

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 Mar.	44,847		33,736		4,069		2,762		6.0		2,806		618	
Apr.	44,870		33,766		4,050		2,757		6.0		2,559		635	
May	44,890	44,921	33,802	33,794	4,046	4,060	2,732	2,721	6.0	5.9	2,321	2,143	656	659
June	45,003		33,891		4,098		2,676		5.8		1,548		686	
July	45,083		33,944		4,132		2,590		5.6		1,077		726	
Aug.	45,146	45,141	33,997	33,970	4,134	4,128	2,524	2,534	5.5	5.5	866	931	753	750
Sep.	45,193		34,048		4,135		2,487		5.4		850		772	
Oct.	45,223		34,095		4,129		2,443		5.3		752		790	
Nov.	45,288	45,285	34,184	34,143	4,124	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		789		818	
2022 Jan.	45,429		34,328		4,101		2,361		5.1		833		833	
Feb.	45,472	45,476	34,393	34,354	4,101	4,102	2,333	2,336	5.1	5.1	788	778	845	843
Mar.	45,528		34,428		4,098		2,315		5.0		712		850	
Apr.	45,559		34,447		4,103		2,297		5.0		438		859	
May	45,600	45,596	34,503	34,477	4,108	4,105	2,294	2,335	5.0	5.1	306	324	868	865
June	45,630		34,533		4,109		2,413		5.3		227		868	
July	45,617		34,540		4,112		2,467		5.4		113		859	
Aug.	45,676	45,672	34,583	34,567	4,131	4,124	2,492	2,488	5.5	5.4	110	111	859	855
Sep.	45,722		34,626		4,148		2,504		5.5		109		846	
Oct.	45,755		34,622		4,168		2,503		5.5		111		829	
Nov.	45,771	45,774	34,635	34,634	4,173	4,168	2,519	2,513	5.5	5.5	132	135	821	817
Dec.	45,796		34,668		4,180		2,515		5.5		163		802	
2023 Jan.	45,845		34,699		4,193		2,519		5.5		130		801	
Feb.	45,885	45,883	34,744	34,721	4,201	4,194	2,529	2,532	5.5	5.5	139	137	797	795
Mar.	45,919		34,771		4,194		2,549		5.6		140		787	
Apr.	45,928		34,763		4,198		2,575		5.6		140		778	
May	45,943	45,943	34,786	34,778	4,202	4,200	2,579	2,586	5.6	5.6	144	146	768	769
June	45,958		34,797		4,208		2,604		5.6		155		762	
July	45,960		34,802		4,211		2,610		5.7		120		756	
Aug.	45,951	45,952	34,823	34,811	4,201	4,205	2,636	2,630	5.7	5.7	147	144	749	748
Sep.	45,944		34,819		4,199		2,643		5.7		164		740	
Oct.	45,945		34,846		4,192		2,667		5.8		163		736	
Nov.	45,968	45,965	34,867	34,853	4,191	4,194	2,690	2,685	5.8	5.8	158	161	732	732
Dec.	45,983		34,873		4,196		2,699		5.9		163		729	
2024 Jan.	45,970		34,904		4,193		2,707		5.9		175		730	
Feb.	45,975	45,978	34,908	34,899	4,194	4,196	2,725	2,720	5.9	5.9	181	182	722	722
Mar.	45,989		34,900		4,205		2,729		5.9		189		715	
Apr.	45,997		34,940		4,198		2,742		5.9		217		704	
May	46,013	46,000	34,945	34,933	4,194	4,197	2,759	2,758	5.9	5.9	193	205	703	700
June	45,990		34,926		4,191		2,774		5.9		204		695	
July	45,990		34,946		4,183		2,798		6.0		210		690	
Aug.	45,977	45,979	34,943	34,943	4,172	4,177	2,808	2,809	6.0	6.0	208	215	681	683
Sep.	45,969		34,952		4,160		2,822		6.0		228		679	
Oct.	45,981		34,964		4,152		2,850		6.1		244		679	
Nov.	45,994	45,992	34,965	34,964	4,152	4,153	2,859	2,861	6.1	6.1	247	239	667	671
Dec.	46,002		34,974		4,151		2,873		6.1		225		666	
2025 Jan.	r 46,008		34,971		4,152		2,890		6.2		264		658	
Feb.	r 46,021	46,017	34,981	34,976	4,150	4,150	2,901	2,907	6.2	6.2	249	252	652	653
Mar.	r 46,021		34,979		4,145		2,928		6.3		242		649	
Apr.	r 46,030		34,981		4,146		2,927		6.3		236		647	
May	r 46,007	46,011	34,961	34,973	4,138	4,140	2,956	2,949	6.3	6.3	229	221	635	636
June	r 45,996		34,976		4,125		2,963		6.3		196		627	
July	r 45,986		34,976		4,118		2,965		6.3		204		618	
Aug.	r 45,958	45,963	34,947	34,962	4,107	4,112	2,958	2,965	6.3	6.3	208	201	617	617
Sep.	r 45,945		34,950		4,098		2,971		6.3		191		616	
Oct.	r 45,937		34,945		4,087		2,970		6.3		176		615	
Nov.	r 45,918	45,920	34,928	34,937	4,079	4,084	2,972	2,973	6.3	6.3	169	166	623	622
Dec.	r 45,904		34,930		4,074		2,976		6.3		154		629	
2026 Jan.	r 45,878		34,901		4,072		2,979		6.3		132		622	
Feb.	r 45,862	45,859	34,885	...	4,065	...	2,982	2,982	6.3	6.3	134	...	650	638
Mar.	9 45,837			2,986		6.4		...		644	
Apr.		3,006		6.4		...		642	

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 Workplaces concept. ² Earned income does not regularly exceed €556 per month (until December 2024: €538). 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 2025, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures. ⁸ Unadjusted figures estimated by the Federal Employment Agency. The estimates for Germany in 2023 and 2024 deviated from the final figures by a maximum of 0.1 % for employees subject to social contributions, by a maximum of 0.5 % 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.