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OECD employment and labour force participation rates reach record highs in the second quarter of 2023

The OECD employment and labour force participation rates reached 70.1% and 73.7% in the second quarter of 2023, the highest levels recorded since the start of the series in 2005 and 2008. Record highs were reported for both indicators in 19 of the 38 OECD countries, including France, Germany, Italy, and Japan (Figure 1, Tables 1 and 2).

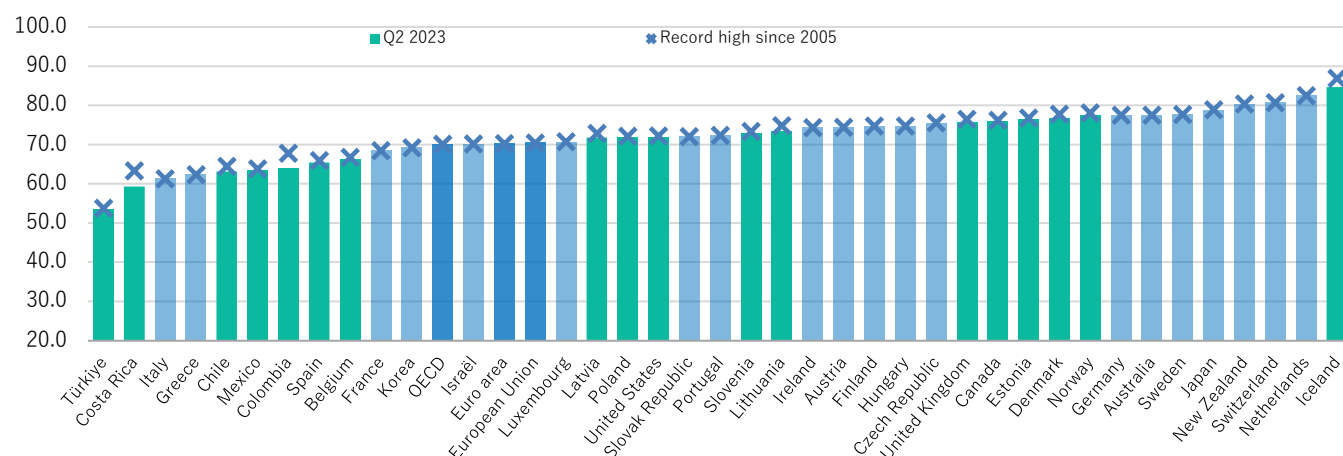
In the second quarter of 2023, the employment rate exceeded 70% in just above two-thirds of OECD countries, reaching record highs in the euro area, and the European Union as a whole. By contrast, the employment rate declined in seven OECD countries, including Türkiye which recorded the lowest employment rate among OECD countries at 53.6%.

The OECD employment rate increased for both women and men, to record highs of 63.2% and 77.0% respectively. The OECD labour force participation rate also reached its highest level for women (66.7%) and men (80.9%) (Figure 2).

In August 2023, the unemployment rate remained at its record low in the OECD (4.8%), the European Union (5.9%), and the euro area (6.4%). However, the OECD youth unemployment rate (workers aged 15-24) increased by 0.5 percentage point compared to its lowest rate recorded in April 2023, mainly driven by a rise in the youth unemployment rate for men (Figure 3, Tables 3 and 6). The unemployment rate rose in 5 OECD countries – Sweden, the United States, Colombia, Estonia, and Luxembourg –, was unchanged in 14 and declined in 13. The unemployment rate remained stable in September 2023 in both Canada and the United States at 5.5% and 3.8% respectively.

» **Figure 1 – Employment rate for OECD countries**

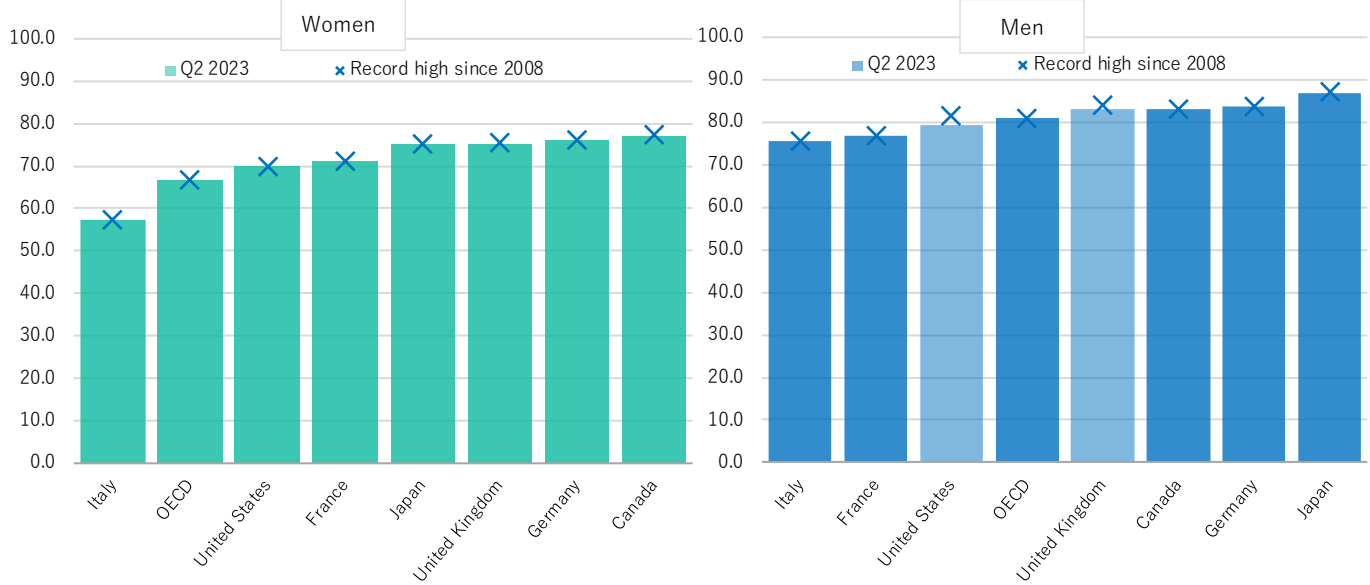
Q2 2023 compared with the highest rate recorded since 2005, percentage of working age population, seasonally adjusted



Note: The employment rate in Q2 2023 was at or within 0.2 percentage point of its record high in Australia, Austria, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Sweden, and Switzerland, as well as in the OECD, the European Union and the euro area (bars reported in blue).

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Figure 2 – Labour force participation rate (aged 15-64) by gender
Major seven countries, percentage of corresponding working age population, seasonally adjusted

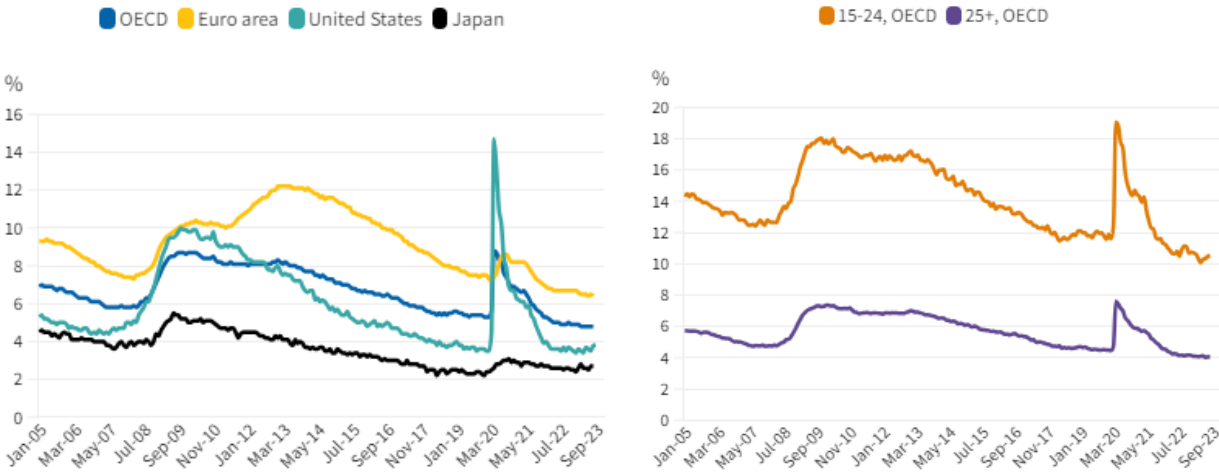


Note: In the second quarter of 2023, labour force participation rates for Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United-Kingdom, the United States, and the OECD were close (within 0.2 p.p.) to their record highs for women ; labour force participation rates for Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the OECD were close (within 0.2 p.p.) to their record highs for men.

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Figure 3 – 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		Levels
	2020	2021	2022	2019	2022				2023			since 2005	Thousands	
				Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2			Q2 - 2023	
OECD	66.0	67.7	69.4	68.9	69.0	69.4	69.5	69.6	69.9	70.1	↑	70.1	2023Q2	616,072
G7	69.6	71.1	72.5	72.3	72.2	72.5	72.6	72.6	72.9	73.1	↑	73.1	2023Q2	351,597
European Union	67.1	68.3	69.9	68.0	69.5	69.9	69.8	70.1	70.3	70.5	↑	70.5	2023Q2	198,823
Euro area	66.6	67.9	69.4	68.6	69.2	69.6	69.4	69.5	69.9	70.3	↑	70.3	2023Q2	154,794
Australia	72.7	74.9	77.2	74.4	76.7	77.1	77.5	77.5	77.5	77.5	→	77.5	2022Q4	13,313
Austria	71.7	72.4	74.0	73.7	73.9	74.4	73.8	73.9	73.9	74.4	↑	74.4	2023Q2	4,410
Belgium	64.5	65.3	66.5	65.1	66.5	66.2	66.8	66.7	66.8	66.2	↓	66.8	2022Q3	4,915
Canada	70.1	73.5	75.6	74.6	75.3	75.8	75.5	75.8	76.2	76.0	↓	76.2	2023Q1	19,111
Chile	55.8	58.5	61.9	63.9	61.5	62.1	62.1	62.0	62.3	63.1	↑	64.5	2019Q3	8,566
Colombia	57.8	57.8	61.6	64.7	60.8	62.4	62.1	61.1	62.3	63.9	↑	67.8	2017Q2	21,909
Costa Rica	54.8	57.2	60.1	61.6	58.6	60.0	60.9	60.7	59.0	59.3	↑	63.3	2013Q4	2,039
Czech Republic	74.4	74.4	75.5	75.1	75.5	75.5	75.6	75.4	75.0	75.4	↑	75.6	2022Q3	4,923
Denmark	74.4	75.6	76.8	75.2	76.5	77.1	76.8	76.8	76.9	76.7	↓	77.8	2006Q4	2,877
Estonia	74.0	74.0	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.2	76.3	76.8	76.5	76.6	→	76.8	2022Q4	655
Finland	71.2	72.7	74.3	72.3	73.9	74.6	74.0	74.6	74.3	74.8	↑	74.8	2023Q2	2,547
France	66.1	67.3	68.1	66.5	67.9	68.1	68.3	68.3	68.5	68.5	→	68.5	2023Q2	28,080
Germany ⁽¹⁾	76.2	75.6	76.9	75.8	76.6	76.9	76.9	77.2	77.3	77.5	↑	77.5	2023Q2	41,511
Greece	53.7	57.3	60.7	56.3	60.1	61.1	60.7	60.9	61.0	62.3	↑	62.3	2023Q2	4,112
Hungary	72.0	73.1	74.4	72.2	74.2	74.4	74.4	74.4	74.7	74.8	↑	74.8	2023Q2	4,603
Iceland ⁽²⁾	80.3	(b) 79.8	83.3	83.6	82.9	83.6	82.5	84.0	83.7	84.7	↑	87.0	2016Q4	209
Ireland	66.6	69.9	73.2	69.6	73.2	73.7	72.8	73.1	73.8	74.3	↑	74.3	2023Q2	2,524
Israel	66.8	66.6	69.2	68.6	69.1	69.1	69.6	69.0	70.2	70.2	→	70.2	2023Q1	4,079
Italy	57.5	58.3	60.2	59.0	59.5	60.2	60.1	60.7	61.0	61.3	↑	61.3	2023Q2	22,795
Japan	77.7	77.9	78.5	78.1	78.1	78.6	78.6	78.6	78.6	78.9	↑	78.9	2023Q2	58,457
Korea	65.9	66.5	68.5	67.0	68.0	68.5	68.7	68.7	68.8	69.2	↑	69.2	2023Q2	24,930
Latvia	71.5	69.9	71.3	72.6	70.6	71.5	71.9	71.3	70.9	71.8	↑	72.9	2019Q3	840
Lithuania	71.6	72.4	73.8	73.0	72.9	74.1	74.8	73.2	72.4	73.5	↑	74.8	2022Q3	1,368
Luxembourg	67.3	69.4	70.1	68.0	70.6	70.1	70.0	69.7	70.6	70.8	↑	70.8	2023Q2	320
Mexico ⁽³⁾	..	61.0	62.5	62.4	61.8	62.6	62.6	63.2	63.8	63.4	↓	63.8	2023Q1	55,118
Netherlands	79.3	80.2	81.8	79.8	81.4	81.9	81.7	82.1	82.3	82.5	↑	82.5	2023Q2	9,389
New Zealand	76.8	78.3	79.7	77.3	79.1	79.3	80.1	80.3	80.4	80.3	→	80.4	2023Q1	2,707
Norway	74.7	76.3	77.7	75.2	77.9	77.8	77.7	77.5	77.2	77.4	↑	78.1	2008Q3	2,751
Poland	67.8	70.3	71.4	67.7	71.2	71.3	71.1	71.7	72.1	71.9	↓	72.1	2023Q1	16,363
Portugal	68.5	70.2	71.7	69.9	71.7	71.6	71.9	71.7	71.8	72.4	↑	72.4	2023Q2	4,767
Slovak Republic	69.5	69.5	71.4	70.2	70.8	71.5	71.4	71.6	71.6	72.1	↑	72.1	2023Q2	2,562
Slovenia	70.1	71.5	73.1	70.9	73.2	73.0	73.4	72.9	72.0	73.0	↑	73.4	2022Q3	971
Spain	61.0	62.7	64.4	63.4	64.1	64.6	64.5	64.4	64.7	65.4	↑	65.9	2007Q2	20,548
Sweden	74.9	75.4	77.1	76.4	76.6	77.1	77.4	77.3	77.6	77.7	↑	77.7	2023Q2	5,076
Switzerland	79.9	79.3	79.5	80.7	79.5	79.3	79.3	79.7	80.1	80.7	↑	80.7	2019Q4	4,640
Türkiye	47.5	50.3	52.8	50.3	52.0	52.8	52.8	53.8	53.8	53.6	↓	53.8	2023Q1	30,445
United Kingdom	75.4	75.1	75.6	76.5	75.6	75.5	75.5	75.6	75.9	75.7	↓	76.5	2019Q4	31,525
United States	67.1	69.4	71.3	71.7	71.0	71.3	71.4	71.4	71.8	72.0	↑	72.2	2006Q4	150,119

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Source: OECD Short-term Labour Market Statistics, <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?lang=en&QueryId=36498>.

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

	2020	2021	2022	2019	2022				2023		Change from previous period	Record high since 2008	
					Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1		Q2	
OECD	71.2	72.3	73.1	72.9	72.9	73.2	73.2	73.3	73.6	73.7	↑	73.7	2023Q2
G7	74.5	75.1	75.6	75.5	75.4	75.7	75.7	75.7	76.0	76.2	↑	76.2	2023Q2
European Union	72.3	73.6	74.5	73.0	74.3	74.5	74.5	74.7	74.9	75.0	↑	75.0	2023Q2
Euro area	72.5	73.6	74.5	74.2	74.3	74.7	74.5	74.6	74.9	75.2	↑	75.2	2023Q2
Australia	77.8	79.1	80.3	78.6	80.0	80.3	80.4	80.4	80.4	80.5	→	80.5	2023Q2
Austria	76.4	77.3	77.8	77.3	77.7	77.8	77.7	77.8	77.8	78.2	↑	78.2	2023Q2
Belgium	68.4	69.7	70.5	68.8	70.4	70.2	70.7	70.7	70.7	70.0	↓	70.7	2023Q1
Canada	77.7	79.5	79.8	79.1	79.9	80.0	79.6	79.9	80.3	80.2	→	80.3	2023Q1
Chile	62.7	64.3	67.4	69.3	66.8	67.4	67.6	67.8	68.5	69.0	↑	69.7	2019Q3
Colombia	69.0	67.4	69.6	72.6	69.4	70.1	70.0	68.9	70.0	71.2	↑	74.7	2017Q2
Costa Rica	68.3	68.6	68.7	70.7	68.1	68.2	69.4	68.9	66.2	65.8	↓	71.1	2020Q1
Czech Republic	76.4	76.6	77.3	76.7	77.3	77.3	77.3	77.2	77.0	77.5	↑	77.5	2023Q2
Denmark	79.0	79.6	80.4	79.2	80.2	80.4	80.6	80.4	81.0	80.6	↓	81.0	2023Q1
Estonia	79.6	79.1	81.2	79.5	80.9	81.0	81.3	81.5	80.7	82.2	↑	82.2	2023Q2
Finland	77.3	78.8	79.8	77.7	79.4	79.6	80.0	80.2	79.7	80.4	↑	80.4	2023Q2
France	72.0	73.0	73.6	72.5	73.3	73.6	73.7	73.6	73.7	73.9	↑	73.9	2023Q2
Germany ⁽¹⁾	77.3	78.5	79.4	78.2	79.2	79.4	79.5	79.7	79.7	79.9	↑	79.9	2023Q2
Greece	65.3	67.3	69.4	68.2	69.3	69.7	69.4	69.2	69.1	70.3	↑	70.3	2023Q2
Hungary	75.1	76.2	77.2	74.7	77.0	76.9	77.3	77.5	77.8	77.9	↑	77.9	2023Q2
Iceland ⁽²⁾	85.2	(b) 85.2	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.9	86.0	87.1	87.1	87.3	↑	89.8	2016Q3
Ireland	70.8	74.6	76.7	73.2	77.0	77.1	76.2	76.5	77.1	77.7	↑	77.7	2023Q2
Israel	69.9	70.2	71.9	71.3	71.8	71.6	72.3	72.0	73.0	72.8	↓	73.0	2023Q1
Italy	63.6	64.5	65.6	65.4	64.9	65.7	65.6	65.9	66.2	66.6	↑	66.6	2023Q2
Japan	79.7	80.3	80.7	80.0	80.4	80.8	80.8	80.7	80.8	81.1	↑	81.1	2023Q2
Korea	68.6	69.0	70.5	69.6	70.1	70.6	70.7	70.7	70.8	71.1	↑	71.1	2023Q2
Latvia	78.1	75.8	76.8	77.4	76.3	76.8	77.3	76.6	75.9	76.9	↑	78.4	2020Q2
Lithuania	78.6	78.2	78.6	78.4	77.9	78.7	79.9	78.0	78.0	78.7	↑	79.9	2022Q3
Luxembourg	72.2	73.2	73.5	72.1	73.5	73.6	73.8	73.1	74.1	74.6	↑	74.6	2023Q2
Mexico ⁽³⁾	..	63.7	64.7	64.7	64.2	64.8	64.7	65.2	65.7	65.3	↓	65.7	2023Q1
Netherlands	83.4	83.7	84.7	83.5	84.3	84.7	84.9	85.1	85.3	85.5	↑	85.5	2023Q2
New Zealand	80.6	81.6	82.5	80.8	81.9	82.1	83.0	83.2	83.3	83.6	↑	83.6	2023Q2
Norway	78.2	80.0	80.4	78.5	80.6	80.5	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.2	→	80.6	2022Q1
Poland	70.1	72.8	73.5	69.9	73.4	73.4	73.3	73.9	74.3	74.0	↓	74.3	2023Q1
Portugal	73.8	75.2	76.4	74.9	76.2	76.2	76.6	76.7	77.2	77.4	↑	77.4	2023Q2
Slovak Republic	74.5	74.6	76.1	74.6	75.6	76.3	76.1	76.3	76.2	76.5	↑	76.5	2023Q2
Slovenia	73.8	75.1	76.2	74.0	76.3	76.3	76.5	75.7	74.8	75.6	↑	76.5	2022Q3
Spain	72.2	73.7	74.0	73.8	74.0	74.1	74.1	74.0	74.1	74.4	↑	74.6	2015Q2
Sweden	82.1	82.9	83.5	82.5	83.2	83.6	83.4	83.6	83.9	84.0	↑	84.0	2023Q2
Switzerland	84.1	83.7	83.2	84.3	83.3	83.0	82.9	83.3	83.6	84.0	↑	84.8	2020Q4
Türkiye	54.9	57.3	59.2	58.2	58.4	59.3	58.9	60.0	59.8	59.5	↓	60.0	2022Q4
United Kingdom	79.1	78.7	78.5	79.5	78.6	78.6	78.4	78.6	79.0	79.1	↑	79.6	2020Q1
United States	73.0	73.4	74.0	74.4	73.9	74.0	74.1	74.1	74.5	74.7	↑	75.3	2008Q3

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Table 3 – 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		
			Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul		Aug		
OECD	6.2	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	→	4.8	Jun-23
G7	5.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	↑	3.9	Jan-23	
European Union	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.9	↓	5.9	May-23	
Euro area	7.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	7.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.4	↓	6.4	Jun-23	
Australia	5.1	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	5.1	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.7	→	3.4	Oct-22	
Austria	6.2	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.5	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.6	5.3	↓	3.6	Jan-01	
Belgium	6.3	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	→	4.9	Apr-20	
Canada	7.5	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.5	→	4.9	Jun-22	
Chile	8.9	7.9	7.8	8.4	8.7	8.3	8.2	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.6	..	↑	5.6	Jul-13	
Colombia	13.8	11.2	11.0	11.0	10.6	9.9	11.2	10.0	10.3	10.1	9.4	9.3	9.5	↑	8.5	Nov-15	
Costa Rica	16.4	12.2	12.0	11.7	10.6	9.5	12.5	9.6	10.0	9.5	9.6	8.8	..	↓	8.3	Sep-10	
Czech Republic	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	1.8	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.5	↓	1.7	Feb-19	
Denmark	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.3	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.6	4.4	↓	3.2	Jan-08	
Estonia	6.2	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.5	6.7	5.1	6.0	6.3	6.7	7.1	7.5	7.6	↑	3.9	May-08	
Finland	7.7	6.8	7.1	6.8	6.8	7.1	6.7	6.6	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.3	→	5.7	Apr-08	
France	7.9	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.8	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	↓	7.0	May-20	
Germany	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	→	2.9	May-19	
Greece	14.8	12.5	12.3	11.7	11.3	11.3	16.3	11.2	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.9	→	7.5	May-08	
Hungary	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	→	3.2	May-19	
Iceland	6.0	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	5.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	..	→	2.6	Sep-07	
Ireland	6.3	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	→	3.9	Mar-01	
Israel	5.0	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.1	↓	3.1	Aug-23	
Italy	9.6	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.6	9.5	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.3	↓	5.9	Apr-07	
Japan	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.7	→	2.2	May-18	
Korea	3.7	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.4	↓	2.4	Aug-23	
Latvia	7.6	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.1	6.4	7.3	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	→	5.3	Oct-07	
Lithuania	7.1	5.9	6.0	6.1	7.2	6.1	7.3	7.6	6.5	6.1	5.8	6.4	6.1	↓	4.0	Nov-07	
Luxembourg	5.4	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3	↑	1.8	May-01	
Mexico	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.5	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	↓	2.3	Aug-01	
Netherlands	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	→	3.1	Apr-01	
New Zealand	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↑	3.2	Q4-21
Norway	4.5	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.6	→	2.4	Sep-07	
Poland	3.4	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	→	2.7	Jan-23	
Portugal	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2	↓	5.1	Jan-01	
Slovak Republic	6.8	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	→	5.6	Apr-19	
Slovenia	4.8	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.3	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.5	↓	3.5	Dec-22	
Spain	14.8	12.9	12.8	13.0	12.8	11.9	13.6	12.5	12.1	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.5	↓	7.9	May-07	
Sweden	8.8	7.5	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.9	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.9	7.0	8.0	↑	5.6	Jun-02	
Switzerland	5.1	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↓	4.0	Q2-23
Türkiye	12.0	10.5	10.0	10.2	9.9	9.7	12.6	10.0	10.0	9.5	9.6	9.4	9.2	↓	8.0	Jun-12	
United Kingdom	4.5	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	↑	3.5	Jul-22	
United States	5.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.8	↑	3.4	Jan-23	

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Change from previous period (x)				
↑	$x \geq 0.1$	→	$-0.1 < x < 0.1$	↓
				$x \leq -0.1$

Change between July 2023 and August 2023 except for Chile, Costa Rica, and Iceland where the change is reported between June and July 2023; for the United Kingdom, change between May and June 2023; for New Zealand and Switzerland, change between first quarter 2023 and second quarter 2023.

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	2023		2023			
				Q4	Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD	40,993	33,934	33,587	33,209	32,949	33,132	32,667	32,984	33,160
G7	19,907	15,754	15,523	15,498	15,686	15,896	15,733	15,817	16,297
European Union	14,956	13,254	13,224	13,106	12,929	12,910	12,895	12,949	12,837
Euro area	12,758	11,292	11,242	11,170	10,958	10,963	10,874	10,963	10,856
Australia	700	523	496	515	520	519	506	543	541
Austria	284	221	233	227	234	220	239	267	251
Belgium	324	294	303	300	296	296	296	290	291
Canada	1,542	1,098	1,066	1,055	1,099	1,093	1,147	1,167	1,181
Chile	806	758	815	859	819	819	834	861	..
Colombia	3,263	2,781	2,724	2,664	2,542	2,577	2,391	2,401	2,434
Costa Rica	401	300	287	249	225	225	225	204	..
Czech Republic	150	126	125	133	140	132	144	142	131
Denmark	155	139	150	151	150	149	150	174	136
Estonia	43	40	39	40	50	50	53	56	57
Finland	212	190	192	191	202	201	203	206	207
France	2,365	2,234	2,198	2,180	2,246	2,259	2,242	2,271	2,271
Germany	1,536	1,343	1,339	1,312	1,311	1,310	1,319	1,326	1,330
Greece	678	588	550	531	535	530	524	514	512
Hungary	195	176	183	188	192	191	194	195	196
Iceland	13	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	..
Ireland	158	119	121	113	114	112	116	112	111
Israel	206	163	179	176	161	163	159	150	141
Italy	2,371	2,028	1,986	1,992	1,921	1,928	1,874	1,908	1,846
Japan	1,946	1,793	1,740	1,807	1,767	1,770	1,730	1,840	1,850
Korea	1,037	833	834	789	752	734	763	823	709
Latvia	71	65	65	58	61	61	62	63	63
Lithuania	105	89	92	110	94	94	90	96	94
Luxembourg	18	15	16	17	17	17	17	18	18
Mexico	2,372	1,940	1,837	1,680	1,729	1,792	1,609	1,784	1,673
Netherlands	408	350	360	358	350	353	353	362	364
New Zealand	110	97	100	103	109	...	...	...	...
Norway	129	95	95	111	100	92	102	107	109
Poland	580	498	502	465	482	484	484	479	475
Portugal	337	314	334	363	339	338	333	334	327
Slovak Republic	188	170	167	166	163	163	162	160	159
Slovenia	49	41	37	36	39	39	38	36	36
Spain	3,430	3,025	3,045	3,019	2,836	2,840	2,797	2,782	2,756
Sweden	488	419	420	420	424	411	455	402	458
Switzerland	252	212	211	206	199	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	3,927	3,592	3,544	3,467	3,384	3,319	3,319	3,279	3,223
United Kingdom	1,525	1,263	1,270	1,329	1,439	1,439	1,464
United States	8,623	5,996	5,925	5,823	5,904	6,097	5,957	5,841	6,355

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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	2023		2023			2021	2022	2023		2023		
			Q1	Q2	Jun	Jul	Aug			Q1	Q2	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD	6.3	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0	6.0	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7
G7	5.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	5.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.3
European Union	7.4	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Euro area	8.1	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	7.4	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1
Australia	5.0	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.6	5.2	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8
Austria	6.1	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.9	6.3	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	6.1	5.7
Belgium	5.9	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	6.6	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1
Canada	7.4	5.1	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.4	7.7	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.6
Chile	9.2	8.5	8.9	8.8	8.9	9.2	..	8.6	7.4	8.6	7.9	8.0	8.2	..
Colombia	17.5	14.3	13.6	12.9	11.8	11.6	12.1	11.3	9.0	8.4	7.7	7.5	7.6	7.6
Costa Rica	22.0	16.4	14.1	12.1	12.5	11.1	..	12.7	9.4	8.4	8.0	7.8	7.4	..
Czech Republic	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.1	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.1
Denmark	5.2	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.5	4.8	5.1	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.5	5.7	4.0
Estonia	5.6	5.0	5.3	6.9	7.4	7.8	7.8	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.3
Finland	7.1	6.4	6.1	6.3	5.9	6.6	6.3	8.2	7.1	7.3	7.8	8.4	8.1	8.3
France	7.8	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	8.0	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Germany	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.9	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
Greece	19.0	16.4	15.0	14.7	14.1	13.7	14.4	11.4	9.3	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.2
Hungary	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9
Iceland	6.5	3.4	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	..	5.7	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	..
Ireland	6.2	4.6	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9	6.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3
Israel	4.9	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	5.0	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.2
Italy	10.7	9.4	9.1	8.6	8.4	8.5	8.2	8.7	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.6
Japan	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9
Korea	3.8	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.6	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.3
Latvia	6.6	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.6	8.5	8.1	7.1	7.8	8.2	8.5	8.6
Lithuania	6.6	5.5	7.2	5.9	5.5	6.2	5.9	7.6	6.3	7.3	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.4
Luxembourg	5.9	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.0	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3
Mexico	4.1	3.3	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8	4.1	3.3	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.1	2.7
Netherlands	4.5	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5
New Zealand	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	...	...	...	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.4	...	...	...
Norway	4.2	3.1	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	4.7	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.7
Poland	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Portugal	6.9	6.5	7.3	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.3	5.6	6.5	6.1	6.0	6.1	5.8
Slovak Republic	7.0	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.7	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7
Slovenia	5.4	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.6
Spain	16.7	14.8	14.6	13.6	13.3	13.2	13.1	13.1	11.3	11.1	10.4	10.2	10.1	10.0
Sweden	9.1	7.9	7.6	7.5	8.0	7.4	8.6	8.5	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.9	6.7	7.5
Switzerland	5.3	4.6	4.3	4.1	...	...	...	4.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	...	...	...
Türkiye	14.7	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.1	12.8	12.6	10.7	9.0	8.2	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5
United Kingdom	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.7	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.7
United States	5.2	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	5.5	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.0

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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	2023		2023			2021	2022	2023		2023		
			Q1	Q2	Jun	Jul	Aug			Q1	Q2	Jun	Jul	Aug
OECD	12.8	10.9	10.6	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.5	5.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1
G7	10.6	9.0	8.8	8.5	8.8	8.9	9.2	4.5	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5
European Union	16.7	14.5	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.0	14.0	6.2	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1
Euro area	16.9	14.5	14.1	13.9	13.8	13.9	13.8	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.6
Australia	11.3	8.2	7.9	8.0	7.8	8.6	8.3	4.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.8
Austria	11.0	9.4	8.9	10.2	9.5	11.7	11.4	5.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.5
Belgium⁽¹⁾	18.2	16.3	14.6	14.2	14.2	..	..	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8
Canada	13.6	10.1	9.5	10.6	11.5	10.2	11.3	6.6	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.6
Chile	20.0	17.7	21.2	20.0	20.9	21.8	..	7.9	7.0	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.5	..
Colombia	25.6	21.9	20.4	19.8	18.6	18.6	18.7	11.7	9.4	9.0	8.2	7.8	7.7	8.0
Costa Rica	39.4	31.0	28.2	26.4	25.9	23.0	..	12.5	9.3	7.9	7.0	7.2	6.8	..
Czech Republic	8.2	7.6	8.1	10.4	13.5	9.6	8.5	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.2
Denmark	10.8	10.5	10.2	9.7	9.4	11.8	11.6	4.2	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.6	3.2
Estonia	16.9	18.1	13.1	16.0	18.8	22.5	23.5	5.4	4.5	4.9	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.1
Finland	17.1	14.1	14.3	16.2	16.0	18.4	15.6	6.5	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.2
France	18.9	17.3	16.6	16.5	16.3	16.2	16.0	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3
Germany	7.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	3.2	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7
Greece	35.5	31.4	26.1	25.9	23.5	22.9	22.5	13.8	11.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.3
Hungary	13.1	10.8	10.9	12.1	13.2	12.0	12.8	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
Iceland	12.3	8.5	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.5	..	5.0	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	..
Ireland	14.8	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.6	10.8	11.2	5.1	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1
Israel⁽²⁾	7.7	6.9	6.0	5.4	5.3	7.1	6.9	4.5	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.8
Italy	29.9	23.7	22.4	22.2	22.2	22.1	22.0	8.3	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.6	..	..
Japan	4.6	4.3	4.8	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.7	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.6
Korea	8.5	7.0	6.3	5.3	5.4	5.8	4.4	3.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.3
Latvia	14.8	15.1	13.0	9.6	8.9	8.8	9.0	7.1	6.3	5.6	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.5
Lithuania	14.4	11.8	14.2	9.3	9.3	8.4	8.6	6.6	5.5	6.8	5.9	5.7	6.2	6.0
Luxembourg	18.3	17.3	17.9	18.1	18.8	18.6	19.2	4.3	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2
Mexico	8.1	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.2	6.1	5.6	3.4	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2
Netherlands	9.4	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.3	8.6	8.7	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
New Zealand	10.5	9.3	9.7	10.0	...	...	...	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.5	...	...	...
Norway	12.5	9.9	11.6	9.7	10.4	11.0	11.8	3.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3
Poland	11.9	10.8	11.0	11.5	11.5	11.3	11.1	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Portugal	23.1	19.1	19.8	18.4	18.3	20.1	20.3	5.5	5.1	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.1
Slovak Republic	20.6	19.9	18.7	20.0	20.2	19.8	19.8	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0
Slovenia⁽¹⁾	13.1	10.2	7.0	10.4	10.4	..	..	4.2	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0
Spain	35.0	29.7	29.6	27.7	27.2	27.2	26.8	13.4	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.3
Sweden	24.8	21.7	21.7	21.3	24.7	18.1	22.1	6.8	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.5	6.1
Switzerland	8.9	7.5	7.8	7.4	...	...	...	4.6	3.9	3.6	3.5	...	...	...
Türkiye	22.8	19.5	19.3	18.0	18.2	17.9	17.2	10.1	8.8	8.2	8.2	8.0	7.8	7.8
United Kingdom	12.3	10.5	11.3	12.3	12.7	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1
United States	9.7	8.1	7.9	7.1	7.5	8.0	8.6	4.7	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.8	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 Short-term Labour Market Statistics, <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?lang=en&QueryId=36499>.

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.).

For further methodological information, including the impact of COVID-19 on employment and unemployment statistics, see: [Methodological Notes for OECD Unemployment and Labour Market Situation News Releases](#)

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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