XI. Economic conditions in Germany

6. Labour market *

Period	Employment 1		Employment subject to social contributions 2						Short-time workers 3		Unemployment 4			
			Total		of which:					of which:		of which:		
	Thousands	Annual percentage change	Thousands	Annual percentage change	Production sector	Services excluding temporary employment	Temporary employment	Solely jobs exempt from social contributions 2	Total	Cyclically induced	Total	Assigned to the legal category of the Third Book of the Social Security Code (SGB III)	Unemployment rate in % 4,5	Vacancies, thousands 4,6
					Thousands									
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	45,622	+ 1.3	34,507	+ 1.8	9,400	24,135	721	4,125	426	337	2,418	808	5.3	845
2023	45,909	+ 0.6	34,790	+ 0.8	9,425	24,430	687	4,198	241	147	2,609	875	5.7	761
2024	45,960	+ 0.1	34,934	+ 0.4	9,361	24,711	615	4,180	298	210	2,787	980	6.0	694
2025	45,878	− 0.2	34,963	+ 0.1	9,216	24,944	556	4,121	297	210	2,948	1,099	6.3	632
2023 Q3	45,970	+ 0.6	34,762	+ 0.7	9,421	24,398	686	4,242	128	122	2,647	885	5.7	768
Q4	46,142	+ 0.4	35,082	+ 0.6	9,471	24,682	680	4,189	253	166	2,617	874	5.7	732
2024 Q1	45,730	+ 0.2	34,795	+ 0.5	9,366	24,563	630	4,154	468	200	2,796	1,000	6.1	704
Q2	45,959	+ 0.2	34,858	+ 0.4	9,355	24,635	615	4,207	212	204	2,733	939	5.9	701
Q3	45,994	+ 0.1	34,892	+ 0.4	9,348	24,678	610	4,214	201	192	2,829	998	6.0	699
Q4	46,156	+ 0.0	35,193	+ 0.3	9,374	24,969	603	4,146	311	245	2,790	983	6.0	670
2025 Q1	45,715	− 0.0	34,873	+ 0.2	9,247	24,833	558	4,109	529	271	2,983	1,120	6.4	638
Q2	45,900	− 0.1	34,899	+ 0.1	9,214	24,878	555	4,152	233	218	2,922	1,067	6.2	638
Q3	45,892	− 0.2	34,910	+ 0.1	9,193	24,903	559	4,149	192	177	2,986	1,122	6.3	630
Q4	46,006	− 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 45,522	r − 0.4	34,809	− 0.2	9,082	24,976	517	4,028	439	148	3,059	1,217	6.5	624
Q2	r 45,689	r − 0.5	7 34,835	7 − 0.2	7 9,059	7 25,001	7 526	7 4,058	...	7 133	2,965	1,154	8 6.3	644
Q3	9 45,670	9 − 0.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,021	1,201	6.4	657
2023 June	45,964	+ 0.7	34,709	+ 0.8	9,404	24,357	690	4,266	162	156	2,555	833	5.5	769
July	45,926	+ 0.7	34,584	+ 0.8	9,382	24,261	687	4,279	113	107	2,617	878	5.7	772
Aug.	45,904	+ 0.5	34,804	+ 0.7	9,429	24,433	685	4,221	113	107	2,696	910	5.8	771
Sep.	46,080	+ 0.4	35,089	+ 0.5	9,500	24,641	684	4,186	158	152	2,627	869	5.7	761
Oct.	46,173	+ 0.4	35,117	+ 0.6	9,490	24,686	686	4,181	183	177	2,607	861	5.7	749
Nov.	46,191	+ 0.4	35,126	+ 0.7	9,473	24,719	688	4,195	181	174	2,606	865	5.6	733
Dec.	46,063	+ 0.4	34,915	+ 0.6	9,401	24,637	648	4,197	395	148	2,637	896	5.7	713
2024 Jan.	45,695	+ 0.3	34,754	+ 0.6	9,359	24,528	635	4,138	540	189	2,805	1,006	6.1	699
Feb.	45,710	+ 0.2	34,770	+ 0.5	9,359	24,548	625	4,141	485	201	2,814	1,015	6.1	706
Mar.	45,786	+ 0.2	34,810	+ 0.4	9,360	24,591	615	4,169	379	210	2,769	977	6.0	707
Apr.	45,883	+ 0.2	34,863	+ 0.5	9,362	24,633	618	4,190	224	215	2,750	949	6.0	701
May	45,986	+ 0.2	34,886	+ 0.5	9,354	24,661	615	4,222	200	191	2,723	930	5.8	702
June	46,007	+ 0.1	34,837	+ 0.4	9,336	24,635	611	4,250	213	204	2,727	937	5.8	701
July	45,964	+ 0.1	34,729	+ 0.4	9,313	24,551	613	4,253	203	194	2,809	989	6.0	703
Aug.	45,925	+ 0.0	34,918	+ 0.3	9,353	24,702	606	4,192	174	165	2,872	1,021	6.1	699
Sep.	46,093	+ 0.0	35,220	+ 0.4	9,418	24,929	612	4,145	226	217	2,806	985	6.0	696
Oct.	46,195	+ 0.0	35,237	+ 0.3	9,394	24,978	613	4,137	269	259	2,791	974	6.0	689
Nov.	46,205	+ 0.0	35,222	+ 0.3	9,369	25,004	606	4,152	275	266	2,774	973	5.9	668
Dec.	46,067	+ 0.0	35,018	+ 0.3	9,300	24,920	569	4,150	389	211	2,807	1,003	6.0	654
2025 Jan.	45,684	− 0.0	34,822	+ 0.2	9,240	24,791	558	4,097	586	277	2,993	1,127	6.4	632
Feb.	45,703	− 0.0	34,844	+ 0.2	9,233	24,821	554	4,099	582	270	2,989	1,128	6.4	639
Mar.	45,757	− 0.1	34,888	+ 0.2	9,234	24,855	555	4,111	419	264	2,967	1,104	6.4	643
Apr.	45,851	− 0.1	34,906	+ 0.1	9,221	24,878	557	4,140	247	233	2,932	1,077	6.3	646
May	45,913	− 0.2	34,903	+ 0.0	9,206	24,890	551	4,167	241	227	2,919	1,062	6.2	634
June	45,935	− 0.2	34,885	+ 0.1	9,194	24,876	560	4,185	210	195	2,914	1,062	6.2	632
July	45,881	− 0.2	34,762	+ 0.1	9,163	24,786	561	4,188	202	187	2,979	1,117	6.3	628
Aug.	45,818	− 0.2	34,918	− 0.0	9,194	24,916	554	4,126	179	164	3,025	1,141	6.4	631
Sep.	45,978	− 0.2	35,216	− 0.0	9,253	25,138	563	4,082	195	181	2,955	1,108	6.3	630
Oct.	46,067	− 0.3	35,219	− 0.1	9,231	25,174	561	4,070	207	192	2,911	1,083	6.2	623
Nov.	46,052	− 0.3	35,191	− 0.1	9,204	25,188	555	4,080	202	187	2,885	1,079	6.1	624
Dec.	45,900	− 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 45,500	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 45,500	r − 0.4	34,762	− 0.2	9,066	24,947	513	4,014	502	151	3,070	1,228	6.5	638
Mar.	r 45,567	r − 0.4	34,826	− 0.2	9,077	24,983	524	4,031	317	150	3,021	1,195	6.4	638
Apr.	r 45,646	r − 0.4	34,845	− 0.2	9,066	25,006	524	4,047	158	141	3,008	1,176	6.4	641
May	r 45,702	r − 0.5	7 34,841	7 − 0.2	7 9,054	7 25,012	7 524	7 4,067	...	7 128	2,950	1,145	8 6.3	643
June	r 45,720	r − 0.5	7 34,815	7 − 0.2	7 9,039	7 24,987	7 538	7 4,089	...	7 129	2,936	1,140	6.2	648
July	r 45,650	r − 0.5	7 34,677	7 − 0.2	7 9,007	7 24,882	7 541	7 4,087	...	7 118	3,007	1,197	6.4	653
Aug.	r 45,594	r − 0.5	7 34,873	7 − 0.1	7 9,051	7 25,030	7 543	7 4,019	...	7 98	3,061	1,223	6.5	656
Sep.	9 45,767	9 − 0.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,994	1,182	6.4	660
Oct.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,955	1,163	6.3	654

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** From May 2026, calculated on the basis of new labour force figures. **9** Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.