

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
2020 Jan.	45,456		33,776		4,520		2,296		5.0		122		708	
Feb.	45,467	45,423	33,797	33,771	4,515		2,280		5.0	5.0	125	939	710	706
Mar.	45,345		33,757		4,388		2,276	2,284	5.0		2,570		701	
Apr.	44,986		33,506		4,200		2,631		5.8		5,994		633	
May	44,750	44,817	33,381	33,490	4,182	4,226	2,864	2,808	6.2	6.1	5,718	5,389	586	594
June	44,716		33,411		4,206		2,928		6.4		4,456		564	
July	44,740		33,436		4,241		2,912		6.4		3,315		558	
Aug.	44,774	44,782	33,474	33,457	4,250	4,241	2,898	2,897	6.3	6.3	2,554	2,702	563	563
Sep.	44,832		33,514		4,257		2,880		6.3		2,236		569	
Oct.	44,870		33,586		4,241		2,844		6.2		2,012		587	
Nov.	44,834	44,850	33,634	33,605	4,158	4,197	2,808	2,811	6.1	6.1	2,375	2,359	597	595
Dec.	44,845		33,678		4,127		2,781		6.1		2,691		600	
2021 Jan.	44,807		33,672		4,091		2,764		6.0		3,283		599	
Feb.	44,795	44,817	33,680	33,686	4,075	4,088	2,776	2,767	6.1	6.0	3,347	3,145	600	606
Mar.	44,850		33,736		4,068		2,762		6.0		2,807		618	
Apr.	44,875		33,766		4,047		2,757		6.0		2,557		635	
May	44,897	44,928	33,801	33,793	4,044	4,058	2,732	2,722	6.0	5.9	2,324	2,144	657	659
June	45,012		33,889		4,098		2,678		5.8		1,550		686	
July	45,095		33,942		4,133		2,590		5.6		1,077		725	
Aug.	45,160	45,155	33,996	33,969	4,135	4,129	2,525	2,534	5.5	5.5	861	928	751	749
Sep.	45,211		34,048		4,137		2,487		5.4		847		771	
Oct.	45,244		34,095		4,133		2,443		5.3		751		790	
Nov.	45,312	45,309	34,186	34,144	4,126	4,127	2,404	2,412	5.2	5.3	737	759	805	804
Dec.	45,372		34,256		4,107		2,389		5.2		790		818	
2022 Jan.	45,459		34,329		4,098		2,359		5.1		836		834	
Feb.	45,507	45,511	34,394	34,355	4,100	4,100	2,332	2,335	5.1	5.1	790	780	846	844
Mar.	45,567		34,428		4,098		2,314		5.0		714		852	
Apr.	45,603		34,446		4,101		2,297		5.0		434		861	
May	45,645	45,642	34,500	34,475	4,107	4,104	2,295	2,336	5.0	5.1	309	324	869	866
June	45,677		34,531		4,110	6	2,417	6	5.3		228		868	
July	45,667		34,539		4,113		2,468		5.4		112		858	
Aug.	45,725	45,721	34,581	34,566	4,131	4,125	2,493	2,489	5.5	5.5	104	107	855	852
Sep.	45,772		34,625		4,149		2,505		5.5		105		844	
Oct.	45,806		34,622		4,171		2,504		5.5		110		828	
Nov.	45,824	45,828	34,638	34,637	4,173	4,169	2,518	2,512	5.5	5.5	133	136	821	818
Dec.	45,853		34,674		4,179		2,513		5.5		166		804	
2023 Jan.	45,894		34,699		4,190		2,516		5.5		134		803	
Feb.	45,942	45,938	34,745	34,722	4,200	4,192	2,525	2,530	5.5	5.5	142	140	799	797
Mar.	45,979		34,770		4,194		2,548		5.6		143		789	
Apr.	45,995		34,762		4,198		2,573		5.6		133		781	
May	46,010	46,011	34,780	34,775	4,203	4,201	2,583	2,589	5.6	5.6	148	145	769	770
June	46,028		34,796		4,209		2,611		5.7		155		761	
July	46,036		34,804		4,213		2,614		5.7		118		753	
Aug.	46,028	46,031	34,819	34,810	4,201	4,206	2,637	2,632	5.7	5.7	142	140	745	745
Sep.	46,028		34,817		4,198		2,646		5.7		160		737	
Oct.	46,037		34,846		4,192		2,668		5.8		160		733	
Nov.	46,066	46,064	34,872	34,856	4,190	4,193	2,690	2,685	5.8	5.8	159	163	732	732
Dec.	46,088		34,885		4,194		2,696		5.8		170		732	
2024 Jan.	46,093		34,902		4,192		2,701		5.9		179		732	
Feb.	46,104	46,102	34,908	34,901	4,193	4,195	2,716	2,714	5.9	5.9	185	186	724	724
Mar.	46,110		34,898		4,206		2,726		5.9		193		717	
Apr.	46,118		34,938		4,200		2,739		5.9		208		709	
May	46,122	46,110	34,936	34,929	4,197	4,199	2,765	2,763	5.9	5.9	198	203	704	702
June	46,091		34,925		4,192		2,785		6.0		203		693	
July	46,084		34,950		4,185		2,804		6.0		207		686	
Aug.	46,058	46,061	34,936	34,941	4,172	4,177	2,808	2,813	6.0	6.0	203	211	677	679
Sep.	46,040		8 34,951		8 4,157		2,827		6.0		8 224		675	
Oct.	46,052		8 34,969		8 4,149		2,853		6.1		8 241		675	
Nov.	46,060	46,058	8 34,954	34,961	8 4,145	4,148	2,860	2,861	6.1	6.1	8 246	244	667	671
Dec.	46,062		8 34,966		8 4,143		2,870		6.1		8 245		671	
2025 Jan.	9 46,051		...		...		2,881		6.2		...		661	
Feb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,886	...	6.2	...	...	...	654	...

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 €538 per month (until December 2023: €520). 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 2024, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁸ Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2022 and 2023 deviated from the final figures by a maximum of 0.1 % for employees subject to social contributions, by a maximum of 0.6 % for persons solely in jobs exempt from social contributions and by a maximum of 61.3 % for cyclically induced short-time work. ⁹ Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office.