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Key Employment Statistics

How does your country compare?
How do OECD labour markets perform?

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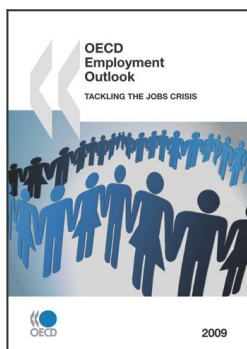
i.e. You need to know how does AUSTRALIA compare?

Labour market outcomes – Australia

	Unit	1998	2007	2008	2008 OECD total
Unemployment rate	% of labour force	7.8	4.4	4.3	6.0
Youth unemployment rate	% of youth labour force (15-24)	14.6	9.4	8.9	12.4
Long-term unemployment (12 months and over)	% of total unemployment	29.7	15.4	14.9	25.9
Employment rate	% of working age population	67.9	72.8	73.2	66.5
Employment rate of women	% of female population (15-64)	59.6	66.1	66.7	57.5
Employment rate of older workers	% of population aged 55-64	43.9	56.6	57.4	53.6
Temporary employment	% of dependent employment	4.6	12.3
Part-time employment	% of total employment	..	23.7	23.8	15.5
Average annual working time	Hours per worker	1 788	1 717	1 721	1 766
Average annual wage	2007 USD PPPs	37 020	42 019
Growth of real GDP	% change from previous year	5.1	4.2	2.3	0.8
Employment growth	% change from previous year	1.7	2.9	2.1	0.7
Wage growth	% change from previous year	1.8	1.1

Labour market policies and institutions – Australia

	Unit (earlier, latest years)	Earlier year	Latest year	Latest year OECD total
Public expenditure on labour market policies				
Active measures	% of GDP (1998, 2007)	0.4	0.3	0.6
Passive measures	% of GDP (1998, 2007)	1.1	0.4	0.8
Ratio of minimum to median wage	Ratio (1999, 2007)	0.60	0.54	0.46
Employment protection (EP)				
Overall EP strictness	Scale 0-6 (1998, 2008)	1.5	1.4	2.1
EP strictness for regular employment	Scale 0-6 (1998, 2008)	1.5	1.4	2.1
EP strictness for temporary employment	Scale 0-6 (1998, 2008)	0.9	0.9	1.8
Additional requirements for collective dismissals	Scale 0-6 (1998, 2008)	2.9	2.9	3.0
Labour taxes (for a single person without children)				
At 100% of the average wage	% of labour costs (2000, 2008)	30.6	26.9	37.4
At 67% of the average wage	% of labour costs (2000, 2008)	25.4	21.9	33.5
Unemployment benefits	% of previous earnings (1997, 2007)	26.5	20.2	24.7
Union membership	% of employees (1997, 2007)	29.6	18.5	..



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