

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Reference period: January 2023

OECD unemployment rate remains at record low of 4.9% in January 2023

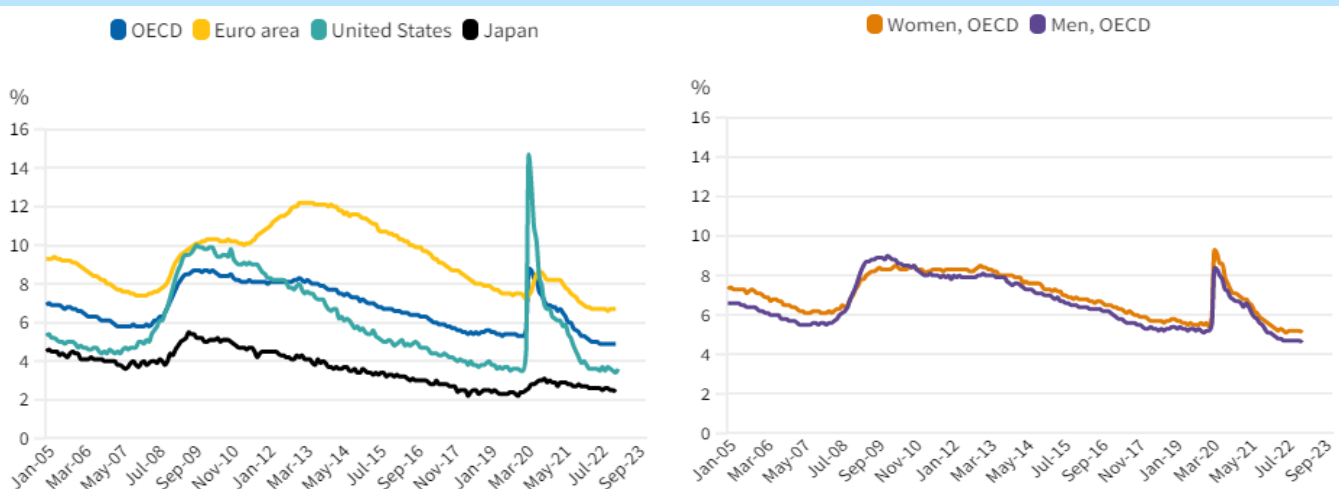
The OECD unemployment rate remained at 4.9% in January 2023, the seventh consecutive month at this record low since the start of the series in 2001 (Figure 1 and Table 1). The unemployment rate was stable in 12 of 38 OECD countries, but close to its record low in only 7 countries, including Canada, France, Germany, and the United States (Figure 2 and Table 1). The number of unemployed persons declined to 33.2 million, remaining close to the record low reached in July 2022.

In January 2023, the OECD unemployment rate for women fell slightly from 5.2% to 5.1%, now 0.5 percentage point higher than the rate for men, which remained broadly stable (Figure 1). However, the aggregate gender gap between women and men in the OECD area masks wide differences across countries. Relative to men, the unemployment rate for women was higher in 18 OECD countries, with the largest gender gaps recorded in Colombia, Costa Rica, Greece, Spain and Türkiye. By contrast, the unemployment rate for women was lower in 16 OECD countries. No gender gap was observed in January 2023 in Austria, Hungary, Mexico, and Norway (Figure 3 and Table 3). The OECD unemployment rate was broadly stable for younger workers and workers aged 25 and above (Table 4).

In the European Union and the euro area, the unemployment rate remained stable, close to their records low, at 6.1% and 6.7%, respectively. The unemployment rate was stable or decreased in half of the euro area countries. The largest decline was observed in Greece, where the unemployment rate reached its lowest level since December 2009, returning to the declining path observed since January 2022. However, Lithuania and Portugal recorded marked increases.

Outside Europe, the unemployment rate fell in Korea and Türkiye, and was broadly stable in the other non-European OECD countries. By contrast, it increased in Australia and New Zealand. More recent data show that in February 2023 the unemployment rate edged up to 3.6% in the United States while it remained unchanged for the third consecutive month at 5.0% in Canada.

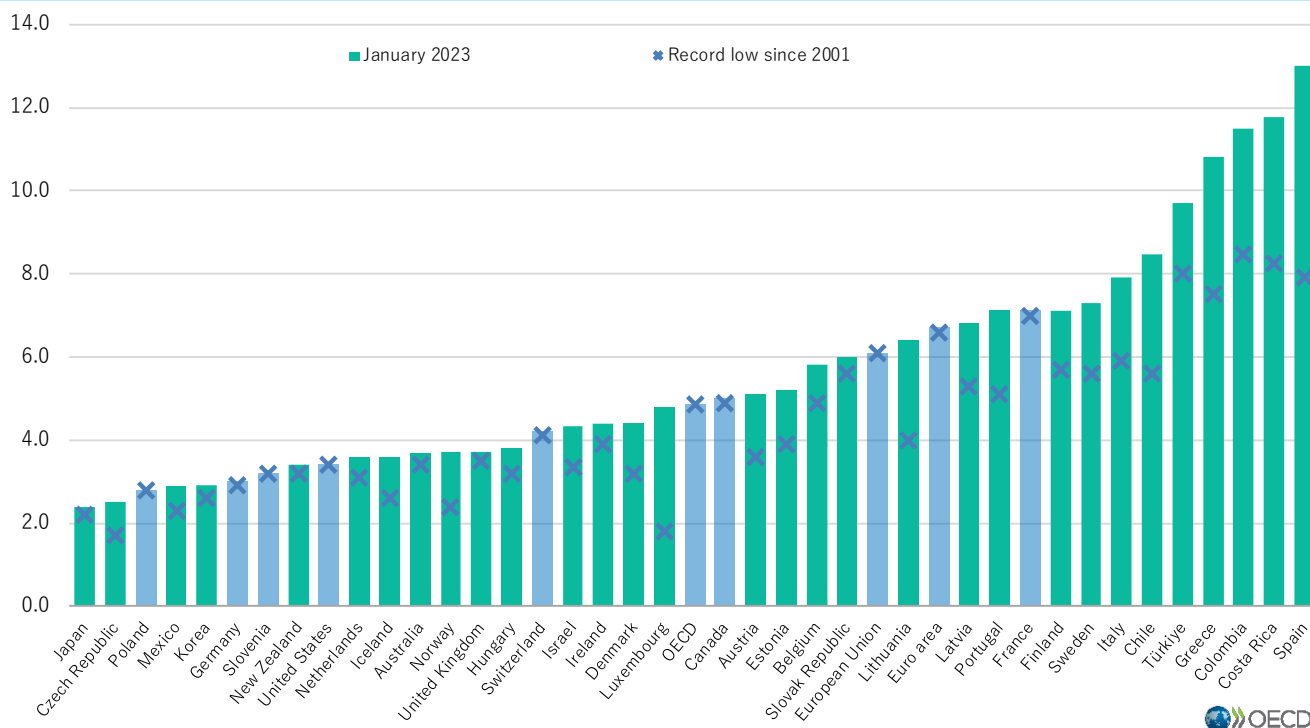
» Figure 1 – Unemployment rates
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



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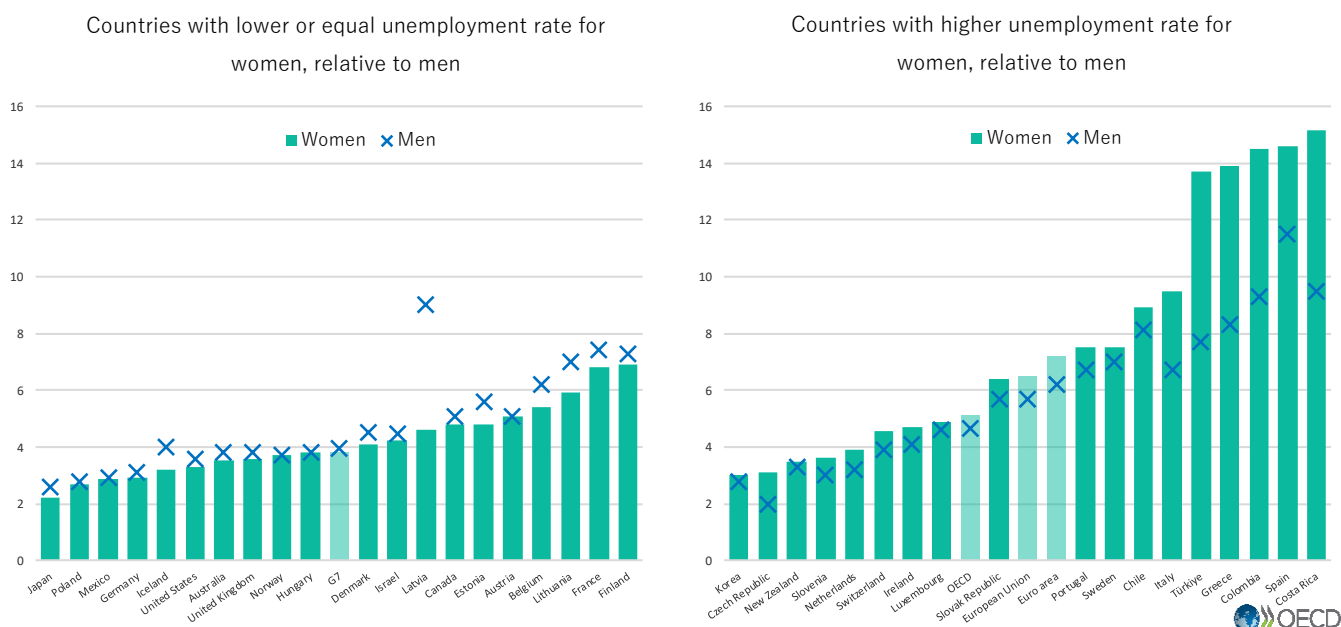
Figure 2 – Unemployment rate for OECD countries
January 2023 compared with the lowest rate recorded since 2001, percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The unemployment rate for January 2023 was at or within 0.1 percentage point of its record low in Canada, France, Germany, Poland, Slovenia, and the United States, as well as for the OECD, the European Union and the euro area. For Switzerland, the unemployment rate for the third quarter 2022 was less than 0.1 percentage point higher than its record low. For Costa Rica and Chile, unemployment rate for December 2022; for the United Kingdom, November 2022; for New Zealand, fourth quarter 2022.

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

Figure 3 – Unemployment rate by sex for OECD countries
January 2023, Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: For Costa Rica and Chile, unemployment rate for December 2022; for the United Kingdom, November 2022; for Switzerland, third quarter 2022; for New Zealand, fourth quarter 2022.

Source: OECD Short-term Labour Market Statistics, <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?lang=en&QueryId=36499>

Table 1 – Unemployment rates (aged 15 and over)

Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted

	2021	2022	2022				2020	2022						2023	Change from previous period	Record low since 2001	
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Feb	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan			
OECD	6.2	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	→	4.9	Jul-22
G7	5.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	→	3.9	Jan-23
European Union	7.1	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.6	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	→	6.1	May-22
Euro area	7.7	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.4	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	→	6.6	Oct-22
Australia	5.1	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.5	5.1	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	↑	3.4	Oct-22
Austria	6.2	4.8	4.6	4.4	5.1	5.0	4.6	5.3	5.2	4.6	5.5	4.9	5.1	5.1	↑	3.6	Jan-01
Belgium	6.3	5.6	5.3	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8	→	4.9	Apr-20
Canada	7.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	→	4.9	Jun-22
Chile	8.9	7.9	7.8	7.5	7.8	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.5	..	..	→	5.6	Jul-13
Colombia	13.8	11.2	12.1	10.7	10.9	11.1	11.2	10.9	11.3	10.9	11.1	11.4	11.5	11.5	→	8.5	Nov-15
Costa Rica	16.4	12.2	13.6	11.7	12.0	11.7	12.6	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	..	..	→	8.3	Sep-10
Czech Republic	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.8	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.5	↑	1.7	Feb-19
Denmark	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.6	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.4	↓	3.2	Jan-08
Estonia	6.2	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.1	5.7	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.2	↓	3.9	May-08
Finland	7.7	6.8	6.7	6.4	7.2	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.3	6.4	6.7	7.3	7.1	7.1	↓	5.7	Apr-08
France	7.9	7.3	7.3	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	↓	7.0	May-20
Germany	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	→	2.9	May-19
Greece	14.8	12.5	13.1	12.6	12.2	11.8	16.6	12.3	11.9	11.5	11.4	12.4	10.8	10.8	↓	7.5	May-08
Hungary	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	↑	3.2	May-19
Iceland	6.0	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7	5.0	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	↓	2.6	Sep-07
Ireland	6.3	4.5	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	→	3.9	Mar-01
Israel	5.0	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.6	4.1	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.3	→	3.3	Feb-20
Italy	9.6	8.1	8.5	8.1	8.0	7.8	9.5	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9	↑	5.9	Apr-07
Japan	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	↓	2.2	May-18
Korea	3.7	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.9	↓	2.6	Aug-22
Latvia	7.6	6.9	7.0	6.6	7.0	6.9	7.3	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	→	5.3	Nov-07
Lithuania	7.1	5.9	6.2	5.6	6.0	6.1	7.3	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.4	↑	4.0	Nov-07
Luxembourg	5.4	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.7	5.8	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	↑	1.8	May-01
Mexico	4.1	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	↓	2.3	Aug-01
Netherlands	4.2	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	↑	3.1	Apr-01
New Zealand	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↑	3.2	Q4-21
Norway	4.5	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	↑	2.4	Sep-07
Poland	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	↓	2.8	Feb-22
Portugal	6.6	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.7	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.8	7.1	7.1	↑	5.1	Jan-01
Slovak Republic	6.8	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	↓	5.6	Oct-19
Slovenia	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.4	3.9	3.6	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.2	↓	3.2	Jan-23
Spain	14.8	12.9	13.2	12.7	12.7	13.0	13.6	12.7	12.9	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	→	7.9	May-07
Sweden	8.8	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.4	7.9	7.0	7.1	7.7	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3	↓	5.6	Jun-02
Switzerland	5.1	..	4.4	4.3	4.2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	→	4.1	Q4-19
Türkiye	12.0	10.5	11.1	10.8	10.0	10.1	12.6	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	9.7	9.7	↓	8.0	Jun-12
United Kingdom	4.5	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	..	..	..	→	3.5	Jul-22
United States	5.4	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	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 December 2022 and January 2023 except for Costa Rica and Chile where the change is reported between November and December 2022; for the United Kingdom, change between October and November 2022; for Switzerland, change between second quarter and third quarter 2022; for New Zealand, change between third quarter and fourth quarter 2022.				

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Table 2 – Unemployment levels (aged 15 and over)

Thousands of persons, seasonally adjusted

	2021	2022	2022			2022			2023
			Q2	Q3	Q4	Oct	Nov	Dec	
OECD	40,992	33,931	33,810	33,260	33,580	33,580	33,556	33,565	33,249
G7	19,907	15,754	15,777	15,463	15,502	15,695	15,556	15,229	15,174
European Union	14,956	13,250	13,207	13,142	13,204	13,155	13,242	13,216	13,227
Euro area	12,758	11,288	11,255	11,214	11,222	11,174	11,245	11,248	11,288
Australia	700	521	532	496	493	485	494	501	523
Austria	284	221	206	236	233	213	258	229	238
Belgium	324	294	305	285	304	297	306	309	312
Canada	1,542	1,098	1,066	1,063	1,066	1,086	1,068	1,043	1,046
Chile	806	758	725	756	815	796	815	822	..
Colombia	3,263	2,781	2,685	2,728	2,738	2,679	2,719	2,817	2,866
Costa Rica	401	300	285	297	287	287	287	287	..
Czech Republic	150	126	130	123	125	114	139	122	131
Denmark	155	139	130	143	146	143	148	148	138
Estonia	43	40	41	41	40	39	40	40	38
Finland	212	190	179	203	192	181	190	205	201
France	2,365	2,234	2,299	2,208	2,191	2,200	2,184	2,189	2,175
Germany	1,536	1,343	1,323	1,346	1,339	1,347	1,340	1,330	1,320
Greece	678	588	594	572	554	539	534	590	502
Hungary	195	176	172	176	182	180	183	183	187
Iceland	13	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Ireland	158	120	115	115	119	119	120	119	118
Israel	206	163	152	157	180	179	173	188	193
Italy	2,371	2,028	2,037	2,003	1,971	1,985	1,964	1,965	1,999
Japan	1,946	1,793	1,793	1,783	1,740	1,780	1,730	1,710	1,670
Korea	1,037	833	826	806	834	800	814	887	842
Latvia	71	65	62	67	66	66	66	66	65
Lithuania	105	89	84	91	92	92	92	91	97
Luxembourg	18	15	14	15	15	15	15	15	16
Mexico	2,372	1,940	1,947	1,911	1,839	1,915	1,787	1,815	1,755
Netherlands	408	350	326	371	360	365	364	352	360
New Zealand	110	97	96	97	99	...	...	...	...
Norway	129	95	93	96	96	94	92	101	109
Poland	580	498	485	506	506	517	508	494	480
Portugal	337	314	307	307	335	313	338	355	375
Slovak Republic	188	170	173	167	168	167	168	168	168
Slovenia	49	41	45	40	36	38	36	35	33
Spain	3,430	3,025	2,977	2,977	3,052	3,031	3,058	3,067	3,064
Sweden	488	419	433	394	420	435	406	419	411
Switzerland	252	..	211	206	..	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	3,927	3,592	3,693	3,411	3,529	3,467	3,530	3,590	3,424
United Kingdom	1,525	1,263	1,294	1,224	1,270	1,244	1,270	..	..
United States	8,623	5,996	5,964	5,836	5,925	6,053	6,000	5,722	5,694

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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		2022		2023	2021	2022	2022		2022		2023
			Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec				Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec	
OECD	6.3	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	6.0	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
G7	5.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	5.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
European Union	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7
Euro area	8.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2
Australia	5.0	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	5.2	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8
Austria	6.1	4.5	4.9	4.6	4.9	4.4	5.1	6.3	4.9	5.2	5.3	6.0	5.3	5.1
Belgium	5.9	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	6.6	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2
Canada	7.4	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	7.7	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.1
Chile	9.2	8.5	8.3	9.2	9.2	8.9	..	8.6	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.8	8.1	..
Colombia	17.5	14.3	13.8	13.9	13.8	13.9	14.5	11.3	9.0	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.6	9.3
Costa Rica	22.0	16.4	16.6	16.0	16.0	15.2	..	12.7	9.4	8.9	8.7	8.7	9.5	..
Czech Republic	3.4	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.5	3.1	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.0
Denmark	5.2	4.5	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	5.1	4.4	4.4	5.0	5.2	5.2	4.5
Estonia	5.6	5.0	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.8	6.8	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.1	5.6
Finland	7.1	6.4	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.9	8.2	7.1	7.6	7.1	6.8	8.1	7.3
France	7.8	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Germany	3.2	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1
Greece	19.0	16.4	15.7	15.6	14.6	17.0	13.9	11.4	9.3	9.3	8.6	8.9	8.5	8.3
Hungary	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Iceland	6.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	5.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0
Ireland	6.2	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	6.3	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1
Israel	4.9	3.6	3.4	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.2	5.0	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5
Italy	10.7	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.5	8.7	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7
Japan	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6
Korea	3.8	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.6	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8
Latvia	6.6	5.6	6.2	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.6	8.5	8.2	7.8	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.0
Lithuania	6.6	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.9	7.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.0
Luxembourg	5.9	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.6
Mexico	4.1	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.9	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.9
Netherlands	4.5	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
New Zealand	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.5	...	...	...	3.7	3.1	2.9	3.3	...	...	...
Norway	4.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.7	4.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.7
Poland	3.4	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8
Portugal	6.9	6.5	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.3	7.5	6.3	5.6	5.3	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.7
Slovak Republic	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.7	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7
Slovenia	5.4	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.0
Spain	16.7	14.8	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.6	13.1	11.3	11.0	11.4	11.5	11.5	11.5
Sweden	9.1	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.3	7.8	7.5	8.5	7.0	6.6	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0
Switzerland	5.3	..	4.5	..	...	...	...	4.9	..	3.9	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	14.7	13.5	12.8	13.5	12.9	14.4	13.7	10.7	9.0	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.1	7.7
United Kingdom	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	..	..	4.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.8	..	..
United States	5.2	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.3	5.5	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.4	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	2022		2022		2023	2021	2022	2022		2022		2023
			Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec				Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec	
OECD	12.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.7	10.9	10.9	5.3	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
G7	10.6	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.0	9.0	4.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2
European Union	16.7	14.5	14.8	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.4	6.2	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
Euro area	16.9	14.5	14.9	14.4	14.5	14.3	14.4	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Australia	11.3	8.2	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.9	4.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9
Austria	11.0	9.4	11.0	9.4	10.3	8.8	8.5	5.6	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.4	4.6
Belgium⁽¹⁾	18.2	16.3	17.5	16.2	16.2	16.2	..	5.3	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0
Canada	13.6	10.1	9.6	10.3	10.3	9.7	9.5	6.6	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2
Chile	20.0	17.7	18.8	18.4	18.4	18.3	..	7.9	7.0	6.9	7.6	7.6	7.6	..
Colombia	25.6	21.9	21.8	21.5	21.6	21.0	21.8	11.7	9.4	9.1	9.4	9.3	9.8	9.7
Costa Rica	39.4	31.0	30.9	28.9	28.9	28.5	..	12.5	9.3	9.1	8.9	8.9	9.2	..
Czech Republic	8.2	7.6	7.6	8.4	9.4	9.9	7.1	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.9	2.2
Denmark	10.8	10.4	12.2	11.6	10.1	11.3	11.2	4.2	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.2
Estonia	16.9	18.1	18.5	15.9	17.3	17.3	16.6	5.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.3
Finland	17.1	14.1	15.1	15.1	14.6	18.8	14.9	6.5	5.8	6.2	5.7	5.6	5.7	6.0
France	18.9	17.3	17.9	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.4	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
Germany	7.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.7	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Greece	35.5	31.4	30.6	29.4	31.6	29.5	28.1	13.8	11.4	11.1	10.8	10.3	11.5	9.8
Hungary	13.1	10.8	10.5	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.1	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3
Iceland	12.3	8.5	8.1	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	5.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9
Ireland	14.8	10.0	11.4	10.5	10.4	10.2	10.4	5.1	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5
Israel⁽²⁾	7.7	6.9	8.0	7.2	7.3	5.6	6.3	4.5	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.7
Italy	29.9	23.7	23.4	23.1	23.3	22.2	22.9	8.3	..	7.0	..	..	..	..
Japan	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.5	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Korea	8.5	7.0	6.9	6.3	6.6	5.7	6.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.7
Latvia	14.8	15.1	17.0	18.2	18.4	18.0	17.5	7.1	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Lithuania	14.4	11.8	11.3	12.4	12.6	12.8	13.7	6.6	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.9
Luxembourg	18.3	17.4	17.2	18.4	18.4	18.1	18.9	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Mexico	8.1	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.0	6.4	6.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2
Netherlands	9.4	7.6	8.3	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.8	3.2	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
New Zealand	10.5	9.3	9.0	9.7	...	...	...	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.2	...	...	...
Norway	12.5	9.9	9.4	10.8	8.5	11.3	13.0	3.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1
Poland	11.9	10.8	11.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.1	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Portugal	23.1	19.1	18.4	18.7	19.1	19.2	20.5	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.1
Slovak Republic	20.6	19.9	18.6	20.8	20.9	21.2	20.8	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
Slovenia⁽¹⁾	13.1	10.2	9.6	9.3	9.3	9.3	..	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9
Spain	35.0	29.7	30.8	29.9	29.9	29.6	29.6	13.4	11.7	11.4	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.7
Sweden	24.8	21.7	20.5	22.2	20.3	23.1	20.2	6.8	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.5
Switzerland	8.9	..	7.2	..	...	...	...	4.6	..	3.8	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	22.8	19.5	18.9	19.2	16.6	19.7	20.2	10.1	8.8	8.3	8.4	8.8	8.5	7.8
United Kingdom	12.3	10.5	9.8	11.3	11.3	..	..	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	..	..
United States	9.7	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.0	4.7	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.7

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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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