

XI. Economic conditions in Germany

6. Labour market *

Period	Employment 1		Employment subject to social contributions 2					Short-time workers 3		Unemployment 4			Unemployment rate in % 4.5	Vacancies, thousands 4.6
	Thousands	Annual percentage change	Total Thousands	Annual percentage change	of which:			Total	of which: Cyclically induced	Total	Assigned to the legal category of the Third Book of the Social Security Code (SGB III)			
					Production sector	Services excluding temporary employment	Temporary employment							
2021	45,041	+ 0.2	33,897	+ 0.9	9,344	23,602	702	4,101	1,852	1,744	2,613	999	5.7	706
2022	45,629	+ 1.3	34,507	+ 1.8	9,400	24,135	721	4,125	426	337	2,418	808	5.3	845
2023	45,935	+ 0.7	34,790	+ 0.8	9,425	24,430	687	4,198	241	147	2,609	875	5.7	761
2024	45,987	+ 0.1	34,934	+ 0.4	9,361	24,711	615	4,180	298	210	2,787	980	6.0	694
2025	45,977	- 0.0	7 34,963	7 + 0.1	7 9,216	7 24,944	7 556	7 4,121	7 ...	7 210	2,948	1,099	6.3	632
2023 Q1	45,657	+ 0.9	34,614	+ 1.1	9,395	24,288	696	4,152	430	153	2,610	900	5.7	773
Q2	45,915	+ 0.8	34,702	+ 0.9	9,410	24,352	687	4,209	152	146	2,561	839	5.6	770
Q3	45,998	+ 0.6	34,762	+ 0.7	9,421	24,398	686	4,242	128	122	2,647	885	5.7	768
Q4	46,169	+ 0.4	35,082	+ 0.6	9,471	24,682	680	4,189	253	166	2,617	874	5.7	732
2024 Q1	45,752	+ 0.2	34,795	+ 0.5	9,366	24,563	630	4,154	468	200	2,796	1,000	6.1	704
Q2	45,980	+ 0.1	34,858	+ 0.4	9,355	24,635	615	4,207	212	204	2,733	939	5.9	701
Q3	46,020	+ 0.0	34,892	+ 0.4	9,348	24,678	610	4,214	201	192	2,829	998	6.0	699
Q4	46,194	+ 0.1	35,193	+ 0.3	9,374	24,969	603	4,146	311	245	2,790	983	6.0	670
2025 Q1	45,792	+ 0.1	34,873	+ 0.2	9,247	24,833	558	4,109	529	271	2,983	1,120	6.4	638
Q2	45,995	+ 0.0	34,899	+ 0.1	9,214	24,878	555	4,152	233	218	2,922	1,067	6.2	638
Q3	46,001	- 0.0	34,910	+ 0.1	9,193	24,903	559	4,149	192	177	2,986	1,122	6.3	630
Q4	46,121	- 0.2	7 35,169	7 - 0.1	7 9,209	7 25,160	7 553	7 4,076	7 ...	7 174	2,901	1,089	6.2	622
2026 Q1	8 45,635	8 - 0.3	7 34,801	7 - 0.2	7 9,078	7 24,972	7 518	7 4,028	7 ...	7 149	3,059	1,217	6.5	624
2023 Jan.	45,599	+ 0.9	34,550	+ 1.1	9,381	24,240	697	4,138	451	145	2,616	911	5.7	764
Feb.	45,642	+ 0.9	34,601	+ 1.0	9,392	24,279	692	4,148	441	157	2,620	910	5.7	778
Mar.	45,731	+ 0.9	34,679	+ 1.0	9,412	24,332	692	4,157	398	159	2,594	878	5.7	777
Apr.	45,825	+ 0.8	34,685	+ 0.9	9,410	24,342	684	4,188	146	139	2,586	855	5.7	773
May	45,928	+ 0.8	34,728	+ 0.8	9,413	24,371	687	4,228	149	142	2,544	829	5.5	767
June	45,992	+ 0.7	34,709	+ 0.8	9,404	24,357	690	4,266	162	156	2,555	833	5.5	769
July	45,955	+ 0.7	34,584	+ 0.8	9,382	24,261	687	4,279	113	107	2,617	878	5.7	772
Aug.	45,932	+ 0.6	34,804	+ 0.7	9,429	24,433	685	4,221	113	107	2,696	910	5.8	771
Sep.	46,108	+ 0.5	35,089	+ 0.5	9,500	24,641	684	4,186	158	152	2,627	869	5.7	761
Oct.	46,201	+ 0.4	35,117	+ 0.6	9,490	24,686	686	4,181	183	177	2,607	861	5.7	749
Nov.	46,218	+ 0.4	35,126	+ 0.7	9,473	24,719	688	4,195	181	174	2,606	865	5.6	733
Dec.	46,089	+ 0.4	34,915	+ 0.6	9,401	24,637	648	4,197	395	148	2,637	896	5.7	713
2024 Jan.	45,718	+ 0.3	34,754	+ 0.6	9,359	24,528	635	4,138	540	189	2,805	1,006	6.1	699
Feb.	45,732	+ 0.2	34,770	+ 0.5	9,359	24,548	625	4,141	485	201	2,814	1,015	6.1	706
Mar.	45,807	+ 0.2	34,810	+ 0.4	9,360	24,591	615	4,169	379	210	2,769	977	6.0	707
Apr.	45,903	+ 0.2	34,863	+ 0.5	9,362	24,633	618	4,190	224	215	2,750	949	6.0	701
May	46,007	+ 0.2	34,886	+ 0.5	9,354	24,661	615	4,222	200	191	2,723	930	5.8	702
June	46,029	+ 0.1	34,837	+ 0.4	9,336	24,635	611	4,250	213	204	2,727	937	5.8	701
July	45,988	+ 0.1	34,729	+ 0.4	9,313	24,551	613	4,253	203	194	2,809	989	6.0	703
Aug.	45,951	+ 0.0	34,918	+ 0.3	9,353	24,702	606	4,192	174	165	2,872	1,021	6.1	699
Sep.	46,122	+ 0.0	35,220	+ 0.4	9,418	24,929	612	4,145	226	217	2,806	985	6.0	696
Oct.	46,229	+ 0.1	35,237	+ 0.3	9,394	24,978	613	4,137	269	259	2,791	974	6.0	689
Nov.	46,243	+ 0.1	35,222	+ 0.3	9,369	25,004	606	4,152	275	266	2,774	973	5.9	668
Dec.	46,111	+ 0.0	35,018	+ 0.3	9,300	24,920	569	4,150	389	211	2,807	1,003	6.0	654
2025 Jan.	45,754	+ 0.1	34,822	+ 0.2	9,240	24,791	558	4,097	586	277	2,993	1,127	6.4	632
Feb.	45,781	+ 0.1	34,844	+ 0.2	9,233	24,821	554	4,099	582	270	2,989	1,128	6.4	639
Mar.	45,841	+ 0.1	34,888	+ 0.2	9,234	24,855	555	4,111	419	264	2,967	1,104	6.4	643
Apr.	45,941	+ 0.1	34,906	+ 0.1	9,221	24,878	557	4,140	247	233	2,932	1,077	6.3	646
May	46,008	+ 0.0	34,903	+ 0.0	9,206	24,890	551	4,167	241	227	2,919	1,062	6.2	634
June	46,036	+ 0.0	34,885	+ 0.1	9,194	24,876	560	4,185	210	195	2,914	1,062	6.2	632
July	45,985	- 0.0	34,762	+ 0.1	9,163	24,786	561	4,188	202	187	2,979	1,117	6.3	628
Aug.	45,927	- 0.1	34,918	- 0.0	9,194	24,916	554	4,126	179	164	3,025	1,141	6.4	631
Sep.	46,091	- 0.1	35,216	- 0.0	9,253	25,138	563	4,082	195	181	2,955	1,108	6.3	630
Oct.	46,182	- 0.1	35,219	- 0.1	9,231	25,174	561	4,070	207	192	2,911	1,083	6.2	623
Nov.	46,166	- 0.2	35,191	- 0.1	9,204	25,188	555	4,080	202	187	2,885	1,079	6.1	624
Dec.	46,015	- 0.2	7 34,978	7 - 0.1	7 9,128	7 25,098	7 524	7 4,074	7 ...	7 142	2,908	1,104	6.2	619
2026 Jan.	45,623	- 0.3	7 34,751	7 - 0.2	7 9,072	7 24,934	7 516	7 4,019	7 ...	7 144	3,085	1,227	6.6	598
Feb.	45,624	- 0.3	7 34,755	7 - 0.3	7 9,063	7 24,945	7 513	7 4,014	7 ...	7 153	3,070	1,228	6.5	638
Mar.	8 45,659	8 - 0.4	7 34,813	7 - 0.2	7 9,070	7 24,979	7 524	7 4,027	7 ...	7 151	3,021	1,195	6.4	638
Apr.	8 45,752	8 - 0.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,008	1,176	6.4	641
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,950	1,145	9 6.3	643

Sources: Federal Statistical Office; Federal Employment Agency. * Annual and quarterly figures: averages; calculated by the Bundesbank; deviations from the official figures are due to rounding. 1 Workplace concept; averages. 2 Monthly figures: end of month. 3 Number within a given month. 4 Mid-month level. 5 Relative to the total civilian labour force. 6 Excluding government-assisted forms of employment and seasonal jobs, including jobs located abroad. 7 Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency.

In 2023 and 2024, the estimated values for Germany deviated from the final data by a maximum of 0.1% for employees subject to social contributions, by a maximum of 0.5% for persons solely in jobs exempt from social contributions, and by a maximum of 23.6% for cyclically induced short-time work. 8 Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office. 9 From May 2026, calculated on the basis of new labour force figures.