

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Reference period: July 2023

OECD unemployment rate remains below 5.0% in July 2023 for the 13th consecutive month

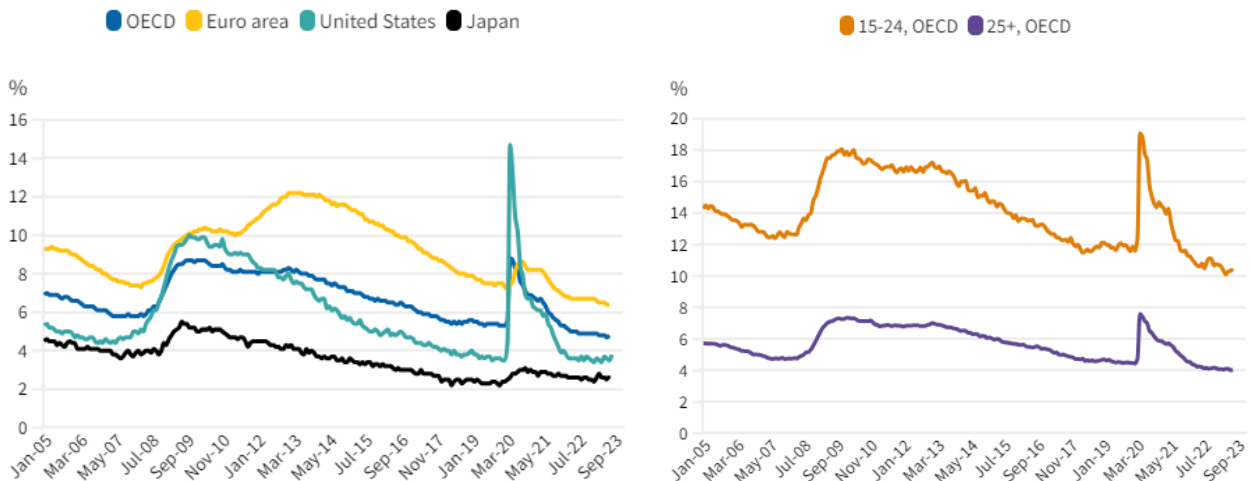
The OECD unemployment rate was broadly stable at 4.8% in July 2023, remaining below 5.0% for over a year (Figure 1 and Table 1). The unemployment rate rose in 15 OECD countries in July 2023, including Denmark, Lithuania, and Austria, was unchanged in 9 and declined in 9. Unemployment was at or close to its record low in only five countries in July, including Germany and the United States (Figure 2 and Table 1). The number of unemployed persons in the OECD increased to 32.9 million in July but remained close to its minimum reached in April 2023.

In July 2023, the OECD youth unemployment rate (workers aged 15-24) edged up to 10.5%, from 10.3% in June. It rose in 14 OECD countries, with the largest increases observed in Finland, Austria, Denmark, Israel, Mexico, and the United States. The unemployment rates for women and men, as well as for workers aged 25 and above were broadly stable (Figure 1, Tables 3 and 4).

In the European Union and the euro area, the unemployment rate remained at record lows of 5.9% and 6.4%, respectively. It was stable or increased in all euro area countries except Greece, Slovenia, Belgium, Ireland, and Spain. The unemployment rate remained well above its record low in Estonia, Greece, Luxembourg, and Spain.

Outside Europe, the unemployment rate rose slightly in Mexico, Australia, Japan, Korea, and Canada. By contrast, it declined in Türkiye, Israel, and the United States (Figure 2 and Table 1). More recent data show that the unemployment rate remained stable in Canada at 5.0% in August and picked up in the United States to 3.8% from 3.5% in July 2023.

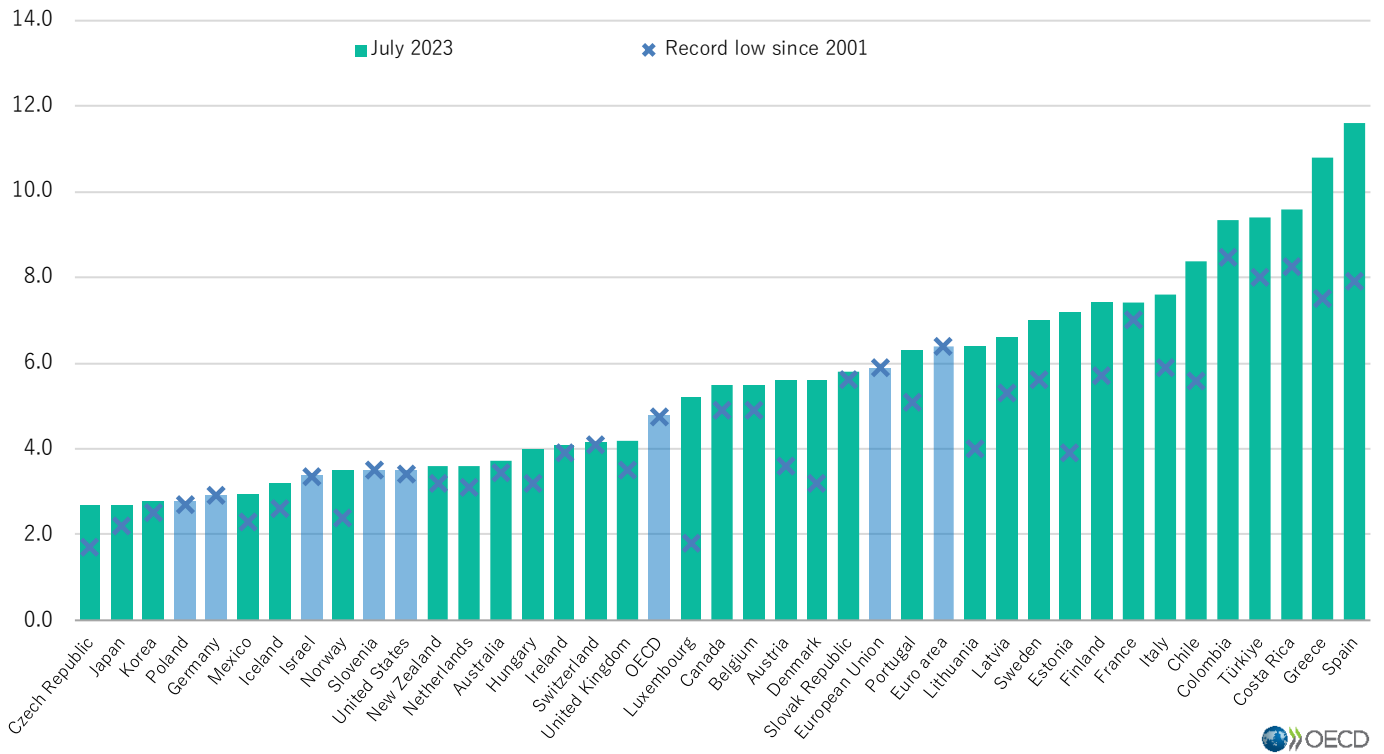
» **Figure 1 – Unemployment rates**
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



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
 July 2023 compared with the lowest rate recorded since 2001, percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The July 2023 unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 percentage point of its record low in Germany, Israel, 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 and Chile, the unemployment rate for June 2023 is reported ; for the United Kingdom, May 2023; for Switzerland, first quarter 2023; for New Zealand, second 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	2023						Change from previous period	Record low since 2001	
			Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2		Feb	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		Jul	
OECD	6.2	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.3	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	→	4.7	Jun-23
G7	5.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	→	3.9	Jan-23
European Union	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.6	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	→	5.9	May-23
Euro area	7.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	7.3	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	→	6.4	Jun-23
Australia	5.1	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	5.1	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	↑	3.4	Oct-22
Austria	6.2	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.5	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.6	↑	3.6	Jan-01
Belgium	6.3	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	↓	4.9	Apr-20
Canada	7.5	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.5	↑	4.9	Jun-22
Chile	8.9	7.9	7.8	8.4	8.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.2	8.4	..	↑	5.6	Jul-13
Colombia	13.8	11.2	10.9	11.0	10.6	9.9	11.2	10.5	10.1	10.3	10.1	9.4	9.3	→	8.5	Nov-15
Costa Rica	16.4	12.2	12.0	11.7	10.6	9.6	12.5	10.6	9.7	10.1	9.6	9.6	..	→	8.3	Sep-10
Czech Republic	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	1.8	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.7	→	1.7	Feb-19
Denmark	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.6	↑	3.2	Jan-08
Estonia	6.2	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.5	6.7	5.1	5.3	5.9	6.2	6.7	7.1	7.2	↑	3.9	May-08
Finland	7.7	6.8	7.1	6.8	6.8	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.4	↑	5.7	Apr-08
France	7.9	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.8	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	↑	7.0	May-20
Germany	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	→	2.9	May-19
Greece	14.8	12.5	12.3	11.7	11.3	11.3	16.3	11.4	11.2	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.8	↓	7.5	May-08
Hungary	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	↑	3.2	May-19
Iceland	6.0	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	5.1	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	→	2.6	Sep-07
Ireland	6.3	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	↓	3.9	Mar-01
Israel	5.0	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.4	↓	3.3	Feb-20
Italy	9.6	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.7	9.5	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.6	↑	5.9	Apr-07
Japan	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	↑	2.2	May-18
Korea	3.7	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	↑	2.5	May-23
Latvia	7.6	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.1	6.4	7.3	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.6	→	5.3	Oct-07
Lithuania	7.1	5.9	6.0	6.1	7.2	6.1	7.3	7.3	7.6	6.5	6.1	5.8	6.4	↑	4.0	Nov-07
Luxembourg	5.4	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.2	→	1.8	May-01
Mexico	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.5	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.9	↑	2.3	Aug-01
Netherlands	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	↑	3.1	Apr-01
New Zealand	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↑	3.2	Q4-21
Norway	4.5	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.5	↑	2.4	Sep-07
Poland	3.4	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	→	2.7	Jan-23
Portugal	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.3	→	5.1	Jan-01
Slovak Republic	6.8	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	→	5.6	Apr-19
Slovenia	4.8	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.5	↓	3.5	Dec-22
Spain	14.8	12.9	12.8	13.0	12.8	11.9	13.6	12.8	12.5	12.1	11.9	11.7	11.6	↓	7.9	May-07
Sweden	8.8	7.5	7.1	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.9	7.0	↓	5.6	Jun-02
Switzerland	5.1	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↓	4.1	Q4-19
Türkiye	12.0	10.5	10.0	10.1	9.9	9.7	12.6	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.5	9.6	9.4	↓	8.0	Jun-12
United Kingdom	4.5	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.2	↑	3.5	Jul-22
United States	5.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	↓	3.4	Jan-23

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Change from previous period (x)			
↑	x ≥ 0.1	→	x ≤ -0.1
Change between June 2023 and July 2023 except for Chile and Costa Rica where the change is reported between May and June 2023; for the United Kingdom, change between April and May 2023; for Switzerland, change between fourth quarter 2022 and first quarter 2023; for New Zealand, change between first quarter 2023 and second quarter 2023.			

Note: figures in bold in the columns "Record low since 2001" stress that the unemployment rate reached its lowest level in the current monthly period.

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

	2021	2022	2022	2023		2023			
				Q4	Q1	Q2	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
OECD	40,993	33,934	33,581	33,220	32,974	33,058	33,161	32,658	32,942
G7	19,907	15,754	15,523	15,503	15,692	15,395	15,903	15,709	15,785
European Union	14,956	13,254	13,221	13,111	12,937	12,997	12,920	12,893	12,928
Euro area	12,758	11,292	11,241	11,174	10,963	11,047	10,970	10,871	10,944
Australia	700	523	496	515	519	534	518	505	541
Austria	284	221	233	227	234	242	220	239	267
Belgium	324	294	304	300	296	295	296	296	290
Canada	1,542	1,098	1,066	1,055	1,099	1,058	1,093	1,147	1,167
Chile	806	758	815	858	818	818	818	832	..
Colombia	3,263	2,781	2,724	2,665	2,544	2,661	2,578	2,393	2,403
Costa Rica	401	300	287	249	225	233	225	225	..
Czech Republic	150	126	125	133	140	143	132	144	142
Denmark	155	139	147	153	155	157	154	155	177
Estonia	43	40	39	40	50	46	50	53	54
Finland	212	190	192	191	201	200	201	203	205
France	2,365	2,234	2,195	2,181	2,250	2,239	2,263	2,248	2,278
Germany	1,536	1,343	1,344	1,311	1,297	1,299	1,298	1,295	1,290
Greece	678	588	550	531	534	551	529	523	513
Hungary	195	176	183	188	192	190	191	194	195
Iceland	13	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7
Ireland	158	119	120	114	114	114	113	115	112
Israel	206	163	179	176	162	162	164	160	152
Italy	2,371	2,028	1,984	1,997	1,936	1,972	1,943	1,893	1,930
Japan	1,946	1,793	1,740	1,807	1,767	1,800	1,770	1,730	1,840
Korea	1,037	833	834	789	752	759	734	763	823
Latvia	71	65	65	58	61	59	61	62	63
Lithuania	105	89	92	110	94	98	94	90	96
Luxembourg	18	15	16	17	17	17	17	17	17
Mexico	2,372	1,940	1,837	1,680	1,731	1,787	1,794	1,611	1,787
Netherlands	408	350	360	358	350	343	353	353	362
New Zealand	110	97	100	103	109	...	...	...	...
Norway	129	95	95	110	100	106	92	101	105
Poland	580	498	502	465	481	477	483	482	477
Portugal	337	314	334	363	339	345	338	333	330
Slovak Republic	188	170	167	166	163	165	163	162	160
Slovenia	49	41	37	36	39	39	39	38	36
Spain	3,430	3,025	3,044	3,018	2,836	2,872	2,840	2,795	2,779
Sweden	488	419	421	419	422	404	410	452	399
Switzerland	252	212	212	207	..	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	3,927	3,592	3,540	3,469	3,393	3,523	3,328	3,329	3,291
United Kingdom	1,525	1,263	1,270	1,329	1,439	1,370	1,439
United States	8,623	5,996	5,925	5,823	5,904	5,657	6,097	5,957	5,841

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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	2023		2023			2021	2022	2023		2023		
			Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul			Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul
OECD	6.3	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.0	6.0	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
G7	5.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	5.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
European Union	7.4	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Euro area	8.1	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.4	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2
Australia	5.0	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.7	5.2	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7
Austria	6.1	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.6	5.0	5.2	6.3	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.8	5.2	6.1
Belgium	5.9	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	6.6	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1
Canada	7.4	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.6	7.7	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.3
Chile	9.2	8.5	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	..	8.6	7.4	8.6	7.8	7.8	8.0	..
Colombia	17.5	14.3	13.6	12.9	13.1	11.8	11.6	11.3	9.0	8.4	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.6
Costa Rica	22.0	16.4	14.1	12.1	12.1	12.4	..	12.7	9.4	8.4	8.0	8.0	7.8	..
Czech Republic	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.1
Denmark	5.2	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.9	5.1	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.4	5.5
Estonia	5.6	5.0	5.2	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.4	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.4	6.2	6.8	7.0
Finland	7.1	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.2	5.9	6.6	8.2	7.1	7.3	7.8	7.9	8.4	8.2
France	7.8	7.2	6.8	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.3	8.0	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5
Germany	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.9	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Greece	19.0	16.4	15.0	14.6	14.6	14.0	13.5	11.4	9.3	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.7
Hungary	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
Iceland	6.5	3.4	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.7	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Ireland	6.2	4.6	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	6.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3
Israel	4.9	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	5.0	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.4
Italy	10.7	9.4	9.1	8.7	8.8	8.5	8.7	8.7	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.8
Japan	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7
Korea	3.8	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7
Latvia	6.6	5.6	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.7	8.5	8.1	7.1	7.8	7.8	8.2	8.5
Lithuania	6.6	5.5	7.2	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.2	7.6	6.3	7.3	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.5
Luxembourg	5.9	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1
Mexico	4.1	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.7	4.1	3.3	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.7	3.1
Netherlands	4.5	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.5
New Zealand	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	...	...	...	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.4	...	...	...
Norway	4.2	3.1	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.5	4.7	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.5
Poland	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Portugal	6.9	6.5	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.3	5.6	6.5	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9
Slovak Republic	7.0	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.7	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7
Slovenia	5.4	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7
Spain	16.7	14.8	14.6	13.6	13.6	13.3	13.2	13.1	11.3	11.1	10.4	10.4	10.2	10.1
Sweden	9.1	7.9	7.6	7.4	7.0	7.9	7.3	8.5	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.8	6.6
Switzerland	5.3	4.6	4.3	..	...	...	...	4.9	4.1	4.0	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	14.7	13.5	13.4	13.4	13.0	13.2	12.9	10.7	9.0	8.2	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.6
United Kingdom	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.9	4.7	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.4
United States	5.2	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.4	5.5	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6

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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	2023		2023			2021	2022	2023		2023		
			Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul			Q1	Q2	May	Jun	Jul
OECD	12.8	10.9	10.6	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.5	5.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0
G7	10.6	9.0	8.8	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.8	4.5	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4
European Union	16.7	14.5	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.9	6.2	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2
Euro area	16.9	14.5	14.1	13.9	14.0	13.8	13.8	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7
Australia	11.3	8.2	7.9	8.0	7.6	7.8	8.6	4.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.8
Austria	11.0	9.4	8.9	10.2	10.6	9.5	11.6	5.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.5	4.9
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	18.2	16.3	14.6	14.2	14.2	14.2	..	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8
Canada	13.6	10.1	9.5	10.6	10.7	11.5	10.2	6.6	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.7
Chile	20.0	17.7	21.1	19.9	19.9	20.9	..	7.9	7.0	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.3	..
Colombia	25.6	21.9	20.4	19.8	19.5	18.7	18.6	11.7	9.4	9.0	8.2	8.5	7.8	7.7
Costa Rica	39.4	31.0	28.4	27.1	27.1	26.5	..	12.5	9.3	7.9	7.0	7.0	7.2	..
Czech Republic	8.2	7.6	8.1	10.5	9.5	13.6	9.8	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3
Denmark	10.8	10.5	10.4	9.8	9.1	9.4	11.5	4.2	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.6
Estonia	16.9	18.1	13.1	15.9	16.3	18.6	18.7	5.4	4.5	4.8	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.2
Finland	17.1	14.1	14.3	16.2	15.1	16.0	18.4	6.5	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0
France	18.9	17.3	16.5	16.5	16.6	16.3	16.2	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3
Germany	7.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6	3.2	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Greece	35.5	31.4	26.1	25.9	24.8	23.6	23.2	13.8	11.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.1
Hungary	13.1	10.8	10.9	12.1	11.8	13.2	12.0	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4
Iceland	12.3	8.5	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.5	5.0	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Ireland	14.8	10.0	10.1	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.7	5.1	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1
Israel ⁽²⁾	7.7	6.9	6.0	5.4	5.7	5.3	7.1	4.5	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.2	2.8
Italy	29.9	23.7	22.4	22.3	23.0	22.2	22.1	8.3	7.1	7.0	..	..	..	..
Japan	4.6	4.3	4.8	3.9	3.7	4.2	3.8	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.6
Korea	8.5	7.0	6.3	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.9	3.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7
Latvia	14.8	15.1	13.0	9.5	9.4	8.8	8.7	7.1	6.3	5.6	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.5
Lithuania	14.4	11.8	14.2	9.3	9.0	9.3	8.4	6.6	5.5	6.8	5.9	5.9	5.7	6.2
Luxembourg	18.3	17.3	17.9	18.0	17.7	18.7	18.5	4.3	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1
Mexico	8.1	6.5	5.9	5.9	6.4	5.2	6.1	3.4	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3
Netherlands	9.4	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.6	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5
New Zealand	10.5	9.3	9.7	10.0	...	...	...	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.5	...	...	...
Norway	12.5	9.9	11.6	9.6	8.2	10.3	10.7	3.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3
Poland	11.9	10.8	11.0	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.2	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Portugal	23.1	19.1	19.8	18.4	18.7	18.3	19.2	5.5	5.1	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.2
Slovak Republic	20.6	19.9	18.7	19.9	20.0	20.2	19.9	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0
Slovenia ⁽¹⁾	13.1	10.2	7.0	10.3	10.3	10.3	..	4.2	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0
Spain	35.0	29.7	29.6	27.7	27.9	27.1	27.0	13.4	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.7	10.5	10.4
Sweden	24.8	21.7	21.7	21.1	20.0	24.5	17.9	6.8	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5
Switzerland	8.9	7.5	7.9	..	...	...	...	4.6	3.9	3.6	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	22.8	19.5	19.3	18.1	17.2	18.3	18.0	10.1	8.8	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.8
United Kingdom	12.3	10.5	11.3	12.3	12.3	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0
United States	9.7	8.1	7.9	7.1	7.4	7.5	8.0	4.7	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.8

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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:

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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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Access Data:

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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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