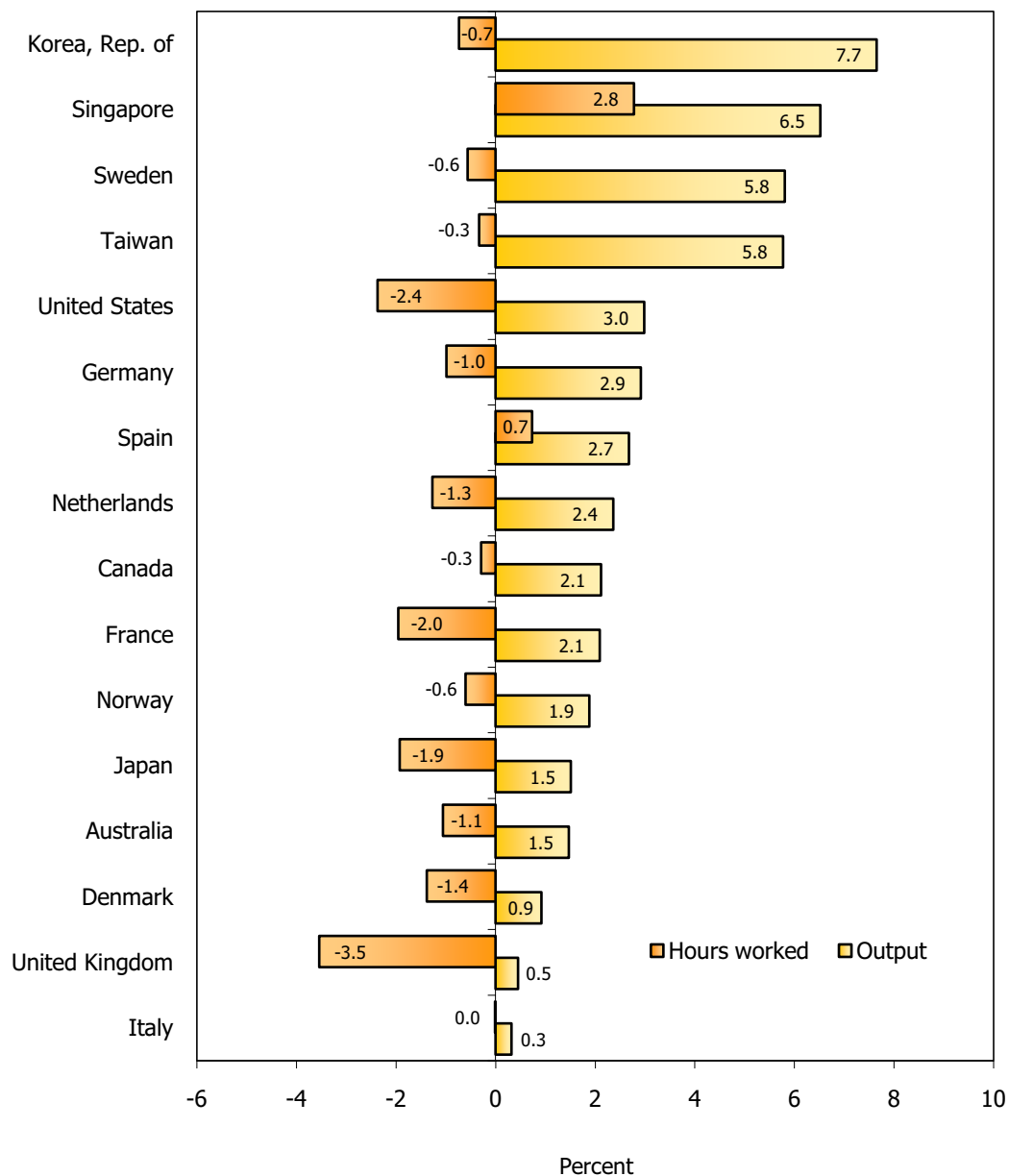


### 3.5 Average annual growth rates for manufacturing output and hours worked, 1997-2007

- Average annual growth rates for manufacturing output were highest in the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sweden, and Taiwan.
- The United Kingdom, the United States, France, and Japan had the largest percentage declines in hours worked; by contrast, hours worked increased only in Singapore and Spain.



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics.