

Table 1319. Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment by Country: 1990 to 2007

[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	63,050	24,159	29,410	22,670	6,767	4,594	28,766
2000	² 142,583	15,637	9,590	66,990	26,099	² 39,302	² 23,361	² 8,052	4,482	28,952
2005	149,320	17,108	10,506	65,850	27,092	² 40,760	24,179	8,459	² 4,694	30,126
2006	151,428	17,351	10,699	65,960	27,322	41,250	24,395	8,541	4,748	30,586
2007	153,124	17,696	10,948	66,080	27,509	(NA)	24,459	8,686	4,823	30,774
Labor force participation rate:³										
1990	² 66.5	67.4	64.7	62.6	² 55.7	55.3	47.2	57.0	67.3	64.3
2000	67.1	66.0	64.4	62.0	56.6	56.7	48.1	² 63.4	63.7	62.9
2005	66.0	67.4	65.3	60.0	56.5	² 57.6	48.7	64.7	² 64.8	63.1
2006	66.2	67.4	65.6	60.0	56.6	58.2	48.9	65.1	65.0	63.5
2007	66.0	67.7	66.0	60.0	56.7	(NA)	48.6	65.9	65.3	63.4
Civilian employment (1,000):										
1990	118,793	12,964	7,877	61,700	22,075	27,950	21,080	6,251	4,513	26,713
2000	² 136,891	14,681	8,989	63,790	23,714	36,236	20,973	² 7,813	4,222	27,368
2005	141,730	16,080	9,975	62,910	24,493	² 36,185	22,290	8,056	² 4,334	26,665
2006	144,427	16,393	10,186	63,210	24,717	36,978	22,721	8,205	4,416	28,917
2007	146,047	16,767	10,470	63,510	25,135	(NA)	22,953	8,408	4,530	29,120
Employment-population ratio:⁴										
1990	² 62.8	62.2	60.4	61.3	² 50.9	52.6	43.9	52.7	66.1	59.8
2000	64.4	62.0	60.3	59.0	51.4	52.2	43.2	² 61.5	60.0	59.4
2005	62.7	63.4	62.0	57.3	51.1	² 51.2	44.9	61.6	² 59.9	60.1
2006	63.1	63.6	62.5	57.5	51.2	52.2	45.5	62.5	60.4	60.1
2007	63.0	64.2	63.1	57.6	51.8	(NA)	45.6	63.8	61.3	60.0
Unemployment rate:										
1990	² 5.6	7.7	6.7	2.1	² 8.6	5.0	7.0	7.6	1.8	7.1
2000	4.0	6.1	6.3	4.8	9.1	7.8	10.2	² 3.0	5.8	5.5
2005	5.1	6.0	5.1	4.5	9.6	² 11.2	7.8	4.8	² 7.7	4.9
2006	4.6	5.5	4.8	4.2	9.5	10.4	6.9	3.9	7.0	5.5
2007	4.6	5.3	4.4	3.9	8.6	8.7	6.2	3.2	6.1	5.4
Under 25 years old	10.5	10.1	9.4	7.8	20.0	(NA)	20.6	6.0	19.1	14.5
Teenagers ⁵	15.7	13.6	13.8	8.8	27.2	(NA)	31.7	8.6	29.7	21.3
20 to 24 years old	8.2	8.0	6.3	7.6	17.9	(NA)	18.2	3.9	13.8	10.5
25 years old and over	3.6	4.3	3.2	3.5	7.3	(NA)	5.0	2.7	4.3	3.7

NA Not available. 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, *Comparative Civilian Labor Force Statistics, 10 Countries, 1960-2007*, 18 April 2008. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/fls/flscompareif.htm>>.