

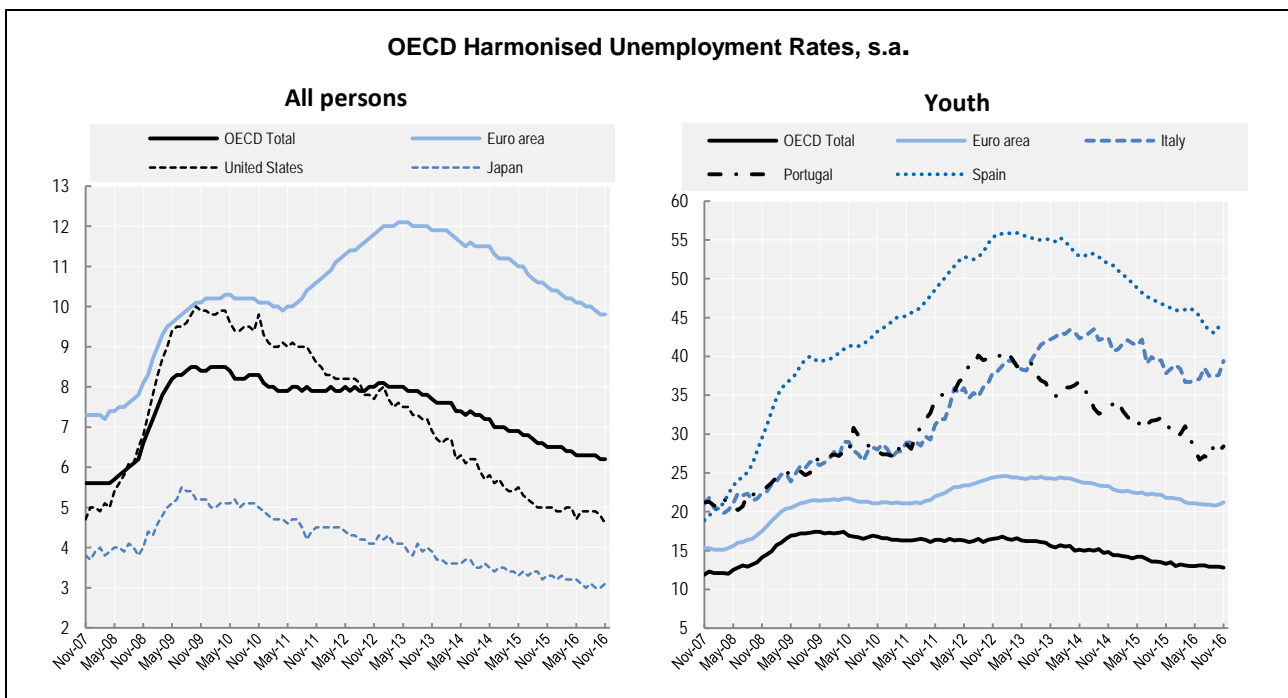
## OECD unemployment rate stable at 6.2% in November 2016

The **OECD** unemployment rate was stable at 6.2% in November 2016. Across the **OECD** area, 38.5 million people were unemployed, 5.9 million more than in April 2008, before the crisis. **Youth** (people aged 15 to 24) unemployment remained high, especially in Southern Europe. A total of 9.3 million young people were counted as unemployed in OECD countries.

The November 2016 unemployment rate in the **euro area** was also stable at 9.8%. The largest falls in unemployment were recorded in **France** (down 0.2 percentage point, to 9.5%), **Ireland** (down 0.2 percentage point, to 7.3%) and the **Slovak Republic** (down 0.2 percentage point, to 9.0%). The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point in **Finland** (to 8.8%) and **Italy** (to 11.9%).

Unemployment declined by 0.2 percentage point in **Canada** (to 6.8%) and the **United States** (to 4.6%) in November but more recent data show that it subsequently increased by 0.1 percentage point in both countries in December (to 4.7% in the **United States** and to 6.9% in **Canada**). The November unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point in **Japan** (to 3.1%) and **Mexico** (to 3.7%).

The **OECD** unemployment rate for **youth** declined by 0.1 percentage point to 12.8% in November. However, it increased further in the **euro area** (by 0.3 percentage point, to 21.2%), with rises in **Italy** (by 1.8 percentage point, to 39.4%) and in **Portugal** and **Spain** (by 0.6 percentage point, to 28.4% and 44.4%, respectively). The **OECD** unemployment rate for **women** (unchanged at 6.3%) remained slightly above that for **men** (which fell by 0.1 percentage point, to 6.1%).



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**Table 1: OECD Unemployment Rates, s.a.**  
*Percentage of active population*

	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016			2016					
					Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
OECD - Total	7.9	7.4	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2
Major Seven	7.1	6.4	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.3
European Union	10.9	10.2	9.4	9.0	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3
Euro area	12.0	11.6	10.9	10.5	10.3	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.8
Australia	5.7	6.1	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7
Austria	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.8
Belgium	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.2	8.3	7.8	8.2	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.6
Canada <sup>(1)</sup>	7.1	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8
Chile	5.9	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.5	
Czech Republic	7.0	6.1	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7
Denmark	7.0	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.5
Estonia	8.6	7.4	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.6	7.3	6.9	7.0	7.6	7.2	7.4	
Finland	8.2	8.7	9.4	9.4	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8
France	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.2	10.2	9.9	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.2	9.9	9.7	9.5
Germany	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
Greece	27.5	26.6	25.0	24.4	24.0	23.5	23.2	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.1		
Hungary	10.1	7.7	6.8	6.3	5.8	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.6	
Iceland	5.4	5.0	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8
Ireland	13.1	11.3	9.5	9.1	8.4	8.3	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.3
Israel	6.2	5.9	5.2	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.5	4.6
Italy	12.1	12.7	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9
Japan	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1
Korea	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.6
Latvia	11.9	10.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.6
Luxembourg	5.9	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2
Mexico	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.7
Netherlands	7.2	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.3	5.8	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6
New Zealand	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.9						
Norway	3.5	3.5	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	
Poland	10.3	9.0	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.0
Portugal	16.5	14.1	12.7	12.3	12.1	11.3	10.9	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.6	10.5
Slovak Republic	14.2	13.2	11.5	10.9	10.2	9.9	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.0
Slovenia	10.1	9.7	9.0	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.6
Spain	26.1	24.5	22.1	20.9	20.4	20.1	19.4	19.9	19.5	19.4	19.3	19.2	19.2
Sweden	8.0	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.8	7.0	6.6	7.0	7.2	6.7	6.9	6.8
Switzerland	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.1	4.3	4.8						
Turkey <sup>(2)</sup>	8.7	10.0	10.3	10.4	10.1	10.4	11.3	10.8	11.1	11.4	11.4		
United Kingdom	7.6	6.1	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8		
United States <sup>(3)</sup>	7.4	6.2	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6

## Notes:

(1) Canada: Unemployment rate for December 2016 was 6.9%.

(2) Following the changes introduced in the Labour Force Survey for Turkey, data from January 2014 onwards are not comparable with previous data.

(3) United States: Unemployment rate for December 2016 was 4.7%.

**Table 2: Unemployment Rates by Gender, s.a.**  
*Percentage of corresponding active population*

	Women						Men					
	2015	2016		2016			2015	2016		2016		
		Q2	Q3	Sep	Oct	Nov		Q2	Q3	Sep	Oct	Nov
OECD - Total	6.9	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.1
Major Seven	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.4
European Union	9.5	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.5	9.3	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.2
Euro area	11.0	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.7	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5
Australia	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6
Austria	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.3	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.2
Belgium	7.8	8.4	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.5	9.1	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.8
Canada	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.1	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.5
Chile	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1		5.8	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.1	
Czech Republic	6.1	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1
Denmark	6.4	6.5	7.1	7.5	7.1	7.1	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9
Estonia	6.1	5.6	6.9	6.9	6.8		6.3	7.5	7.6	7.5	8.0	
Finland	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.9	9.1	8.9	8.8	8.9	9.0
France	9.9	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.7	9.6	10.8	10.2	10.0	9.8	9.6	9.5
Germany	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Greece	28.9	28.2	27.6	27.3			21.8	19.8	19.7	19.8		
Hungary	7.0	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.6		6.7	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.6	
Iceland	4.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.9	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4
Ireland	7.7	6.9	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.1	10.9	9.6	9.0	8.8	8.6	8.4
Israel	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.4	4.5
Italy	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.7	11.3	10.7	10.9	11.1	11.2	11.4
Japan	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
Korea	3.6	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.5
Latvia	8.6	8.7	8.0	7.8	7.9	7.9	11.1	10.5	11.5	11.6	11.2	11.3
Luxembourg	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.6	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Mexico	4.5	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.7	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.7
Netherlands	7.3	6.7	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.6	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.0
New Zealand	5.9	5.4	5.1				4.9	4.7	4.6			
Norway	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.1		4.7	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.3	
Poland	7.7	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	7.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9
Portugal	12.9	11.4	11.1	11.0	10.6	10.5	12.4	11.2	10.7	10.8	10.7	10.4
Slovak Republic	12.9	11.2	10.5	10.3	10.1	9.9	10.3	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.2
Slovenia	10.1	8.8	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.1	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0
Spain	23.6	22.0	21.1	20.9	20.8	20.7	20.8	18.5	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.8
Sweden	7.2	6.5	6.7	6.1	6.4	6.6	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.0
Switzerland	4.6	4.7	5.2				4.5	3.9	4.5			
Turkey <sup>(1)</sup>	12.7	12.6	14.2	14.3			9.2	9.4	10.0	10.1		
United Kingdom	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.6			5.5	5.0	4.9	4.9		
United States	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.8

Note:

(1) Following the changes introduced in the Labour Force Survey for Turkey, data from January 2014 onwards are not comparable with previous data. From this date, data by gender are OECD estimates.

**Table 3: Unemployment Rates by Age, s.a.**  
*Percentage of corresponding active population*

	Youth (15-24)						Prime-age and Older Workers (25+)					
	2015	2016		2016			2015	2016		2016		
		Q2	Q3	Sep	Oct	Nov		Q2	Q3	Sep	Oct	Nov
OECD - Total	13.9	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.8	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.3
Major Seven	12.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.6	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
European Union	20.3	18.9	18.8	18.6	18.7	18.8	8.3	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3
Euro area	22.4	21.1	20.9	20.8	20.9	21.2	9.7	9.1	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.7
Australia	13.1	12.7	13.0	12.8	12.5	13.6	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Austria	10.6	11.0	11.5	11.4	10.9	10.4	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.1
Belgium	22.1	20.8	20.7	20.7			7.3	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.6
Canada	13.2	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.0	12.9	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.8
Chile	15.5	16.5	15.8	14.4	14.8		5.0	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	
Czech Republic	12.6	10.8	10.8	10.0	10.6	10.6	4.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3
Denmark	10.9	11.6	12.4	12.5	12.7	13.1	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.2
Estonia	13.4	13.5	14.5	13.4	12.4		5.6	6.0	6.6	6.6	7.0	
Finland	22.0	20.8	20.3	20.1	20.2	20.2	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.2
France	24.7	24.5	25.6	25.4	25.7	25.9	8.9	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.0	7.8
Germany	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8
Greece	49.8	48.8	45.2	46.1			23.4	22.1	22.0	21.9		
Hungary	17.2	13.5	12.5	12.3	12.0		6.0	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.0	
Iceland	8.8	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.8	3.0	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Ireland	20.9	17.6	17.4	16.7	16.2	15.4	8.4	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.5
Israel	9.2	8.3	10.2	8.6	9.2	7.7	4.5	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.0
Italy	40.4	36.9	37.8	37.4	37.6	39.4	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.0		
Japan	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.1	4.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0
Korea	10.5	10.9	11.2	11.9	11.0	9.6	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.1
Latvia	16.3	18.7	18.0	17.6	17.6	17.8	9.3	8.8	9.1	9.1	8.9	9.0
Luxembourg	16.8	19.4	19.2	19.5	19.3	19.1	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2
Mexico	8.7	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.5	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.9
Netherlands	11.3	11.0	10.6	10.5	10.5	10.3	6.1	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.7
New Zealand	13.7	12.6	13.1				3.8	3.6	3.3			
Norway	9.9	11.3	10.8	10.4	10.5		3.5	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.9	
Poland	20.8	17.9	18.5	18.7	18.6	18.1	6.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0
Portugal	32.0	28.1	27.5	28.6	27.8	28.4	11.2	10.0	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.1
Slovak Republic	26.4	22.5	21.5	21.4	21.2	20.9	10.2	8.9	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.0
Slovenia	16.4	14.9	15.4	15.4			8.4	7.5	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.9
Spain	48.4	45.7	43.5	43.0	43.8	44.4	20.2	18.3	17.7	17.6	17.4	17.4
Sweden	20.2	18.4	18.9	17.2	18.3	17.7	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3
Switzerland	8.6	6.8	11.0				4.0	3.9	3.9			
Turkey <sup>(1)</sup>	18.6	18.7	19.6	19.7			8.6	8.7	9.7	9.8		
United Kingdom	14.6	13.3	12.9	12.8			3.9	3.5	3.5	3.5		
United States	11.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.1	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.8

Note:

(1) Following the changes introduced in the Labour Force Survey for Turkey, data from January 2014 onwards are not comparable with previous data.

**Table 4: Unemployment Levels, s.a.**  
*Thousands of persons*

	2014	2015	2016			2016			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
OECD - Total	44,793	41,597	39,948	39,296	39,382	39,482	39,439	38,816	38,494
Major Seven	23,646	21,630	20,882	20,511	20,582	20,664	20,613	20,306	20,018
European Union	24,809	22,884	21,566	21,134	20,784	20,795	20,644	20,470	20,429
Euro area	18,638	17,451	16,639	16,384	16,157	16,181	16,069	15,913	15,898
Australia	744	760	735	726	717	715	710	708	725
Austria	245	252	266	271	276	278	272	261	258
Belgium	423	422	404	409	388	389	378	375	376
Canada	1,322	1,331	1,395	1,352	1,356	1,361	1,363	1,365	1,327
Chile	540	532	542	571	570	570	556	567	
Czech Republic	324	268	224	216	212	208	207	202	201
Denmark	190	181	178	186	194	192	199	198	197
Estonia	50	42	43	46	51	53	50	51	
Finland	232	252	245	240	235	234	234	234	235
France	3,032	3,054	3,013	2,928	2,970	3,019	2,912	2,849	2,807
Germany	2,090	1,950	1,843	1,818	1,797	1,797	1,787	1,775	1,762
Greece	1,274	1,197	1,151	1,131	1,118	1,121	1,111		
Hungary	344	308	265	238	227	229	221	211	
Iceland	9	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Ireland	243	204	182	182	172	173	167	164	161
Israel	223	202	202	188	186	181	194	179	180
Italy	3,230	3,033	2,964	2,984	2,999	2,969	3,053	3,033	3,089
Japan	2,359	2,218	2,130	2,103	2,043	2,100	2,020	1,970	2,050
Korea	937	976	1,030	999	1,040	1,050	1,094	1,021	974
Latvia	108	98	99	95	96	96	95	94	94
Luxembourg	16	18	18	17	17	17	17	17	17
Mexico	2,511	2,306	2,204	2,122	2,047	2,020	2,087	1,934	1,972
Netherlands	660	614	576	561	524	521	510	502	499
New Zealand	131	134	132	131	128				
Norway	96	121	131	131	137	137	136	133	
Poland	1,567	1,304	1,124	1,089	1,064	1,065	1,055	1,045	1,028
Portugal	729	648	616	576	558	559	557	545	534
Slovak Republic	359	314	282	274	263	263	259	252	247
Slovenia	98	90	82	80	77	77	76	75	74
Spain	5,611	5,056	4,665	4,588	4,437	4,436	4,414	4,392	4,393
Sweden	411	387	373	360	366	377	353	364	363
Switzerland	215	219	249	208	237				
Turkey <sup>(1)</sup>	2,860	3,054	3,041	3,144	3,458	3,486	3,504		
United Kingdom	1,996	1,747	1,653	1,606	1,581	1,565	1,574		
United States	9,616	8,296	7,884	7,720	7,835	7,853	7,904	7,740	7,409

Note:

(1) Following the changes introduced in the Labour Force Survey for Turkey, data from January 2014 onwards are not comparable with previous data.