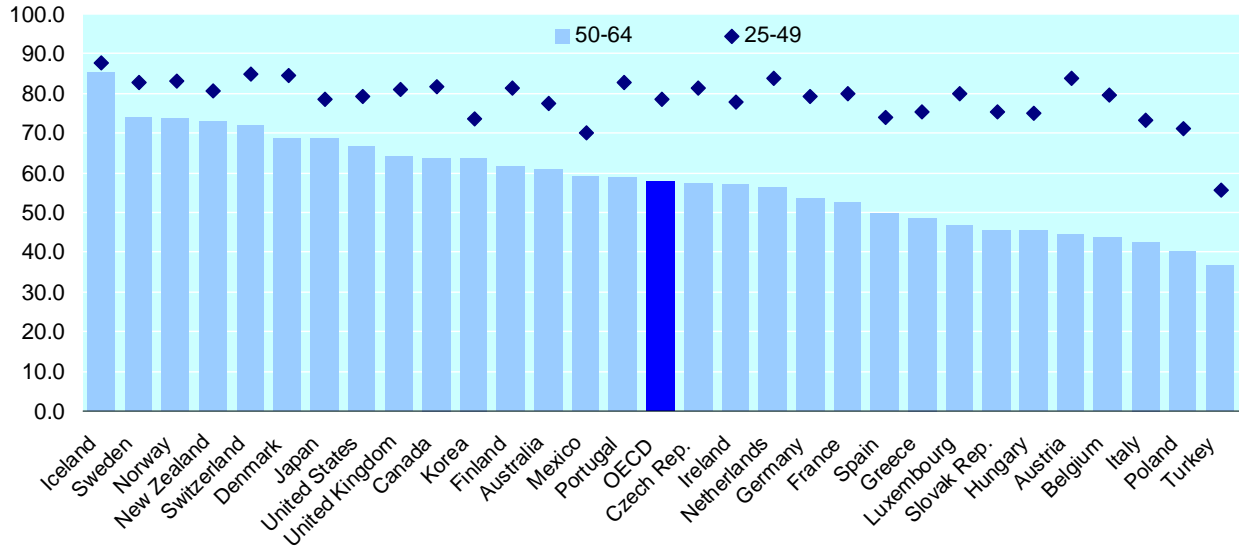


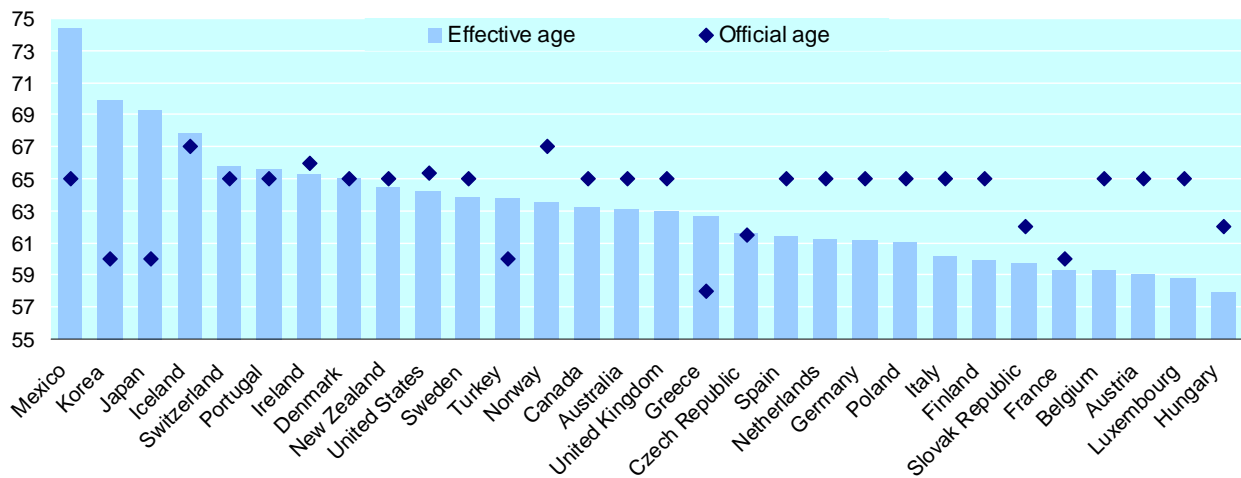
Chart 1. Work becomes much less common after the age of 50 but with large country differences

Percentage of the population aged either 25-49 or 50-64 who are employed, 2004



Source: OECD

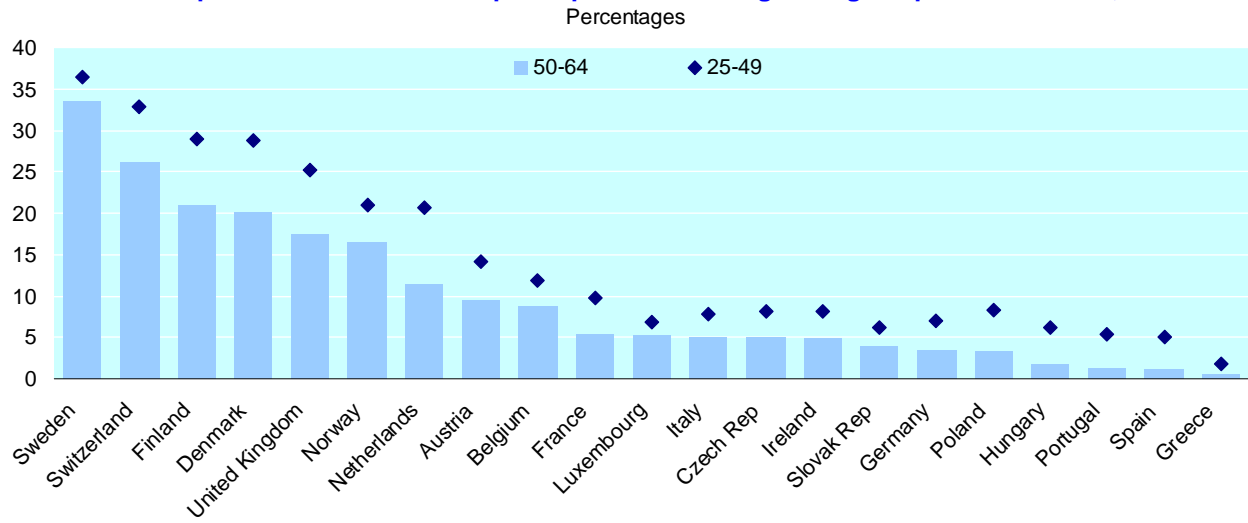
Chart 2. Effective age of retirement and the official age*



* The effective age of retirement is the average age at which workers over the age of 40 withdrew from the labour force over the period 1999-2004.

Source: OECD estimates

Chart 3. Proportion of workers who participated in training during the past four weeks, 2004*



* 2003 for Germany, Luxembourg and Netherlands.

Source: OECD based on the results of the European Union Labour Force Survey