

XI. Economic conditions in Germany

6. Labour market *

Period	Employment 1		Employment subject to social contributions 2						Solely jobs exempt from social contributions 2	Short-time workers 3		Unemployment 4		Unemployment rate in % 4,5	Vacancies, thousands 4,6
	Thou-sands	Annual percentage change	Total		of which:			Total		of which:	Total	Assigned to the legal category of the Third Book of the Social Security Code (SGB III)			
			Thou-sands	Annual percentage change	Produc-tion sector	Services excluding temporary employ-ment	Temporary employment						Cyclically induced		
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	r 45,622	r + 1.3	34,507	+ 1.8	9,400	24,135	721	4,125	426	337	2,418	808	5.3	845	
2023	r 45,909	r + 0.6	34,790	+ 0.8	9,425	24,430	687	4,198	241	147	2,609	875	5.7	761	
2024	r 45,960	r + 0.1	34,934	+ 0.4	9,361	24,711	615	4,180	298	210	2,787	980	6.0	694	
2025	r 45,878	r − 0.2	34,963	+ 0.1	9,216	24,944	556	4,121	297	210	2,948	1,099	6.3	632	
2023 Q2	r 45,888	r + 0.7	34,702	+ 0.9	9,410	24,352	687	4,209	152	146	2,561	839	5.6	770	
Q3	r 45,970	r + 0.6	34,762	+ 0.7	9,421	24,398	686	4,242	128	122	2,647	885	5.7	768	
Q4	r 46,142	r + 0.4	35,082	+ 0.6	9,471	24,682	680	4,189	253	166	2,617	874	5.7	732	
2024 Q1	r 45,730	r + 0.2	34,795	+ 0.5	9,366	24,563	630	4,154	468	200	2,796	1,000	6.1	704	
Q2	r 45,959	r + 0.2	34,858	+ 0.4	9,355	24,635	615	4,207	212	204	2,733	939	5.9	701	
Q3	r 45,994	r + 0.1	34,892	+ 0.4	9,348	24,678	610	4,214	201	192	2,829	998	6.0	699	
Q4	r 46,156	r + 0.0	35,193	+ 0.3	9,374	24,969	603	4,146	311	245	2,790	983	6.0	670	
2025 Q1	r 45,715	r − 0.0	34,873	+ 0.2	9,247	24,833	558	4,109	529	271	2,983	1,120	6.4	638	
Q2	r 45,900	r − 0.1	34,899	+ 0.1	9,214	24,878	555	4,152	233	218	2,922	1,067	6.2	638	
Q3	r 45,892	r − 0.2	34,910	+ 0.1	9,193	24,903	559	4,149	192	177	2,986	1,122	6.3	630	
Q4	r 46,006	r − 0.3	35,170	− 0.1	9,209	25,161	553	4,076	236	174	2,901	1,089	6.2	622	
2026 Q1	r 45,525	r − 0.4	7 34,808	7 − 0.2	7 9,082	7 24,975	7 517	7 4,027	...	7 149	3,059	1,217	6.5	624	
Q2	8 45,688	8 − 0.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,965	1,154	9 6.3	644	
2023 Mar.	r 45,707	r + 0.8	34,679	+ 1.0	9,412	24,332	692	4,157	398	159	2,594	878	5.7	777	
Apr.	r 45,799	r + 0.8	34,685	+ 0.9	9,410	24,342	684	4,188	146	139	2,586	855	5.7	773	
May	r 45,901	r + 0.7	34,728	+ 0.8	9,413	24,371	687	4,228	149	142	2,544	829	5.5	767	
June	r 45,964	r + 0.7	34,709	+ 0.8	9,404	24,357	690	4,266	162	156	2,555	833	5.5	769	
July	r 45,926	r + 0.7	34,584	+ 0.8	9,382	24,261	687	4,279	113	107	2,617	878	5.7	772	
Aug.	r 45,904	r + 0.5	34,804	+ 0.7	9,429	24,433	685	4,221	113	107	2,696	910	5.8	771	
Sep.	r 46,080	r + 0.4	35,089	+ 0.5	9,500	24,641	684	4,186	158	152	2,627	869	5.7	761	
Oct.	r 46,173	r + 0.4	35,117	+ 0.6	9,490	24,686	686	4,181	183	177	2,607	861	5.7	749	
Nov.	r 46,191	r + 0.4	35,126	+ 0.7	9,473	24,719	688	4,195	181	174	2,606	865	5.6	733	
Dec.	r 46,063	r + 0.4	34,915	+ 0.6	9,401	24,637	648	4,197	395	148	2,637	896	5.7	713	
2024 Jan.	r 45,695	r + 0.3	34,754	+ 0.6	9,359	24,528	635	4,138	540	189	2,805	1,006	6.1	699	
Feb.	r 45,710	r + 0.2	34,770	+ 0.5	9,359	24,548	625	4,141	485	201	2,814	1,015	6.1	706	
Mar.	r 45,786	r + 0.2	34,810	+ 0.4	9,360	24,591	615	4,169	379	210	2,769	977	6.0	707	
Apr.	r 45,883	r + 0.2	34,863	+ 0.5	9,362	24,633	618	4,190	224	215	2,750	949	6.0	701	
May	r 45,986	r + 0.2	34,886	+ 0.5	9,354	24,661	615	4,222	200	191	2,723	930	5.8	702	
June	r 46,007	r + 0.1	34,837	+ 0.4	9,336	24,635	611	4,250	213	204	2,727	937	5.8	701	
July	r 45,964	r + 0.1	34,729	+ 0.4	9,313	24,551	613	4,253	203	194	2,809	989	6.0	703	
Aug.	r 45,925	r + 0.0	34,918	+ 0.3	9,353	24,702	606	4,192	174	165	2,872	1,021	6.1	699	
Sep.	r 46,093	r + 0.0	35,220	+ 0.4	9,418	24,929	612	4,145	226	217	2,806	985	6.0	696	
Oct.	r 46,195	r + 0.0	35,237	+ 0.3	9,394	24,978	613	4,137	269	259	2,791	974	6.0	689	
Nov.	r 46,205	r + 0.0	35,222	+ 0.3	9,369	25,004	606	4,152	275	266	2,774	973	5.9	668	
Dec.	r 46,067	r + 0.0	35,018	+ 0.3	9,300	24,920	569	4,150	389	211	2,807	1,003	6.0	654	
2025 Jan.	r 45,684	r − 0.0	34,822	+ 0.2	9,240	24,791	558	4,097	586	277	2,993	1,127	6.4	632	
Feb.	r 45,703	r − 0.0	34,844	+ 0.2	9,233	24,821	554	4,099	582	270	2,989	1,128	6.4	639	
Mar.	r 45,757	r − 0.1	34,888	+ 0.2	9,234	24,855	555	4,111	419	264	2,967	1,104	6.4	643	
Apr.	r 45,851	r − 0.1	34,906	+ 0.1	9,221	24,878	557	4,140	247	233	2,932	1,077	6.3	646	
May	r 45,913	r − 0.2	34,903	+ 0.0	9,206	24,890	551	4,167	241	227	2,919	1,062	6.2	634	
June	r 45,935	r − 0.2	34,885	+ 0.1	9,194	24,876	560	4,185	210	195	2,914	1,062	6.2	632	
July	r 45,881	r − 0.2	34,762	+ 0.1	9,163	24,786	561	4,188	202	187	2,979	1,117	6.3	628	
Aug.	r 45,818	r − 0.2	34,918	− 0.0	9,194	24,916	554	4,126	179	164	3,025	1,141	6.4	631	
Sep.	r 45,978	r − 0.2	35,216	− 0.0	9,253	25,138	563	4,082	195	181	2,955	1,108	6.3	630	
Oct.	r 46,067	r − 0.3	35,219	− 0.1	9,231	25,174	561	4,070	207	192	2,911	1,083	6.2	623	
Nov.	r 46,052	r − 0.3	35,191	− 0.1	9,204	25,188	555	4,080	202	187	2,885	1,079	6.1	624	
Dec.	r 45,900	r − 0.4	34,986	− 0.1	9,131	25,101	524	4,073	297	142	2,908	1,104	6.2	619	
2026 Jan.	r 45,501	r − 0.4	34,760	− 0.2	9,076	24,938	515	4,019	498	144	3,085	1,227	6.6	598	
Feb.	r 45,501	r − 0.4	7 34,759	7 − 0.2	7 9,067	7 24,946	7 513	7 4,013	...	7 151	3,070	1,228	6.5	638	
Mar.	r 45,572	r − 0.4	7 34,823	7 − 0.2	7 9,077	7 24,982	7 524	7 4,027	...	7 150	3,021	1,195	6.4	638	
Apr.	r 45,650	r − 0.4	7 34,842	7 − 0.2	7 9,067	7 25,005	7 524	7 4,044	...	7 142	3,008	1,176	6.4	641	
May	r 45,703	r − 0.5	7 34,833	7 − 0.2	7 9,052	7 25,006	7 524	7 4,066	...	7 126	2,950	1,145	9 6.3	643	
June	8 45,710	8 − 0.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,936	1,140	6.2	648	
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,007	1,197	6.4	653	

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 2024 and 2025, 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 0.2% 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.

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