

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		of which:			Total	Cyclically induced	Total	Assigned to the legal category of the Third Book of the Social Security Code (SGB III)				
			Thousands	Annual percentage change	Production sector	Services excluding temporary employment	Temporary employment								
2016	43,661	+ 1.2	31,508	+ 2.2	9,028	21,407	834	4,804	128	42	2,691	822	6.1	655	
2017	44,251	+ 1.4	32,234	+ 2.3	9,146	21,980	868	4,742	114	24	2,533	855	5.7	731	
2018	44,858	+ 1.4	32,964	+ 2.3	9,349	22,532	840	4,671	118	25	2,340	802	5.2	796	
2019	45,268	+ 0.9	33,518	+ 1.7	9,479	23,043	751	4,579	145	60	2,267	827	5.0	774	
2020	44,898	- 0.8	33,579	+ 0.2	9,395	23,277	660	4,290	2,939	2,847	2,695	1,137	5.9	613	
2018 Q2	44,781	+ 1.4	32,802	+ 2.3	9,296	22,414	843	4,701	23	14	2,325	760	5.1	794	
Q3	45,019	+ 1.3	33,040	+ 2.2	9,387	22,546	855	4,694	35	27	2,311	784	5.1	828	
Q4	45,245	+ 1.2	33,452	+ 2.1	9,498	22,890	819	4,627	88	35	2,200	755	4.9	804	
2019 Q1	44,906	+ 1.2	33,214	+ 2.0	9,419	22,803	761	4,581	303	34	2,360	892	5.2	780	
Q2	45,230	+ 1.0	33,388	+ 1.8	9,455	22,932	750	4,615	51	43	2,227	778	4.9	795	
Q3	45,378	+ 0.8	33,548	+ 1.5	9,491	23,049	753	4,598	66	58	2,276	827	5.0	794	
Q4	45,559	+ 0.7	33,924	+ 1.4	9,551	23,388	738	4,522	161	105	2,204	811	4.8	729	
2020 Q1	45,122	+ 0.5	33,642	+ 1.3	9,439	23,284	686	4,458	1,219	949	2,385	960	5.2	683	
Q2	44,712	- 1.1	33,415	+ 0.1	9,387	23,137	640	4,235	5,399	5,388	2,770	1,154	6.0	593	
Q3	44,794	- 1.3	33,424	- 0.4	9,359	23,171	640	4,273	2,705	2,691	2,904	1,266	6.3	583	
Q4	44,965	- 1.3	33,836	- 0.3	9,395	23,518	676	4,194	2,433	2,361	2,722	1,167	5.9	595	
2021 Q1	44,448	- 1.5	33,566	- 0.2	9,293	23,374	664	4,050	...	9	3,155	2,878	1,248	6.3	586
Q2	44,716	+ 0.0	33,705	+ 0.9	9,319	23,438	695	4,058	...	9	2,129	2,691	1,024	5.9	658
2018 Apr.	44,638	+ 1.4	32,782	+ 2.4	9,291	22,404	840	4,686	23	13	2,384	796	5.3	784	
May	44,817	+ 1.5	32,857	+ 2.3	9,310	22,450	845	4,718	21	12	2,315	751	5.1	793	
June	44,889	+ 1.3	32,870	+ 2.2	9,325	22,439	853	4,742	25	16	2,276	735	5.0	805	
July	44,922	+ 1.3	32,844	+ 2.2	9,339	22,396	860	4,736	22	14	2,325	788	5.1	823	
Aug.	44,972	+ 1.3	33,131	+ 2.3	9,412	22,609	856	4,664	41	33	2,351	804	5.2	828	
Sep.	45,164	+ 1.2	33,422	+ 2.1	9,496	22,827	842	4,619	42	34	2,256	759	5.0	834	
Oct.	45,251	+ 1.3	33,488	+ 2.2	9,515	22,895	827	4,616	46	37	2,204	742	4.9	824	
Nov.	45,314	+ 1.3	33,513	+ 2.1	9,513	22,934	822	4,638	51	43	2,186	745	4.8	807	
Dec.	45,171	+ 1.2	33,286	+ 2.1	9,434	22,854	773	4,637	166	26	2,210	777	4.9	781	
2019 Jan.	44,852	+ 1.2	33,156	+ 2.0	9,405	22,762	763	4,574	354	42	2,406	919	5.3	758	
Feb.	44,894	+ 1.2	33,199	+ 2.0	9,416	22,794	758	4,564	310	29	2,373	908	5.3	784	
Mar.	44,971	+ 1.1	33,286	+ 1.9	9,442	22,855	749	4,574	246	32	2,301	850	5.1	797	
Apr.	45,134	+ 1.1	33,383	+ 1.8	9,457	22,925	753	4,607	49	40	2,229	795	4.9	796	
May	45,259	+ 1.0	33,433	+ 1.8	9,462	22,968	749	4,627	53	45	2,236	772	4.9	792	
June	45,297	+ 0.9	33,407	+ 1.6	9,455	22,948	750	4,646	51	43	2,216	766	4.9	798	
July	45,312	+ 0.9	33,360	+ 1.6	9,450	22,901	757	4,644	55	47	2,275	825	5.0	799	
Aug.	45,307	+ 0.7	33,610	+ 1.4	9,505	23,101	750	4,568	60	51	2,319	848	5.1	795	
Sep.	45,516	+ 0.8	33,938	+ 1.5	9,583	23,341	754	4,517	84	75	2,234	808	4.9	787	
Oct.	45,592	+ 0.8	33,966	+ 1.4	9,567	23,398	748	4,510	111	102	2,204	795	4.8	764	
Nov.	45,622	+ 0.7	33,968	+ 1.4	9,559	23,423	742	4,532	124	115	2,180	800	4.8	736	
Dec.	45,463	+ 0.6	33,740	+ 1.4	9,474	23,344	694	4,531	247	97	2,227	838	4.9	687	
2020 Jan.	45,140	+ 0.6	33,608	+ 1.4	9,432	23,255	689	4,471	382	133	2,426	985	5.3	668	
Feb.	45,160	+ 0.6	33,624	+ 1.3	9,427	23,278	683	4,461	439	134	2,396	971	5.3	690	
Mar.	45,066	+ 0.2	33,648	+ 1.1	9,440	23,290	675	4,350	2,834	2,580	2,335	925	5.1	691	
Apr.	44,798	- 0.7	33,430	+ 0.1	9,396	23,141	643	4,194	6,007	5,995	2,644	1,093	5.8	626	
May	44,662	- 1.3	33,328	- 0.3	9,367	23,083	624	4,206	5,726	5,715	2,813	1,172	6.1	584	
June	44,676	- 1.4	33,323	- 0.3	9,355	23,084	629	4,260	4,464	4,452	2,853	1,197	6.2	570	
July	44,687	- 1.4	33,233	- 0.4	9,322	23,024	635	4,302	3,319	3,306	2,910	1,258	6.3	573	
Aug.	44,722	- 1.3	33,482	- 0.4	9,367	23,218	642	4,266	2,551	2,537	2,955	1,302	6.4	584	
Sep.	44,972	- 1.2	33,792	- 0.4	9,421	23,454	656	4,240	2,244	2,229	2,847	1,238	6.2	591	
Oct.	45,054	- 1.2	33,862	- 0.3	9,410	23,530	671	4,229	2,037	2,021	2,760	1,183	6.0	602	
Nov.	45,002	- 1.4	33,899	- 0.2	9,400	23,559	696	4,166	2,405	2,386	2,699	1,152	5.9	601	
Dec.	44,838	- 1.4	33,700	- 0.1	9,327	23,478	666	4,134	2,856	2,627	2,707	1,166	5.9	611	
2021 Jan.	44,429	- 1.6	33,515	- 0.3	9,282	23,347	657	4,045	3,638	3,294	2,901	1,298	6.3	566	
Feb.	44,425	- 1.6	33,521	- 0.3	9,281	23,343	662	4,026	3,766	3,358	2,904	1,270	6.3	583	
Mar.	44,490	- 1.3	33,622	- 0.1	9,306	23,390	683	4,028	...	9	2,814	2,827	1,177	6.2	609
Apr.	44,597	- 0.4	33,675	+ 0.7	9,321	23,419	685	4,030	...	9	2,537	2,771	1,091	6.0	629
May	44,713	+ 0.1	33,735	+ 1.2	9,323	23,454	701	4,062	...	9	2,265	2,687	1,020	5.9	654
June	44,838	+ 0.4	33,786	+ 1.4	9,321	23,493	715	4,134	...	9	1,586	2,614	961	5.7	693
July	44,967	+ 0.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,590	956	5.6	744
Aug.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,578	940	5.6	779

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** From January 2017 persons receiving additional income assistance (unemployment benefit and unemployment benefit II at the same time) shall be assigned to the legal category of the Third Book of the Social Security

Code (SGB III). **8** Statistical break due to late recording of unemployed persons in the legal category of the Second Book of the Social Security Code (SGB II). **9** Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. In 2019 and 2020, 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 0.9% for persons solely in jobs exempt from social contributions, and by a maximum of 55.3% for cyclically induced short-time work. **10** Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office. **11** From May 2021, calculated on the basis of new labour force figures.