

SECTION 6

Employment Outlook Indicators

This section presents a visual abstract of the 2008 *Employment Outlook* published by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The *Employment Outlook* is an annual publication that explores recent labor market developments of interest to the 30 OECD member countries.

Through their participation in the OECD Working Party on Employment, the U.S. Department of Labor and labor ministries from the other member countries advise OECD staff during the preparation of the *Employment Outlook*.

Each chart in this section illustrates a different chapter of the *Employment Outlook* and provides a brief summary of that chapter in the second bullet. Chart 6.1 highlights the incidence of part-time employment for youths. Chart 6.2 shows the gender employment gap. Chart 6.3 compares the rate of psychological distress of low-skilled workers to that of all employed persons. Lastly, chart 6.4 presents foreign direct investment (FDI) trends. The *Employment Outlook* also includes a chapter on informal employment; however, this chapter is not charted because of difficulties associated with measuring informal employment.

The number of countries covered in this section varies from 8 to 19. In addition, weighted aggregates for the 30 OECD member countries and the rest of the world are shown on one chart. Countries and years charted in this section conform to coverage in Sections 1-4 of this chartbook; for some indicators, additional coverage is available in the *Employment Outlook* chapters. Readers interested in exploring the *Employment Outlook* further may visit <http://www.oecd.org/els/employment/outlook>.