

Table 1365. Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment by Country: 1990 to 2010

[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	62,990	24,867	29,412	22,670	6,767	4,597	28,766
2000	² 142,583	15,632	9,590	66,710	26,193	39,302	² 23,361	² 8,008	4,490	28,962
2005	² 149,320	17,056	10,529	65,386	27,061	² 40,696	24,179	² 8,400	² 4,693	30,137
2009	154,142	18,058	11,602	65,362	27,972	41,507	24,705	8,716	4,888	31,274
2010	153,889	18,263	11,868	65,100	28,067	41,189	24,741	8,654	4,942	31,421
Labor force participation rate:³										
1990	66.5	67.4	64.7	62.6	57.4	55.0	47.2	57.0	67.4	64.3
2000	² 67.1	66.0	64.4	61.7	56.8	² 56.7	² 48.1	² 63.0	63.7	62.8
2005	66.0	67.3	65.4	59.5	56.2	² 57.5	48.7	² 64.2	² 64.8	63.1
2009	65.4	67.2	66.7	59.3	56.6	58.5	48.4	65.2	64.8	63.3
2010	64.7	67.0	66.5	59.0	56.5	58.1	48.2	64.3	64.7	63.1
Civilian employment (1,000):										
1990	118,793	12,964	7,877	61,710	22,872	27,952	21,080	6,251	4,513	26,713
2000	² 136,891	14,677	8,989	63,790	23,928	36,236	² 20,973	² 7,762	4,230	27,375
2005	² 141,730	16,032	9,998	62,910	24,632	36,123	22,290	² 7,959	² 4,334	28,674
2009	139,877	16,732	10,953	62,242	25,395	38,279	22,760	8,389	4,486	28,880
2010	139,064	16,969	11,247	62,000	25,423	38,209	22,621	8,264	4,534	28,944
Employment-population ratio:⁴										
1990	62.8	62.2	60.4	61.3	52.8	52.3	43.9	52.7	66.1	59.8
2000	² 64.4	62.0	60.3	59.0	51.9	² 52.2	² 43.2	² 61.1	60.1	59.4
2005	62.7	63.3	62.1	57.3	51.2	² 51.1	44.9	² 60.9	² 59.9	60.0
2009	59.3	62.2	62.9	56.4	51.4	54.0	44.6	62.8	59.5	58.5
2010	58.5	62.3	63.0	56.2	51.2	53.9	44.1	61.4	59.3	58.2
Unemployment rate:										
1990	5.6	7.7	6.7	2.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	7.6	1.8	7.1
2000	² 4.0	² 6.1	6.3	4.4	8.6	² 7.8	² 10.2	² 3.1	5.8	5.5
2005	5.1	6.0	² 5.0	3.8	9.0	² 11.2	7.8	² 5.3	² 7.7	4.9
2009	9.3	7.3	5.6	4.8	9.2	7.8	7.9	3.7	8.2	7.7
2010	9.6	7.1	5.2	4.8	9.4	7.2	8.6	4.5	8.3	7.9
Under 25 years old	18.4	13.6	11.5	9.0	24.1	10.2	28.0	8.8	24.8	19.8
Teenagers ⁵	25.9	18.6	16.8	9.7	28.7	11.0	44.6	11.4	35.4	29.6
20 to 24 years old	15.5	10.7	8.1	8.8	23.2	9.9	25.1	6.7	20.3	15.0
25 years old and over	8.2	5.9	3.8	4.4	7.9	6.9	7.2	3.7	5.9	5.8

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, *International Comparisons of Annual Labor Force Statistics, Adjusted to U.S. Concepts, 10 Countries, 1970-2010*, March 2011. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/fls/flscomparef.htm>>.

Table 1366. Unemployment Rates by Country: 2000 to 2010

[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	2009	2010	Country	2000	2005	2009	2010
OECD, total	6.2	6.8	¹ 6.0	¹ 6.0	Ireland	4.4	4.4	11.8	13.6
EU-27 ²	9.2	8.9	9.0	9.6	Italy	10.2	7.7	7.8	8.4
					Japan	4.7	4.4	5.1	5.1
United States	4.0	5.1	9.3	9.6	Korea, South	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.7
Australia	6.3	5.0	5.6	5.2	Netherlands	3.0	4.7	3.5	4.5
Austria	3.5	5.2	4.8	4.4	New Zealand	6.2	3.8	6.1	6.5
Belgium	7.0	8.5	7.9	8.3	Norway	3.5	4.6	3.2	3.6
Canada	6.8	6.8	8.3	8.0	Poland	16.1	17.8	8.2	9.6
Czech Republic	8.9	7.9	6.7	7.3	Portugal	3.9	7.6	9.5	10.8
Denmark	4.6	4.8	6.0	7.4	Spain	13.9	9.2	18.0	20.1
Finland	9.8	8.4	8.2	8.4	Sweden	4.7	7.1	8.3	8.4
France	(NA)	8.9	9.1	9.3	Switzerland	2.5	4.2	4.1	4.2
Germany	7.8	11.1	7.7	7.1	United Kingdom	5.4	4.9	7.6	7.9
Hungary	6.4	7.2	10.0	11.2					

NA Not available. ¹ 2008 data. ² See footnote 5, Table 1377.

Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), 2011, "Labour: Labour Force Statistics," Main Economic Indicators database (copyright); <<http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/data-00046-en>>, accessed April 2011.