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 Sep.	45,193		34,049		4,136		2,487		5.4		849		772	
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		790		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	790	780	845	843
Mar.	45,523		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		713		850	
Apr.	45,553		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		34,533		4,109		[6] 2,414		[6] 5.3		226		868	
July	45,612		34,540		4,112		2,467		5.4		112		859	
Aug.	45,670	45,665	34,584	34,568	4,131	4,124	2,493	2,488	5.5	5.4	108	109	859	855
Sep.	45,713		34,627		4,149		2,504		5.5		107		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		34,699		4,193		2,519		5.5		135		801	
Feb.	45,864	45,862	34,743	34,720	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		138		779	
May	45,914	45,914	34,785	34,776	4,201	4,199	2,579	2,586	5.6	5.6	145	145	768	770
June	45,929		34,797		4,207		2,606		5.6		153		762	
July	45,931		34,804		4,211		2,611		5.7		118		756	
Aug.	45,925	45,925	34,825	34,812	4,202	4,206	2,638	2,631	5.7	5.7	144	141	749	748
Sep.	45,918		34,820		4,200		2,644		5.7		160		739	
Oct.	45,919		34,847		4,193		2,668		5.8		160		735	
Nov.	45,941	45,939	34,867	34,854	4,192	4,195	2,691	2,686	5.8	5.8	154	160	731	732
Dec.	45,956		34,874		4,197		2,699		5.9		167		729	
2024 Jan.	45,951		34,904		4,193		2,706		5.9		182		729	
Feb.	45,956	45,957	34,907	34,899	4,193	4,195	2,723	2,719	5.9	5.9	187	187	722	722
Mar.	45,964		34,897		4,203		2,726		5.9		193		715	
Apr.	45,971		34,936		4,196		2,738		5.9		214		705	
May	45,989	45,975	34,944	34,930	4,193	4,195	2,759	2,758	5.9	5.9	194	204	703	701
June	45,966		34,925		4,189		2,778		5.9		203		695	
July	45,967		34,949		4,182		2,800		6.0		208		690	
Aug.	45,955	45,955	34,945	34,945	4,174	4,177	2,811	2,812	6.0	6.0	203	211	681	683
Sep.	45,943		34,954		4,162		2,824		6.0		223		679	
Oct.	45,949		34,967		4,154		2,852		6.1		239		678	
Nov.	45,957	45,955	34,965	34,965	4,153	4,155	2,860	2,861	6.1	6.1	243	237	666	670
Dec.	45,958		34,974		4,152		2,873		6.1		229		666	
2025 Jan.	45,943		34,972		4,152		2,889		6.2		273		658	
Feb.	45,947	45,940	34,980	34,975	4,150	4,150	2,898	2,904	6.2	6.2	257	259	652	653
Mar.	45,930		34,974		4,142		2,924		6.3		247		649	
Apr.	45,930		34,974		4,143		2,921		6.3		232		648	
May	45,907	45,910	34,960	34,970	4,136	4,137	2,957	2,949	6.3	6.3	230	219	635	637
June	45,892		34,975		4,124		2,967		6.3		196		627	
July	45,884		34,981		4,117		2,969		6.3		202		618	
Aug.	45,855	45,859	34,950	34,965	4,109	4,113	2,962	2,968	6.3	6.3	203	197	617	617
Sep.	45,837		34,952		4,101		2,972		6.3		185		615	
Oct.	45,825		34,948		4,090		2,972		6.3		170		614	
Nov.	45,805	45,806	34,934	34,942	4,083	4,087	2,973	2,974	6.3	6.3	163	164	622	621
Dec.	45,789		34,938		4,076		2,976		6.3		160		628	
2026 Jan.	r 45,761		34,911		4,072		2,977		6.3		142		621	
Feb.	r 45,743	45,747	34,900	34,912	4,063	4,068	2,979	2,978	6.3	6.3	139	138	649	638
Mar.	r 45,737		34,912		4,060		2,979		6.3		133		644	
Apr.	r 45,719		34,908		4,048		2,998		6.4		139		642	
May	r 45,693	45,696	[7] 34,900	34,906	[7] 4,035	4,042	2,988	2,991	[8] 6.3	6.4	[7] 131	134	643	643
June	r 45,676		[7] 34,904		[7] 4,027		2,988		6.3		[7] 131		644	
July	r 45,651		[7] 34,894		[7] 4,017		2,995		6.4		[7] 135		644	
Aug.	r 45,635	45,639	[7] 34,907	...	[7] 4,003	...	3,000	3,002	6.4	6.4	[7] 136	...	644	645
Sep.	[9] 45,632		...		...		3,012		6.4		...		646	
Oct.	...		...		...		3,016		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** 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. **8** As of May 2026, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. **9** Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.