

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Reference period: March 2024

OECD unemployment rate stable at 4.9% but rising among women in March 2024

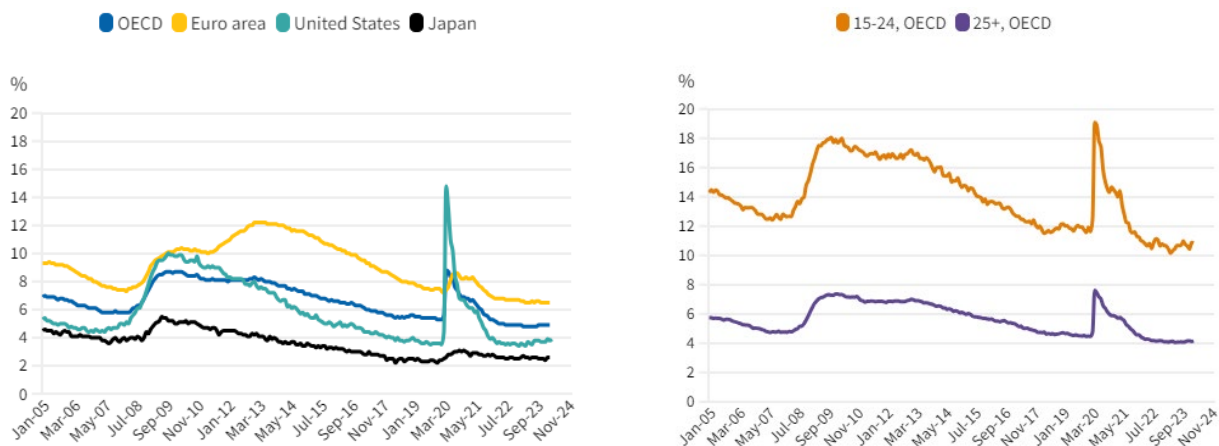
The OECD unemployment rate was stable at 4.9% in March 2024, continuing to remain below or at 5.0% for the last two years (Figure 1 and Table 1). In March, 15 OECD countries recorded a rate below or equal to 5.0% including Germany, Japan, Mexico, and the United States. The rate was unchanged in 22 OECD countries, rose in 8 countries, and declined in 2 countries. Nine OECD countries recorded a rate of more than 2.5 percentage points [p.p.] above its record low, with the largest gaps recorded in Denmark, Estonia, Luxembourg, and Spain (Figure 2 and Table 1). The number of unemployed persons in the OECD increased to 34.2 million (from 33.9 million in February), driven primarily by an increase in the number of unemployed women (Table 2).

The OECD unemployment rate for women increased to 5.3%, 0.7 p.p. higher than the rate for men, which was broadly stable. The unemployment rate for women exceeded that of men in the European Union, the euro area and 20 OECD countries in March 2024 (or in the latest period available) with the largest gaps observed in Colombia, Greece, and Türkiye (Figure 3 and Table 3). In March 2024, the OECD unemployment rates were stable among youth (aged 15-24) and workers aged 25 and above. The youth unemployment rate remained close to or above 20% in 11 OECD countries in March 2024 (or in the latest available period) and increased in 15, with rises of more than 1.0 p.p. in Finland, New Zealand, and Sweden (Table 4).

In the European Union and the euro area, the unemployment rate remained at record lows of 6.0% and 6.5%, respectively, in March 2024. It was stable or increased in most OECD euro area countries. Only Greece and Italy recorded decreases (Table 1).

Outside Europe, unemployment rates were stable or increased in March 2024. The largest increases were recorded in Canada and Colombia (Table 1). The unemployment rate in Canada and the United States were estimated to be broadly stable in April 2024 at 6.1% and 3.9%, respectively.

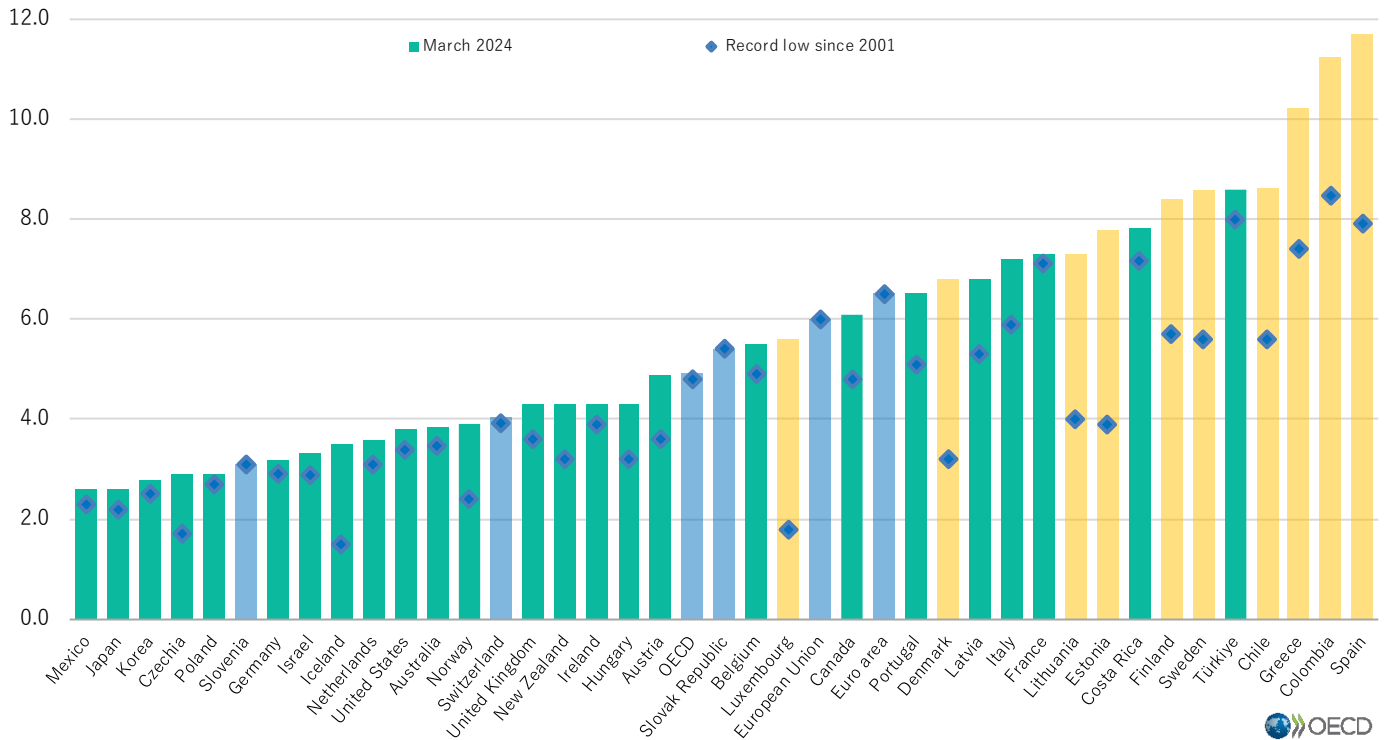
» **Figure 1 – Unemployment rates**
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted



Note: The fall in the OECD unemployment rate when compared with the April 2020 peak should be interpreted with caution, as it largely reflects the return of temporary laid-off workers in the United States and Canada, where they are recorded as unemployed, unlike in most other countries, including European member states, where they are recorded as employed.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#), and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

Figure 2 – Unemployment rate for OECD countries
 March 2024 compared with the lowest rate recorded since 2001, percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted

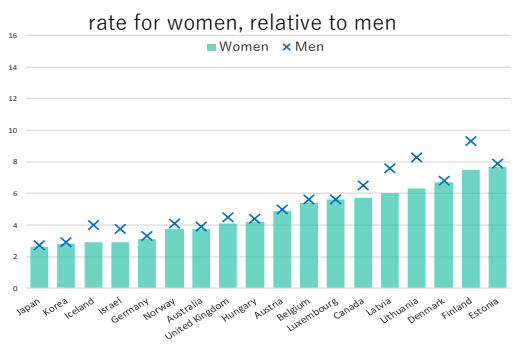


Note: The March 2024 unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 p.p. of its record low in Slovenia and Slovak Republic, as well as for the OECD, the European Union and the euro area (bars reported in blue). It was more than 2.5 p.p. above its record low in Chile (February 2024), Colombia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Spain, and Sweden (bars reported in yellow). For Costa Rica, Chile, Iceland, and the United Kingdom, the unemployment rate for February 2024 is reported ; for Switzerland, fourth quarter 2023 (at 0.1 p.p. of its record low); for New Zealand, first quarter 2024.

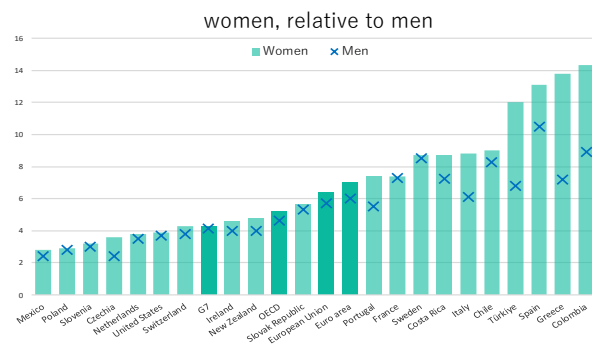
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Figure 3 – Unemployment rate by sex for OECD countries
 March 2024, Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted

Countries with lower or equal unemployment rate for women, relative to men



Countries with higher unemployment rate for women, relative to men



Note: For Costa Rica, Chile, Iceland, and the United Kingdom, the unemployment rate for February 2024 is reported ; for Switzerland, fourth quarter 2023; for New Zealand, first quarter 2024.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment levels](#)



Table 1 – Unemployment rates (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of labour force, seasonally adjusted

	2022	2023	2023			2024	2020	2023			2024			Change from previous period	Record low since 2001		
			Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar				
OECD	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	→	4.8	Jun-23
G7	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	→	3.9	Jan-23	
European Union	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.6	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	→	6.0	Feb-23	
Euro area	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.5	7.3	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	→	6.5	Apr-23	
Australia	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.9	5.1	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.8	→	3.5	Oct-22	
Austria	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.4	5.2	4.8	4.6	5.1	5.0	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.9	↑	3.6	Jan-01	
Belgium	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	→	4.9	Apr-20	
Canada	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.1	↑	4.8	Jul-22	
Chile	7.9	8.7	8.3	8.7	9.0	8.6	8.2	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.6	..	↓	5.6	Jul-13	
Colombia	11.2	10.2	10.0	9.6	10.5	10.8	11.2	10.3	10.4	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.2	↑	8.5	Nov-15	
Costa Rica	12.2	8.9	9.6	8.1	7.3	7.8	12.5	7.2	7.3	7.9	7.8	7.8	..	→	7.2	Oct-23	
Czechia	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	1.8	2.9	2.5	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.9	↑	1.7	Feb-19	
Denmark	4.5	5.1	4.8	4.8	6.2	6.7	5.3	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.6	6.7	6.8	→	3.2	Jan-08	
Estonia	5.6	6.4	6.7	7.2	6.5	7.7	5.0	6.1	6.4	7.0	7.5	7.7	7.8	→	3.9	May-08	
Finland	6.8	7.2	7.1	7.5	7.6	7.9	6.7	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.7	8.4	↑	5.7	Apr-08	
France	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	→	7.1	Feb-08	
Germany	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	→	2.9	May-19	
Greece	12.5	11.1	11.3	10.9	10.6	10.5	16.2	10.6	10.7	10.4	10.5	10.8	10.2	↓	7.4	May-08	
Hungary	3.6	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.3	3.3	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	→	3.2	May-19	
Iceland	3.7	3.4	2.7	3.6	3.5	..	6.1	3.3	3.2	3.9	4.2	3.5	..	↓	1.5	Feb-07	
Ireland	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.3	→	3.9	Mar-01	
Israel	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	→	2.9	Nov-23	
Italy	8.1	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.3	9.5	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.2	↓	5.9	Apr-07	
Japan	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.6	→	2.2	May-18	
Korea	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.4	2.5	2.8	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.8	↑	2.5	Aug-23	
Latvia	6.9	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	→	5.3	Oct-07	
Lithuania	6.0	6.9	6.4	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.7	7.4	7.3	→	4.0	Nov-07	
Luxembourg	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	→	1.8	May-01	
Mexico	3.3	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.6	→	2.3	Aug-01	
Netherlands	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	→	3.1	Apr-01	
New Zealand	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	↑	3.2	Q4-21
Norway	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.6	4.4	3.4	3.9	↑	2.4	Sep-07	
Poland	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	→	2.7	Jan-23	
Portugal	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.5	→	5.1	Jan-01	
Slovak Republic	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.6	5.5	6.0	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.4	→	5.4	Mar-24	
Slovenia	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.1	4.3	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	→	3.1	Feb-24	
Spain	13.0	12.2	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.8	13.6	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.7	→	7.9	May-07	
Sweden	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.8	8.0	8.3	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.6	↑	5.6	Jun-02	
Switzerland	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	→	3.9	Q2-23
Türkiye	10.5	9.4	9.7	9.2	8.8	8.8	12.6	8.6	9.0	8.8	9.0	8.7	8.6	→	8.0	Jun-12	
United Kingdom	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	..	→	3.6	Jul-22	
United States	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.8	→	3.4	Jan-23	

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Change from previous period (x)			
↑	x > 0.1	→	-0.1 ≤ x ≤ 0.1
↓	x < -0.1		

Change between February and March 2024 except for Chile, Costa Rica, Iceland and the United Kingdom where the change is reported between January and February 2024; for Switzerland, change between third and fourth quarter 2023; for New Zealand, change between fourth quarter 2023 and first quarter 2024.

Note: figures in bold in the columns "record low since 2001" stress that the unemployment rate was at or within 0.1 percentage point of its lowest level in the current monthly period.

Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#), and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

Table 2 – Unemployment levels (aged 15 and over)*Thousands of persons, seasonally adjusted*

	2022	2023	2023		2024	2023	2024		
			Q3	Q4	Q1		Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
OECD	34,032	33,372	33,321	33,635	33,968	33,889	33,761	33,907	34,199
G7	15,776	15,960	16,163	16,255	16,414	16,195	16,079	16,599	16,563
European Union	13,311	13,173	13,167	13,295	13,309	13,288	13,338	13,332	13,258
Euro area	11,347	11,154	11,147	11,166	11,142	11,138	11,159	11,181	11,087
Australia	524	538	537	572	573	580	600	549	570
Austria	221	241	256	243	229	253	232	222	232
Belgium	294	294	283	296	297	298	297	297	298
Canada	1,098	1,155	1,185	1,240	1,268	1,244	1,225	1,260	1,320
Chile	758	862	864	906	874	892	885	874	..
Colombia	2,781	2,576	2,450	2,647	2,748	2,737	2,658	2,713	2,874
Costa Rica	300	205	183	164	183	183	182	183	..
Czechia	126	138	137	140	148	143	154	138	151
Denmark	139	162	150	199	220	203	216	221	224
Estonia	40	48	53	49	57	52	56	57	59
Finland	190	204	210	215	226	215	220	219	240
France	2,234	2,263	2,281	2,324	2,300	2,336	2,323	2,299	2,278
Germany	1,343	1,335	1,343	1,380	1,413	1,392	1,404	1,414	1,421
Greece	588	522	510	497	504	495	502	517	493
Hungary	176	195	197	206	214	208	212	216	214
Iceland	8	8	8	8	..	9	10	8	..
Ireland	121	120	125	126	124	127	130	120	122
Israel	163	153	146	136	147	142	145	146	150
Italy	2,028	1,952	1,944	1,917	1,875	1,862	1,863	1,908	1,855
Japan	1,793	1,783	1,807	1,750	1,780	1,720	1,700	1,820	1,820
Korea	833	787	762	823	831	930	889	774	830
Latvia	65	61	62	65	65	66	65	65	64
Lithuania	90	105	107	112	115	109	118	116	112
Luxembourg	15	17	18	19	19	19	19	19	19
Mexico	1,940	1,693	1,695	1,667	1,597	1,721	1,662	1,532	1,596
Netherlands	350	359	366	360	373	361	368	379	371
New Zealand	97	113	120	123	134	...	...	...	...
Norway	95	107	107	111	117	108	131	102	118
Poland	511	502	500	538	518	536	523	516	515
Portugal	318	349	339	349	350	347	350	352	347
Slovak Republic	170	162	161	156	152	155	154	152	151
Slovenia	41	38	39	36	33	35	34	33	32
Spain	3,079	2,938	2,903	2,878	2,867	2,873	2,880	2,867	2,854
Sweden	421	437	445	458	474	469	469	460	493
Switzerland	212	204	208	205	..	...	...	...	...
Türkiye	3,592	3,275	3,215	3,075	3,105	3,101	3,182	3,076	3,057
United Kingdom	1,285	1,393	1,407	1,320	1,486	1,373	1,440	1,486	..
United States	5,996	6,080	6,197	6,324	6,337	6,268	6,124	6,458	6,429

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Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment levels](#).

Table 3 – Unemployment rates by sex (aged 15 and over)
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

	Women							Men							
	2022	2023	2023	2024	2024			2022	2023	2023	2024	2024			
			Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar			Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar	
OECD	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
G7	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
European Union	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7
Euro area	7.2	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	
Australia	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.9	
Austria	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.0	
Belgium	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	
Canada	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.6	6.0	6.1	5.7	6.1	6.5	
Chile	8.5	9.1	9.4	9.0	9.0	9.0	..	7.4	8.4	8.8	8.3	8.5	8.3	..	
Colombia	14.3	12.8	12.8	13.5	13.1	13.1	14.3	9.0	8.2	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.9	8.9	
Costa Rica	16.4	10.8	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.7	..	9.4	7.7	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.2	..	
Czechia	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.6	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.4	
Denmark	4.5	5.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.7	4.4	5.0	5.9	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	
Estonia	5.0	6.6	6.8	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.7	6.1	6.2	6.3	7.6	7.3	7.6	7.9	
Finland	6.4	6.5	6.9	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.5	7.1	7.9	8.2	8.7	8.4	8.3	9.3	
France	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.3	
Germany	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	
Greece	16.4	14.3	13.3	13.8	13.6	13.9	13.8	9.3	8.5	8.4	7.8	7.9	8.2	7.2	
Hungary	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	
Iceland	3.4	2.9	3.6	..	3.1	2.9	..	4.0	3.8	3.4	..	5.1	4.0	..	
Ireland	4.6	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	
Israel	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	
Italy	9.4	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.8	7.1	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.1	
Japan	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.7	
Korea	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.9	
Latvia	5.6	5.4	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	8.2	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.6	
Lithuania	5.5	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.4	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.7	8.4	8.3	
Luxembourg	4.7	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	4.5	5.0	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	
Mexico	3.3	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	
Netherlands	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	
New Zealand	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.8	...	...	...	3.1	3.5	3.7	4.0	...	...	...
Norway	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.1	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.6	3.6	4.1	
Poland	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	
Portugal	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.4	5.7	6.2	6.2	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.5	
Slovak Republic	6.4	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3	
Slovenia	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	
Spain	14.9	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.3	13.2	13.1	11.4	10.7	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.5	
Sweden	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.7	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.9	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.5	
Switzerland	4.6	4.3	4.3	..	...	...	...	4.1	3.9	3.8	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	13.5	12.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.5	12.0	9.0	7.7	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.2	6.8	
United Kingdom	3.6	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.1	..	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.5	..	
United States	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	

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Source: OECD (2024) [Infra-annual Labour Statistics](#) and [Monthly unemployment rates](#).

Table 4 – Unemployment rates by age group
Percentage of the labour force of each group, seasonally adjusted

	Youth (15-24)							Prime-age and Older Workers (25+)						
	2022	2023	2023	2024	2024			2022	2023	2023	2024	2024		
			Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar			Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2022	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2022	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024
OECD	10.9	10.6	10.8	10.7	10.4	10.9	10.9	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1
G7	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.3	8.7	9.5	9.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
European Union	14.5	14.5	14.9	14.7	14.8	14.7	14.6	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Euro area	14.5	14.4	14.7	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.1	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Australia	8.2	8.4	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.1	9.6	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.7
Austria	9.4	10.4	10.6	10.0	10.0	9.6	10.4	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.2
Belgium ⁽¹⁾	16.3	16.0	17.2	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Canada	10.1	10.7	11.4	11.7	10.8	11.6	12.6	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.0
Chile	17.7	21.4	22.4	21.6	21.8	21.6	..	7.0	7.6	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.5	..
Colombia	21.9	20.2	21.4	20.9	20.4	21.7	20.5	9.4	8.5	8.7	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.7
Costa Rica	31.0	24.8	22.3	21.0	20.4	21.0	..	9.3	6.6	5.2	5.9	6.0	5.9	..
Czechia	7.6	8.6	7.3	7.6	8.1	8.0	6.8	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.7
Denmark	10.5	11.5	14.2	14.8	13.2	15.3	15.8	3.5	4.0	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.1
Estonia	18.1	17.4	18.5	16.6	17.4	16.2	16.2	4.5	5.5	5.6	6.9	6.7	7.0	7.1
Finland	14.1	16.1	17.2	19.0	18.9	16.7	21.4	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.7
France	17.3	17.1	17.5	17.1	17.2	17.1	16.9	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.1
Germany	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Greece	31.4	26.9	28.1	22.4	22.2	23.8	21.1	11.4	10.1	9.5	9.8	9.9	10.0	9.6
Hungary	10.8	12.3	13.9	15.1	14.5	15.2	15.7	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Iceland	8.5	8.8	9.7	..	8.3	7.3	..	2.9	2.4	2.4	..	3.4	2.8	..
Ireland	10.0	10.6	11.1	10.9	11.7	10.5	10.5	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3
Israel ⁽²⁾	6.9	6.0	5.8	5.2	5.9	5.2	4.5	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8
Italy	23.7	22.7	22.7	21.4	21.7	22.4	20.1	7.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan	4.3	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.4
Korea	7.0	5.7	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.6
Latvia	15.1	12.3	14.6	13.2	13.7	13.3	12.7	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3
Lithuania	11.8	13.7	16.1	16.4	16.6	16.6	16.1	5.5	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.1	6.7	6.7
Luxembourg	17.3	18.4	20.0	19.7	19.9	19.9	19.2	3.6	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5
Mexico	6.5	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.5	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.1
Netherlands	7.6	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
New Zealand	9.3	10.7	11.7	14.0	...	...	...	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.8	...	...	...
Norway	9.9	10.9	11.3	11.3	12.4	10.6	11.0	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.2	2.8
Poland	10.8	11.4	12.1	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.7	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2
Portugal	19.2	20.3	22.5	22.7	23.5	22.4	22.3	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.3
Slovak Republic	19.9	19.8	19.8	18.9	19.1	18.8	18.9	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7
Slovenia ⁽¹⁾	10.2	9.9	10.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	3.6	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6
Spain	29.7	28.7	28.9	27.7	28.2	27.7	27.2	11.8	10.9	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.5
Sweden	21.7	21.7	22.8	24.2	24.4	22.5	25.6	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.3
Switzerland	7.5	8.0	8.3	..	...	...	...	3.9	3.5	3.5	..	...	...	...
Türkiye	19.5	17.5	16.1	15.6	16.3	15.5	15.1	8.8	7.9	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.4
United Kingdom	10.6	11.9	11.6	13.0	12.8	13.0	..	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.1	..
United States	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.3	7.3	8.8	8.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1

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1. Belgium and Slovenia: For youth unemployment, quarterly data are shown for all the months in the quarter.

2. Israel: Data shown in this table are not seasonally adjusted.

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