

Table 1328. Unemployment Rates by Country: 2000 to 2008

[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	2007	2008	Country	2000	2005	2007	2008
OECD, total	6.2	6.8	5.7	6.0	Ireland	4.3	4.4	4.6	6.3
Euro area ¹	8.5	9.0	7.5	7.6	Italy	10.1	7.7	6.1	6.8
United States	4.0	5.1	4.6	5.8	Japan	4.7	4.4	3.9	4.0
Australia	6.3	5.0	4.4	4.2	Korea, South	4.4	3.7	3.2	3.2
Austria	3.6	5.2	4.4	3.9	Luxembourg	2.2	4.6	4.2	4.9
Belgium	6.9	8.5	7.5	7.0	Netherlands	2.8	4.7	3.2	2.8
Canada	6.8	6.8	6.0	6.1	New Zealand	6.1	3.8	3.7	4.2
Czech Republic	8.7	7.9	5.3	4.4	Norway	3.2	4.5	2.6	2.5
Denmark	4.3	4.8	3.8	3.4	Poland	16.2	17.8	9.6	7.2
Finland	9.6	8.3	6.8	6.4	Portugal	4.0	7.7	8.1	7.8
France	9.0	9.3	8.3	7.8	Spain	11.1	9.2	8.3	11.4
Germany	7.5	10.6	8.4	7.3	Sweden	5.6	7.3	6.2	6.1
Hungary	6.4	7.2	7.4	7.8	Switzerland	2.6	4.4	3.6	3.5
					United Kingdom	5.4	4.8	5.3	5.6

¹ See footnote 3, Table 1318.

Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France, *Main Economic Indicators*, April 2008 and earlier releases (copyright). See also <<http://www.oecd.org>>.