

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

|                     | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |      |      |      |      |     |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
|                     |      |      | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec |
| Australia           | 5.6  | 5.2  | 5.1  | 5.3  | 5.3  | 5.2  | 5.3  | ..  |
| Austria             | 4.8  | 4.4  | 3.7  | 3.7  | 3.9  | 4.1  | 4.0  | ..  |
| Belgium             | 7.9  | 8.3  | 7.3  | 7.4  | 7.4  | 7.3  | 7.2  | ..  |
| Canada              | 8.3  | 8.0  | 7.2  | 7.3  | 7.1  | 7.3  | 7.4  | 7.5 |
| Chile               | 10.8 | 8.2  | 7.0  | 7.2  | 7.3  | 7.5  | ..   | ..  |
| Czech Republic      | 6.7  | 7.3  | 6.7  | 6.6  | 6.5  | 6.6  | 6.7  | ..  |
| Denmark             | 6.1  | 7.4  | 7.4  | 7.5  | 7.6  | 7.7  | 7.8  | ..  |
| Estonia             | 13.8 | 16.8 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.3 | ..   | ..   | ..  |
| Finland             | 8.2  | 8.4  | 7.7  | 7.7  | 7.6  | 7.5  | 7.4  | ..  |
| France              | 9.5  | 9.8  | 9.7  | 9.6  | 9.6  | 9.7  | 9.8  | ..  |
| Germany             | 7.8  | 7.1  | 5.9  | 5.8  | 5.7  | 5.6  | 5.5  | ..  |
| Greece              | 9.5  | 12.6 | 17.9 | 18.4 | 18.8 | ..   | ..   | ..  |
| Hungary             | 10.0 | 11.2 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.7 | ..  |
| Ireland             | 11.8 | 13.7 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.6 | ..  |
| Israel <sup>1</sup> | 7.5  | 6.7  | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..  |
| Italy               | 7.8  | 8.4  | 8.0  | 7.9  | 8.3  | 8.5  | 8.6  | ..  |
| Japan               | 5.1  | 5.1  | 4.7  | 4.3  | 4.1  | 4.5  | 4.5  | ..  |
| Korea               | 3.6  | 3.7  | 3.3  | 3.1  | 3.2  | 3.1  | 3.1  | ..  |
| Luxembourg          | 5.2  | 4.6  | 4.9  | 4.9  | 5.0  | 4.8  | 4.9  | ..  |
| Netherlands         | 3.7  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 4.4  | 4.5  | 4.8  | 4.9  | ..  |
| New Zealand         | 6.1  | 6.5  | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..  |
| Norway              | 3.1  | 3.5  | 3.2  | 3.2  | 3.3  | 3.3  | ..   | ..  |
| Poland              | 8.2  | 9.7  | 9.7  | 9.7  | 9.8  | 9.9  | 10.0 | ..  |
| Portugal            | 10.6 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 13.2 | ..  |
| Slovak Republic     | 12.0 | 14.4 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 13.5 | ..  |
| Slovenia            | 5.9  | 7.3  | 8.1  | 8.0  | 8.2  | 8.2  | 8.2  | ..  |
| Spain               | 18.0 | 20.1 | 21.8 | 22.1 | 22.5 | 22.7 | 22.9 | ..  |
| Sweden              | 8.3  | 8.4  | 7.4  | 7.4  | 7.3  | 7.5  | 7.4  | ..  |
| Switzerland         | 4.1  | 4.2  | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..  |
| United Kingdom      | 7.6  | 7.8  | 8.1  | 8.3  | 8.3  | ..   | ..   | ..  |
| United States       | 9.3  | 9.6  | 9.1  | 9.1  | 9.0  | 8.9  | 8.7  | 8.5 |
| OECD-Total          | 8.4  | 8.6  | 8.3  | 8.2  | 8.2  | 8.2  | 8.2  | ..  |

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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.

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