

Table 31. Unit labour cost: total economy, percentage change over previous period*Early estimates, seasonally adjusted*

	2016				2017				2018			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Australia	-0.1	-0.7	0.8	-1.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.2	-0.4	1.0	0.9
Austria	0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.7
Belgium	0.7	-0.9	0.7	0.0	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.8
Canada	-1.3	0.4	-0.8	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.6	1.4	0.7	-0.2	0.1	1.1
Chile	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Czech Republic	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.3	2.6	2.0	0.7	-0.1
Denmark	0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	-1.6	2.4	1.7	0.7	-0.2	0.9	0.2	0.1
Estonia	-0.2	3.0	-0.6	-0.3	2.1	2.9	0.5	-0.4	2.6	1.5	3.7	-1.5
Finland	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	-1.7	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.1
France	-0.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3
Germany	-0.3	0.2	0.9	0.8	-0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	1.7	0.5
Greece	-1.3	0.8	0.0	-1.5	2.0	-0.8	-0.3	0.5	1.2	0.1	-1.0	0.4
Hungary	4.1	-0.7	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.4	0.6	0.4	7.3	-1.6	-0.5	-0.1
Iceland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ireland	0.0	1.0	3.3	-8.7	5.2	-1.9	-3.4	-0.9	2.3	-0.2	0.1	1.5
Israel	0.1	0.2	1.1	-2.0	3.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	1.2	0.8	0.1	1.2
Italy	0.6	0.5	-0.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.5	0.3
Japan	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.1	-1.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	1.4	0.4	0.6	0.5
Korea	0.9	-0.5	1.3	1.0	-1.9	1.5	-0.8	1.1	2.5	-1.8	0.4	-0.4
Latvia	-0.3	1.2	1.4	1.5	0.1	-0.3	0.1	3.0	-0.1	1.8	1.2	0.5
Lithuania	3.0	-0.9	2.0	1.2	0.3	2.2	-0.1	2.0	1.6	0.6	2.0	0.4
Luxembourg	1.7	-2.9	1.4	2.7	2.0	1.6	0.3	-0.5	0.3	1.9	1.4	2.0
Mexico	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands	0.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.0	1.5	0.5
New Zealand	0.8	3.4	0.7	0.7	1.1	-0.3	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.6
Norway	-0.9	0.9	1.3	-1.5	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.6	1.0
Poland	2.1	-0.2	0.8	-0.2	1.6	0.0	1.0	0.7	-1.5	1.8	-0.2	..
Portugal	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.9
Slovak Republic	-0.2	0.2	0.7	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.3	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.9
Slovenia	0.6	0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	1.1	-0.4	0.9	1.1	-0.1	1.2
Spain	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Sweden	1.6	0.2	0.7	1.4	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.8	0.6	1.5	0.5	-0.2
Switzerland	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	-0.2
Turkey	11.8	0.8	4.8	-1.3	1.4	1.0	2.7	1.5	3.8	3.6	5.4	..
United Kingdom	-1.0	3.1	1.5	-0.9	0.3	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.0
United States	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.8	-0.4	0.4	0.4
Euro area	-0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.4
Major-seven	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
EU28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
OECD-Total	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.4
Other economies												
Brazil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
China	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Colombia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Costa Rica	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
India	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indonesia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Russian Federation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Africa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. Not available

Note: Data now correspond to early estimates of unit labour costs; detailed metadata at: <http://metalinks.oecd.org/mei/20190327/3810>.Information on data for Israel: <http://oe.cd/israel-disclaimer>.Disclaimer: <http://oe.cd/disclaimer>

Source: Labour: unit labour cost, Main Economic Indicators (database)