

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 May	44,890	44,921	33,802	33,794	4,046	4,060	2,732	2,721	6.0	5.9	2,322	2,143	656	659
June	45,003		33,890		4,098		2,676		5.8		1,548		686	
July	45,083		33,943		4,132		2,590		5.6		1,078		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.	45,289	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		34,329		4,101		2,360		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	789	778	845	843
Mar.	45,528		34,428		4,098		2,314		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	2,334	5.0	5.1	306	324	868	865
June	45,629		34,532		4,109		2,413		5.3		227		868	
July	45,617		34,539		4,112		2,467		5.4		113		859	
Aug.	45,676	45,672	34,583	34,567	4,131	4,124	2,493	2,488	5.5	5.4	110	110	859	855
Sep.	45,722		34,626		4,148		2,504		5.5		109		846	
Oct.	45,756		34,622		4,168		2,504		5.5		111		829	
Nov.	45,771	45,774	34,635	34,635	4,173	4,168	2,520	2,513	5.5	5.5	132	135	821	817
Dec.	45,796		34,668		4,180		2,515		5.5		162		802	
2023 Jan.	45,846		34,700		4,193		2,519		5.5		131		801	
Feb.	45,885	45,883	34,744	34,721	4,201	4,194	2,528	2,532	5.5	5.5	141	137	797	795
Mar.	45,919		34,770		4,193		2,548		5.6		141		788	
Apr.	45,927		34,763		4,198		2,573		5.6		139		779	
May	45,942	45,942	34,786	34,777	4,202	4,200	2,579	2,585	5.6	5.6	144	146	768	770
June	45,957		34,796		4,208		2,604		5.6		155		762	
July	45,959		34,802		4,212		2,611		5.7		119		756	
Aug.	45,951	45,951	34,823	34,811	4,201	4,206	2,638	2,631	5.7	5.7	146	143	749	748
Sep.	45,944		34,819		4,199		2,645		5.7		163		739	
Oct.	45,946		34,846		4,192		2,668		5.8		163		735	
Nov.	45,968	45,966	34,866	34,853	4,191	4,194	2,691	2,686	5.8	5.8	158	161	731	732
Dec.	45,983		34,874		4,196		2,700		5.9		163		729	
2024 Jan.	45,970		34,906		4,193		2,706		5.9		176		729	
Feb.	45,975	45,978	34,909	34,900	4,193	4,195	2,724	2,719	5.9	5.9	183	183	722	722
Mar.	45,989		34,899		4,204		2,726		5.9		191		715	
Apr.	45,995		34,939		4,198		2,738		5.9		216		705	
May	46,012	45,999	34,944	34,932	4,194	4,197	2,758	2,757	5.9	5.9	193	204	703	701
June	45,990		34,925		4,191		2,775		5.9		204		695	
July	45,990		34,945		4,183		2,800		6.0		209		690	
Aug.	45,978	45,979	34,943	34,942	4,173	4,177	2,810	2,812	6.0	6.0	207	214	681	683
Sep.	45,970		34,952		4,160		2,825		6.0		227		679	
Oct.	45,981		34,965		4,152		2,852		6.1		243		678	
Nov.	45,995	45,993	34,965	34,964	4,152	4,153	2,861	2,862	6.1	6.1	248	238	666	670
Dec.	46,003		34,974		4,151		2,874		6.2		224		666	
2025 Jan.	46,009		34,974		4,151		2,889		6.2		265		658	
Feb.	46,022	46,018	34,983	34,978	4,150	4,150	2,899	2,904	6.2	6.2	252	254	652	653
Mar.	46,022		34,978		4,144		2,924		6.3		245		650	
Apr.	46,026		34,979		4,145		2,921		6.3		234		648	
May	46,005	46,009	34,960	34,971	4,138	4,139	2,956	2,947	6.3	6.3	229	220	635	637
June	45,996		34,974		4,126		2,964		6.3		197		627	
July	45,986		34,975		4,118		2,968		6.3		203		618	
Aug.	45,959	45,964	34,946	34,961	4,108	4,113	2,961	2,968	6.3	6.3	207	200	617	617
Sep.	45,946		34,950		4,098		2,974		6.3		190		615	
Oct.	45,938		34,946		4,088		2,973		6.3		176		614	
Nov.	45,919	45,921	34,934	34,941	4,082	4,085	2,974	2,975	6.3	6.3	168	166	623	622
Dec.	45,905		34,938		4,074		2,977		6.3		154		628	
2026 Jan.	45,879		⁷ 34,906		⁷ 4,071		2,978		6.3		⁷ 132		622	
Feb.	45,863	45,860	⁷ 34,896	34,909	⁷ 4,063	4,067	2,979	2,979	6.3	6.3	⁷ 134	132	650	639
Mar.	⁸ 45,839		⁷ 34,910		⁷ 4,058		2,979		6.3		⁷ 130		644	
Apr.	⁸ 45,833		⁷ 34,905		⁷ 4,050		2,998		6.4		⁷ 134		643	
May	⁸ 45,825	...	...	...	...	...	2,986	2,989	⁹ 6.3	6.4	...	...	644	643
June	...		...		...		2,984		6.3		...		644	

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 Initial preliminary estimate by the Federal Statistical Office. ⁹ As of May 2026, calculated on the basis of updated labour figures.