

**Table 1321. Unemployment Rates by Country: 2000 to 2007**

[**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	2006	2007	Country	2000	2005	2006	2007
<b>OECD, total</b> . . . . .	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	Ireland . . . . .	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.6
Euro area <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	(NA)	8.8	8.2	7.4	Italy . . . . .	10.1	7.7	6.8	6.1
<b>United States</b> . . . . .	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	Japan . . . . .	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.9
Australia . . . . .	6.3	5.1	4.8	4.4	Korea, South . . . . .	4.4	3.7	3.5	3.2
Austria . . . . .	3.6	5.2	4.8	4.4	Luxembourg . . . . .	2.3	4.5	4.8	4.7
Belgium . . . . .	6.9	8.5	8.2	7.5	Netherlands . . . . .	2.8	4.7	3.9	3.2
Canada . . . . .	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.0	New Zealand . . . . .	6.0	3.7	3.8	3.6
Czech Republic . . . . .	8.7	7.9	7.1	5.3	Norway . . . . .	3.4	4.6	3.5	2.6
Denmark . . . . .	4.3	4.8	3.9	3.8	Poland . . . . .	16.1	17.7	13.8	9.6
Finland . . . . .	9.7	8.3	7.7	6.8	Portugal . . . . .	4.0	7.6	7.7	8.0
France . . . . .	9.1	9.3	9.2	8.3	Spain . . . . .	11.1	9.2	8.5	8.3
Germany . . . . .	7.2	10.6	9.8	8.4	Sweden . . . . .	5.6	7.3	7.0	6.1
Hungary . . . . .	6.4	7.2	7.5	7.4	Switzerland . . . . .	2.7	4.4	4.0	3.6
					United Kingdom . . . . .	5.4	4.8	5.3	5.3

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Euro area refers to European Union member countries that have adopted the Euro as the common currency as of January 1, 2001, (Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain).

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