

## UNEMPLOYMENT

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Reference period: January 2024

### OECD unemployment rate unchanged at 4.8% in January 2024

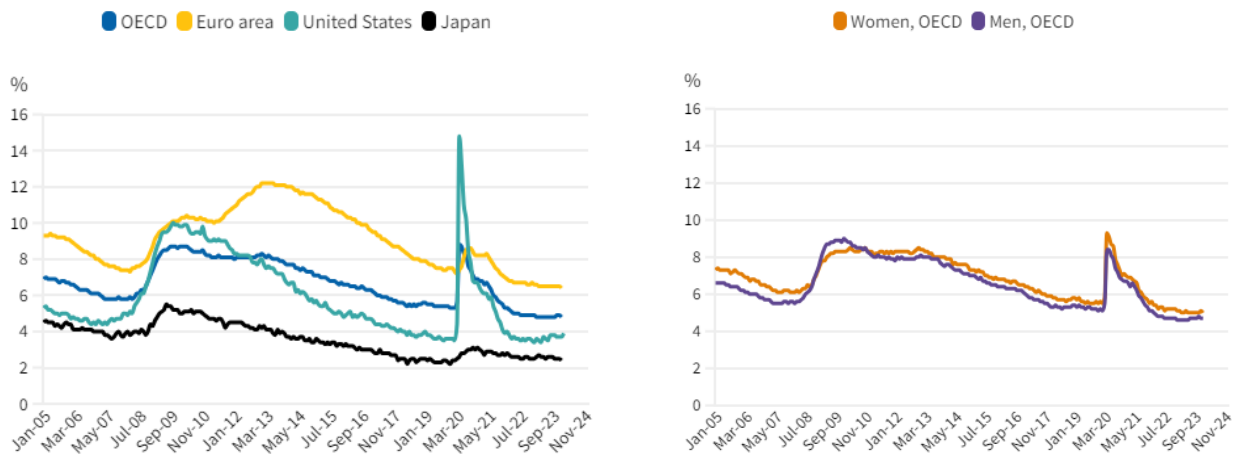
The OECD unemployment rate was broadly stable at 4.8% in January 2024, having remained below 5.0% since July 2022 (Figure 1 and Table 1). The rate was unchanged in 23 OECD countries in January, rose in 6 countries, and declined in only 3 countries. The number of unemployed persons in the OECD decreased 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.

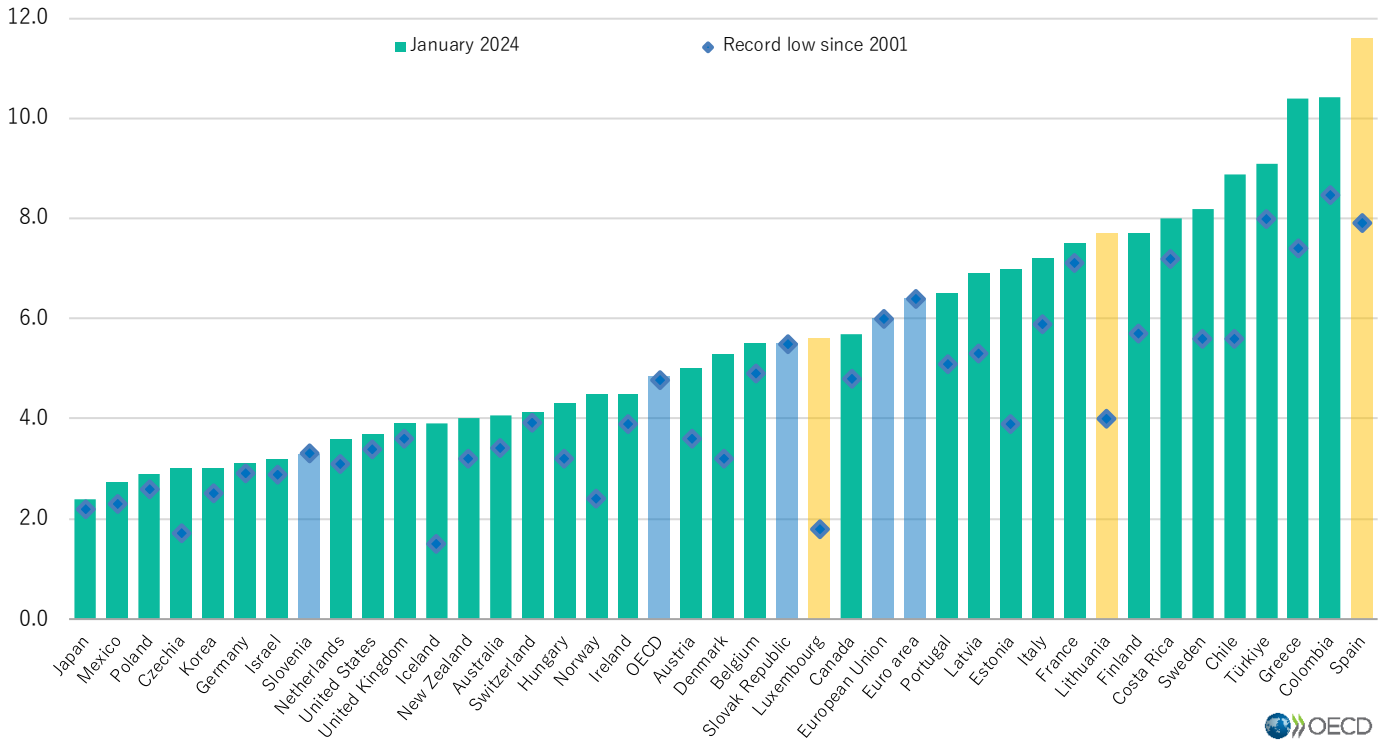
» **Figure 1 – Unemployment rates**  
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



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](#).

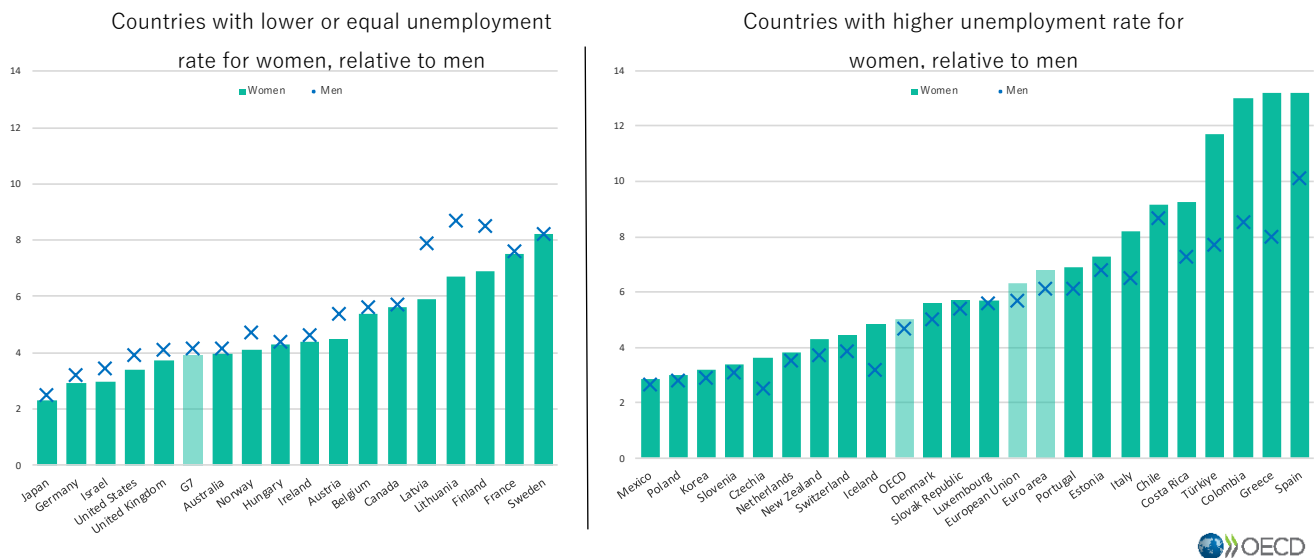
**Figure 2 – Unemployment rate for OECD countries**  
 January 2024 compared with the lowest rate recorded since 2001, percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



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
<b>OECD</b>	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	→	<b>4.8</b>	<b>Jun-23</b>	
<b>G7</b>	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	→	<b>3.9</b>	<b>Jan-23</b>	
<b>European Union</b>	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	→	<b>6.0</b>	<b>Feb-23</b>	
<b>Euro area</b>	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	→	<b>6.4</b>	<b>Jan-24</b>	
<b>Australia</b>	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	
<b>Austria</b>	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	
<b>Belgium</b>	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	
<b>Canada</b>	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	
<b>Chile</b>	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	
<b>Colombia</b>	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	
<b>Costa Rica</b>	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	
<b>Czechia</b>	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	
<b>Denmark</b>	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	
<b>Estonia</b>	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	
<b>Finland</b>	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	
<b>France</b>	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	
<b>Germany</b>	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	
<b>Greece</b>	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	
<b>Hungary</b>	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	
<b>Iceland</b>	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	
<b>Ireland</b>	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	
<b>Israel</b>	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	
<b>Italy</b>	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	
<b>Japan</b>	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	
<b>Korea</b>	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	
<b>Latvia</b>	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	
<b>Lithuania</b>	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	
<b>Luxembourg</b>	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	
<b>Mexico</b>	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	
<b>Netherlands</b>	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	
<b>New Zealand</b>	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	→	3.2	Q4-21	
<b>Norway</b>	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	
<b>Poland</b>	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	
<b>Portugal</b>	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	
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	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	→	<b>5.5</b>	<b>Jan-24</b>	
<b>Slovenia</b>	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	→	<b>3.3</b>	<b>Jan-24</b>	
<b>Spain</b>	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	
<b>Sweden</b>	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	
<b>Switzerland</b>	4.3	..	4.1	3.9	4.1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↑	3.9	Q2-23	
<b>Türkiye</b>	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	Jan-12	
<b>United Kingdom</b>	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	
<b>United States</b>	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	↓
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	
<b>OECD</b>	33,976	33,323	33,129	33,282	33,551	33,454	33,502	33,767	33,521
<b>G7</b>	15,776	15,960	15,823	16,158	16,229	16,418	16,200	16,105	15,907
<b>European Union</b>	13,255	13,120	13,011	13,122	13,191	13,254	13,168	13,151	13,144
<b>Euro area</b>	11,291	11,109	11,027	11,098	11,098	11,155	11,097	11,043	11,009
<b>Australia</b>	523	536	521	539	570	555	577	578	601
<b>Austria</b>	221	241	235	256	244	244	233	254	236
<b>Belgium</b>	294	294	297	283	296	295	295	298	297
<b>Canada</b>	1,098	1,155	1,119	1,185	1,240	1,236	1,241	1,244	1,225
<b>Chile</b>	758	862	820	864	907	904	907	893	..
<b>Colombia</b>	2,781	2,576	2,551	2,449	2,642	2,576	2,620	2,731	2,651
<b>Costa Rica</b>	300	205	225	183	164	159	164	183	..
<b>Czechia</b>	126	138	139	137	141	149	129	144	155
<b>Denmark</b>	139	154	153	153	162	168	158	160	171
<b>Estonia</b>	40	48	50	53	48	46	47	52	53
<b>Finland</b>	190	204	202	209	214	213	216	214	219
<b>France</b>	2,234	2,263	2,264	2,280	2,328	2,312	2,330	2,341	2,330
<b>Germany</b>	1,343	1,335	1,308	1,342	1,366	1,361	1,367	1,370	1,370
<b>Greece</b>	588	522	534	509	497	498	500	493	495
<b>Hungary</b>	176	195	192	197	207	205	207	209	214
<b>Iceland</b>	8	8	6	8	8	8	8	9	..
<b>Ireland</b>	121	120	117	125	127	127	126	128	128
<b>Israel</b>	163	153	162	146	135	137	128	141	142
<b>Italy</b>	2,028	1,952	1,958	1,939	1,901	1,951	1,910	1,842	1,838
<b>Japan</b>	1,793	1,783	1,770	1,807	1,750	1,760	1,770	1,720	1,700
<b>Korea</b>	833	787	756	762	823	729	809	930	889
<b>Latvia</b>	65	61	61	62	65	64	65	66	65
<b>Lithuania</b>	90	105	98	107	112	114	113	109	118
<b>Luxembourg</b>	15	17	17	18	19	19	19	19	19
<b>Mexico</b>	1,940	1,693	1,725	1,698	1,673	1,621	1,672	1,728	1,671
<b>Netherlands</b>	350	359	350	366	360	361	357	361	368
<b>New Zealand</b>	97	113	110	119	122	...	...	...	...
<b>Norway</b>	95	107	100	108	110	111	113	105	134
<b>Poland</b>	511	502	492	502	539	537	543	537	522
<b>Portugal</b>	318	349	340	340	349	352	348	346	347
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	170	162	162	161	156	158	156	155	154
<b>Slovenia</b>	41	38	38	39	36	37	36	35	34
<b>Spain</b>	3,025	2,894	2,853	2,862	2,838	2,859	2,836	2,818	2,796
<b>Sweden</b>	421	437	427	446	457	452	451	468	467
<b>Switzerland</b>	212	..	198	208	..	...	...	...	...
<b>Türkiye</b>	3,592	3,275	3,376	3,215	3,092	3,008	3,139	3,129	3,214
<b>United Kingdom</b>	1,285	1,393	1,460	1,407	1,320	1,355	1,320	1,359	..
<b>United States</b>	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	
<b>OECD</b>	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
<b>G7</b>	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
<b>European Union</b>	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
<b>Euro area</b>	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
<b>Australia</b>	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
<b>Austria</b>	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
<b>Belgium</b>	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
<b>Canada</b>	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
<b>Chile</b>	8.5	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.1	..	7.4	8.4	8.3	8.8	8.8	8.7	..
<b>Colombia</b>	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
<b>Costa Rica</b>	16.4	10.8	9.0	8.3	8.3	9.2	..	9.4	7.7	7.5	6.8	6.8	7.3	..
<b>Czechia</b>	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
<b>Denmark</b>	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
<b>Estonia</b>	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
<b>Finland</b>	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
<b>France</b>	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
<b>Germany</b>	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
<b>Greece</b>	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
<b>Hungary</b>	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
<b>Iceland</b>	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.2	4.8	..	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.2	..
<b>Ireland</b>	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
<b>Israel</b>	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
<b>Italy</b>	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
<b>Japan</b>	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
<b>Korea</b>	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
<b>Latvia</b>	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
<b>Lithuania</b>	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
<b>Luxembourg</b>	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
<b>Mexico</b>	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
<b>Netherlands</b>	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
<b>New Zealand</b>	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.3	...	...	...	3.1	3.5	3.8	3.7	...	...	...
<b>Norway</b>	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
<b>Poland</b>	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
<b>Portugal</b>	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
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	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
<b>Slovenia</b>	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
<b>Spain</b>	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
<b>Sweden</b>	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
<b>Switzerland</b>	4.6	..	4.4	..	...	...	...	4.1	..	3.9	..	...	...	...
<b>Türkiye</b>	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
<b>United Kingdom</b>	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.7	..	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.1	..
<b>United States</b>	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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**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	
	2022	2023	2023	2023	2024	2022	2023	2023	2023	2024	2022	2023	2023	2023
<b>OECD</b>	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
<b>G7</b>	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
<b>European Union</b>	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
<b>Euro area</b>	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
<b>Australia</b>	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
<b>Austria</b>	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
<b>Belgium</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	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
<b>Canada</b>	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
<b>Chile</b>	17.7	21.4	22.0	22.4	22.4	22.3	..	7.0	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	7.8	..
<b>Colombia</b>	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
<b>Costa Rica</b>	31.0	24.8	22.1	22.1	22.1	21.7	..	9.3	6.6	6.2	5.3	5.3	6.1	..
<b>Czechia</b>	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
<b>Denmark</b>	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
<b>Estonia</b>	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
<b>Finland</b>	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
<b>France</b>	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
<b>Germany</b>	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
<b>Greece</b>	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
<b>Hungary</b>	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
<b>Iceland</b>	8.5	9.1	10.3	9.8	7.0	10.3	..	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.7	..
<b>Ireland</b>	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
<b>Israel</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	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
<b>Italy</b>	23.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.1	21.6	21.8	7.1	..	6.7	..	..	..	..
<b>Japan</b>	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
<b>Korea</b>	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
<b>Latvia</b>	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
<b>Lithuania</b>	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
<b>Luxembourg</b>	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
<b>Mexico</b>	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
<b>Netherlands</b>	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
<b>New Zealand</b>	9.3	10.7	11.5	11.6	...	...	...	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	...	...	...
<b>Norway</b>	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
<b>Poland</b>	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
<b>Portugal</b>	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
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	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
<b>Slovenia</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	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
<b>Spain</b>	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
<b>Sweden</b>	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
<b>Switzerland</b>	7.5	..	8.4	..	...	...	...	3.9	..	3.6	..	...	...	...
<b>Türkiye</b>	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
<b>United Kingdom</b>	10.6	11.9	12.1	11.6	11.6	12.1	..	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	..
<b>United States</b>	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.

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