

## Table 1330. Unemployment Rates by Country: 2000 to 2005

[**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	2003	2004	2005	Country	2000	2003	2004	2005
<b>OECD, total</b> . . . . .	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	Ireland . . . . .	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.4
EU-15 <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	7.6	8.0	8.1	7.9	Italy . . . . .	10.1	8.4	8.0	7.7
<b>United States</b> . . . . .	<b>4.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>	Japan . . . . .	4.7	5.3	4.7	4.4
Australia . . . . .	6.3	6.1	5.5	5.1	Korea, South . . . . .	4.4	3.6	3.7	3.7
Austria . . . . .	3.6	4.3	4.9	5.2	Luxembourg . . . . .	2.3	3.7	5.1	4.5
Belgium . . . . .	6.9	8.2	8.4	8.4	Netherlands . . . . .	2.8	3.7	4.6	4.7
Canada . . . . .	6.8	7.6	7.2	6.8	New Zealand . . . . .	6.0	4.6	3.9	3.7
Czech Republic . . . . .	8.7	7.8	8.3	7.9	Norway . . . . .	3.4	4.5	4.4	4.6
Denmark . . . . .	4.3	5.4	5.5	4.8	Poland . . . . .	16.1	19.6	19.0	17.7
Finland . . . . .	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.4	Portugal . . . . .	4.0	6.2	6.7	7.6
France . . . . .	9.1	9.5	9.6	9.9	Spain . . . . .	11.1	11.1	10.6	9.2
Germany . . . . .	7.2	9.1	9.5	9.4	Sweden . . . . .	5.6	5.6	6.4	(NA)
Hungary . . . . .	6.4	5.9	6.1	7.2	Switzerland . . . . .	2.7	4.2	4.4	4.5
					United Kingdom . . . . .	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.8

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> For list of EU-15 countries, see Table 1320.

Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France, *Main Economic Indicators*, April 2007 and earlier releases.