

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Reference period: April 2023

OECD unemployment rate stable at 4.8% in April 2023 while youth unemployment hits record low

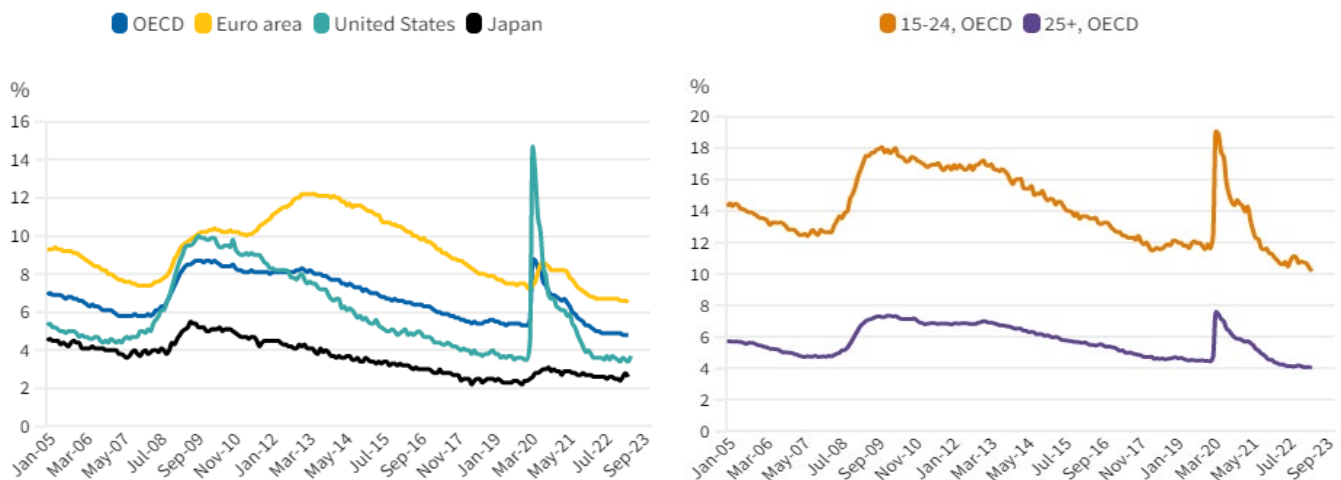
The OECD unemployment rate remained at 4.8% in April 2023 for the third consecutive month (Figure 1 and Table 1). The monthly unemployment rate was unchanged in April 2023 in 10 OECD countries, declined in 14 and rose in 9. The rate was at or close to its record low in eight countries, including Canada, France, Germany, and the United States (Figure 2 and Table 1). The number of unemployed persons in the OECD declined to 33 million, close to the record low reached in July 2022.

In April 2023, the OECD youth unemployment rate (workers aged 15-24) declined for the second month in a row to 10.2%, its lowest value since 2005. It declined in 17 OECD countries with the largest falls observed in Sweden, Norway, the Czech Republic, Portugal, and Italy. The unemployment rate for both women and men was broadly stable, at 5.0% and 4.6% respectively, as was the rate for workers aged 25 and above (Figure 1, Tables 3 and 4).

In the euro area, the unemployment rate decreased slightly, reaching a new record low of 6.5% in April 2023. The unemployment rate was stable or decreased in all euro area countries except Austria, Estonia, Finland, and Greece. However, unemployment rates remain well above their lowest levels in Greece, Lithuania, Luxembourg, and Spain.

Outside Europe, Israel, Japan, Korea and the United States recorded a drop in the unemployment rate. In contrast, it increased in Australia, Colombia, and Mexico, although from a relatively low level in Australia and Mexico (Figure 2 and Table 1). More recent data show that the unemployment rate in the United States increased to 3.7% in May, from 3.4% in April 2023.

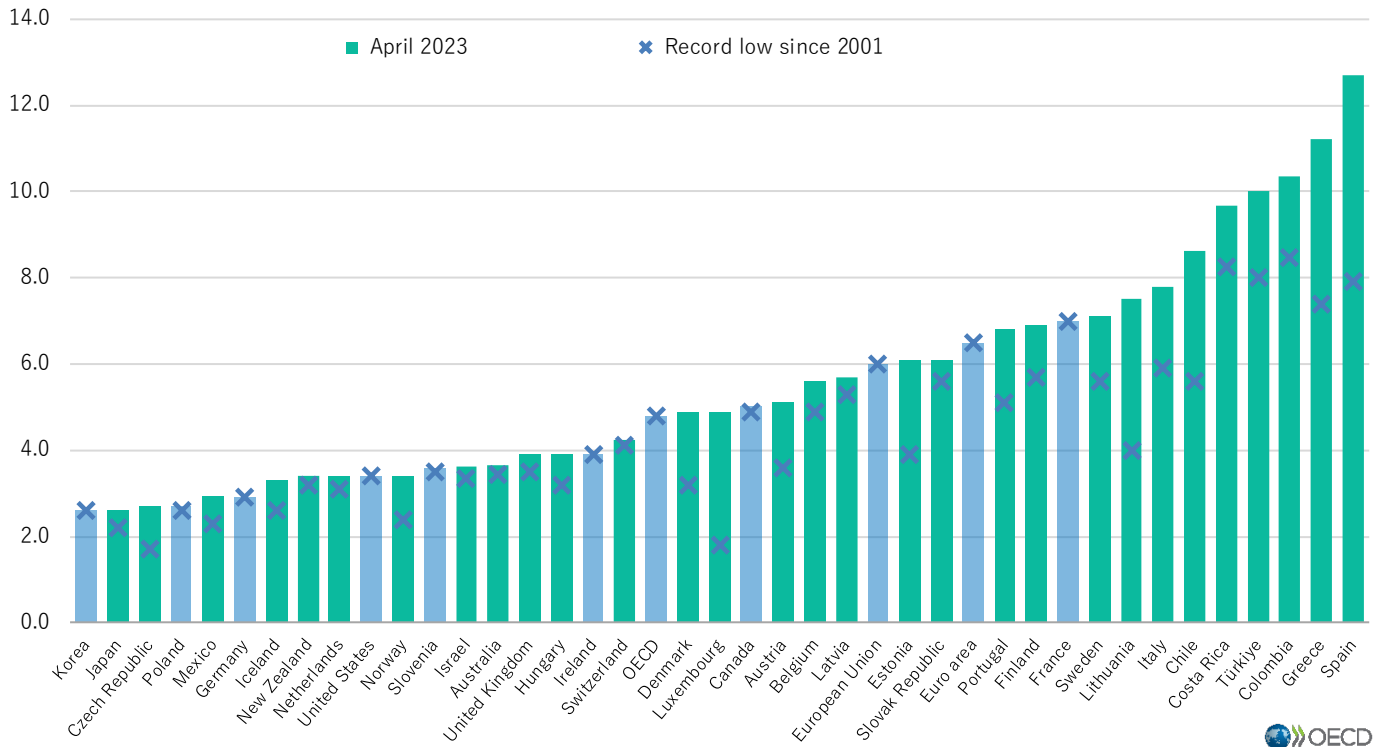
Figure 1 – Unemployment rates
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The fall in the OECD unemployment rate when compared with the April 2020 peak should be interpreted with caution, as it largely reflects the return of temporary laid-off workers in the United States and Canada, where they are recorded as unemployed, unlike in most other countries, including European member states, where they are recorded as employed.

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Figure 2 – Unemployment rate for OECD countries
 April 2023 compared with the lowest rate recorded since 2001, percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The April 2023 unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 percentage point of its record low in Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Korea, Poland, Slovenia, and the United States, as well as for the OECD, the European Union and the euro area (bars reported in blue).
 For Costa Rica, Chile, and Türkiye unemployment rate for March 2023 is reported; for the United Kingdom, February 2023; for Switzerland, fourth quarter 2022; for New Zealand, first quarter 2023.

Source: OECD Short-term Labour Market Statistics, <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?lang=en&QueryId=36324>

Table 1 – Unemployment rates (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted

	2021	2022	2022			2023	2020	2022			2023				Change from previous period	Record low since 2001	
			Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	since 2001			
OECD	6.2	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	→	4.8	Mar-23	
G7	5.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	→	3.9	Jan-23	
European Union	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.6	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0	→	6.0	Feb-23	
Euro area	7.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	7.3	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	↓	6.5	Apr-23	
Australia	5.1	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	5.1	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	↑	3.4	Oct-22	
Austria	6.2	4.8	4.4	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.6	5.5	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.5	5.1	↑	3.6	Jan-01	
Belgium	6.3	5.6	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.1	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	→	4.9	Apr-20	
Canada	7.5	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.7	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	→	4.9	Jun-22	
Chile	8.9	7.9	7.5	7.8	8.4	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.6	..	↓	5.6	Jul-13	
Colombia	13.8	11.2	10.7	10.9	11.1	10.7	11.2	11.0	11.3	11.4	10.5	10.1	10.4	↑	8.5	Nov-15	
Costa Rica	16.4	12.2	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.6	12.5	11.7	11.8	10.9	10.6	9.7	..	↓	8.3	Sep-10	
Czech Republic	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	1.8	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.7	↑	1.7	Feb-19	
Denmark	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.7	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.3	5.2	4.6	4.9	↑	3.2	Jan-08	
Estonia	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.9	6.1	↑	3.9	May-08	
Finland	7.7	6.8	6.4	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.3	7.1	6.6	6.6	6.9	↑	5.7	Apr-08	
France	7.9	7.3	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	→	7.0	May-20	
Germany	3.6	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	→	2.9	Mar-19	
Greece	14.8	12.5	12.6	12.4	11.8	10.9	16.2	11.8	11.8	10.6	11.1	11.1	11.2	↑	7.4	May-08	
Hungary	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	→	3.2	May-19	
Iceland	6.0	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.4	5.0	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	↓	2.6	Sep-07	
Ireland	6.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	↓	3.9	Mar-01	
Israel	5.0	3.8	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.3	4.0	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.6	↓	3.3	Feb-20	
Italy	9.6	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.0	9.5	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	↓	5.9	Apr-07	
Japan	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.6	↓	2.2	May-18	
Korea	3.7	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.6	↓	2.6	Aug-22	
Latvia	7.6	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.9	6.1	7.2	6.9	6.7	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.7	↓	5.3	Oct-07	
Lithuania	7.1	5.9	5.6	6.0	6.1	7.2	7.3	6.1	6.1	6.8	7.3	7.6	7.5	↓	4.0	Nov-07	
Luxembourg	5.4	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	→	1.8	May-01	
Mexico	4.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.9	↑	2.3	Aug-01	
Netherlands	4.2	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.4	↓	3.1	Apr-01	
New Zealand	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	→	3.2	Q4-21
Norway	4.5	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.4	↓	2.4	Sep-07	
Poland	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	→	2.6	Feb-23	
Portugal	6.6	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.4	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.8	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.8	↓	5.1	Jan-01	
Slovak Republic	6.8	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	→	5.6	Apr-19	
Slovenia	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.6	4.3	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	→	3.5	Dec-22	
Spain	14.8	12.9	12.7	12.7	13.0	12.8	13.6	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.7	↓	7.9	May-07	
Sweden	8.8	7.5	7.7	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.8	7.2	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.2	7.1	↓	5.6	Jun-02	
Switzerland	5.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	→	4.1	Q4-19
Türkiye	12.0	10.5	10.7	10.0	10.2	9.9	12.5	10.1	10.3	9.8	10.0	10.0	..	→	8.0	Jun-12	
United Kingdom	4.5	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	↑	3.5	Jul-22	
United States	5.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.4	↓	3.4	Jan-23	

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Change from previous period (x)				
↑	x >= 0.1	→	-0.1 < x < 0.1	↓
Change between March 2023 and April 2023 except for Chile, Costa Rica, and Türkiye where the change is reported between February and March 2023; for the United Kingdom, change between January and February 2023; for Switzerland, change between third quarter and fourth quarter 2022; for New Zealand, change between fourth quarter 2022 and first quarter 2023.				

Note: figures in bold in the columns "Record low since 2001" stress that the unemployment rate reached its lowest level in the most recent period for which data are available.

Source: OECD Short-term Labour Market Statistics, <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?lang=en&QueryId=36324>

Table 2 – Unemployment levels (aged 15 and over)*Thousands of persons, seasonally adjusted*

	2021	2022	2022		2023	2023			
			Q3	Q4		Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
OECD	40,993	33,933	33,291	33,613	33,240	33,237	33,237	33,166	33,042
G7	19,907	15,754	15,469	15,528	15,508	15,230	15,624	15,633	15,282
European Union	14,956	13,254	13,168	13,244	13,115	13,163	13,135	13,046	13,028
Euro area	12,758	11,292	11,242	11,262	11,186	11,249	11,189	11,121	11,088
Australia	700	522	497	496	515	525	509	510	528
Austria	284	221	235	233	227	241	232	207	241
Belgium	324	294	285	304	300	302	299	300	299
Canada	1,542	1,098	1,063	1,066	1,055	1,046	1,066	1,053	1,058
Chile	806	758	756	816	859	844	859	849	..
Colombia	3,263	2,781	2,724	2,727	2,674	2,849	2,612	2,559	2,674
Costa Rica	401	300	297	287	249	264	249	224	..
Czech Republic	150	126	123	125	133	130	129	139	144
Denmark	155	139	143	147	149	137	166	145	152
Estonia	43	40	41	39	40	38	38	44	45
Finland	212	190	203	192	191	201	186	185	197
France	2,365	2,234	2,207	2,194	2,165	2,178	2,164	2,154	2,150
Germany	1,536	1,343	1,346	1,344	1,315	1,323	1,314	1,307	1,302
Greece	678	588	588	559	511	494	515	523	528
Hungary	195	176	176	183	189	188	189	190	191
Iceland	13	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7
Ireland	158	120	114	119	113	116	113	110	108
Israel	206	163	157	180	177	190	173	168	163
Italy	2,371	2,028	2,009	1,990	2,014	2,026	2,015	2,001	1,986
Japan	1,946	1,793	1,783	1,740	1,807	1,670	1,800	1,950	1,800
Korea	1,037	833	806	834	789	842	743	782	759
Latvia	71	65	67	66	58	60	58	55	54
Lithuania	105	89	91	92	110	104	111	114	115
Luxembourg	18	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16
Mexico	2,372	1,940	1,911	1,837	1,679	1,752	1,628	1,658	1,786
Netherlands	408	350	371	360	358	360	356	357	343
New Zealand	110	97	97	100	102	...	...	...	...
Norway	129	95	96	96	110	106	114	111	103
Poland	580	498	505	504	464	466	459	466	470
Portugal	337	314	307	335	372	377	372	368	357
Slovak Republic	188	170	168	168	169	168	169	169	169
Slovenia	49	41	41	36	37	36	37	37	37
Spain	3,430	3,025	2,986	3,049	3,035	3,045	3,037	3,022	2,992
Sweden	488	419	395	420	417	412	430	409	401
Switzerland	252	212	205	211	..	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	3,927	3,592	3,416	3,545	3,483	3,436	3,504	3,508	..
United Kingdom	1,525	1,263	1,224	1,270	1,329	1,293	1,329
United States	8,623	5,996	5,836	5,925	5,823	5,694	5,936	5,839	5,657

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Table 3 – Unemployment rates by sex (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

	Women							Men						
	2021	2022	2022	2023	2023			2021	2022	2022	2023	2023		
			Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	Apr			Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	Apr
OECD	6.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	6.0	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
G7	5.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	5.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0
European Union	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.8
Euro area	8.1	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2
Australia	5.0	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	5.2	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.0
Austria	6.1	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.0	5.0	6.3	4.9	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.2
Belgium	5.9	5.3	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	6.6	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3
Canada	7.4	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.7	7.7	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3
Chile	9.2	8.5	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.1	..	8.6	7.4	7.8	8.6	8.6	8.3	..
Colombia	17.5	14.3	13.9	13.7	13.6	13.0	13.8	11.3	9.0	9.0	8.5	8.3	8.0	7.8
Costa Rica	22.0	16.4	16.1	14.1	14.1	13.5	..	12.7	9.4	8.7	8.4	8.4	7.3	..
Czech Republic	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.1
Denmark	5.2	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.7	5.1	4.4	5.0	5.0	5.8	4.7	5.1
Estonia	5.6	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.0	5.7	5.7	6.8	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.5	6.2	6.6
Finland	7.1	6.4	6.5	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.8	8.2	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.1
France	7.8	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	8.0	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Germany	3.2	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Greece	19.0	16.4	15.8	14.5	15.6	14.8	15.0	11.4	9.3	8.7	8.1	7.5	8.1	8.3
Hungary	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9
Iceland	6.5	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	5.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0
Ireland	6.2	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	6.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3
Israel	4.9	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.4	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.8
Italy	10.7	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.8	8.7	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1
Japan	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.7
Korea	3.8	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.6	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6
Latvia	6.6	5.6	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.4	8.5	8.2	8.7	7.1	7.1	6.5	6.1
Lithuania	6.6	5.5	5.5	7.2	7.4	7.8	7.5	7.6	6.3	6.7	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.5
Luxembourg	5.9	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8
Mexico	4.1	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.9	4.1	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.8	3.0
Netherlands	4.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1
New Zealand	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	...	...	...	3.7	3.1	3.3	3.2	...	...	...
Norway	4.2	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.5	4.7	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.4
Poland	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.4	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
Portugal	6.9	6.5	6.9	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	6.3	5.6	6.0	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.5
Slovak Republic	7.0	6.4	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.7	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2
Slovenia	5.4	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6
Spain	16.7	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.5	13.1	11.3	11.4	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.0
Sweden	9.1	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.8	7.3	7.2	8.5	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.0	7.0
Switzerland	5.3	4.6	4.5	..	...	...	...	4.9	4.1	4.0	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	14.7	13.5	13.5	13.4	12.8	13.8	..	10.7	9.0	8.5	8.2	8.6	8.1	..
United Kingdom	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.7	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.1
United States	5.2	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	5.5	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5

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Table 4 – Unemployment rates by age group
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

	Youth (15-24)							Prime-age and Older Workers (25+)						
	2021	2022	2022	2023	2023			2021	2022	2022	2023	2023		
			Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	Apr			Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	Apr
OECD	12.8	10.9	10.9	10.6	10.7	10.4	10.2	5.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
G7	10.6	9.0	9.1	8.8	9.1	8.6	8.0	4.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4
European Union	16.7	14.5	14.5	14.1	14.2	14.0	13.8	6.2	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2
Euro area	16.9	14.5	14.4	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.9	6.8	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Australia	11.3	8.2	7.6	7.9	8.0	7.8	8.6	4.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Austria	11.0	9.4	9.5	9.0	10.0	7.6	10.6	5.6	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.4
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	18.2	16.3	16.0	14.6	14.6	14.6	..	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9
Canada	13.6	10.1	10.3	9.5	9.9	9.2	9.6	6.6	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2
Chile	20.0	17.7	18.6	21.2	21.2	21.4	..	7.9	7.0	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.5	..
Colombia	25.6	21.9	21.4	20.5	19.6	20.1	21.3	11.7	9.4	9.3	9.0	9.0	8.4	8.4
Costa Rica	39.4	31.0	28.5	27.7	27.7	27.2	..	12.5	9.3	9.1	8.0	8.0	7.0	..
Czech Republic	8.2	7.6	8.4	8.0	7.5	9.6	7.9	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4
Denmark	10.8	10.5	11.7	10.3	10.5	9.1	10.7	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.3	3.8	3.9
Estonia	16.9	18.1	15.8	12.9	11.3	11.5	11.8	5.4	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.8	5.5	5.7
Finland	17.1	14.1	15.3	14.4	13.2	15.0	17.0	6.5	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.6
France	18.9	17.3	17.0	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.9	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8
Germany	7.0	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Greece	35.5	31.4	29.2	26.9	29.1	24.2	27.4	13.8	11.4	10.9	10.0	10.0	10.3	10.3
Hungary	13.1	10.8	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.5	11.2	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Iceland	12.3	8.5	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.3	5.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6
Ireland	14.8	10.0	10.2	9.6	9.7	8.9	7.9	5.1	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4
Israel ⁽²⁾	7.7	6.9	7.2	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.3	4.5	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.4	2.9	2.7
Italy	29.9	23.7	22.9	21.9	21.8	21.8	20.4	8.3	7.1	7.0	..	..	..	..
Japan	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.8	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.5
Korea	8.5	7.0	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	5.4	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5
Latvia	14.8	15.1	17.7	13.1	13.0	11.9	11.7	7.1	6.3	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.3
Lithuania	14.4	11.8	12.4	14.2	14.2	15.1	14.5	6.6	5.5	5.7	6.8	6.9	7.2	7.0
Luxembourg	18.3	17.4	18.3	18.7	18.7	18.6	18.5	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Mexico	8.1	6.5	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.9	3.4	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.4
Netherlands	9.4	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.9	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4
New Zealand	10.5	9.3	9.7	9.7	...	...	...	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	...	...	...
Norway	12.5	9.9	10.8	11.6	9.4	13.0	10.7	3.2	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.9	2.2	2.2
Poland	11.9	10.8	11.9	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.3	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
Portugal	23.1	19.1	18.7	19.8	18.9	19.8	18.3	5.5	5.1	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9
Slovak Republic	20.6	19.9	20.1	18.6	18.4	18.4	18.7	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Slovenia ⁽¹⁾	13.1	10.2	9.0	6.6	6.6	6.6	..	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4
Spain	35.0	29.7	29.9	29.6	29.7	29.5	28.4	13.4	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.5
Sweden	24.8	21.7	22.3	21.7	23.4	21.4	18.8	6.8	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.5
Switzerland	8.9	7.5	7.4	..	...	...	...	4.6	3.9	3.8	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	22.8	19.5	19.1	19.9	19.4	20.1	..	10.1	8.8	8.5	8.1	8.3	8.2	..
United Kingdom	12.3	10.5	11.3	11.3	11.3	3.4	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8
United States	9.7	8.1	8.2	7.9	8.1	7.5	6.5	4.7	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9

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Note:

(1) Belgium and Slovenia: For youth unemployment, quarterly data are shown for all the months in the quarter.

(2) Israel: Data shown in this table are not seasonally adjusted.

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Methodological information:

The OECD unemployment rate is calculated as the total number of unemployed people in all OECD countries as a percentage of the total labour force (i.e., the unemployed plus those in employment).

For countries for which unemployment data for the most recent month or quarter are not available, the latest available data are used to compile data for the OECD total.

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

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The entry into force in 2021 of the Integrated European Social Statistics (IESS) Framework Regulation resulted in a new methodology of the EU Labour Force Survey, [updating the definitions of the labour status](#). Information by country on the status of the implementation of IESS regulation as well as on possible resulting breaks in time series can be found in a Eurostat Statistics Explained [article](#).

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