

**Table 34. Total labour force, percentage change over previous period**
*Seasonally adjusted*

|                    |            |            |            | 2010         |              |              | 2011         |              |              |              | 2012         |              |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                    | 2009       | 2010       | 2011       | Q2           | Q3           | Q4           | Q1           | Q2           | Q3           | Q4           | Q1           | Q2           |
| Australia          | 2.2        | 2.3        | 1.5        | 0.6          | 0.8          | 0.9          | 0.2          | -0.1         | 0.3          | 0.0          | 0.2          | 0.3          |
| Austria            | 0.7        | 0.1        | 0.9        | 0.0          | 0.6          | 0.3          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.6          | 0.1          | 0.6          |
| Belgium            | 0.4        | 2.0        | -0.8       | -0.7         | 0.8          | 0.4          | -2.4         | 1.7          | -0.5         | 0.3          | -0.4         | 0.6          |
| Canada             | 0.7        | 1.1        | 0.9        | 0.6          | 0.4          | -0.1         | 0.5          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.2          | 0.5          |
| Chile              | 3.4        | 4.2        | 3.8        | 1.5          | 2.3          | -0.1         | 1.2          | 1.5          | 0.6          | -1.1         | 0.9          | 0.3          |
| Czech Republic     | 1.0        | -0.3       | -0.2       | -0.1         | 0.1          | -0.1         | 0.0          | 0.1          | -0.3         | -0.3         | -0.2         | 0.3          |
| Denmark            | -0.2       | -0.8       | 0.0        | 0.3          | -0.9         | 0.3          | 0.1          | 0.3          | -0.2         | -0.2         | -0.1         | 0.3          |
| Estonia            | -0.6       | -0.6       | 1.3        | 0.2          | -0.7         | 0.7          | 0.8          | 0.2          | 0.9          | -0.5         | -0.3         | 0.0          |
| Finland            | -0.9       | -0.2       | 0.4        | -0.2         | 0.3          | -0.2         | 0.4          | 0.1          | 0.0          | 0.1          | 0.2          | 0.0          |
| France             | 0.9        | 0.4        | 0.2        | 0.0          | 0.2          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.3          | 0.1          | 0.3          |
| Germany            | 0.1        | 0.0        | 1.3        | -0.4         | -0.1         | 0.0          | 1.1          | 0.4          | 0.2          | 0.0          | -0.2         | 0.2          |
| Greece             | 0.9        | 0.8        | -1.0       | 0.1          | 0.0          | -0.1         | -0.6         | -0.2         | -0.1         | -0.2         | -0.2         | 0.6          |
| Hungary            | -0.1       | 1.3        | 0.6        | 0.4          | 0.1          | 0.0          | -0.3         | 0.6          | 0.3          | 0.3          | 0.7          | 0.5          |
| Iceland            | -1.8       | 0.1        | -0.4       | -0.4         | 0.5          | 0.8          | -1.6         | -0.2         | 1.3          | -1.0         | 0.7          | -1.5         |
| Ireland            | -2.2       | -2.2       | -1.2       | -0.4         | -0.7         | -0.2         | -0.4         | -0.1         | -0.4         | 0.2          | -0.1         | -0.8         |
| Israel             | 3.9        | 2.4        | 1.8        | 1.3          | 1.3          | 0.5          | 0.0          | 0.4          | 0.4          | 0.4          | 9.7          | 1.7          |
| Italy              | -0.5       | 0.0        | 0.4        | 0.0          | -0.5         | 0.5          | -0.1         | -0.1         | 0.5          | 0.6          | 1.0          | 0.7          |
| Japan              | -0.4       | -0.3       | -0.6       | -0.3         | 0.2          | -0.2         | -0.1         | -0.7         | -0.3         | 0.4          | 0.5          | -0.4         |
| Korea              | 0.2        | 1.5        | 1.4        | 0.2          | 0.5          | -0.2         | 0.9          | 0.4          | 0.0          | 0.4          | 0.9          | 0.4          |
| Luxembourg         | 7.4        | 0.9        | 2.3        | -1.1         | 0.9          | 2.6          | 1.1          | -1.6         | -0.1         | 1.7          | 2.8          | 0.3          |
| Mexico             | 2.0        | 4.3        | 2.1        | 1.5          | -0.4         | -0.9         | 0.9          | 1.0          | 0.9          | 1.8          | -0.3         | 1.6          |
| Netherlands        | 0.7        | -1.6       | 0.0        | 0.2          | -0.1         | -0.2         | -0.2         | 0.0          | 0.3          | 0.7          | 0.4          | 0.6          |
| New Zealand        | 1.0        | 1.2        | 1.6        | 0.7          | 0.5          | 0.1          | 0.9          | 0.2          | 0.2          | 0.0          | 0.7          | 0.0          |
| Norway             | 0.0        | 0.5        | 1.1        | 0.4          | -0.2         | 0.6          | -0.2         | 0.3          | 0.9          | 0.6          | 0.4          | 0.5          |
| Poland             | 1.6        | 2.2        | 1.1        | 1.1          | 0.2          | 0.0          | 0.2          | 0.5          | 0.1          | 0.4          | 0.2          | 0.1          |
| Portugal           | -0.7       | 0.0        | -0.7       | -0.2         | -0.3         | -0.2         | 0.0          | 0.3          | -0.6         | -1.0         | 0.1          | 0.7          |
| Slovak Republic    | 0.0        | 0.6        | 0.5        | 0.4          | -0.1         | 0.1          | 0.3          | 0.0          | -0.2         | 0.7          | -1.0         | 0.3          |
| Slovenia           | 0.0        | 0.0        | -2.1       | -0.3         | -1.4         | 1.1          | -1.9         | -0.3         | -0.4         | 0.5          | 0.1          | -1.5         |
| Spain              | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.1        | 0.8          | 0.1          | 0.0          | -0.5         | 0.5          | 0.1          | -0.3         | -0.2         | 0.3          |
| Sweden             | 0.2        | 1.1        | 1.2        | 0.4          | 0.5          | 0.1          | 0.6          | 0.0          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.3          | 0.1          |
| Switzerland        | 1.7        | 0.7        | 1.5        | 0.3 e        | 0.9 e        | -0.3 e       | 0.3 e        | 0.4 e        | 0.7 e        | 0.8 e        | -0.7 e       | 0.1 e        |
| Turkey             | 3.6        | 4.0        | 4.5        | -0.1         | -0.1         | 1.3          | 3.2          | -0.2         | 0.5          | 0.6          | 0.4          | 0.4          |
| United Kingdom     | 0.5        | 0.3        | 0.7        | 0.4          | 0.4          | 0.0          | 0.3          | 0.2          | -0.2         | 0.4          | 0.2          | 0.6          |
| United States      | -0.1       | -0.2       | -0.2       | 0.3          | -0.1         | -0.1         | -0.3         | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.2          | 0.5          | 0.1          |
| Euro area          | 0.3        | 0.1        | 0.4        | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.1          | 0.2          | 0.2          | 0.2          | 0.3          | 0.2          |
| Major-seven        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.1        | 0.1          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.2          | 0.4          | 0.2          |
| EU27               | 0.3        | 0.2        | 0.4        | 0.1          | 0.0          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.3          | 0.1          | 0.3          |
| <b>OECD-Total</b>  | <b>0.5</b> | <b>0.8</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>0.3 e</b> | <b>0.1 e</b> | <b>0.0 e</b> | <b>0.2 e</b> | <b>0.2 e</b> | <b>0.1 e</b> | <b>0.3 e</b> | <b>0.3 e</b> | <b>0.3 e</b> |
| Other economies    |            |            |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Brazil             | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| China              | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| India              | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Indonesia          | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Russian Federation | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| South Africa       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |

.. Not available; | Break in series; e Estimated value

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