

H. International Perspectives

The quarterly data in this table are shown at the end month of the quarter.

	2003												2004		
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Unemployment rate (percent)															
Euro area.....	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
France.....	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.8
Germany.....	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.4
Italy.....	.....	.....	8.9	.....	.....	.....	8.7	.....	.....	8.6	.....	8.5	.....	.....	8.5
Netherlands.....	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.4
United Kingdom.....	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8
Japan.....	5.5	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.7
Singapore.....	.....	.....	4.5	.....	.....	.....	4.6	.....	.....	5.5	.....	4.5	.....	.....	.....
South Korea.....	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.3
Taiwan.....	5.0	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6
Canada.....	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5
Mexico.....	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.0	3.8	3.9
United States.....	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7
Short-term interest rate (percent per year)															
Euro area.....	2.83	2.69	2.53	2.54	2.41	2.15	2.13	2.14	2.15	2.14	2.16	2.15	2.09	2.07	2.03
France.....	2.79	2.67	2.44	2.46	2.32	2.07	2.07	2.09	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.05	2.03	1.97
Germany.....	2.81	2.67	2.51	2.52	2.39	2.13	2.11	2.12	2.13	2.13	2.15	2.13	2.07	2.05	2.01
Italy.....	2.60	2.43	2.34	2.36	2.20	1.98	1.98	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.14	2.10	2.02	1.99	1.93
Netherlands.....	2.83	2.69	2.53	2.53	2.40	2.15	2.13	2.14	2.15	2.14	2.16	2.15	2.09	2.07	2.03
United Kingdom.....	3.75	3.46	3.48	3.44	3.41	3.47	3.33	3.49	3.56	3.78	3.82	3.86	3.96	4.03	4.05
Singapore.....	0.66	0.62	0.63	0.55	0.55	0.52	0.63	0.78	0.72	0.76	0.63	0.71	0.77	0.68	0.65
South Korea.....	4.70	4.54	4.76	4.62	4.39	4.28	4.15	3.90	3.83	3.93	4.23	4.34	4.26	4.08	3.93
Taiwan.....	1.37	1.21	1.19	1.16	1.11	1.09	0.85	0.85	0.89	0.88	0.93	1.01	0.96	0.91	0.94
Canada.....	2.81	2.86	3.14	3.24	3.20	3.13	2.81	2.70	2.60	2.65	2.71	2.59	2.26	2.13	1.99
Mexico.....	8.69	8.86	9.12	8.00	5.75	5.37	5.27	5.11	5.20	5.38	5.23	6.18	5.11	5.63	6.21
United States.....	1.17	1.17	1.13	1.13	1.07	0.92	0.90	0.95	0.94	0.92	0.93	0.90	0.88	0.93	0.94
Long-term interest rate (percent per year)															
Euro area.....	4.27	4.06	4.13	4.23	3.92	3.72	4.06	4.20	4.23	4.31	4.44	4.36	4.26	4.18	4.02
France.....	4.27	4.07	4.17	4.25	3.97	3.75	4.05	4.24	4.24	4.34	4.48	4.36	4.22	4.24	4.01
Germany.....	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.20	3.80	3.60	4.00	4.10	4.20	4.20	4.40	4.30	4.20	4.10	3.90
Italy.....	4.38	4.16	4.19	4.31	4.04	3.82	4.13	4.29	4.31	4.38	4.51	4.46	4.32	4.34	4.17
Netherlands.....	4.19	3.97	4.01	4.23	3.91	3.72	4.04	4.18	4.21	4.27	4.41	4.33	4.18	4.12	3.93
United Kingdom.....	4.44	4.39	4.54	4.67	4.46	4.39	4.65	4.68	4.76	4.88	4.95	4.83	4.75	4.78	4.76
Japan.....	0.75	0.78	0.73	0.61	0.53	0.71	0.96	1.41	1.42	1.44	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.22	1.22
Singapore.....	2.44	2.24	2.05	2.10	1.89	2.28	3.07	3.72	3.54	3.95	4.03	3.75	3.39	3.36	3.07
South Korea.....	5.43	5.15	5.20	5.03	4.68	4.46	4.95	5.26	4.77	4.87	5.35	5.43	5.42	5.43	5.26
Taiwan.....	1.96	1.90	1.93	1.91	1.49	1.42	1.81	2.24	2.77	2.78	2.87	2.80	2.62	2.70	2.33
Canada.....	5.02	4.93	5.13	4.90	4.50	4.37	4.78	4.96	4.64	4.85	4.79	4.66	4.61	4.41	4.43
United States.....	4.05	3.90	3.81	3.96	3.57	3.33	3.98	4.45	4.27	4.29	4.30	4.27	4.15	4.08	3.83
Real GDP (percent change from same quarter a year earlier)															
Euro area.....	.....	.....	0.9	.....	.....	-0.1	.....	.....	0.2	.....	.....	0.6	.....	.....	.....
France.....	.....	.....	0.6	.....	.....	-0.4	.....	.....	-0.2	.....	.....	0.5	.....	.....	.....
Germany.....	.....	.....	0.4	.....	.....	-0.7	.....	.....	-0.2	.....	.....	0.2	.....	.....	.....
Italy.....	.....	.....	0.5	.....	.....	0.1	.....	.....	0.3	.....	.....	0.1	.....	.....	.....
Netherlands.....	.....	.....	-0.2	.....	.....	-1.1	.....	.....	-1.2	.....	.....	-0.4	.....	.....	.....
United Kingdom.....	.....	.....	1.8	.....	.....	2.0	.....	.....	2.1	.....	.....	2.5	.....	.....	.....
Japan.....	.....	.....	2.8	.....	.....	2.3	.....	.....	2.1	.....	.....	3.4	.....	.....	.....
Singapore.....	.....	.....	1.7	.....	.....	-3.9	.....	.....	1.7	.....	.....	4.9	.....	.....	.....
South Korea.....	.....	.....	3.7	.....	.....	1.9	.....	.....	2.3	.....	.....	5.4	.....	.....	.....
Taiwan.....	.....	.....	5.3	.....	.....	1.1	.....	.....	3.7	.....	.....	5.6	.....	.....	.....
Canada.....	.....	.....	2.7	.....	.....	1.5	.....	.....	1.1	.....	.....	1.6	.....	.....	.....
Mexico.....	.....	.....	2.5	.....	.....	0.1	.....	.....	0.6	.....	.....	2.0	.....	.....	.....
United States.....	.....	.....	2.1	.....	.....	2.4	.....	.....	3.6	.....	.....	4.3	.....	.....	4.9
Stock market prices (index number)															
France.....	46.93	43.99	41.83	47.18	47.79	49.26	51.28	52.89	50.08	53.88	54.71	56.83	58.12	59.67	59.88
Germany.....	39.00	36.15	34.40	41.76	42.33	45.71	49.50	49.46	46.22	51.89	53.16	56.28	57.6	57.14	57.54
Italy.....	53.20	54.19	50.93	56.12	58.57	58.13	59.16	59.59	58.42	61.28	63.69	63.08	65.1	66.05	66.28
Netherlands.....	44.71	40.36	37.68	42.85	42.54	44.20	48.13	49.94	46.51	50.06	50.36	51.19	53.56	54.24	54.37
United Kingdom.....	56.24	57.63	56.96	61.89	63.82	63.55	65.53	65.60	64.50	67.59	68.46	70.58	69.22	70.82	71.53
Japan.....	49.33	49.47	47.16	46.33	49.83	53.73	56.57	61.19	60.45	62.46	61.54	63.16	63.79	66.67	66.67
Singapore.....	63.13	62.27	61.97	62.63	65.94	70.77	76.20	78.17	79.71	84.26	83.78	86.25	90.05	92.78	92.47
South Korea.....	83.77	81.45	75.82	84.83	89.65	94.82	100.99	107.50	98.73	110.74	114.28	114.75	120.1	125.04	125.04
Taiwan.....	64.92	57.38	55.94	53.70	58.98	63.07	68.85	73.15	72.64	78.25	74.71	76.25	82.53	88.24	89.17
Canada.....	68.38	68.23	66.02	68.55	71.40	72.68	75.54	78.24	77.24	80.90	81.80	85.57	88.69	92.02	92.37
Mexico.....	91.49	91.07	90.87	100.03	102.93	108.40	113.01	116.64	120.19	123.92	131.44	135.14	144.88	153.54	156.07
United States.....	60.27	59.25	59.74	64.58	67.87	68.64	69.75	71.00	70.15	74.08	74.54	78.32	79.67	80.93	81.42
Exchange rate ¹															
Euro area (E).....	1.0622	1.0785	1.0797	1.0862	1.1556	1.1674	1.1365	1.1155	1.1267	1.1714	1.1710	1.2298	1.2638	1.2640	1.2261
United Kingdom (f).....	1.6175	1.6079	1.5825	1.5739	1.6224	1.6609	1.6221	1.5939	1.6155	1.6792	1.6897	1.7516	1.8255	1.8673	1.8261
Japan (Y).....	118.81	119.34	118.69	119.9	117.37	118.33	118.7	118.66	114.8	109.5	109.18	107.74	106.27	106.71	108.52
Singapore (S\$).....	1.7363	1.7451	1.7551	1.7771	1.7357	1.7351	1.7551	1.7533	1.7466	1.7345	1.7282	1.7107	1.6965	1.6869	1.6996
South Korea (W).....	1176.45	1190.37	1237.20	1231.10	1201.23	1194.14	1181.16	1178.60	1165.40	1169.34	1186.39	1192.34	1183.35	1167.53	1166.29
Taiwan (NT\$).....	34.571	34.734	34.721	34.824	34.697	34.633	34.396	34.318	33.995	33.875	34.036	34.056	33.669	33.214	33.252
Canada (Can\$).....	1.5414	1.5121	1.4761	1.4582	1.3840	1.3525	1.3821	1.3963	1.3634	1.3221	1.3130	1.3138	1.2958	1.3299	1.3286
Mexico (Ps).....	10.622	10.945	10.905	10.589	10.253	10.503	10.458	10.783	10.923	11.180	11.149	11.251	10.920	11.032	11.019
United States (\$).....	123.60	123.50	123.00	122.01	117.97	117.36	118.57	119.93	118.57	116.21	116.07	114.51	112.54	113.10	114.26

1. Figures for the Euro area and for the United Kingdom are in U.S. dollars per euro and per pound sterling, respectively. The rate for the United States is a weighted average of the nominal foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against the currencies of a Broad Index group of major U.S. trading partners from a base of January 1997=100. For other countries, figures are in currency units per U.S. dollar.

2. Unemployment and GDP figures are revised regularly.

Sources: Exchange rates are from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Indexes of stock market

prices are calculated from data taken from finance oriented web sites and are rebased to 2000=100 to facilitate comparisons. Other series are drawn from the web sites of the statistical agencies of the countries shown.

NOTE: In 2003, the countries in this table accounted for 62 percent of the value of U.S. imports of goods and 70 percent of the value of U.S. exports of goods. The Euro area consists of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain.