

Harmonised unemployment rates
As percentage of civilian labour force, seasonally adjusted

	2008	2009	2010					
			May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
Australia	4.2	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.4
Austria	3.8	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.8
Belgium	7.0	7.9	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5
Canada	6.1	8.3	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.0	7.9
Chile	7.8	10.8	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.0	7.6	..
Czech Republic	4.4	6.7	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9
Denmark	3.3	6.0	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.8
Estonia	5.6	13.8	18.5	18.5	16.2	16.2	16.2	..
Finland	6.4	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.0
France	7.8	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8
Germany	7.3	7.5	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7
Greece	7.7	9.5	12.2	12.2	..	..	..	..
Hungary	7.8	10.0	11.2	11.3	11.1	10.9	10.8	10.9
Ireland	6.4	11.9	13.6	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.1	14.1
Israel ¹	6.1 |	7.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy	6.8	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.3	8.6
Japan	4.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1
Korea	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.6
Luxembourg	4.9	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Netherlands	3.1	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4
New Zealand	4.2	6.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norway	2.5	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	..
Poland	7.2	8.2	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.7
Portugal	7.7	9.6	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0
Slovak Republic	9.5	12.0	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.7
Slovenia	4.4	5.9	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.6
Spain	11.4	18.0	20.0	20.2	20.4	20.5	20.7	20.7
Sweden	6.2	8.3	8.6	8.1	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.1
Switzerland	3.5	4.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
United Kingdom	5.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
United States	5.8	9.3	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6
OECD-Total ²	6.1 e	8.3 e	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6

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Note: Next update: here.

1. The statistical data for Israel are supplied by and under the responsibility of the relevant Israeli authorities. The use of such data by the OECD is without prejudice to the status of the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank under the terms of international law.
2. Excluding Chile, Israel and Slovenia.

Source: Labour: Labour force statistics, Main Economic Indicators (database)

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