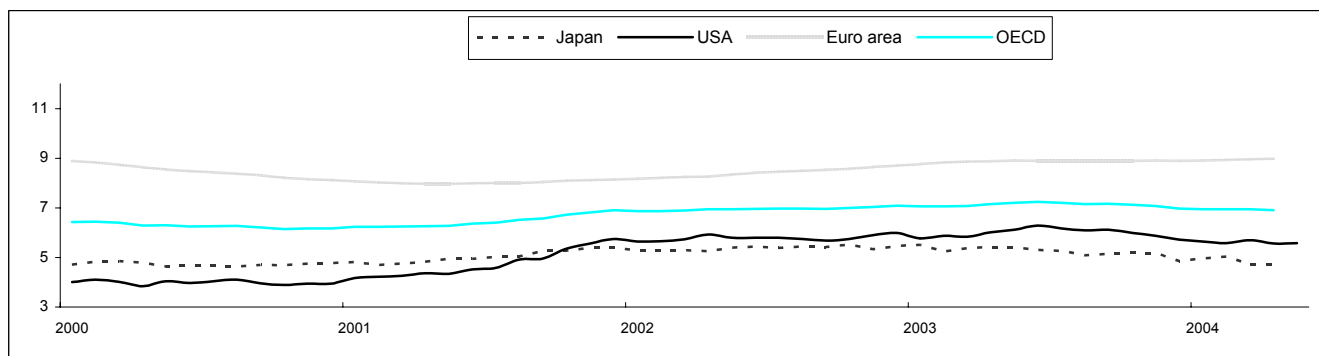
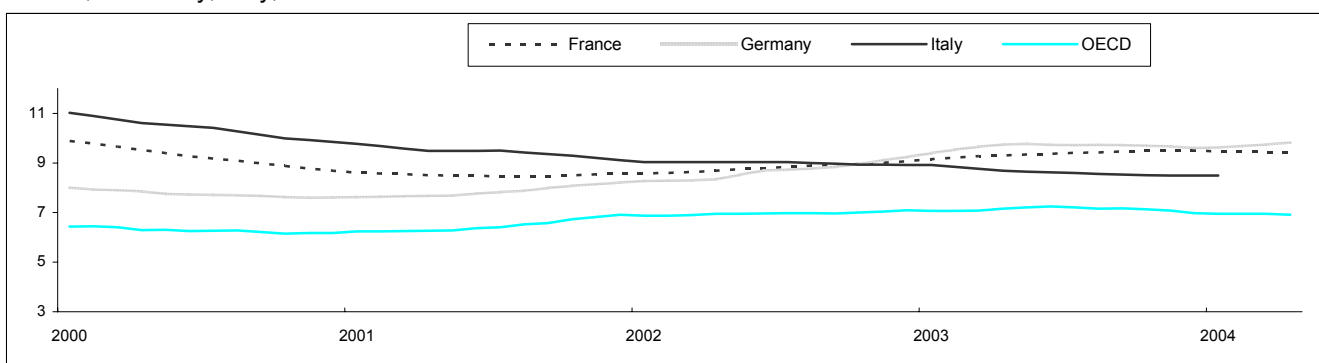


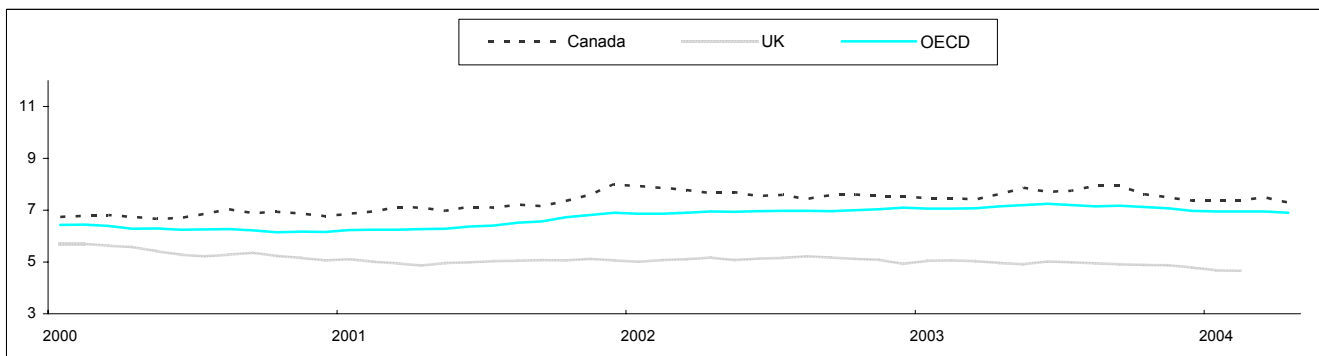
Japan, USA, Euro area, OECD



France, Germany, Italy, OECD



Canada, United Kingdom, OECD



## OECD Standardised Unemployment Rates - percentage of civilian labour force

	2003									2004			
	apr	may	jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec	jan	feb	mar	apr
<b>OECD-Total</b>	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9
<b>EU15</b>	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
<b>Euro area</b>	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0
<b>Major seven</b>	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4
Canada	7.6	7.9	7.7	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.3
Germany	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8
France	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4
Italy	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5			
Japan	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7
United Kingdom	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.7		
United States <sup>1)</sup>	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6

(1) United States May 2004: 5.6

## OECD Standardised Unemployment Rates - change of rates over 12 months

	2003									2004			
	apr	may	jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec	jan	feb	mar	apr
<b>OECD-Total</b>	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
<b>EU15</b>	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>Euro area</b>	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Major seven</b>	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Canada	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.3
Germany	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
France	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
Italy	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4			
Japan	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7	-0.7
United Kingdom	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4		
United States	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4

OECD total comprises 27 countries.

Area totals for standardised unemployment rates include Secretariat estimates when data are not available.