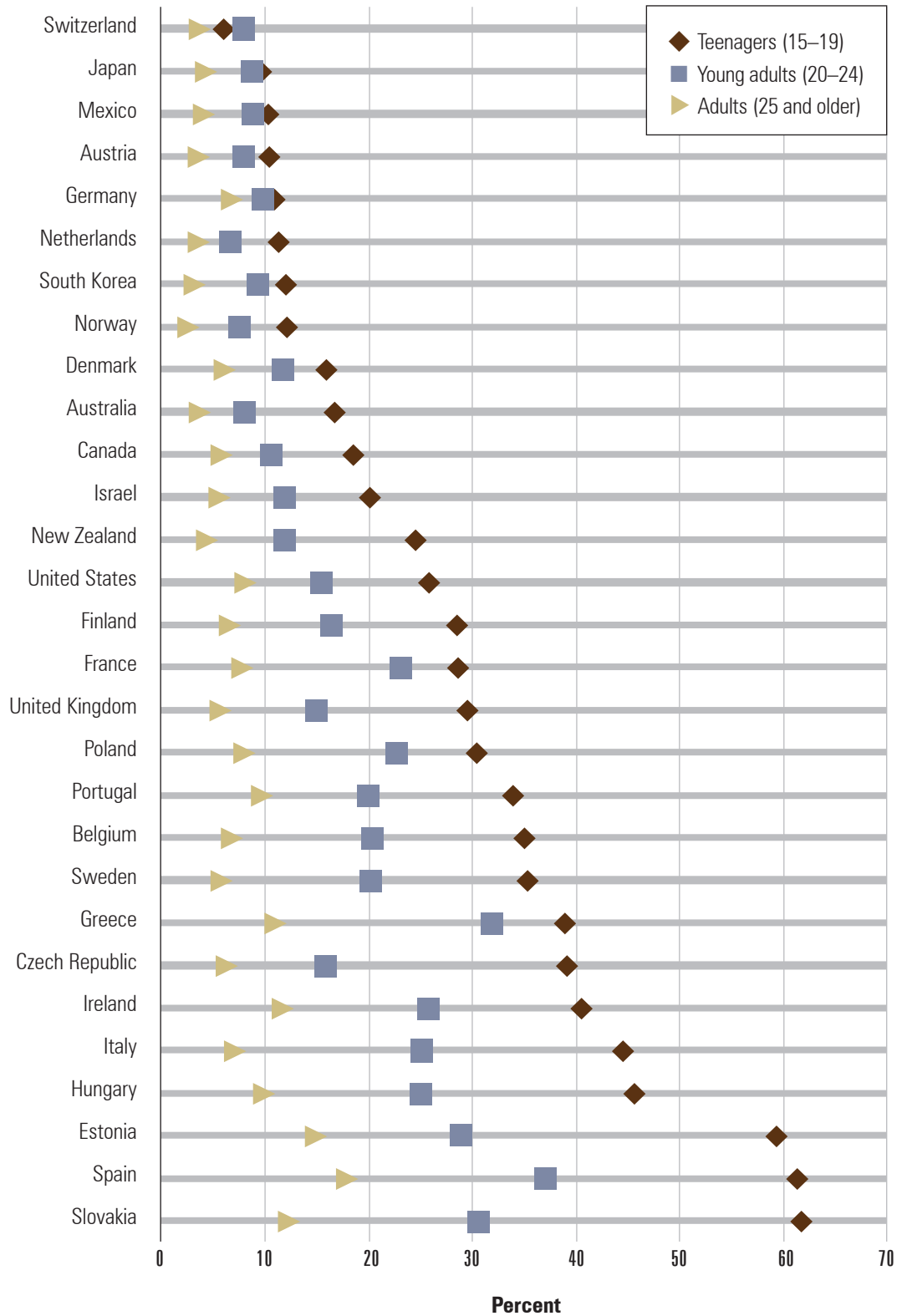


CHART 2.10

Unemployment rates by age, selected countries, 2010

Unemployment rates for youth (teenagers and young adults) are generally higher than those for adults, partly because youth lack skills and work experience. They are therefore more vulnerable to economic downturns.

- Unemployment rates for youth are highest in Eastern and Southern Europe. For countries in these regions, youth unemployment rates topped 30 percent for teenagers, and exceeded 15 percent for young adults.



NOTE: For Canada, France, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States, teenagers are ages 16 to 19.

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.