

Table 1365. Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment by Country: 1990 to 2009

[125,840 represents 125,840,000. Data based on U.S. labor force definitions (see source) except that minimum age for population base varies as follows: United States, Canada, France, Sweden, and United Kingdom, 16 years; Australia, Japan, Netherlands, Germany, and Italy (beginning 1993), 15 years; and Italy (prior to 1993), 14 years]

Year	United States	Canada	Australia	Japan	France	Germany ¹	Italy	Netherlands	Sweden	United Kingdom
Civilian labor force (1,000):										
1990	125,840	14,047	8,440	62,990	24,070	29,412	22,670	6,767	4,597	28,766
2000	² 142,583	15,637	9,590	66,710	26,591	39,302	23,361	² 8,052	4,490	28,962
2005	149,320	17,108	10,529	65,386	27,616	² 40,760	24,179	8,459	² 4,693	30,137
2008	154,287	17,987	11,254	65,660	28,021	41,542	24,836	8,780	4,875	31,126
2009	154,142	18,098	11,448	65,362	28,331	41,545	24,710	8,846	4,888	31,274
Labor force participation rate:³										
1990	66.5	67.4	64.7	62.6	55.5	55.0	47.2	57.0	67.4	64.3
2000	67.1	66.0	64.4	61.7	57.6	56.7	48.1	² 63.4	63.7	62.8
2005	66.0	67.4	65.4	59.5	57.4	² 57.6	48.7	64.7	² 64.8	63.1
2008	66.0	67.9	66.6	59.5	57.1	58.5	49.0	66.2	65.3	63.5
2009	65.4	67.3	66.5	59.3	57.3	58.6	48.4	66.4	64.6	63.3
Civilian employment (1,000):										
1990	118,793	12,964	7,877	61,710	22,075	27,952	21,080	6,251	4,513	26,713
2000	² 136,891	14,681	8,989	63,790	24,326	36,236	20,973	² 7,813	4,230	27,375
2005	141,730	16,080	9,998	62,910	25,187	² 36,185	22,290	8,056	² 4,334	28,674
2008	145,362	17,025	10,777	63,250	25,951	38,406	23,144	8,537	4,581	29,346
2009	139,877	16,769	10,809	62,242	25,755	38,324	22,765	8,542	4,486	28,880
Employment-population ratio:⁴										
1990	62.8	62.2	60.4	61.3	50.9	52.3	43.9	52.7	66.1	59.8
2000	64.4	62.0	60.3	59.0	52.7	52.2	43.2	² 61.5	60.1	59.4
2005	62.7	63.4	62.1	57.3	52.3	² 51.2	44.9	61.6	² 59.9	60.0
2008	62.2	64.2	63.8	57.4	52.8	54.1	45.6	64.3	61.4	59.9
2009	59.3	62.3	62.8	56.4	52.1	54.0	44.6	64.1	59.3	58.5
Unemployment rate:										
1990	5.6	7.7	6.7	2.0	8.3	5.0	7.0	7.6	1.8	7.1
2000	4.0	6.1	6.3	4.4	8.5	7.8	10.2	² 3.0	5.8	5.5
2005	5.1	6.0	5.0	3.8	8.8	² 11.2	7.8	4.8	² 7.7	4.9
2008	5.8	5.3	4.2	3.7	7.4	7.5	6.8	2.8	6.0	5.7
2009	9.3	7.3	5.6	4.8	9.1	7.8	7.9	3.4	8.2	7.7
Under 25 years old	17.6	14.0	11.6	8.8	21.6	11.2	25.7	6.7	24.6	19.2
Teenagers ⁵	24.3	18.6	16.5	9.4	23.7	11.3	40.4	8.3	35.0	26.7
20 to 24 years old	14.7	11.2	8.2	8.7	20.8	11.1	23.0	5.4	20.0	15.2
25 years old and over	7.9	6.2	4.2	4.4	7.6	7.3	6.5	2.8	5.9	5.6

¹ Unified Germany for 1991 onward. Prior to 1991, data relate to the former West Germany. ² Break in series. Data not comparable with prior years. ³ Civilian labor force as a percent of the civilian working-age population. Germany and Japan include the institutionalized population as part of the working-age population. ⁴ Civilian employment as a percent of the civilian working-age population. Germany and Japan include the institutionalized population as part of the working-age population. ⁵ 16 to 19-year-olds in the United States, Canada, France, Sweden, and the United Kingdom; 15 to 19-year-olds in Australia, Japan, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *International Comparisons of Annual Labor Force Statistics, 10 Countries, 1960–2009*, June 2010. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/fls/flscmpareflm.htm>>.

Table 1366. Unemployment Rates by Country: 2000 to 2009

[Annual averages. The standardized unemployment rates shown here are calculated as the number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the civilian labor force. The unemployed are persons of working age who, in the reference period, are without work, available for work, and have taken specific steps to find work]

Country	2000	2005	2008	2009	Country	2000	2005	2008	2009
OECD, total	6.2	6.8	6.0	(NA)	Ireland	4.3	4.3	6.0	11.7
Euro area ¹	8.5	9.0	7.6	(NA)	Italy	10.2	7.7	6.7	7.8
United States	4.0	5.1	5.8	9.3	Japan	4.7	4.4	4.0	5.1
Australia	6.3	5.0	4.2	5.6	Korea, South	4.4	3.7	3.2	3.7
Austria	3.5	5.1	3.8	4.8	Netherlands	(NA)	6.5	3.9	4.9
Belgium	7.0	8.4	7.0	7.9	New Zealand	6.2	3.8	4.2	6.1
Canada	6.8	6.8	6.1	8.3	Norway	3.5	4.6	2.6	3.2
Czech Republic	8.9	7.9	4.4	6.7	Poland	16.1	17.8	7.1	8.2
Denmark	4.6	5.0	3.4	6.0	Portugal	3.9	7.6	7.6	9.5
Finland	9.8	8.4	6.4	8.2	Spain	13.9	9.2	11.3	18.0
France	(NA)	8.9	7.4	9.1	Sweden	4.7	7.1	6.2	8.3
Germany	7.8	11.1	7.5	7.7	Switzerland	2.5	4.3	3.4	4.2
Hungary	6.4	7.2	7.8	10.0	United Kingdom	5.4	4.8	5.7	7.6

NA Not available. ¹ See footnote 3, Table 1353.

Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), 2010, "Labour: Labour Force Statistics," Main Economic Indicators database (copyright), <<http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/data-00046-en>>, accessed May 2010.