

Unemployment rate % of labour force

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Australia	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.3	5.7
Austria	4.0	4.3	5.0	5.2	4.8	4.5	3.9	4.8
Belgium	7.6	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.3	7.5	7.0	8.0
Canada	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.8	6.3	6.1	6.2	8.4
Chile	9.2	8.7	9.1	8.3	7.9	7.4	8.0	10.0
Czech Republic	7.3	7.8	8.4	8.0	7.2	5.4	4.4	6.8
Denmark	4.6	5.5	5.6	4.9	4.0	3.8	3.4	6.1
Estonia	10.5	10.3	9.9	8.1	6.0	4.8	5.6	14.1
Finland	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.4	7.7	6.9	6.4	8.4
France	8.9	8.5	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.0	7.4	9.1
Germany	8.7	9.4	10.4	11.3	10.4	8.7	7.6	7.8
Greece	10.5	9.9	10.7	10.0	9.0	8.4	7.8	9.6
Hungary	5.8	5.9	6.1	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.9	10.1
Iceland	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.3	3.0	7.4
Ireland	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.7	5.8	12.2
Israel ¹	10.5	10.9	10.5	9.2	8.5	7.4	6.2	..
Italy	9.1	8.7	8.1	7.8	6.9	6.2	6.8	7.9
Japan	5.6	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.2	5.3
Korea	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.8
Luxembourg	2.6	3.7	5.1	4.5	4.7	4.1	5.1	5.2
Mexico	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.6	5.4
Netherlands	3.1	4.0	5.0	5.1	4.2	3.5	3.0	3.9
New Zealand	5.4	4.8	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.3	6.3
Norway	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.7	3.5	2.6	2.6	3.2
Poland	20.3	20.0	19.3	18.0	14.0	9.7	7.2	8.3
Portugal	5.3	6.6	7.0	8.1	8.1	8.5	8.1	10.0
Slovak Republic	18.6	17.6	18.2	16.2	13.3	11.0	9.6	12.1
Slovenia	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.1	5.0	4.5	6.0
Spain	11.4	11.4	11.0	9.2	8.6	8.3	11.4	18.1
Sweden	5.3	5.8	6.6	7.8	7.1	6.2	6.2	8.5
Switzerland	3.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.1	3.7	3.4	4.2
Turkey	10.6	10.8	11.1	10.9	10.5	10.5	11.2	14.3
United Kingdom	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.4	5.3	5.4	7.8
United States	5.9	6.1	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.8	9.4
OECD-Total ²	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.2	5.8	6.1	8.3

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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.
2. Excluding Estonia, Israel and Slovenia

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