
Israel ⁽²⁾	6.9	6.0	6.6	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.9	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.0
Italy	23.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.1	21.6	21.8	7.1	..	6.7	..	..	..	..
Japan	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.7	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3
Korea	7.0	5.7	5.5	6.0	6.4	5.9	6.3	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.0	2.9
Latvia	15.1	12.3	12.2	14.5	14.7	14.5	13.8	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.4
Lithuania	11.8	13.7	14.2	16.1	16.3	16.2	16.6	5.5	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.3	7.1
Luxembourg	17.3	18.4	18.7	20.0	20.4	19.8	20.0	3.6	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4
Mexico	6.5	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.0	5.6	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Netherlands	7.6	8.3	8.7	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.2	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6
New Zealand	9.3	10.7	11.5	11.6	...	...	...	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	...	...	...
Norway	9.9	10.9	11.1	11.4	11.4	11.3	12.5	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.3	3.1
Poland	10.8	11.4	11.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.2	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2
Portugal	19.2	20.3	20.6	22.3	23.0	22.8	23.3	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2
Slovak Republic	19.9	19.8	20.5	19.8	19.8	19.3	19.0	5.4	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8
Slovenia ⁽¹⁾	10.2	9.9	11.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	..	3.6	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7
Spain	29.7	28.5	27.7	28.8	28.9	28.8	28.6	11.7	10.9	10.7	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.2
Sweden	21.7	21.7	21.3	22.8	22.3	24.2	24.2	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Switzerland	7.5	..	8.4	..	...	...	...	3.9	..	3.6	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	19.5	17.5	17.1	16.3	16.8	15.5	16.6	8.8	7.9	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.7
United Kingdom	10.6	11.9	12.1	11.6	11.6	12.1	..	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	..
United States	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.3	8.0	8.0	7.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1

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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.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

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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