

Table 1 Evolution of the tax wedge, 2000-2006

Single persons without children at 100% of average earnings**Income tax plus employee and employer contributions less cash benefits as a % of labour costs**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Australia	30.6	27.3	27.7	28.0	28.0	28.3	28.1
Austria	47.3	46.9	47.1	47.4	48.1	47.9	48.1
Belgium	57.1	56.7	56.3	55.7	55.4	55.4	55.4
Canada	33.2	32.0	32.1	32.0	32.0	31.9	32.1
Czech Republic	42.7	42.6	42.9	43.2	43.5	43.8	42.6
Denmark	44.3	43.6	42.6	42.6	41.3	41.1	41.3
Finland	47.8	46.4	45.9	45.0	44.5	44.6	44.1
France	49.6	49.8	49.8	49.8	49.9	50.1	50.2
Germany	54.0	53.0	53.5	54.2	53.2	52.4	52.5
Greece	38.4	38.1	37.7	37.7	39.5	40.4	41.2
Hungary	54.6	55.8	53.7	50.8	51.8	51.1	51.0
Iceland	26.1	26.9	28.4	29.2	29.4	29.0	28.6
Ireland ¹	28.9	25.8	24.5	24.2	25.0	23.5	23.1
Italy	46.4	46.0	46.0	45.0	45.4	45.4	45.2
Japan	24.8	24.9	30.5	27.4	27.3	27.7	28.8
Korea ¹	16.4	16.4	16.1	16.3	17.2	17.3	18.1
Luxembourg	38.6	37.0	34.2	34.7	35.1	35.9	36.5
Mexico	12.6	13.2	15.8	16.8	15.3	14.7	15.0
Netherlands	39.7	37.2	37.4	37.1	38.8	38.9	44.4
New Zealand	19.4	19.4	19.5	19.7	20.0	20.4	20.9
Norway	38.6	39.2	38.6	38.1	38.1	37.2	37.3
Poland	43.2	42.9	42.9	43.1	43.4	43.5	43.7
Portugal	37.3	36.4	36.6	36.8	36.8	36.3	36.3
Slovak Republic	41.8	42.8	42.5	42.9	42.5	38.3	38.5
Spain	38.6	38.8	39.1	38.5	38.7	38.9	39.1
Sweden	50.1	49.1	47.8	48.2	48.4	48.1	47.9
Switzerland	30.0	30.1	30.1	29.7	29.4	29.5	29.7
Turkey ¹	40.4	43.6	42.5	42.2	42.8	42.8	42.8
United Kingdom	32.2	31.9	32.0	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.9
United States	29.5	29.4	29.2	29.0	29.0	28.9	28.9
<i>Unweighted average:</i>							
OECD	37.8	37.4	37.4	37.3	37.4	37.2	37.5
EU-15	43.4	42.4	42.0	42.0	42.2	42.2	42.6
EU-19	43.8	43.2	42.8	42.7	42.9	42.6	42.9

1. Ireland, Korea and Turkey wage figures are based on the old definition of average worker (ISIC D, rev3.)