

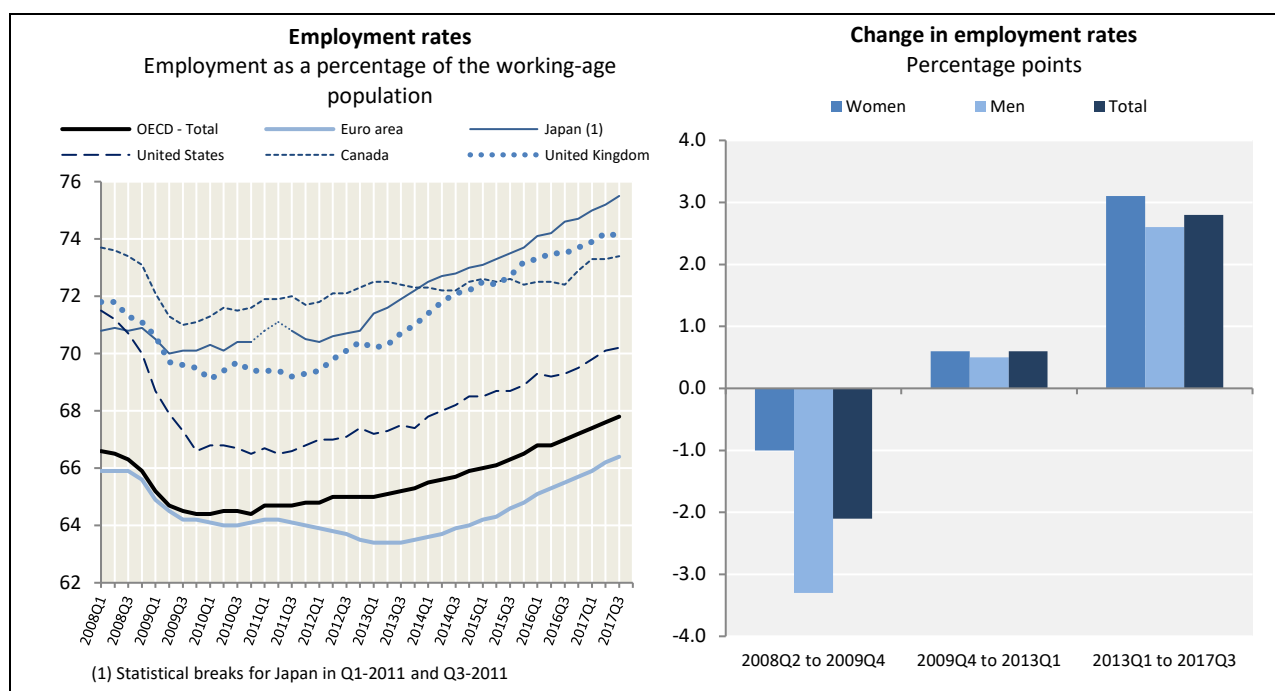
OECD employment rate increases to 67.8% in the third quarter of 2017

The **OECD area** employment rate – the share of working-age people in jobs – increased by 0.2 percentage point in the third quarter of 2017, to 67.8% and is now 3.4 percentage points above the trough observed in the fourth quarter of 2009. Across the **OECD area**, around 561 million people were employed in the third quarter of 2017.

Compared with the second quarter of 2017, the **euro area** employment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point (to 66.4%), with the highest gains observed in **Estonia** (up 1.2 percentage point, to 74.2%), **Latvia** (up 0.8 percentage point, to 70.5%), **Portugal** (up 0.8 percentage point, to 68.2%), **Luxembourg** (up 0.7 percentage point, to 66.9%), and **Slovenia** (up 0.7 percentage point, to 69.5%). By contrast, the employment rate fell, by 0.2 percentage point, in **Austria** (to 71.9%) and **France** (to 64.6%).

Outside the euro area, the largest increases were observed in **New Zealand** (up 0.8 percentage point, to 77.1%), **Turkey** (up 0.7 percentage point, to 51.8%) and the **Czech Republic** (up 0.6 percentage point, to 74.0%). The employment rate also increased in **Japan** (by 0.3 percentage point, to 75.5%) and by 0.1 percentage point in **Canada** (to 73.4%) and the **United States** (to 70.2%), while it decreased by 0.1 percentage point in **Mexico** (to 61.0%) and the **United Kingdom** (to 74.1%).

Gains in the employment rate for **women** (up 0.3 percentage point in the third quarter of 2017) exceeded those recorded for **men** (up 0.1 percentage point), narrowing the gap between the two to 15.3 percentage points. The gap is now 2.9 percentage points smaller than in the second quarter of 2008, reflecting a stronger decline in the employment rate of **men** during the crisis and a slightly faster recovery in the employment rate of **women** since then.



Methodological Notes: <http://www.oecd.org/std/labourstatistics/50273955.pdf>

All rates and levels quoted are seasonally adjusted (s.a.).

In this News Release, the second quarter of 2008 is considered as the quarter preceding the start of the global financial crisis.

Quarterly Labour Market Statistics: <http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=STLABOUR>

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Table 1: OECD employment rates and levels (15-64)

Employment as a percentage of corresponding working age population and levels, seasonally adjusted

	Employment rates											Levels Thousands Q3 - 2017
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2008	2016			2017			
					Q2	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	
OECD - Total	65.1	65.7	66.2	66.9	66.5	66.8	67.0	67.2	67.4	67.6	67.8 ⁽³⁾	561,005 ⁽³⁾
Major Seven	68.0	68.7	69.1	69.9	69.6	69.7	69.9	70.1	70.3	70.5	70.7	339,812
European Union	64.1	64.8	65.6	66.6	65.8	66.5	66.7	66.9	67.2	67.6	67.7 ⁽⁴⁾	222,227 ⁽⁴⁾
Euro area	63.5	63.8	64.5	65.4	65.9	65.3	65.5	65.7	65.9	66.2	66.4 ⁽⁴⁾	145,259 ⁽⁴⁾
Australia	72.0	71.6	72.2	72.4	73.3	72.4	72.4	72.3	72.4	72.8	73.2	11,814
Austria	71.4	71.1	71.1	71.6	71.0	71.4	71.7	71.8	71.9	72.1	71.9	4,178
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	61.8	61.9	61.8	62.3	62.2	62.0	62.1	63.3	62.4 ^(b)	62.9	63.3	4,598
Canada	72.4	72.3	72.5	72.6	73.6	72.5	72.4	72.9	73.3	73.3	73.4	17,626
Chile	62.3	62.2	62.4	62.2	57.2	62.2	62.3	62.3	62.4	62.6	62.9	7,662
Czech Republic	67.7	69.0	70.2	72.0	66.6	71.8	72.1	72.7	73.1	73.4	74.0	5,118
Denmark ⁽¹⁾	72.6	72.8	73.5	74.9	78.1	75.2	74.7	74.5	74.0	74.0	74.3	2,742
Estonia	68.5	69.6	71.9	72.1	70.0	73.0	72.3	72.0	73.7	73.0	74.2	628
Finland	68.9	68.7	68.6	69.1	71.2	69.0	69.2	69.3	69.3	69.6	69.8	2,395
France ⁽¹⁾	64.1	63.8	63.8	64.2	64.9	64.1	64.2	64.2	64.4	64.8	64.6	26,466
Germany	73.5	73.8	74.0	74.7	69.8	74.3	74.9	75.0	74.9	75.1	75.4	40,683
Greece	48.8	49.4	50.8	52.0	61.5	52.0	52.3	52.1	52.8	53.6	53.9	3,706
Hungary	58.1	61.8	64.0	66.5	56.2	66.4	66.7	67.4	67.6	68.0	68.4	4,378
Iceland	81.1	83.0	84.7	86.5	84.4	86.4	86.8	87.1	86.9	86.8	84.9	181
Ireland ⁽²⁾	60.5	61.7	63.3	64.8	67.9	64.8	65.1	65.5	65.8	65.9		
Israel	67.1	67.9	68.3	68.6	59.9	68.7	68.7	68.8	69.0	69.0	69.2	3,634
Italy	55.5	55.7	56.3	57.3	58.8	57.4	57.3	57.4	57.7	57.8	58.1	22,488
Japan	71.8	72.8	73.4	74.4	70.9	74.2	74.6	74.7	75.0	75.2	75.5	57,360
Korea	64.4	65.3	65.7	66.1	63.9	65.9	66.2	66.3	66.5	66.6	66.6	24,343
Latvia	65.1	66.3	68.1	68.7	69.1	68.8	68.6	68.9	69.1	69.7	70.5	863
Luxembourg ⁽¹⁾	65.7	66.6	66.2	65.6	64.0	65.4	65.2	66.1	66.1	66.2	66.9	273
Mexico	60.8	60.4	60.7	61.0	61.2	60.9	61.4	61.0	61.4	61.1	61.0	49,619
Netherlands	73.6	73.1	74.2	74.8	77.1	74.8	75.0	75.2	75.4	75.7	76.0	8,391
New Zealand	72.8	74.2	74.3	75.6	74.9	75.6	75.8	76.3	76.7	76.3	77.1	2,416
Norway	75.4	75.2	74.8	74.3	78.1	74.2	74.3	74.0	74.0	74.0	73.9	2,551
Poland	60.0	61.7	62.9	64.5	59.0	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.0	66.3	16,101
Portugal	60.6	62.6	63.9	65.3	68.3	64.9	65.6	66.0	66.7	67.4	68.2	4,526
Slovak Republic	59.9	61.0	62.7	64.9	61.8	64.8	65.0	65.4	65.8	66.0	66.4	2,507
Slovenia	63.3	63.9	65.2	65.9	68.1	65.9	65.5	66.8	68.2	68.8	69.5	948
Spain	54.8	56.0	57.8	59.6	65.1	59.3	59.7	60.1	60.4	61.0	61.4	18,743
Sweden	74.4	74.9	75.5	76.2	74.4	76.3	76.2	76.3	76.8	76.8	76.9	4,837
Switzerland	78.4	78.8	79.2	79.6	79.5	79.4	79.4	80.2	79.3	79.8	79.9	4,460
Turkey ⁽¹⁾	49.5	49.5	50.2	50.7	45.1	50.8	50.3	50.5	50.9	51.1	51.8	27,586
United Kingdom	70.5	71.9	72.7	73.5	71.8	73.5	73.5	73.7	73.9	74.2	74.1	30,777
United States	67.4	68.1	68.7	69.4	71.2	69.2	69.3	69.5	69.8	70.1	70.2	144,412

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Table 2: OECD employment rates (15-64) by gender

Employment as a percentage of corresponding working age population, seasonally adjusted

	Women						Men					
	2016	2016		2017			2016	2016		2017		
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
OECD - Total	59.3	59.4	59.5	59.8	59.9	60.2 ⁽³⁾	74.7	74.7	74.9	75.1	75.4	75.5 ⁽³⁾
Major Seven	64.2	64.3	64.5	64.8	65.0	65.3	75.5	75.5	75.7	75.9	76.1	76.1
European Union	61.3	61.5	61.7	62.0	62.3	62.5 ⁽⁴⁾	71.9	71.9	72.1	72.5	72.8	72.9 ⁽⁴⁾
Euro area	60.3	60.5	60.6	60.8	61.1	61.3 ⁽⁴⁾	70.5	70.6	70.8	71.1	71.4	71.6 ⁽⁴⁾
Australia	67.4	67.3	67.3	67.4	67.8	68.4	77.5	77.5	77.4	77.4	77.8	78.1
Austria	67.7	67.8	67.9	68.0	68.1	68.0	75.4	75.6	75.6	75.8	76.1	75.9
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	58.1	57.7	59.5	57.7 ^(b)	58.5	59.0	66.4	66.5	67.0	67.0 ^(b)	67.2	67.5
Canada	69.7	69.6	70.0	70.3	70.5	70.6	75.4	75.2	75.9	76.2	76.2	76.2
Chile	52.0	52.0	52.3	52.2	52.6	53.2	72.4	72.5	72.2	72.5	72.5	72.4
Czech Republic	64.4	64.5	65.3	65.5	65.9	66.7	79.3	79.5	79.9	80.4	80.7	81.1
Denmark ⁽¹⁾	72.0	71.5	71.5	71.5	71.1	71.8	77.7	77.9	77.4	76.4	76.9	76.8
Estonia	68.6	68.5	68.3	70.1	69.8	71.2	75.7	76.1	75.8	77.4	76.3	77.1
Finland	67.6	67.9	67.8	68.1	68.2	68.0	70.5	70.5	70.7	70.6	71.0	71.5
France	60.9	60.9	60.9	60.8	61.3	61.0	67.6	67.6	67.7	68.0	68.4	68.4
Germany	70.8	71.2	71.5	71.1	71.1	71.7	78.4	78.5	78.5	78.7	78.9	78.9
Greece	43.3	43.7	43.2	44.1	44.9	44.6	61.0	61.2	61.2	61.7	62.6	63.4
Hungary	60.2	60.5	61.1	60.9	61.2	61.4	73.0	73.1	73.9	74.4	75.0	75.5
Iceland	83.6	84.0	83.9	84.3	83.7	82.7	89.4	89.5	90.2	89.4	89.9	87.0
Ireland ⁽²⁾	59.5	59.8	59.9	60.3	60.5		70.2	70.5	71.1	71.4	71.3	
Israel	65.2	65.2	65.4	65.6	65.4	65.8	72.0	72.2	72.1	72.4	72.6	72.6
Italy	48.1	48.3	48.3	48.6	48.8	49.1	66.4	66.4	66.6	67.0	66.9	67.2
Japan	66.1	66.4	66.5	66.9	67.3	67.8	82.6	82.6	82.7	82.9	82.9	83.0
Korea	56.2	56.3	56.4	56.8	56.8	56.9	75.8	75.9	76.1	76.1	76.2	76.2
Latvia	67.6	67.4	68.3	67.5	68.2	68.7	70.0	69.9	69.5	70.8	71.3	72.6
Luxembourg	60.4	60.6	61.7	62.1	62.4	63.8	70.5	69.8	70.3	70.0	69.9	69.9
Mexico	45.1	45.4	44.8	45.3	44.8	44.6	78.6	78.9	78.8	79.1	79.0	78.9
Netherlands	70.1	70.4	70.5	70.8	71.2	71.6	79.6	79.6	79.8	80.1	80.2	80.5
New Zealand	70.6	70.7	71.3	71.6	71.5	72.3	80.7	81.1	81.4	82.0	81.2	82.1
Norway	72.8	72.8	72.5	72.3	72.3	72.3	75.7	75.6	75.4	75.6	75.6	75.4
Poland	58.1	58.3	58.7	59.0	59.5	59.6	71.0	71.0	71.6	72.3	72.6	73.1
Portugal	62.5	62.7	63.3	63.8	64.3	65.1	68.3	68.7	69.0	69.9	70.7	71.5
Slovak Republic	58.3	58.6	59.0	59.7	60.2	60.7	71.4	71.4	71.7	71.8	71.8	72.1
Slovenia	62.6	62.0	64.0	65.1	64.8	66.1	68.9	68.9	69.4	71.2	72.6	72.8
Spain	54.3	54.5	54.9	55.0	55.6	55.9	64.8	64.9	65.3	65.8	66.4	66.8
Sweden	74.8	74.7	75.0	75.4	75.3	75.4	77.5	77.6	77.6	78.1	78.2	78.3
Switzerland	75.4	74.8	75.8	75.3	74.8	75.0	83.7	83.8	84.5	83.1	84.6	84.7
Turkey	31.2	31.1	31.1	31.7	31.7	32.2	70.1	69.4	69.8	70.0	70.3	71.3
United Kingdom	68.8	68.9	69.2	69.5	69.7	69.8	78.3	78.1	78.2	78.4	78.7	78.4
United States	64.0	64.0	64.3	64.7	64.8	65.1	74.8	74.8	75.0	75.2	75.4	75.5

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Table 3: OECD employment rates by age

Employment as a percentage of corresponding working age population, seasonally adjusted

	Youth (15-24)				Prime-age workers (25-54)				Older workers (55-64)			
	2016	2017			2016	2017			2016	2017		
	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
OECD - Total	40.8	41.2	41.2	41.4 ⁽³⁾	77.1	77.5	77.7	77.8 ⁽³⁾	59.3	59.9	60.2	60.5 ⁽³⁾
Major Seven	44.1	44.8	44.8	44.9	79.6	79.8	80.1	80.2	62.5	63.0	63.4	63.6
European Union	33.8	34.2	34.4		78.8	79.3	79.6		55.3	56.3	57.0	
Euro area	31.3	31.7	31.9		77.5	77.8	78.1		55.4	56.3	57.0	
Australia	58.2	57.8	58.1	58.9	79.7	79.7	80.2	80.3	61.8	62.9	63.6	63.7
Austria	51.3	50.8	51.2	49.9	83.6	83.9	84.1	83.9	49.6	50.1	50.6	51.7
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	22.3	21.3 ^(b)	21.0	24.7	78.9	79.3 ^(b)	79.7	78.9	45.5	46.4 ^(b)	47.7	49.1
Canada	55.1	55.9	56.5	56.4	81.2	82.2	82.3	82.3	61.7	61.9	61.6	62.2
Chile	29.1	28.7	28.6	28.1	74.9	74.5	75.0	75.0	63.8	64.3	64.2	66.0
Czech Republic	28.7	29.3	28.9	29.4	85.7	86.2	86.5	87.0	58.8	61.1	61.6	62.4
Denmark ⁽¹⁾	57.8	56.5	56.0	55.9	82.2	81.5	81.2	82.0	68.6	67.5	69.5	69.8
Estonia	39.2	39.1	38.5	39.8	81.7	83.2	83.2	84.5	67.7	67.1	67.9	67.5
Finland	41.6	41.9	41.4	42.8	79.9	80.2	80.4	80.2	62.0	62.0	62.3	62.0
France	27.3	28.3	28.4	28.6	79.7	79.5	80.2	79.8	49.9	50.7	51.3	51.0
Germany	46.2	46.0	46.4	46.6	84.0	84.1	84.2	84.2	68.7	69.5	70.1	70.3
Greece	13.6	14.0	14.4	14.4	66.3	66.4	67.6	68.1	36.8	37.6	38.0	38.5
Hungary	28.4	29.2	29.3	28.6	82.3	83.2	83.6	83.9	50.1	50.7	51.1	52.0
Iceland	78.9	77.6	79.8	72.6	90.0	90.1	90.1	90.0	85.9	84.3	82.9	83.7
Ireland ⁽²⁾	32.5	32.3	32.3		75.5	76.7	76.5		57.0	58.1	58.9	
Israel					79.5	79.7	79.7	79.6	66.1	66.3	65.8	66.6
Italy	16.5	17.1	16.8	17.0	68.9	69.2	69.4	69.5	50.4	51.4	51.9	52.3
Japan	42.2	42.5	42.5	42.7	83.7	83.8	84.0	84.3	71.8	72.7	73.1	73.8
Korea	27.2	27.2	27.7	27.4	76.2	76.3	76.2	76.3	66.4	67.3	67.3	67.3
Latvia	32.3	31.7	35.0	34.5	79.7	80.8	80.2	81.2	60.5	60.2	61.9	62.7
Luxembourg	25.3	26.6	24.1	28.0	82.0	83.2	83.9	83.7	38.9	39.9	38.6	40.0
Mexico	41.7	41.0	40.9	40.5	71.2	71.5	71.2	71.2	55.3	55.3	55.4	54.8
Netherlands	60.9	61.5	61.8	62.6	83.0	83.4	83.4	83.6	63.8	64.6	65.5	66.1
New Zealand	54.2	55.7	54.1	55.4	83.4	83.8	83.8	84.4	76.1	78.2	77.7	78.3
Norway	48.4	47.7	47.9	47.9	82.8	82.4	82.5	82.6	72.6	72.2	72.0	71.9
Poland	28.1	29.5	29.4	29.6	80.5	81.1	81.4	81.4	46.2	47.8	48.7	48.8
Portugal	23.9	25.3	25.6	25.7	80.5	81.5	82.2	83.0	52.9	54.1	55.9	56.9
Slovak Republic	25.8	27.1	27.1	26.4	80.0	80.0	79.8	80.3	49.4	51.9	52.6	53.2
Slovenia	27.9	34.3	35.2	35.2	83.7	85.0	85.8	86.3	37.4	40.9	42.8	42.6
Spain	18.4	19.5	20.2	21.0	71.7	72.5	73.0	73.4	49.6	49.7	50.4	50.9
Sweden	43.6	44.7	44.5	44.9	86.0	86.4	86.3	86.4	76.0	76.1	76.6	76.6
Switzerland	61.4	63.0	62.0	63.5	86.1	85.8	86.4	86.1	71.9	70.9	72.3	72.4
Turkey	33.6	33.7	33.9	34.5	59.8	60.5	60.9	61.4	33.0	34.2	33.1	34.6
United Kingdom	50.5	51.2	50.9	50.0	83.1	83.3	83.8	83.9	63.4	64.0	64.1	63.9
United States	49.3	50.2	50.3	50.5	77.9	78.3	78.5	78.7	61.9	62.1	62.5	62.6

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Table 4: OECD labour force participation rates (15-64)

Labour force as a percentage of corresponding working age population, seasonally adjusted

	Participation rate										
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2008	2016			2017		
					Q2	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
OECD - Total	70.9	71.0	71.2	71.6	70.6	71.5	71.7	71.7	71.9	71.9	72.0 ⁽³⁾
Major Seven	73.3	73.5	73.5	74.0	73.9	73.9	74.0	74.1	74.3	74.3	74.5
European Union	72.0	72.3	72.5	72.9	70.7	72.9	73.0	73.0	73.2	73.3	
Euro area	72.2	72.3	72.4	72.8	71.2	72.8	72.9	72.9	72.9	72.9	
Australia	76.4	76.3	76.9	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8	76.8	77.0	77.3	77.6
Austria	75.5	75.4	75.5	76.2	73.8	76.2	76.5	76.3	76.3	76.3	76.2
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	67.6	67.7	67.6	67.6	66.7	67.6	67.3	68.2	67.6 ^(b)	67.9	68.1
Canada	78.0	77.8	78.0	78.1	78.4	78.0	77.9	78.3	78.6	78.5	78.3
Chile	66.4	66.6	66.8	66.8	62.3	66.8	66.9	66.9	67.1	67.3	67.5
Czech Republic	72.9	73.5	74.1	75.0	69.7	74.8	75.1	75.5	75.6	75.8	76.2
Denmark ⁽¹⁾	78.1	78.1	78.5	80.0	80.7	80.3	79.9	79.7	78.8	78.6	79.1
Estonia	75.1	75.3	76.7	77.5	73.1	78.3	78.6	77.3	78.1	78.6	78.6
Finland	75.2	75.4	75.8	75.9	76.2	75.8	75.9	76.0	76.2	76.5	76.6
France ⁽¹⁾	71.1	71.2	71.3	71.4	69.8	71.3	71.4	71.4	71.2	71.6	71.6
Germany	77.7	77.7	77.6	77.9	75.8	77.7	78.2	78.1	78.0	78.1	78.3
Greece	67.5	67.4	67.8	68.2	66.6	68.3	68.5	68.0	68.2	68.6	68.3
Hungary	64.7	67.0	68.7	70.1	61.0	70.0	70.3	70.7	70.7	71.1	71.3
Iceland	85.8	87.4	88.4	89.4	86.5	89.1	89.6	89.7	89.6	89.4	87.2
Ireland ⁽²⁾	69.8	69.8	70.0	70.6	72.1	70.8	70.7	70.6	70.7	70.4	
Israel	71.6	72.2	72.2	72.1	63.8	72.2	72.2	72.1	72.2	72.2	72.1
Italy	63.4	64.0	64.1	65.0	63.2	65.2	65.1	65.1	65.4	65.3	65.8
Japan	74.9	75.6	76.1	77.0	74.0	76.8	77.0	77.2	77.3	77.5	77.8
Korea	66.6	67.8	68.3	68.7	66.1	68.5	68.8	68.9	69.1	69.3	69.3
Latvia	74.0	74.6	75.8	76.3	74.2	76.3	76.1	76.2	76.4	76.6	77.3
Luxembourg ⁽¹⁾	69.9	70.8	70.9	70.0	67.6	69.9	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.1	70.8
Mexico	64.1	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.5	63.9	63.4	63.7	63.4	63.2
Netherlands	79.4	79.0	79.6	79.7	79.4	79.8	79.7	79.6	79.7	79.7	79.8
New Zealand	77.5	78.6	78.7	79.8	78.0	79.8	79.9	80.7	80.9	80.3	81.1
Norway	78.2	78.0	78.2	78.1	80.1	77.9	78.1	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.1
Poland	67.0	67.9	68.1	68.8	63.7	68.7	68.9	69.1	69.4	69.6	69.7
Portugal	73.1	73.3	73.4	73.7	74.2	73.5	74.0	73.9	74.2	74.4	74.9
Slovak Republic	69.9	70.3	70.9	71.9	68.8	71.9	72.0	71.9	72.1	72.1	72.2
Slovenia	70.5	70.9	71.8	71.7	71.3	71.8	71.2	72.5	73.6	73.8	74.6
Spain	74.3	74.2	74.3	74.2	72.7	74.3	74.2	74.0	73.9	73.9	73.8
Sweden	81.1	81.5	81.8	82.1	79.4	82.1	82.0	82.1	82.4	82.5	82.7
Switzerland	82.4	82.9	83.3	83.9	82.3	83.4	83.8	84.2	83.8	83.6	84.2
Turkey ⁽¹⁾	54.4	55.1	56.0	57.0	49.7	56.8	56.9	57.4	57.7	57.6	58.1
United Kingdom	76.4	76.7	76.9	77.3	75.8	77.4	77.3	77.4	77.5	77.7	77.4
United States	72.8	72.7	72.6	73.0	75.3	72.8	73.0	73.0	73.2	73.3	73.4

(1) Breaks in the Labour Force Survey for Belgium in Q1 2017; for Denmark in Q1 2016; for France in Q1-2014; for Luxembourg in Q1 2015; and for Turkey in Q1 2014. Some of these breaks also affect, to some extent, aggregates for the European Union, euro area, Major 7 and OECD-Total.

(2) Due to a methodological change in the Labour Force Survey, Q3 2017 data for Ireland were not yet available for this news release.

(3) Q3 2017 data for the OECD - Total are based on the assumption that the employment in Ireland is unchanged from the previous (Q2) quarter.