

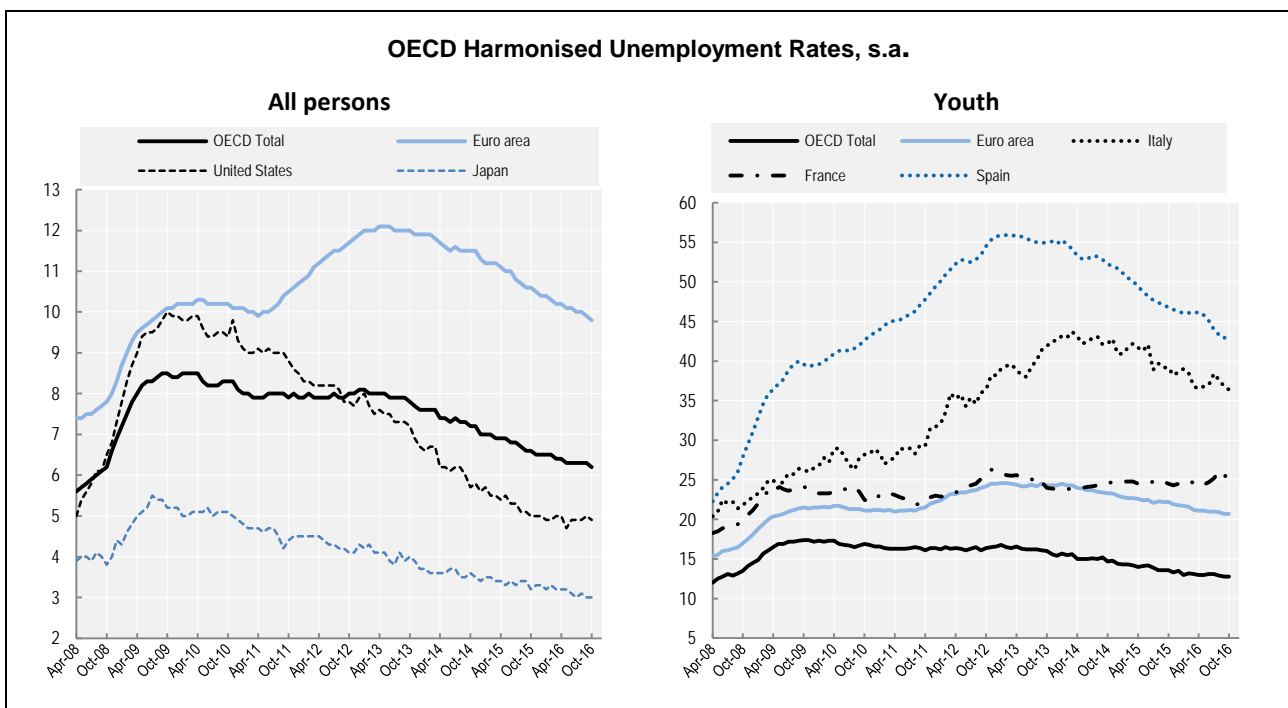
## OECD unemployment rate down to 6.2% in October 2016

The **OECD** unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 6.2% in October 2016, 1.9 percentage points below the January 2013 peak. Across the **OECD** area, 38.8 million people were unemployed, 10.2 million less than in January 2013, but still 6.2 million more than in April 2008, before the crisis.

In October 2016, the **euro area** unemployment rate declined by 0.1 percentage point, to 9.8%, 2.3 percentage points below the peak recorded in April 2013. Within the euro area, the unemployment rate declined most, by 0.2 percentage point, in **Austria** (to 5.9%), **France** (to 9.7%), **Ireland** (to 7.5%), **Latvia** (to 9.5%) and the **Slovak Republic** (to 9.1%).

Beyond the euro area, the unemployment rate in October 2016 remained stable in **Canada** (at 7.0%) and **Japan** (at 3.0%) while it decreased in **Mexico** (by 0.3 percentage point, to 3.6%) and in the **United States** (by 0.1 percentage point, to 4.9%). More recent data show that in November 2016 the unemployment rate declined further in the **United States** (by 0.3 percentage point, to 4.6%), while it also declined in **Canada** (by 0.2 percentage point, to 6.8%).

The **OECD** unemployment rate for **youth** (people aged 15 to 24) remained stable at 12.8% in October. It also remained stable in the **euro area** (at 20.7%), with diverging developments across countries. While the **youth** unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point in **Italy** (to 36.4%), it increased by 0.7 percentage point in **Spain** (to 43.6%, following five consecutive months of decline), and by 0.4 percentage point in **France** (to 25.8%).



**Methodological Notes:** <http://www.oecd.org/std/labourstatistics/44743407.pdf>

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

**New Labour Market Statistics:** <http://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?queryid=36324>

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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	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
OECD - Total	7.9	7.4	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2
Major Seven	7.1	6.4	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4
European Union	10.9	10.2	9.4	9.0	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3
Euro area	12.0	11.6	10.9	10.5	10.3	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.8
Australia	5.7	6.1	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6
Austria	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.9
Belgium	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.0	7.9
Canada <sup>(1)</sup>	7.1	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0
Chile	5.9	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.4	
Czech Republic	7.0	6.1	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.8
Denmark	7.0	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.5
Estonia	8.6	7.4	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.7	7.3	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.6	7.2	
Finland	8.2	8.7	9.4	9.4	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.6
France	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.2	10.2	9.9	10.1	9.9	9.9	10.1	10.2	9.9	9.7
Germany	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
Greece	27.5	26.6	25.0	24.4	24.0	23.5		23.6	23.4	23.3	23.4		
Hungary	10.1	7.7	6.8	6.3	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9	
Iceland	5.4	5.0	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Ireland	13.1	11.3	9.5	9.1	8.4	8.4	7.9	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.5
Israel	6.2	5.9	5.2	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	5.0	4.5
Italy	12.1	12.7	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.7	11.6
Japan	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0
Korea	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7
Latvia	11.9	10.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.5
Luxembourg	5.9	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2
Mexico	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6
Netherlands	7.2	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.3	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.7	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	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.8	
Poland	10.3	9.0	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.3	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7
Portugal	16.5	14.1	12.7	12.3	12.0	11.3	10.9	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8
Slovak Republic	14.2	13.2	11.5	10.9	10.2	9.9	9.5	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.1
Slovenia	10.1	9.7	9.0	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.6
Spain	26.1	24.5	22.1	20.9	20.4	20.1	19.4	20.1	19.9	19.5	19.4	19.3	19.2
Sweden	8.0	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.8	7.0	7.1	6.6	7.0	7.2	6.7	6.9
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	10.3	10.1	10.4		10.3	10.8	11.1	11.4		
United Kingdom	7.6	6.1	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.9		4.9	4.8	4.8	4.7		
United States <sup>(3)</sup>	7.4	6.2	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9

Notes:

(1) Canada: Unemployment rate for November 2016 was 6.8%.

(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 November 2016 was 4.6%.

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

	Women						Men					
	2015	2016		2016			2015	2016		2016		
		Q2	Q3	Aug	Sep	Oct		Q2	Q3	Aug	Sep	Oct
OECD - Total	6.9	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.7	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
Major Seven	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.2	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5
European Union	9.5	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6	9.3	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2
Euro area	11.0	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.1	10.7	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5
Australia	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.6	6.1	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.5
Austria	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.2
Belgium	7.8	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.0	7.8	9.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0
Canada	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Chile	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0		5.8	6.3	6.1	6.1	5.9	
Czech Republic	6.1	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.6	4.3	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2
Denmark	6.4	6.5	7.1	7.0	7.4	7.3	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.9
Estonia	6.1	5.7	6.9	7.4	6.8		6.3	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.5	
Finland	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	9.9	9.1	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
France	9.9	9.6	10.1	10.3	10.0	9.8	10.8	10.2	10.0	10.1	9.8	9.6
Germany	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Greece	28.9	28.1		28.0			21.8	19.8		19.7		
Hungary	7.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0		6.7	5.3	5.0	5.1	4.8	
Iceland	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8
Ireland	7.7	6.9	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.2	10.9	9.6	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.6
Israel	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.8	5.2	4.8	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.3
Italy	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.8	12.4	11.3	10.7	10.8	10.7	11.0	11.0
Japan	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2
Korea	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.7
Latvia	8.6	8.7	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.9	11.1	10.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.2
Luxembourg	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8
Mexico	4.5	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.6	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6
Netherlands	7.3	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.6	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.1
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	5.5	5.5	
Poland	7.7	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	7.3	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.7
Portugal	12.9	11.4	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	12.4	11.2	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.7
Slovak Republic	12.9	11.3	10.9	10.9	10.7	10.5	10.3	8.7	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.9
Slovenia	10.1	8.8	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0
Spain	23.6	21.9	21.1	21.1	21.0	20.8	20.8	18.5	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.7
Sweden	7.2	6.5	6.7	7.1	6.1	6.4	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3
Switzerland	4.6	4.7	5.2				4.5	3.9	4.5			
Turkey <sup>(1)</sup>	12.7	12.6		14.3			9.2	9.4		10.1		
United Kingdom	5.1	4.8		4.7			5.5	5.0		4.8		
United States	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1

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	Aug	Sep	Oct		Q2	Q3	Aug	Sep	Oct
OECD - Total	13.9	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4
Major Seven	12.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.7	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6
European Union	20.3	18.8	18.6	18.6	18.4	18.4	8.3	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3
Euro area	22.4	21.1	20.9	20.9	20.7	20.7	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8
Australia	13.1	12.6	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.5	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Austria	10.6	11.0	11.5	11.6	11.4	11.1	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.2
Belgium	22.1	20.9	21.2	21.2	21.2		7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.9
Canada	13.2	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.0	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0
Chile	15.5	16.5	15.8	15.8	14.4		5.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	
Czech Republic	12.6	10.8	10.8	11.1	10.1	10.7	4.5	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.4
Denmark	10.9	11.6	12.3	12.0	12.4	12.2	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.4
Estonia	13.4	13.4	14.5	14.7	13.4		5.6	6.0	6.6	6.9	6.6	
Finland	22.0	20.9	20.3	20.3	20.1	20.1	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0
France	24.7	24.4	25.6	26.1	25.4	25.8	8.9	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.3	8.0
Germany	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
Greece	49.8	48.6		46.5			23.4	22.1		22.0		
Hungary	17.2	13.4	12.6	12.6	12.5		6.0	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	
Iceland	8.8	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0	5.9	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Ireland	20.9	17.6	17.3	17.6	16.7	16.4	8.4	7.4	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.6
Israel	9.2	8.3	10.2	10.8	8.6	9.2	4.5	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.0
Italy	40.4	36.8	37.6	37.6	36.8	36.4	10.0	9.9				
Japan	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8
Korea	10.5	11.0	11.2	11.4	12.0	11.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.2
Latvia	16.3	18.7	18.0	17.7	17.5	17.5	9.3	8.8	9.1	9.2	9.0	8.9
Luxembourg	16.7	17.9	17.6	17.5	17.9	17.7	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
Mexico	8.7	7.9	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.1	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.9
Netherlands	11.3	11.0	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.5	6.1	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7
New Zealand	13.7	12.6	13.1				3.8	3.6	3.3			
Norway	9.9	11.2	10.6	10.7	10.3		3.5	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Poland	20.8	17.5	16.1	16.0	15.8	15.6	6.4	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8
Portugal	32.0	28.1	27.5	26.7	28.6	28.9	11.2	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.5	9.4
Slovak Republic	26.4	21.8	19.6	19.5	19.1	18.8	10.2	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.4
Slovenia	16.4	14.7	13.5	13.5	13.5		8.4	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.2
Spain	48.4	45.7	43.4	43.3	42.9	43.6	20.2	18.3	17.7	17.7	17.6	17.4
Sweden	20.2	18.5	19.0	19.5	17.3	18.3	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.3
Switzerland	8.6	6.8	11.0				4.0	3.9	3.9			
Turkey <sup>(1)</sup>	18.6	18.8		19.8			8.6	8.8		9.8		
United Kingdom	14.6	13.3		12.9			3.9	3.5		3.5		
United States	11.6	10.6	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.4	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0

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	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
OECD - Total	44,793	41,597	39,923	39,280	39,376	39,230	39,461	39,428	38,789
Major Seven	23,646	21,630	20,860	20,496	20,593	20,487	20,661	20,630	20,316
European Union	24,809	22,884	21,564	21,116	20,785	20,921	20,797	20,638	20,448
Euro area	18,638	17,451	16,640	16,372	16,172	16,229	16,200	16,086	15,908
Australia	744	760	736	726	716	725	717	707	705
Austria	245	252	267	271	277	280	280	272	266
Belgium	423	422	405	409	408	412	411	401	396
Canada	1,322	1,331	1,395	1,352	1,356	1,345	1,361	1,363	1,365
Chile	540	532	542	572	569	573	569	554	
Czech Republic	324	268	224	217	211	222	200	210	205
Denmark	190	181	178	186	194	191	192	199	198
Estonia	50	42	43	46	51	49	53	50	
Finland	232	252	245	240	234	236	234	233	232
France	3,032	3,054	3,013	2,925	2,970	2,976	3,016	2,918	2,855
Germany	2,090	1,950	1,843	1,820	1,806	1,815	1,807	1,796	1,782
Greece	1,274	1,197	1,151	1,131		1,125	1,126		
Hungary	344	308	262	239	229	232	231	224	
Iceland	9	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Ireland	243	204	181	182	172	176	173	168	164
Israel	223	202	202	187	187	184	181	196	179
Italy	3,230	3,033	2,968	2,977	2,983	2,964	2,960	3,026	2,989
Japan	2,359	2,218	2,130	2,103	2,043	2,010	2,100	2,020	1,970
Korea	937	976	1,030	999	1,040	975	1,050	1,094	1,021
Latvia	108	98	99	95	96	97	96	95	94
Luxembourg	16	18	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Mexico	2,511	2,306	2,204	2,123	2,049	2,036	2,022	2,089	1,935
Netherlands	660	614	576	561	524	541	521	510	502
New Zealand	131	134	132	131	128				
Norway	96	121	131	131	136	138	136	135	
Poland	1,567	1,304	1,123	1,080	1,016	1,036	1,016	996	981
Portugal	729	648	615	576	559	559	560	558	554
Slovak Republic	359	314	281	273	261	264	261	257	251
Slovenia	98	90	82	80	77	78	77	76	75
Spain	5,611	5,056	4,665	4,588	4,437	4,465	4,435	4,412	4,381
Sweden	411	387	372	360	367	370	378	354	364
Switzerland	215	219	249	208	237				
Turkey <sup>(1)</sup>	2,860	3,054	3,044	3,154		3,391	3,493		
United Kingdom	1,996	1,747	1,654	1,606		1,607	1,568		
United States	9,616	8,296	7,857	7,713	7,853	7,770	7,849	7,939	7,787

Note:

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