

Table 1328. Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment by Country: 1990 to 2006

[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		Australia		Japan		Germany ¹		Netherlands		Sweden		United Kingdom
	United States	Canada	Australia	Japan	France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Sweden	United Kingdom			
Civilian labor force (1,000):													
1990	125,840	14,043	8,440	63,050	24,159	29,410	22,670	6,767	4,594	28,766			
2000	² 142,583	15,632	9,590	66,990	26,099	39,302	23,361	8,011	4,489	28,952			
2004	² 147,401	16,956	10,244	65,770	26,954	39,711	24,084	8,279	4,576	29,775			
2005	149,320	17,114	10,524	65,850	27,071	² 40,760	24,179	8,291	² 4,693	30,087			
2006	151,428	17,351	10,714	65,956	(NA)	(NA)	24,362	8,353	4,745	30,525			
Labor force participation rate:³													
1990	66.5	67.3	64.7	62.6	55.7	55.3	47.2	57.0	67.3	64.3			
2000	² 67.1	65.8	64.4	62.0	56.6	56.7	48.1	63.1	63.8	62.9			
2004	² 66.0	67.3	64.7	60.0	56.7	56.4	49.1	63.6	63.7	63.0			
2005	66.0	67.0	65.4	60.0	56.6	² 57.6	48.7	63.4	² 64.9	63.1			
2006	66.2	67.4	65.7	60.0	(NA)	(NA)	48.8	63.7	65.0	63.5			
Civilian employment (1,000):													
1990	118,793	12,956	7,877	61,700	22,075	27,950	21,080	6,251	4,513	26,713			
2000	² 136,891	14,676	8,989	63,790	23,714	36,236	20,973	7,781	4,229	27,368			
2004	² 139,252	15,864	9,677	62,640	24,330	35,604	22,124	7,847	4,276	28,358			
2005	141,730	16,087	9,987	62,910	24,392	² 36,185	22,290	7,860	² 4,333	28,628			
2006	144,427	16,393	10,190	63,206	(NA)	(NA)	22,701	7,979	4,413	28,859			
Employment-population ratio:⁴													
1990	62.8	62.1	60.4	61.3	50.9	52.6	43.9	52.7	66.1	59.8			
2000	² 64.4	61.9	60.3	59.0	51.4	52.2	43.2	61.3	60.1	59.4			
2004	² 62.3	63.4	61.2	57.1	51.2	50.6	45.1	60.3	59.5	60.0			
2005	62.7	63.4	62.1	57.3	51.0	² 51.2	44.9	60.1	² 59.9	60.0			
2006	63.1	63.6	62.5	57.5	(NA)	(NA)	45.5	60.8	60.4	60.0			
Unemployment rate:													
1990	5.6	7.7	6.7	2.1	8.6	5.0	7.0	7.6	1.8	7.1			
2000	² 4.0	6.1	6.3	4.8	9.1	7.8	10.2	2.9	5.8	5.5			
2004	² 5.5	6.4	5.5	4.8	9.7	10.3	8.1	5.1	6.6	4.8			
2005	5.1	6.0	5.1	4.5	9.9	² 11.2	7.8	5.2	² 7.7	4.8			
2006	4.6	5.5	4.9	4.2	9.2	10.3	6.8	4.5	7.0	5.5			
Under 25 years old	10.5	10.6	10.3	8.1	(NA)	(NA)	21.6	7.5	21.7	14.2			
Teenagers ⁵	15.4	14.8	15.1	9.6	(NA)	(NA)	32.4	10.1	31.4	20.2			
20 to 24 years old	8.2	8.2	6.9	7.8	(NA)	(NA)	19.3	5.4	16.8	10.5			
25 years old and over	3.6	4.6	3.6	3.8	(NA)	(NA)	5.5	3.9	5.0	3.8			

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, Ten Countries, 1960-2006*, 19 March 2007. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/fls/lfc/compendium.pdf>>.