III. Economic activity and prices

5. Employment and labour market *

(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
2021 Oct.	45,223		34,096		4,129		2,443		5.3		751		790	
Nov.	45,288	45,285	34,184	34,144	4,125	4,125	2,405	2,413	5.2	5.3	736	759	805	804
Dec.	45,344		34,253		4,108		2,390		5.2		791		818	
2022 Jan.	45,427		34,328		4,101		2,360		5.1		836		833	
Feb.	45,469	45,473	34,393	34,354	4,101	4,102	2,333	2,336	5.1	5.1	791	780	845	843
Mar.	45,523		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		713		850	
Apr.	45,554		34,446		4,102		2,297		5.0		438		859	
May	45,595	45,591	34,502	34,476	4,107	4,104	2,294	2,335	5.0	5.1	306	323	868	865
June	45,624		34,532		4,109		6 2,414		6 5.3		225		868	
July	45,612		34,540		4,112		2,467		5.4		111		859	
Aug.	45,670	45,665	34,584	34,568	4,131	4,124	2,493	2,488	5.5	5.4	108	108	859	855
Sep.	45,713		34,627		4,149		2,504		5.5		106		846	
Oct.	45,745		34,623		4,169		2,504		5.5		109		829	
Nov.	45,758	45,761	34,635	34,635	4,173	4,169	2,519	2,513	5.5	5.5	130	135	821	817
Dec.	45,780		34,668		4,181		2,515		5.5		165		802	
2023 Jan.	45,828		34,700		4,193		2,519		5.5		136		801	
Feb.	45,865	45,862	34,743	34,721	4,201	4,194	2,528	2,532	5.5	5.5	143	140	797	795
Mar.	45,893		34,769		4,193		2,548		5.6		142		787	
Apr.	45,900		34,761		4,197		2,573		5.6		139		778	
May	45,914	45,914	34,785	34,776	4,201	4,199	2,579	2,586	5.6	5.6	144	145	768	770
June	45,928		34,796		4,207		2,606		5.6		153		762	
July	45,930		34,803		4,210		2,611		5.7		117		756	
Aug.	45,923	45,923	34,824	34,812	4,201	4,205	2,638	2,631	5.7	5.7	143	140	749	748
Sep.	45,916		34,820		4,200		2,644		5.7		161		739	
Oct.	45,919		34,848		4,193		2,668		5.8		160		735	
Nov.	45,942	45,939	34,868	34,854	4,193	4,195	2,691	2,686	5.8	5.8	155	161	731	732
Dec.	45,957		34,875		4,198		2,699		5.9		167		729	
2024 Jan.	45,952		34,905		4,194		2,706		5.9		183		729	
Feb.	45,957	45,958	34,908	34,900	4,194	4,196	2,723	2,719	5.9	5.9	187	188	722	722
Mar.	45,964		34,897		4,203		2,726		5.9		193		715	
Apr.	45,972		34,936		4,196		2,738		5.9		215		705	
May	45,988	45,975	34,943	34,930	4,192	4,195	2,759	2,758	5.9	5.9	193	203	703	701
June	45,965		34,924		4,189		2,778		5.9		202		695	
July	45,966		34,947		4,182		2,800		6.0		207		690	
Aug.	45,953	45,953	34,943	34,943	4,173	4,177	2,811	2,812	6.0	6.0	202	211	681	683
Sep.	45,941		34,954		4,162		2,824		6.0		224		679	
Oct.	45,950		34,968		4,155		2,852		6.1		240		678	
Nov.	45,958	45,956	34,966	34,966	4,154	4,156	2,860	2,861	6.1	6.1	244	238	666	670
Dec.	45,959		34,976		4,153		2,873		6.1		230		666	
2025 Jan.	45,945		34,973		4,152		2,889		6.2		274		658	
Feb.	45,949	45,942	34,981	34,977	4,150	4,150	2,898	2,904	6.2	6.2	257	259	652	653
Mar.	45,931		34,975		4,142		2,924		6.3		247		650	
Apr.	45,930		34,974		4,143		2,921		6.3		232		648	
May	45,907	45,909	34,959	34,969	4,136	4,137	2,957	2,948	6.3	6.3	229	218	635	637
June	45,891		34,973		4,123		2,967		6.3		194		627	
July	45,882		34,978		4,116		2,968		6.3		200		618	
Aug.	45,853	45,856	34,947	34,963	4,108	4,112	2,962	2,968	6.3	6.3	201	196	617	617
Sep.	45,833		34,952		4,101		2,973		6.3		187		615	
Oct.	45,827		34,949		4,091		2,972		6.3		171		614	
Nov.	45,807	45,808	34,935	34,944	4,084	4,088	2,973	2,974	6.3	6.3	163	165	622	621
Dec.	45,791		34,940		4,077		2,976		6.3		161		628	
2026 Jan.	45,763		34,912		4,073		2,977		6.3		143		621	
Feb.	45,744	45,748	34,901	34,913	4,064	4,069	2,979	2,978	6.3	6.3	139	139	649	638
Mar.	45,738		34,913		4,060		2,979		6.3		134		644	
Apr.	45,719		34,908		4,048		2,998		6.4		139		642	
May	45,692	45,695	34,900	34,905	4,036	4,043	2,987	2,991	7 6.3	6.4	130	133	643	643
June	45,675		8 34,902		8 4,028		2,988		6.3		8 129		644	
July	45,649		8 34,890		8 4,017		2,995		6.4		8 130		644	
Aug.	45,632	45,636	8 34,900	34,896	8 4,003	4,010	3,000	3,002	6.4	6.4	8 129	126	644	645
Sep.	9 45,627		8 34,894		8 3,989		3,012		6.4		8 119		646	
Oct.	9 45,605		...		...		3,016		6.4		...		645	
Nov.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,025	...	6.4	...	...	...	645	...

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 €603 per month (until December 2025: €556). **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** Inclusion of refugees in need from Ukraine under the SGB II. **7** As of May 2026, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. **8** Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2024 and 2025 deviated from the final figures 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. **9** Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.