

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Reference period: December 2023

OECD unemployment rate unchanged at 4.8% in December 2023

The OECD unemployment rate was stable at 4.8% in December 2023, having remained below 5.0% throughout 2023 (Figure 1 and Table 1). The rate was unchanged in 21 OECD countries in December, rose in 7 countries, and declined in 5 countries. The unemployment rate was more than 3.5 percentage points [p.p.] above its record low in Luxembourg and Spain (Figure 2 and Table 1).

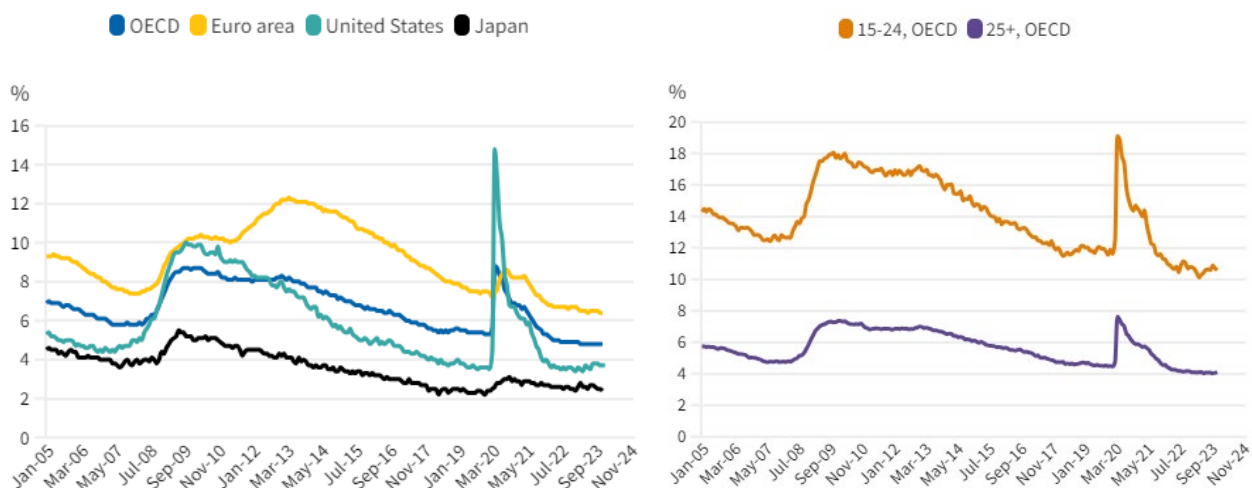
In 2023, the number of unemployed persons in the OECD continued to decline for the third consecutive year, reaching 33.2 million, the lowest annual level since the series started in 2001 (Figure 3). The number of unemployed workers reached annual record lows in Israel, Latvia, Poland, and Slovenia.

In December 2023, the OECD unemployment rates for women and men were broadly stable, at 5.0% and 4.7%, respectively. The same holds for younger workers (aged 15-24) and those aged 25 and above. The youth unemployment rate recorded the largest increases in Austria, Czechia, Iceland, and Sweden. Youth unemployment rates close to or above 20% were recorded in 10 OECD countries (Tables 3 and 4).

In the European Union and the euro area, the unemployment rate remained at record lows of 5.9% and 6.4%, respectively. In December, it was stable or decreased slightly in all OECD euro area countries except in Austria where it increased markedly (Table 1).

Outside the European OECD countries, unemployment rates in December 2023 were stable or increased. The largest rises were recorded in Colombia and Korea (Table 1). In January 2024, the unemployment rate remained stable at 3.7% for the third consecutive month in the United States, while it declined for the first time since December 2022 in Canada, to 5.7%.

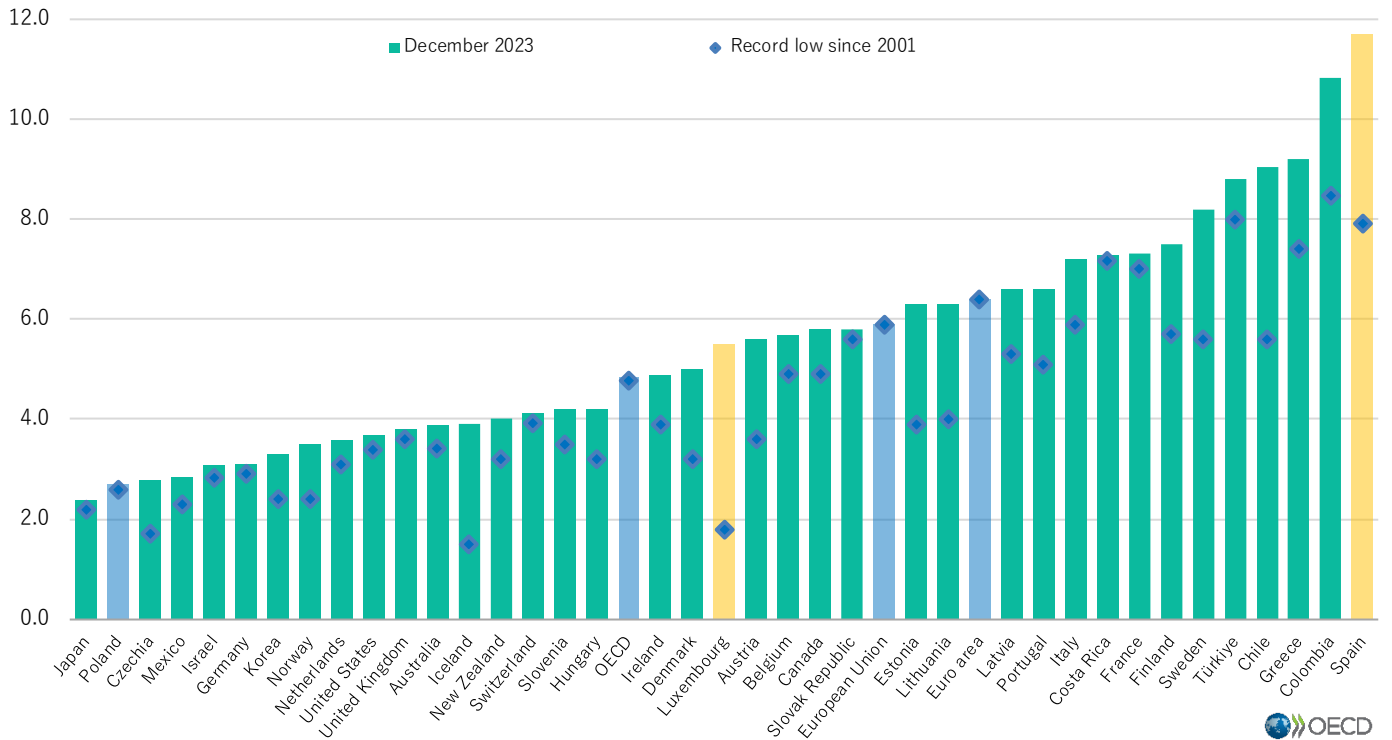
» **Figure 1 – Unemployment rates**
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The fall in the OECD unemployment rate when compared with the April 2020 peak should be interpreted with caution, as it largely reflects the return of temporary laid-off workers in the United States and Canada, where they are recorded as unemployed, unlike in most other countries, including European member states, where they are recorded as employed.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#), and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

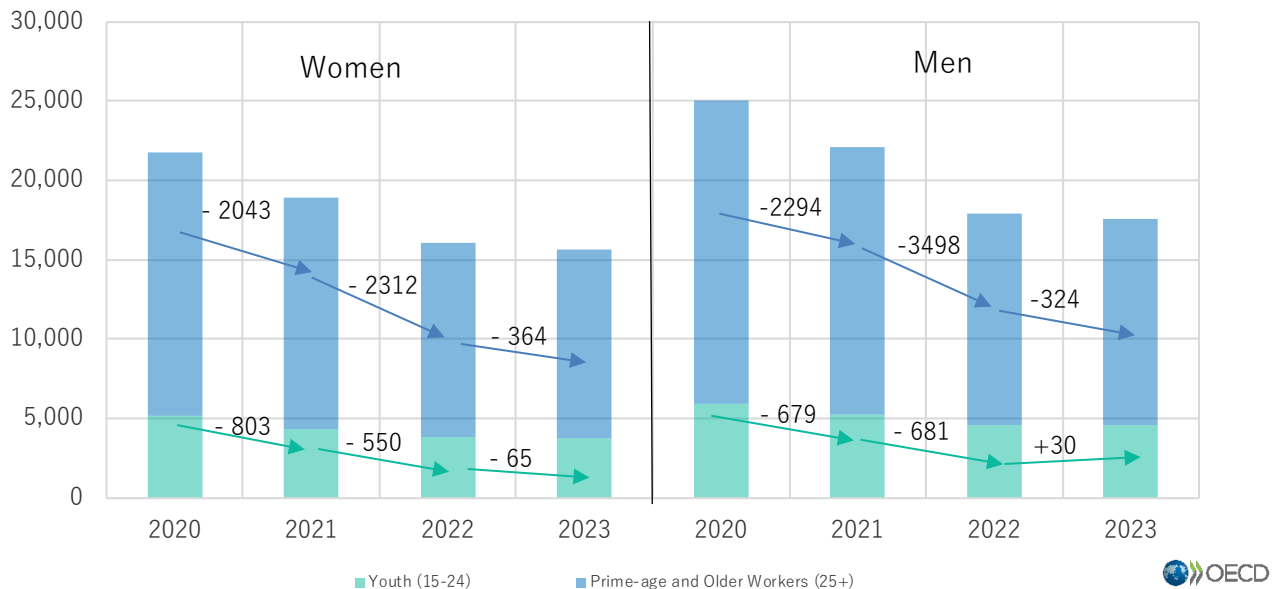
Figure 2 – Unemployment rate for OECD countries
 December 2023 compared with the lowest rate recorded since 2001, percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The December 2023 unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 percentage point (p.p.) of its record low in Poland, as well as for the OECD, the European Union and the euro area (bars reported in blue). It was more than 3.5 percentage points above its record low in Luxembourg, and Spain (bars reported in yellow). For Costa Rica, Chile, and the United Kingdom, the unemployment rate for November 2023 is reported ; for Switzerland, third quarter 2023; for New Zealand, fourth quarter 2023.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#), and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

Figure 3 – Change in OECD unemployment level by age and sex
 Thousands of unemployed persons, 2020 to 2023



Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment levels](#)

Table 1 – Unemployment rates (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted

	2022	2023	2023				2020	2023						Change from previous period	Record low		
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Feb	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		Dec	since 2001	
OECD	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	→	4.8	Jun-23
G7	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	→	3.9	Jan-23	
European Union	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	→	5.9	May-23	
Euro area	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	→	6.4	Jun-23	
Australia	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	5.1	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.9	→	3.4	Oct-22	
Austria	4.8	5.1	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.2	4.6	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.9	5.6	↑	3.6	Jan-01	
Belgium	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7	→	4.9	Apr-20	
Canada	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8	→	4.9	Jun-22	
Chile	7.9	8.7	8.7	8.3	8.7	9.0	8.2	8.7	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.0	..	→	5.6	Jul-13	
Colombia	11.2	10.2	10.6	10.0	9.6	10.5	11.2	9.4	9.6	9.8	10.2	10.3	10.8	↑	8.5	Nov-15	
Costa Rica	12.2	8.9	10.6	9.5	8.1	7.3	12.5	8.8	8.1	7.7	7.2	7.3	..	→	7.2	Oct-23	
Czechia	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	1.8	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.8	↑	1.7	Feb-19	
Denmark	4.5	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.5	4.3	4.7	5.3	4.9	5.0	→	3.2	Jan-08	
Estonia	5.6	6.4	5.5	6.7	7.1	6.3	5.1	7.4	7.3	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.3	→	3.9	May-08	
Finland	6.8	7.2	6.8	7.1	7.4	7.5	6.7	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.5	→	5.7	Apr-08	
France	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	→	7.0	May-20	
Germany	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	→	2.9	May-19	
Greece	12.5	10.7	11.4	11.1	10.5	9.3	16.4	10.8	10.4	10.2	9.3	9.4	9.2	↓	7.4	May-08	
Hungary	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	→	3.2	May-19	
Iceland	3.8	3.4	3.6	2.7	3.6	3.5	6.1	3.5	3.0	4.2	3.3	3.2	3.9	↑	1.5	Feb-07	
Ireland	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	→	3.9	Mar-01	
Israel	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.1	↑	2.8	Nov-23	
Italy	8.1	7.6	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.4	9.5	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.2	↓	5.9	Apr-07	
Japan	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	→	2.2	May-18	
Korea	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.4	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.8	3.3	↑	2.4	Aug-23	
Latvia	6.9	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.3	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.6	→	5.3	Oct-07	
Lithuania	5.9	6.6	7.2	6.1	6.6	6.4	7.3	6.3	6.7	6.9	6.5	6.5	6.3	↓	4.0	Nov-07	
Luxembourg	4.6	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.5	↓	1.8	May-01	
Mexico	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	→	2.3	Aug-01	
Netherlands	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	→	3.1	Apr-01	
New Zealand	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	→	3.2	Q4-21
Norway	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	↓	2.4	Sep-07	
Poland	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	→	2.6	Feb-23	
Portugal	6.2	6.6	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	→	5.1	Jan-01	
Slovak Republic	6.2	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	→	5.6	Apr-19	
Slovenia	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2	→	3.5	Dec-22	
Spain	12.9	12.1	12.8	12.0	11.9	11.8	13.6	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.7	→	7.9	May-07	
Sweden	7.5	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.8	8.0	7.8	7.1	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.9	8.2	↑	5.6	Jun-02	
Switzerland	4.3	..	4.1	3.9	4.1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↑	3.9	Q2-23
Türkiye	10.5	9.4	9.9	9.6	9.2	8.8	12.6	9.3	9.2	9.1	8.6	8.9	8.8	→	8.0	Jun-12	
United Kingdom	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	..	→	3.6	Jul-22	
United States	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	→	3.4	Jan-23	

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Change from previous period (x)				
↑	x > 0.1	→	-0.1 ≤ x ≤ 0.1	↓
Change between November 2023 and December 2023 except for Chile, Costa Rica, and the United Kingdom where the change is reported between October and November; for Switzerland, change between second quarter 2023 and third quarter 2023; for New Zealand, change between third quarter 2023 and fourth quarter 2023.				

Note: figures in bold in the columns “record low since 2001” stress that the unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 percentage point of its lowest level in the current monthly period.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#), and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

Table 2 – Unemployment levels (aged 15 and over)*Thousands of persons, seasonally adjusted*

	2022	2023	2023			2023			
			Q2	Q3	Q4	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
OECD	33,962	33,239	33,018	33,204	33,310	33,199	33,231	33,245	33,482
G7	15,776	15,923	15,760	16,127	16,120	16,180	16,330	16,084	15,980
European Union	13,240	13,034	12,942	13,044	12,972	13,055	13,060	12,919	12,936
Euro area	11,290	11,055	10,973	11,045	10,953	11,040	11,025	10,926	10,909
Australia	523	536	521	539	567	522	553	574	574
Austria	221	241	234	262	245	259	240	231	264
Belgium	294	294	296	282	296	285	295	295	299
Canada	1,098	1,155	1,099	1,179	1,238	1,189	1,229	1,240	1,245
Chile	758	862	820	864	908	882	904	908	..
Colombia	2,781	2,576	2,551	2,449	2,641	2,482	2,575	2,619	2,730
Costa Rica	300	205	225	183	164	172	159	164	..
Czechia	126	138	139	137	140	139	149	129	143
Denmark	139	154	150	152	162	150	170	157	160
Estonia	40	47	50	53	47	48	46	47	47
Finland	190	204	202	209	214	212	213	216	213
France	2,234	2,238	2,245	2,265	2,248	2,244	2,243	2,245	2,256
Germany	1,343	1,334	1,306	1,340	1,366	1,351	1,360	1,367	1,372
Greece	588	503	523	489	433	476	437	431	430
Hungary	176	195	192	196	205	195	202	205	207
Iceland	8	8	6	8	8	9	8	8	9
Ireland	120	121	116	125	135	131	133	135	136
Israel	163	153	162	146	133	144	135	126	138
Italy	2,028	1,942	1,939	1,919	1,886	1,912	1,950	1,880	1,829
Japan	1,793	1,783	1,767	1,820	1,737	1,770	1,750	1,770	1,690
Korea	833	787	752	765	837	761	721	828	961
Latvia	65	61	61	62	63	62	62	63	64
Lithuania	89	102	94	103	102	107	103	104	100
Luxembourg	15	17	17	18	19	19	19	19	19
Mexico	1,940	1,693	1,725	1,698	1,672	1,643	1,620	1,671	1,726
Netherlands	350	359	350	366	360	371	361	357	361
New Zealand	97	113	110	119	122	...	...	...	...
Norway	95	107	100	107	109	105	110	113	105
Poland	498	475	477	482	479	481	483	479	476
Portugal	318	349	339	340	349	348	353	348	347
Slovak Republic	170	163	163	162	160	161	161	160	160
Slovenia	41	39	39	39	44	40	43	44	44
Spain	3,025	2,894	2,853	2,861	2,840	2,864	2,860	2,838	2,821
Sweden	421	437	427	445	456	467	451	451	467
Switzerland	212	..	198	208	..	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	3,592	3,275	3,366	3,207	3,070	3,158	3,002	3,110	3,098
United Kingdom	1,285	1,393	1,460	1,407	1,320	1,367	1,355	1,320	..
United States	5,996	6,080	5,943	6,197	6,324	6,347	6,443	6,262	6,268

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Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment levels](#).

Table 3 – Unemployment rates by sex (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

	Women							Men						
	2022	2023	2023		2023			2022	2023	2023		2023		
			Q3	Q4	Oct	Nov	Dec			Q3	Q4	Oct	Nov	Dec
OECD	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
G7	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2
European Union	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Euro area	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
Australia	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
Austria	4.5	4.9	5.2	4.7	4.6	4.4	5.2	4.9	5.4	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.4	6.0
Belgium	5.3	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.8	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0
Canada	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.6	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0
Chile	8.5	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	..	7.4	8.4	8.3	8.8	8.7	8.8	..
Colombia	14.3	12.8	12.0	12.8	12.7	12.6	13.0	9.0	8.2	7.8	8.8	8.4	8.6	9.2
Costa Rica	16.4	10.8	9.0	8.2	7.6	8.2	..	9.4	7.7	7.5	6.8	6.9	6.8	..
Czechia	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.4
Denmark	4.5	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.1	4.4
Estonia	5.0	6.6	7.6	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.7	6.1	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9
Finland	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.7	7.1	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.5	8.3
France	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2
Germany	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Greece	16.4	13.9	13.5	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.7	9.3	8.1	8.0	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.1
Hungary	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Iceland	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.2	4.8	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.2
Ireland	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1
Israel	3.6	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.3
Italy	9.4	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.8	8.4	8.2	7.1	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.4
Japan	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.8
Korea	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.8	3.5	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.1
Latvia	5.6	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	8.2	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.0
Lithuania	5.5	6.0	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.3	6.3	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.3
Luxembourg	4.7	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	4.5	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.5
Mexico	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8
Netherlands	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
New Zealand	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.3	...	...	...	3.1	3.5	3.8	3.7	...	...	...
Norway	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7
Poland	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7
Portugal	6.6	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.1	6.8	6.9	5.7	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.2
Slovak Republic	6.4	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Slovenia	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2
Spain	14.8	13.8	13.6	13.4	13.6	13.4	13.3	11.3	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.2
Sweden	7.9	7.9	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.9	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.4	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.7
Switzerland	4.6	..	4.4	..	...	...	...	4.1	..	3.9	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	13.5	12.7	12.5	11.8	11.5	11.9	12.0	9.0	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.1
United Kingdom	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5	..	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.1	..
United States	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9

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Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

Table 4 – Unemployment rates by age group
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

	Youth (15-24)							Prime-age and Older Workers (25+)						
	2022	2023	2023		2023			2022	2023	2023		2023		
			Q3	Q4	Oct	Nov	Dec			Q3	Q4	Oct	Nov	Dec
OECD	10.9	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.9	10.7	10.6	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1
G7	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.0	8.9	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
European Union	14.5	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.5	14.7	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Euro area	14.5	14.3	14.5	14.6	14.8	14.5	14.4	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Australia	8.2	8.4	8.4	9.5	9.2	9.7	9.5	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
Austria	9.4	10.4	11.8	10.5	10.5	9.7	11.4	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.8
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	16.3	16.7	17.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Canada	10.1	10.7	10.7	11.4	11.4	11.6	11.3	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9
Chile	17.7	21.4	22.0	22.4	22.6	22.4	..	7.0	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	7.9	..
Colombia	21.9	20.2	19.1	21.4	21.7	21.3	21.4	9.4	8.5	8.0	8.7	8.4	8.6	9.1
Costa Rica	31.0	24.8	22.0	21.9	22.6	21.9	..	9.3	6.6	6.2	5.3	5.1	5.3	..
Czechia	7.6	8.6	8.8	7.2	7.0	6.2	8.4	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.5
Denmark	10.5	11.2	12.0	12.7	13.9	11.8	12.4	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7
Estonia	18.1	17.6	21.3	20.1	19.4	20.4	20.4	4.5	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2
Finland	14.1	16.1	16.9	17.0	18.9	17.0	15.2	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.4	6.6
France	17.3	17.1	17.6	17.5	17.6	17.5	17.4	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1
Germany	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Greece	31.4	25.7	25.9	24.3	23.7	27.0	22.3	11.4	9.8	9.6	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3
Hungary	10.8	12.3	12.4	13.7	13.6	13.7	13.9	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Iceland	8.5	9.1	10.3	9.8	12.0	7.0	10.3	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.4	1.9	2.5	2.7
Ireland	10.0	11.1	11.5	13.1	12.8	13.0	13.4	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Israel ⁽²⁾	6.9	6.0	6.6	5.8	6.5	5.3	5.7	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.7
Italy	23.7	22.1	22.4	21.3	23.3	20.5	20.1	7.1	..	6.6	..	..	..	..
Japan	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.3	3.7	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3
Korea	7.0	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.3	5.9	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	3.1
Latvia	15.1	12.2	12.3	14.3	14.0	14.5	14.4	6.3	6.0	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0
Lithuania	11.8	12.3	11.9	13.2	13.3	13.3	12.9	5.5	6.2	6.3	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.8
Luxembourg	17.3	17.7	18.3	19.5	19.3	19.9	19.4	3.6	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Mexico	6.5	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.4	6.2	6.0	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Netherlands	7.6	8.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.2	8.1	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6
New Zealand	9.3	10.7	11.5	11.6	...	...	...	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	...	...	...
Norway	9.9	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.3	11.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.3
Poland	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.7	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2
Portugal	19.2	20.3	20.7	22.4	21.2	23.0	23.1	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.3
Slovak Republic	19.9	20.0	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.7	20.8	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Slovenia ⁽¹⁾	10.2	10.4	11.8	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
Spain	29.7	28.5	27.9	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.6	11.7	10.9	10.7	10.5	10.6	10.5	10.4
Sweden	21.7	21.7	21.3	22.7	21.8	22.2	24.0	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0
Switzerland	7.5	..	8.4	..	...	...	...	3.9	..	3.6	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	19.5	17.5	16.9	15.9	16.0	16.3	15.5	8.8	7.9	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.6
United Kingdom	10.6	11.9	12.1	11.6	12.4	11.6	..	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.8	..
United States	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.3	8.8	8.0	8.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1

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1. Belgium and Slovenia: For youth unemployment, quarterly data are shown for all the months in the quarter.

2. Israel: Data shown in this table are not seasonally adjusted.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

Methodological information:

The OECD unemployment rate is calculated as the total number of unemployed people in all OECD countries as a percentage of the total labour force (i.e., the unemployed plus those in employment).

For countries for which unemployment data for the most recent month or quarter are not available, the latest available data are used to compile data for the OECD total.

All rates and levels are seasonally adjusted (s.a.).

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Access Data:

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