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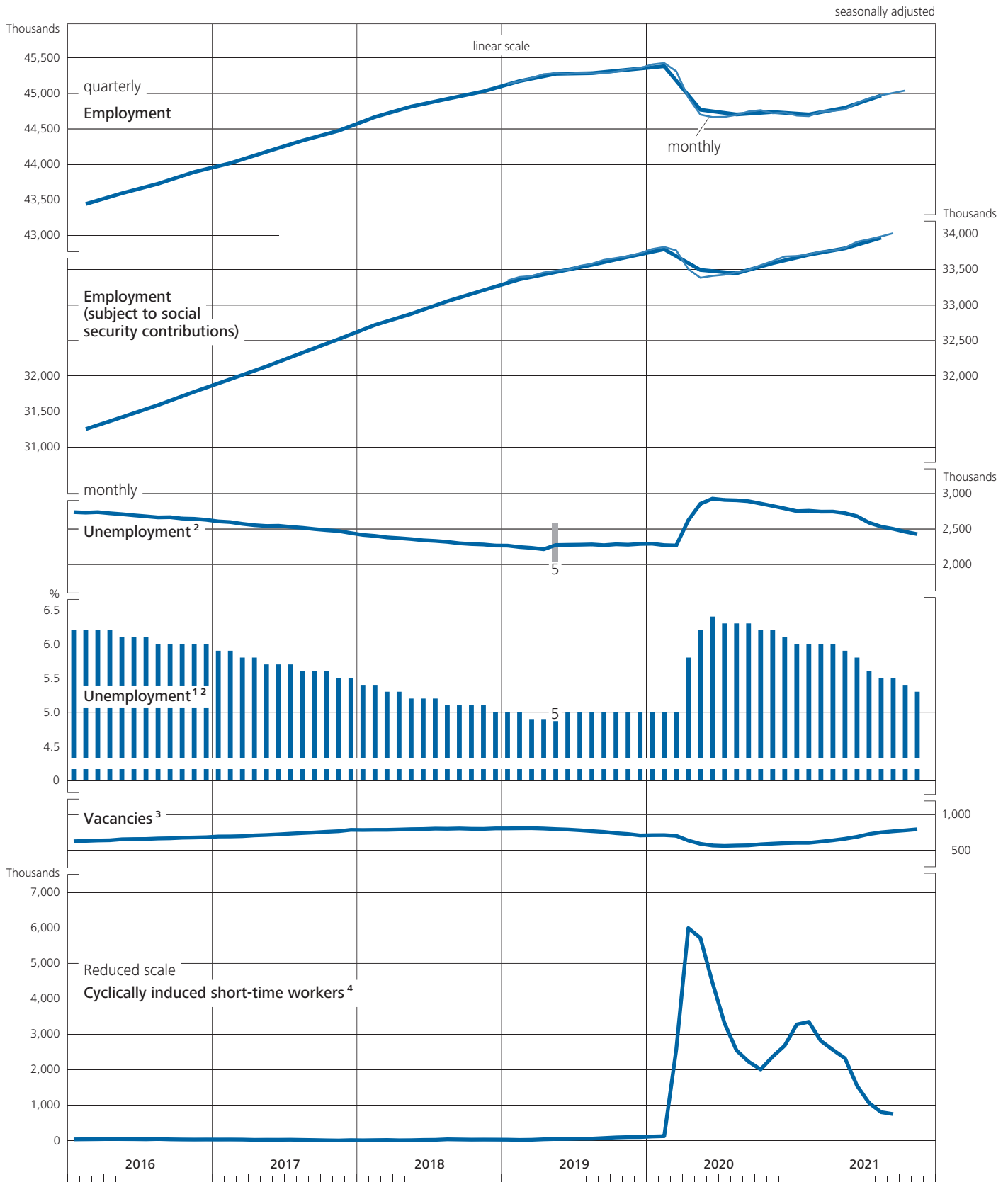
(R) seasonally adjusted

Period	Employment (standardised EU definition) ¹		Employment (subject to social security contributions)		Exclusively marginal employment ²		Unemployment, registered (definition of the Federal Employment Agency) ³				Cyclically induced short-time workers (A) ⁴		Vacancies ⁵	
	Thousands						As a percentage of the civilian labour force				Thousands			
	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly
2016 Oct.	43,836		31,744		4,786		2,648		6.0		36		675	
Nov.	43,891	43,892	31,807	31,777	4,780	4,784	2,644	2,640	6.0	6.0	33	35	678	678
Dec.	43,948		31,871		4,777		2,630		6.0		35		682	
2017 Jan.	43,961		31,920		4,767		2,608		5.9		34		692	
Feb.	44,008	44,017	31,982	31,955	4,762	4,766	2,598	2,593	5.9	5.9	35	34	693	694
Mar.	44,081		32,055		4,761		2,573		5.8		33		697	
Apr.	44,122		32,085		4,753		2,554		5.8		25		708	
May	44,170	44,178	32,173	32,135	4,747	4,751	2,543	2,548	5.7	5.7	27	26	714	715
June	44,243		32,238		4,742		2,546		5.7		27		722	
July	44,293		32,302		4,736		2,530		5.7		29		732	
Aug.	44,335	44,336	32,357	32,330	4,730	4,733	2,517	2,515	5.6	5.6	24	24	741	741
Sep.	44,380		32,422		4,722		2,499		5.6		19		749	
Oct.	44,410		32,478		4,716		2,484		5.6		12		759	
Nov.	44,477	44,475	32,561	32,520	4,709	4,713	2,472	2,466	5.5	5.5	8	12	767	771
Dec.	44,539		32,621		4,707		2,443		5.5		17		786	
2018 Jan.	44,633		32,706		4,707		2,417		5.4		12		784	
Feb.	44,661	44,668	32,752	32,720	4,698	4,702	2,403	2,401	5.4	5.4	17	17	786	786
Mar.	44,710		32,784		4,694		2,382		5.3		21		786	
Apr.	44,766		32,856		4,690		2,371		5.3		13		790	
May	44,828	44,815	32,903	32,876	4,689	4,689	2,358	2,357	5.2	5.2	15	17	795	794
June	44,852		32,952		4,682		2,341		5.2		23		797	
July	44,892		33,028		4,670		2,332		5.2		26		803	
Aug.	44,940	44,923	33,098	33,054	4,654	4,662	2,319	2,317	5.1	5.1	41	34	801	803
Sep.	44,938		33,117		4,643		2,299		5.1		36		805	
Oct.	44,977		33,188		4,636		2,288		5.1		31		800	
Nov.	45,036	45,029	33,238	33,209	4,629	4,633	2,282	2,279	5.1	5.0	33	32	799	801
Dec.	45,073		33,287		4,624		2,267		5.0		31		806	
2019 Jan.	45,132		33,346		4,620		2,266		5.0		30		806	
Feb.	45,172	45,174	33,396	33,363	4,618	4,619	2,246	2,249	5.0	5.0	23	27	808	807
Mar.	45,219		33,410		4,612		2,234		4.9		27		809	
Apr.	45,272		33,459		4,611		2,215		4.9		41		804	
May	45,285	45,277	33,484	33,465	4,598	4,603 ⁶	2,274	2,256 ⁶	5.0	5.0	49	47	796	797
June	45,275		33,495		4,588		2,277		5.0		51		790	
July	45,290		33,553		4,579		2,279		5.0		60		780	
Aug.	45,279	45,286	33,583	33,567	4,556	4,566	2,283	2,278	5.0	5.0	60	65	768	769
Sep.	45,288		33,637		4,539		2,272		5.0		76		757	
Oct.	45,307		33,663		4,530		2,285		5.0		94		739	
Nov.	45,340	45,335	33,689	33,679	4,525	4,528	2,279	2,285	5.0	5.0	103	100	727	725
Dec.	45,358		33,731		4,518		2,290		5.0		104		707	
2020 Jan.	45,409		33,790		4,516		2,293		5.0		120		711	
Feb.	45,429	45,384	33,819	33,787	4,515	4,495	2,273	2,278	5.0	5.0	129	941	712	708
Mar.	45,313		33,770		4,387		2,268		5.0		2,576		702	
Apr.	44,941		33,507		4,197		2,624		5.8		5,997		635	
May	44,702	44,770	33,385	33,495	4,180	4,225	2,856	2,803	6.2	6.1	5,719	5,392	589	596
June	44,666		33,412		4,208		2,928		6.4		4,462		565	
July	44,669		33,428		4,243		2,910		6.3		3,319		559	
Aug.	44,698	44,704	33,461	33,448	4,253	4,243	2,905	2,903	6.3	6.3	2,547	2,699	564	563
Sep.	44,745		33,496		4,259		2,892		6.3		2,230		567	
Oct.	44,764		33,561		4,247		2,859		6.2		2,011		582	
Nov.	44,721	44,738	33,620	33,590	4,159	4,199	2,825	2,825	6.2	6.2	2,372	2,355	591	591
Dec.	44,730		33,685		4,123		2,790		6.1		2,684		599	
2021 Jan.	44,688		33,692		4,085		2,752		6.0		3,280		603	
Feb.	44,680	44,704	33,714	33,709	4,074	4,085	2,758	2,752	6.0	6.0	3,353	3,149	603	609
Mar.	44,744		33,756		4,067		2,745		6.0		2,815		620	
Apr.	44,754		33,767		4,042		2,746		6.0		2,562		638	
May	44,774	44,799	33,809	33,800	4,042	4,057	2,724	2,717 ⁷	5.9	5.9	2,325	2,147	660	662
June	44,870		⁸ 33,892		⁸ 4,104		2,680		5.8		⁸ 1,553		688	
July	44,932		⁸ 33,928		⁸ 4,140		2,589		5.6		⁸ 1,063		726	
Aug.	44,974	44,971	⁸ 33,968	33,950	⁸ 4,147	4,138	2,534	2,542	5.5	5.5	⁸ 805	873	751	748
Sep.	⁹ 45,007		⁸ 34,014		⁸ 4,152		2,502		5.5		⁸ 751		766	
Oct.	⁹ 45,041			2,462		5.4		...		779	
Nov.		2,428		5.3		...		794	

Sources of the unadjusted figures: Federal Statistical Office, Federal Employment Agency. * For employment (EU definition): averages; employment (subject to social security contributions) and exclusively marginal employment: end-of-month levels; unemployment (registered) and vacancies: mid-month levels; short-time workers: flows; quarterly figures: averages ¹ Workplace concept. ² Earned income does not regularly exceed €450 per month (until December 2012: €400). ³ See explanatory notes. ⁴ Definition in accordance with Section 96 of the Social Security Code (SGB III). ⁵ Excluding government-assisted forms of employment and seasonal jobs, including

jobs located abroad. ⁶ Statistical break due to ex post registration of unemployed persons in the jurisdiction SGB II. ⁷ As of May 2021, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁸ Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2019 and 2020 deviated from the final figures 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. ⁹ Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.

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1 Registered unemployment as a percentage of the civilian labour force. **2** Definition of the Federal Employment Agency. **3** Excluding government-assisted forms of employment. **4** Definition in accordance with Section 96 of the Social Security

Code (SGB III). **5** Statistical break due to ex post registration of unemployed persons in the jurisdiction SGB II.